

Cuban Ornithological Survey | Species List

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BIRD Species: 162

- (E) Cuban endemics (24 – 26 taxonomy pending)
- (AE) Antillean endemics (25 – 26 taxonomy pending)
- (HO) Heard Only (3)

Note: No leader-only or participant-only birds are included

Anatidae: Ducks, Geese, Swans (8)

(AE) West Indian Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna arborea*)—Eight of these rather rare ducks were present roosting on and below buildings at a lagoon adjacent to our hotel at Cayo Coco

Blue-winged Teal (*Spatula discors*)—A few were noted at Laguna de Guanaroca; many were seen on salt flats on Cayo Coco and other cayos

Northern Shoveler (*Spatula clypeata*)—Numerous at ponds on the cayos

American Wigeon (*Mareca americana*)—Dozens on salt flats on the northern cayos

Ring-necked Duck (*Aythya collaris*)—One drake among a sea of scaup at Niña Bonita reservoir

Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*)—Many hundreds on Niña Bonita reservoir

Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*)—Hundreds along the Cayo Coco causeway and at various lagoons and salt flats on Cayo Coco

Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)—100+ among the scaup at Niña Bonita reservoir

Podicipedidae: Grebes (2)

Least Grebe (*Tachybaptus dominicus*)—A couple in a rice field on Day 1 and many at Niña Bonita reservoir

Pied-billed Grebe (*Podylimbus podiceps*)—Numerous at Niña Bonita reservoir

Phoenicopteridae: Flamingos (1)

American Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*)— Seen several days: Hundreds at Las Salinas, perhaps a couple hundred at Laguna de Guanaroca, 1,000+ that formed a shimmering pink haze at the Cayo Coco causeway, and at various flats on Cayo Coco

Ciconiidae: Storks (1)

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Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*)—Just a couple fly-bys at Las Salinas

Fregatidae: Frigatebirds (1)

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*)—Small numbers seen on three days at Las Salinas and Cayo Coco, all in female or immature plumage

Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants (2)

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)—Noted on four days; numerous at freshwater and saline sites. Several hundred were roosting on the flats at Las Salinas

Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*)—Found on five days, mainly coastal and not as numerous as Neotropics

Anhingidae: Darters (1)

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*)—One from the bus roosting roadside as we entered Cienfuegos and one on Laguna de Guanaroca

Pelecanidae: Pelicans (2)

American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*)—Large flocks were noted at Las Salinas and at the north end of the Cayo Coco causeway

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)—Seen seven days; ubiquitous along the north and south coasts, also present inland on a number of fish ponds

Ardeidae: Herons, Bitterns & Allies (10)

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)—Seen eight days at freshwater and saline habitats but never numerous; at least three white morph birds (formerly “Great White Heron”) were observed on Cayo Coco

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)—Seen nine days at fresh and saline habitats and in pastures; large flocks at Cayo Coco/Cayo Guillermo

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)—Noted on four days, often in rice fields or fish ponds

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*)—Found on seven days in fresh and saline habitats; a few white immatures were noted

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*)—Noted four days; common at Las Salinas and on the northern cayos

Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*)—Seen on the coasts, especially on salt flats; a number of white morph birds were noted

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)—Found on seven days, often with livestock or in pastures, many fly-overs

Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*)—Small numbers on five days, often at salt flats but also on fresh water

Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)—Just a couple at freshwater ponds

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*)—One during the boat trip at Laguna de Guanaroca

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Threskiornithidae: Ibises, Spoonbills (3)

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*)—Common at Las Salinas, Cayo Coco, and around Playa Girón; nearly all in adult plumage

Glossy ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*)—One flock was seen in a rice field during our drive to Cienfuegos

Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*)—Common at Las Salinas where many pale immatures were present, and at the northern cayos

Cathartidae: New World Vultures (1)

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)—Numerous over all habitats, the largest single flock contained about 25 individuals

Pandionidae: Ospreys (1)

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)—Small numbers were present at Las Salinas, Cayo Coco, and Laguna de Guanaroca

Accipitridae: Hawks, Kites, Eagles & Allies (5)

Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)—Numerous at fish ponds between Las Terrazas and Viñales. Twenty-eight in the air together was an unusual sight

Northern Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*)—One during lunch between Las Salinas and Playa Larga and one over the edge of the flats at Las Salinas

(E) Gundlach's Hawk (*Accipiter gundlachi*)—We saw one bird at the Jardín Botánico de Cienfuegos and another from the bus during the final drive back to Havana

(E) Cuban Black Hawk (*Buteogallus gundlachii*)—One-three at a time at Las Salinas, Playa Larga, and on Cayo Coco

Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)—One seen by Gail at a rice field during the drive to Cienfuegos and another seen by her and Alejandro as we drove back to Havana the last day

Rallidae: Rails, Gallinules, Coots (4)

Clapper Rail (*Rallus crepitans*)—In response to playback, one approached us closely and three or four more were heard at Las Salinas

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyryla martinica*)—Small numbers two days early in the trip on vegetated ponds or rice field edges

Common Gallinule (*Gallinula chloropus*)—Noted on five days on lagoons, rice fields, and fish ponds

American Coot (*Fulica americana*)—A few on fish ponds; numerous at Niña Bonita reservoir

Aramidae: Limpkin (1)

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*)—A couple were found while we were looking at Red-shouldered Blackbirds, and two were seen in a muddy pool at Area Protegida de Recursos Manejados Sierra del Chorrillo

Gruidae: Cranes (1)

Sandhill Crane (*Antigone canadensis*) (HO)—Frustratingly, heard calling from woodland en route to Santo Tomás

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Recurvirostridae: Stilts, Avocets (2)

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*)—Noted on five days; common at Las Salinas, Laguna de Guanaroca, and Cayo Coco

American Avocet (*Recurvirostra americana*)—A rather sparse bird in Cuba; perhaps a couple dozen at Laguna de Guanaroca

Charadriidae: Plovers (4)

Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)—A couple dozen Las Salinas, the north end of the Cayo Coco causeway, and other beach or salt flat sites on the northern cayos

Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*)—Dozens at Cayo Coco; at high tide seen picking through Sargassum seaweed that had washed up on the beach

Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*)—One seen at low tide among Semipalmated Plovers southeast of our hotel at Cayo Coco. Small numbers of this species, including a banded individual, had been noted at this location

Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferous*)—Small numbers seen at saline flats, rice fields, in pastures, and edges of open woodland

Jacanidae: Jacanas (1)

Northern Jacana (*Jacana spinosa*)—Small numbers seen three days at freshwater pools and rice fields; a floating nest with large, shiny eggs was seen near Consolación del Sur during the drive from Viñales to Playa Larga

Scolopacidae: Sandpipers, Phalaropes & Allies (11)

Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)—Several dozen seen at Las Salinas, the south end of the Cayo Coco causeway, and near our hotel on Cayo Coco

Stilt Sandpiper (*Calidris himantopus*)—One distant individual on the salt flats at Las Salinas

Sanderling (*Calidris alba*)—One on the flats at Las Salinas and a dozen plus on the beach near our hotel on Cayo Coco

Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*)—One at Las Salinas and about 100 (counted) in a rice field during the drive to Cienfuegos

Short-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus*)—Two on the salt flats at Las Salinas

Long-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*)—Two in a rice field during the drive to Cienfuegos

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularis*)—One or two noted on three different days on fresh and saline water

Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*)—Singles noted two days at rice field or pond edges

Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)—Seen four days at fish ponds and salt flats; less numerous than Lesser Yellowlegs

Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*)—One on the salt flats at Las Salinas

Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*)—Seen at a number of sites: rice fields, fish farms, Las Salinas, and 100s on the northern cayos

Laridae: Gulls, Terns, Skimmers & Allies (6)

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Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*)—Seen at various coastal locations; numerous at Las Salinas, Cayo Coco and adjacent cayos. A few were in alternate plumage

Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*)—One immature at the north end of the Cayo Coco causeway

Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*)—One adult was pointed out by our local guide at the north end of the Cayo Coco causeway. Not represented in the Cuba field guide but has become reasonably common during recent years

Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*)—Seen four days on fishponds and saline flats

Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maxima*)—Singles or small groups noted five days on the north and south coasts, often roosting on beaches or salt flats

Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger*)—One roosting flock of several dozen was seen at Las Salinas

Columbidae: Pigeons, Doves (13)

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) (Introduced)—Seen nine days in cities and around hotels

(AE) Scaly-naped Pigeon (*Patagioenas squamosa*)—Seen the first two days of the tour, probably not by all participants

White-crowned Pigeon (*Patagioenas leucocephala*)—Noted on four days; best looks during the boat trip to look for Zapata Wren

(AE) Plain Pigeon (*Patagioenas leucocephala*)—Eventually seen at Area Protegida de Recursos Manejados Sierra del Chorrillo and the La Carbonera side road

Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) (Introduced)—Common in towns and around hotels

Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*)—Noted on five days; most easily studied at feeding stations

(E) Blue-headed Quail-Dove (*Stanoenas cyanocephala*)—At least two were present at the Bermejas dove blind; perhaps five more were prancing around in the open at Cueva de los Peces. Everyone was very happy to see this normally skulking beauty

Ruddy Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon montana*)—One was seen at some distance at the Bermejas dove blind

(E) Gray-fronted Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon caniceps*)—Perhaps half a dozen were seen—some a couple feet away—at the Bermejas dove blind, also one near the boat launch at Santo Tomás

(AE) Key West Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon chrysis*)—One was seen late afternoon at Cueva del Jabali on Cayo Coco

White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*)—Small numbers noted on three days

(AE) Zenaida Dove (*Zenaida aurita*)—Noted at least three days at feeding stations, roadsides, and palm groves or pasture edges

Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*)—Pretty much throughout in towns and natural habitat; often on fences and utility wires and frequently heard

Cuculidae: Cuckoos, Anis (2)

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*)—Seen nine days at roadsides, pond/lagoon edges, and pastures

(AE) Great Lizard Cuckoo (*Coccyzus merlini*)—First noted just outside Las Terrazas; this spectacular cuckoo was seen three days and its raucous call was heard on three more

Strigidae: Typical Owls (3)

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(E) Bare-legged Owl (*Margarobyas lawrencii*)—Seen with considerable difficulty after many unoccupied nest sites were checked; one was eventually found in woodland at Soplillar

(E) Cuban Pygmy Owl (*Glaucidium siju*)—Seen several days; good looks during the Fernandina's Flicker walk and at Area Protegida de Recursos Manejados Sierra del Chorrillo

Stygian Owl (*Asio stygius*)—A pair of these splendid birds was roosting in pines in the Reserva de la Biosfera at Las Terrazas

Caprimulgidae: Goatsuckers (1)

(E) Cuban (Greater Antillean) Nightjar (*Antristomus cubanensis*) (HO)—After missing this species at several day roosts, we finally heard one that refused to leave the forest just outside of Playa Larga

Apodidae: Swifts (1)

(AE) Antillean Palm-Swift (*Tachornis phoenicobia*)—Noted seven days, both in towns and in natural habitat-generally around palms

Trochilidae: Hummingbirds (2)

(E) Bee Hummingbird (*Mellisuga helenae*)—About five of these miniscule birds (the smallest in the world) were seen and well photographed at a private residence just north of Playa Larga

(AE) Cuban Emerald (*Chlorostilbon ricordii*)—Seen at least five days at feeders and woodlands

Trogonidae: Trogons (1)

(E) Cuban Trogon (*Priotelus temnurus*)—First encountered and seen well just outside Las Terrazas; eventually found on six or seven days in various wooded locations. This beauty was a good choice for Cuba's National Bird

Todidae: Todies (1)

(E) Cuban Tody (*Todus multicolor*)—These little gems were present in just about every woodland we stepped into, frequently giving their flat, buzzy calls

Alcedinidae: Kingfishers (1)

Belted Kingfisher (*Megaceryle alcyon*)—Singles or occasionally several were present along saline flats, lagoon edges, rice fields, and over roadside ditches

Picidae: Woodpeckers (5)

(AE) West Indian Woodpecker (*Melanerpes superciliaris*)—We encountered this woodpecker everywhere we went, their loud calls attracting our attention. Many nesting pairs were noted in palms

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*)—One was seen and photographed at the crocodile farm

(E) Cuban Green Woodpecker (*Xiphidiopicus percussus*)—This curiously attractive woodpecker was found a couple days including sightings at Las Terrazas and SE of Camagüey; one of the trip favorites

Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*)—Singles were observed three days; including a very responsive bird at Cueva de los Peces. The endemic Cuban race *C. a. chrysocaulosus* is a candidate for full species status

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(E) Fernandina's Flicker (*Colaptes fernandinae*)—We hit these just right, seeing perhaps six or eight nesting pairs, mostly in the palms near Bermejas. Local guides complained they were so numerous and aggressive they were driving away the nesting Bare-legged Owls!

Falconidae: Caracaras, Falcons (4)

Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*)—Seen six days, usually as fly-overs. A perched adult was seen during the Fernandina's Flicker foray

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)—Seen eight days, generally white-breasted individuals. The Cuban race *F. s. sparveroides* may be elevated to species status

Merlin (*Falco columbarius*)—One rocketed by us on Cayo Coco as we were looking for gnatcatchers

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)—One bird of the widespread race *F. p. anatum* was seen perched on a radio tower during our foray to the roof of the Gran Hotel in Camagüey

Psittacidae: Parakeets, Macaws, Parrots (2)

(AE) Cuban Parrot (*Amazona leucocephala*)—Encountered three days. Several dozen noisily gathering at a late afternoon roost at Playa Larga was a spectacular sight

(E) Cuban Parakeet (*Psittacara euops*)—Encountered three days; a small flock feeding roadside at the Fernandina's Flicker site provided excellent views and photo opportunities

Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers (5)

(AE) Cuban Pewee (*Contopus caribaeus*)—We saw this species six days in woodlands and open sites. Its high pitched call was frequently heard

(AE) La Sagra's Flycatcher (*Myiarchus sagrae*)—Several were seen well just outside Las Terrazas then subsequently on five more days--generally at woodland edge. Many were vocalizing

Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*)—First, a roadside pair at Bermejas, then a few others including at the crocodile farm and the Jardín Botánico de Cienfuegos

(AE) Loggerhead Kingbird (*Tyrannus caudifasciatus*)—Vocal as one would expect; we saw this species nine days--generally on utility wires or exposed branches

(AE) Giant Kingbird (*Tyrannus cubensis*)—We had great looks at this very local species along the road outside of Camagüey and at Area Protegida de Recursos Manejados Sierra del Chorrillo

Vireonidae: Vireos (5)

White-eyed Vireo (*Vireo griseus*)—One was seen as we were walking to the boat launch for the Zapata Wren excursion

(AE) Thick-billed Vireo (*Vireo crassirostris*)—We were very fortunate to see one individual (a second was probably heard), given its very small range on Cuba and the habitat destruction from recent hurricanes

(E) Cuban Vireo (*Vireo gundlachii*)—Seen two days and heard a third. First encountered during the pre-breakfast walk at Viñales

Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*)—Present three days; best looks on a trail uphill from the lake at Las Terrazas

Black-whiskered Vireo (*Vireo altiloquus*)—Noted on six days but in reality nearly always present and frequently audible. Good looks at Las Terrazas and at the Jardín Botánico de Cienfuegos

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Corvidae: Crows, Jays & Allies (2)

(AE) Cuban Palm Crow (*Corvus palmarum*)—We saw perhaps 15-20 of these decidedly local birds at a roadside outside of Camagüey, and at Area Protegida de Recursos Manejados Sierra del Chorrillo where they were flying and calling with Cuban Crows

(AE) Cuban Crow (*Corvus nasicus*)—Seen on three days: Zapata Swamp, Playa Larga, Area Protegida de Recursos Manejados Sierra del Chorrillo, and at a couple of random roadside stops

Hirundinidae: Swallows (4)

(E/AE?) Cuban Martin (*Progne cryptoleuca*)—Perhaps five were flying around the lagoon by our hotel on Cayo Coco (likely nesting on one of the nearby houses), and several were seen from the roof of our lodging in Old Havana. Additionally, about three more were seen at eye level during the post-tour Havana day by Bob, Robert, and Bev from the rooftop bar of the Hotel Ambos Mundos in Havana. Lack of information on winter range makes it difficult to assign an endemism category

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)—One was in a swallow flock at Niña Bonita reservoir

Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*)—A couple were identified at Niña Bonita reservoir

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*)—A small flock was present at the jacana pond near Consolación del Sur between Viñales and Niña Bonita reservoir

Troglodytidae: Wrens (1)

(E) Zapata Wren (*Ferminia cerverai*)—On the canal trip at Santo Tomás, we had great looks at this super rarity after a very short walk to a small marsh-level platform surrounded by sawgrass

Poliophtilidae: Gnatcatchers (2)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila caerulea*)—We encountered singles on three days, first during the pre-breakfast walk outside Viñales

(E) Cuban Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila lembeyei*)—A couple pair of these delightful imps were encountered at sites on Cayo Coco

Turdidae: Thrushes (2)

(E) Cuban Solitaire (*Myadestes elisabeth*)—With just a bit of searching, Robert spotted one of these very local thrushes feeding on some small red fruits growing against the side of a *mogote* at Cueva San Vicente near our hotel outside Viñales. Moments later, it was joined by another, providing us with nice looks as well as the unusual auditory experience

(AE) Red-legged Thrush (*Turdus plumbeus*)—Encountered at least seven days in habitats ranging from Old Havana to relatively undisturbed woodland. Its flashy plumage helps to make up for its unfortunate song

Mimidae: Mockingbirds, Thrashers (3)

Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*)—Found in woodlands throughout the trip

(AE) Bahama Mockingbird (*Mimus gundlachii*)—With some effort, two individuals were seen on Cayo Guillermo. As this species has become increasingly difficult to find due to beachfront construction and hurricane damage to its habitat, we were very happy for the encounter

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Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*)—Ubiquitous on lawns, roofs, and utility wires

Bombycillidae: Waxwings (1)

Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*)—A flock of nine dropped into a tree on Cayo Coco just after everyone but Alejandro and I had boarded the bus. A sharp whistle got everyone tumbling out to see the birds before they departed

Parulidae: Wood Warblers (16)

Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*)—Singles were encountered three days; the best look was one strolling in the open at the dove blind in Bermejas

Worm-eating Warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorum*)—One in a woodland flock at Bermejas

Northern Waterthrush (*Parkesia noveboracensis*)—Seen four days at pond and mangrove edges; certain individuals (i.e., Cayo Coco) were wildly responsive to spishing

Black-and-White Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*)—Sparse; we saw only two or three in as many days. Nice looks at the crocodile farm

Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*)—Noted on five or six days at pond and lagoon edges and in marsh grasses

American Redstart (*Septophaga ruticilla*)—Noted on six days, conspicuous in feeding flocks

Cape May Warbler (*Setophaga tigrina*)—This beauty was encountered on four days with sightings at Playa Larga, the crocodile farm, Cayo Coco, etc.

Northern Parula (*Setophaga americana*)—Noted on four days, occasionally in twos and threes; nice looks at Las Terrazas and outside Camagüey

Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*)—Just a couple of the resident race seen at Las Salinas

Black-throated Blue Warbler (*Setophaga caerulescens*)—One of the trip favorites, we saw these on five days in mixed flocks and at feeding stations or water drips where especially confiding

Palm Warbler (*Septophaga palmarum*)—Noted about daily--the default warbler of the trip from parks in Havana to ocean beach margins. All individuals appeared to represent the pale western race *S. p. palmarum*

(AE) Olive-capped Warbler (*Septophaga pityophila*)—We enjoyed good looks at Las Terrazas

Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Setophaga coronata*)—Singles at Las Terrazas and Cayo Coco, both eastern “Myrtle” types

Yellow-throated Warbler (*Septophaga dominica*)—Noted on five days, often in rather open vegetation (i.e., palm trees) where easy to see

Prairie Warbler (*Septophaga discolor*)—These lovely birds were seen on four days--best looks at the crocodile farm and on the northern cayos

Black-throated Green Warbler (*Setophaga virens*)—Noted two days including a male in a flock at Las Terrazas

Thraupidae: Tanagers, Honeycreepers & Allies (4)

Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) (Introduced)—Seen three days with nice looks at Las Terrazas

(E) Cuban Grassquit (*Tiaris canora*)—First seen on the side road just outside Las Terrazas and later at the Las Terrazas pig farm where coming to an improvised feeder

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Yellow-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris olivaceus*)—Noted on seven days; best looks at the pig farm at Las Terrazas

(AE) Cuban Bullfinch (*Melopyrrha nigra*)—Seen several days, perhaps the best looks during the pre-breakfast walk outside Viñales. Note: Certain sources use the genus *Pyrrhulagra* for this species and some authorities rank it as Cuban endemic, splitting it from similar birds in the Greater Antilles

Passerellidae: New World Buntings, Sparrows (1)

(E) Cuban (Zapata) Sparrow (*Torreornis inexpectata*)—Several (race *T. i. inexpectata*) seen from boats during the Zapata Wren excursion and one (race *T. i. varonai*) seen roadside on Cayo Coco

Spindalidae: Spindalises (1)

(AE) Western Spindalis (*Spindalis zena*)—We enjoyed sightings of this richly colored bird on three days with good looks at Las Terrazas and during the pre-breakfast walk outside Viñales

Teretistridae: Cuban Warblers (2)

(E) Yellow-headed Warbler (*Teretistris fernandinae*)—Plenty of good views during four days; especially nice looks among flocks at Bermejas and Las Terrazas

(E) Oriente Warbler (*Teretistris fornsi*)—We saw these pretty and rather large warblers in low woodland on Cayo Coco. One confiding bird posed for many photos

Cardinalidae: Grosbeaks, Buntings (1)

Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*)—We heard one as we walked to the boats at Santo Tomás. In retrospect, we should have paused for a look but the boatmen and guide were urging us forward. Never had another

Icteridae: Orioles, Blackbirds & Allies (7)

Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*)—Seen two days and heard another. Two were alongside the highway at a fish pond stop on Day 1. The Cuban race *S. m. hippocrepis* may warrant full species status

(E) Cuban Oriole (*Icterus melanopsis*)—Individuals were noted four days; first at our hotel outside Viñales. Many were present on a feeder in the Bee Hummingbird hosts' yard

(E) Red-shouldered Blackbird (*Agelaius assimilis*)—Several in roadside trees and marsh grasses at La Cuchilla near Bermejas

(AE) Tawny-shouldered Blackbird (*Agelaius humeralis*)—Seen four days; with a bit of patience or wind, the wing patch color could be appreciated. First noted outside Las Terrazas

Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*)—Two or three were seen at the Las Terrazas pig farm and several more in the Bee Hummingbird hosts' yard

(E) Cuban Blackbird (*Ptiloxena atroviolacea*)—Seen seven days, pretty much ubiquitous from downtown Havana to natural habitats

(AE) Greater Antillean Grackle (*Quiscalus niger*)—Seen daily in all habitats

Passeridae: Old World Sparrows (1)

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House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)—Numerous in Old Havana, towns we drove through, and around some of our hotels

MAMMALS: 1 Species

White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) (Introduced)—One dashed across the road near Playa Larga

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS: 6 Species

Cuban Treefrog (*Osteopilus septentrionalis*)—Small numbers at several sites; hunting around lights and roosting in several bathroom sinks at Playa Larga

Knight Anole (*Anolis equestris*)—One in the rafters during lunch at the Casa de Campesino restaurant in Las Terrazas

Cuban Brown Anole (*Norops sagrei*)—The common small brown lizard seen on rocks and tree trunks

Common House Gecko (*Hemidactylus frenatus*) or **Asian House Gecko** (*Hemidactylus frenatus*)?

(Introduced)—The little pale-colored lizards on the walls and ceilings of our hotels. Their “cak, cak, cak” noise was frequently heard

Northern Curly-tailed Lizard (*Leiocephalus carinatus*)—One was seen and photographed as it perched on a rock pile at the entrance of Cueva de los Peces

Cuban Lesser Racer (*Caraiba andreae*)—A black snake that shot off the road edge as we returned from the Zapata Wren foray was likely this species (suggested by Alejandro)

BUTTERFLIES: 15 Species

Quite a few more species were seen but ignored in favor of birds, or they never paused for an id. because of persistent breezes.

Polydamas Swallowtail (*Battus polydamas*)—One seen briefly at La Carbonera--the Plain Pigeon side road--shortly after we left Area Protegida de Recursos Manejados Sierra del Chorrillo

White Angled-Sulphur (*Anteos clorinde*)—This large whitish species was numerous, nectaring at shrubs on the Plain Pigeon side road

Great Southern White (*Ascia monuste*)—A few were seen inland (i.e., Viñales) but especially numerous in coastal areas where they lay eggs on a variety of mustards. This was the white butterfly with the blue antenna tips

Florida White (*Glutophrissa drusilla*)—One was seen at Area Protegida de Recursos Manejados Sierra del Chorrillo

Mallow Scrub-Hairstreak (*Strymon istapa*)—Several were nectaring on Scorpionweed (*Heliotropium*) and other flowers at the Cayo Coco water treatment ponds

Gulf Fritillary (*Agraulis vanillae*)—Numerous wherever there were roadside flowers

Julia (Flambeau in Cuba) (*Dryas iulia*)—The large, rather featureless orange butterfly common at roadsides

Zebra Longwing (*Heliconius charithonia*) Seen at a number of sites and numerous at our first jacana stop

(E) Cuban Peacock (*Anartia chrysopelea*)—One was seen and photographed roadside at Area Protegida de Recursos Manejados Sierra del Chorrillo

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White Peacock (*Anartia jatrophae*)—Numerous at many sites, perhaps most common at Area Protegida de Recursos Manejados Sierra del Chorrillo

Tropical Buckeye (*Junonia evarete*)—A few were seen on Cayo Coco

Mangrove Buckeye (*Junonia genoveva*)—A few were present at mangrove edge at Cayo Coco

Malachite (*Siproeta stelenes*)—This pretty green and black butterfly was seen while we looked at crows at Area Protegida de Recursos Manejados Sierra del Chorrillo

(E) Cuban Calisto (*Calisto herophile*)—Seen by several of us as at a fish pond stop between Las Terrazas and Viñales

Fiery Skipper (*Hylephila phyleus*)—One was photographed by Linda on Cayo Coco

DAMSELFLIES & DRAGONFLIES: 13 Species

Citrine Forktail (*Ischnura hastata*)—One tiny, yellow male was noted as we left the palms after viewing Fernandina's Flickers

Rambur's Forktail (*Ischnura ramburii*)—Common along the canal to and from the Zapata Wren site

Red-tailed Pennant (*Brachymesia furcata*)—Several seen at mangrove edge on Cayo Coco

Pin-tailed Pondhawk (*Erythemis plebeja*)—One male seen at mangrove edge on Cayo Coco

Great Pondhawk (*Erythemis vesiculosa*)—Mangrove edge at Cayo Coco and in the woods at Bermejas

Seaside Dragonlet (*Erythrodiplax berenice*)—Hundreds were present at mangrove and beach margins on the cayos

Band-winged Dragonlet (*Erythrodiplax umbrata*)—A few were seen at Area Protegida de Recursos Manejados Sierra del Chorrillo and along the mangroves on Cayo Coco

Marl Pennant (*Macrodiplax balteata*)—One of these small black dragonflies was seen on the side road we visited just before entering Las Terrazas

A skimmer-no common name (*Orthemis macrostigma* or undescribed)—Several of these rich red dragonflies were seen at pond edges, especially at Area Protegida de Recursos Manejados Sierra del Chorrillo, where we watched a male hover guard a female as she laid eggs in a roadside puddle

Blue Dasher (*Pachydiplax longipennis*)—Males were numerous at mangrove edge on Cayo Coco

Wandering Glider (*Pantala flavescens*)—The yellow dragonfly that seemingly never landed was present about everywhere we went. A migratory species, this is the world's most widespread dragonfly, present on all continents except Antarctica

Slough Amberwing (*Perithemis domitia*)—A pair of these tiny orange dragonflies was perched atop a shrub on the Pale Pigeon side road we visited shortly after leaving Area Protegida de Recursos Manejados Sierra del Chorrillo

Red Saddlebags (*Tamea onusta*)—Common on the tips of mangrove branches on Cayo Coco