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Guatemala Species List

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(RE) = Regional Endemic: Specialty Species.

(HO) = Heard Only: Unseen, but vocalization distinctive enough to be counted as “heard” only, pointed out to the group.

(LO) = Leader Only: For those species detected by sight or sound by our Guatemalan or US guides. We list them as these are clearly possible on a future trip.

Parentheses () following the species names tally the number of days a species was recorded on the main trip.

SUMMARY: SPECIES

We had a fantastic inaugural tour to Guatemala, blending nature and culture in a way pleasing to all, on several days there were choices. Birding occurred each day and we were pleased to find regional specialties including White-bellied Chachalaca, Highland Guan, Horned Guan, Green-throated Mountain Gem, Rufous Saberwing, Blue-throated Motmot, Pacific Parakeet, Black-throated Jay, Bushy-crested Jay, Black-capped Swallow, Rufous-browed Wren, Rufous-collared Robin, Blue-and-white Mockingbird, Pink-headed Warbler and Bar-winged Oriole.

Finding 20 species of warblers was an added treat, along with 14 types of hummingbirds and 28 species of flycatcher.

BIRDS

Tinamous, Tinamidae (1)

Thicket Tinamou, *Crypturellus cinnamomeus* – (1) (HO) Pointed out by Daniel at Tarrales as it vocalized in the distance to share its haunting and wavering call.

Ducks, Geese and Swans, Anatidae (2)

Ring-necked Duck, *Aythya collaris* – (1) Three females and one male floated in a reedy cove near San Lucas Toliman.

Redhead, *Aythya americana* – (1) One very cryptic and rather difficult to identify female floated with the Ring-necks.

Guans and Curassows, Cracidae (5)

Plain Chachalaca, *Ortalis vetula* – (1) (HO) One calling bird that was kicking up a storm was pointed out by Daniel at El Talpetate.

White-bellied Chachalaca, (RE), *Ortalis leucogastra* – (2) This special endemic was well seen at Los Tarrales especially by Charlotte who was taking a day off when to her delight, one came to her banana feeder!

Crested Guan, *Penelope purpurascens* – (1) (HO) (LO) I am not aware of the specifics behind this bird. I do not know if this bird was heard, seen or glimpsed.

Highland Guan, (RE), *Penelopina nigra* – (1) (HO) (LO) Formerly known as the Black Penelopina, this red throated and black Guan was heard while climbing the Volcan San Pedro. Josue pointed out a distant calling bird with its up-slurred whistle.

Horned Guan, (RE), *Oreophasis derbianus* – (1) (LO) Likely the highlight of the trip for Peg and Keith! We had stopped climbing because we were exhausted AND in the correct habitat. Starting to grumble about the possibility of returning without our GUAN, we decided to crash out for a while along the side of the trail. Drifting off to sleep curled up in the dirt with the sun warm, we awaited the remote possibility... of magic. Peg, further down the trail, woke up then ventured a few hundred meters up the steep and winding trail. While texting a friend at that very moment, she *felt* the “whoop, whoop, whoop” of a great bird’s wings. THERE! Before her, perched high upon a horizontal tree branch, festooned by Bromeliads and as thick as a torso, stepped the Grail Bird. Josue was immensely generous photographing the bird through his scope with Pegs cell phone and letting me videotape. He also captured beautiful images. What a bird. We were high all the way back down the volcano.

New World Quail, Odontophoridae (1)

Singing Quail, *Dactylortyx thoracicus* – (3) Though this loud and apt named bird was heard a couple times before we saw it, nothing could have prepared us for the incredible encounter as Josue and his brother coaxed a pair out of the forest at El Pilar. Additionally, Jeff and Mardi saw one in the path as the ascended Volcan San Pedro.

Grebes, Podicipedidae (1)

Least Grebe, *Tachybaptus dominicus* – (2) When Jeff and Mardi reported a duck at the laguna at Los Tarrales, I suspected that it might be one of the shy water birds and sure enough, that’s what it was. Everyone got great looks. Thanks Jeff and Mardi!

Hérons and Egrets, Ardeidae (6)

Black-crowned Night Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax* – (1) Also at the Laguna we saw our one and only Night Heron, a beautifully spotted juvenile.

Great Egret, *Ardea alba* – (2) One was spotted far down on a river at our famous “gas station stop”, feeding next to our only Little Blue Heron for the trip. One was also at San Lucas Toliman.

Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula* – (2) We had two or three feeding at the river at lunch in the dry desert habitat of El Talpetate as well as several as we approached Los Tarrales, down in a canal.

Little Blue Heron, *Egretta caerulea* – (1) One seen feeding far below the “Gas Station” on the river.

Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis* – (3) Seen in several areas where there was water... or cows.

Green Heron, *Butorides virescens* – (2) At lunch a few of us saw a very distant bird working the river's edge at El Talpetate. There was also one at the "Ring-necked Duck/Redhead" spot at San Lucas Toliman.

New World Vultures, Cathartidae (3)

Black Vulture, *Coragyps atratus* – (11) Seen nearly every day in good numbers.

Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura* – (9) Encountered in slightly smaller numbers than its black cousin, but wide spread.

King Vulture, *Sarcoramphus papa* – (1) Seen two or three times at Los Tarrales, these "King Condors" as I prefer to call them, are more similar, to Condors in every way.

Hawks, Kites and Eagles, Accipitridae (8)

Black Hawk-Eagle, *Spizaetus tyrannus* – (2) Encountered both days at Los Tarrales, these impressively large birds of prey soared high on warm thermals and vocalized for our group, all getting nice views.

Sharp-shinned Hawk, *Accipiter striatus* – (1) One very brief encounter as one emerged from the forest only to head back in as we were rather side tracked by a Black Hawk-Eagle and a King Vulture.

Great Black Hawk, *Buteogallus urubitinga* – (1) Rounding out the Los Tarrales birds of prey show was a very co-operative and "great" Great Black-Hawk. The distinctive white in the tail as well as the foot length were pointed out by Daniel.

Gray Hawk, *Buteo plagiatus* – (3) Seen well and several times this beautifully tailored raptor was enjoyed by all.

Broad-winged Hawk, *Buteo platypterus* – (3) Mostly encountered as high flying migrants, we were fortunate to see several lower soaring birds at Los Tarrales.

Short-tailed Hawk, *Buteo brachyurus* – (3) Built in much the same way as the Broad-winged and the Gray, this handsome Hawk comes in two forms being the snappy light form and the Darth Vader, or dark form. I was pleased by the good number of dark birds we saw from the first one at the Museo Ixchel Del Traje Indigena to the numerous birds at Los Tarrales.

Red-tailed Hawk, *Buteo jamaicensis* – (5) Encountered on several days in several locations, each of which were adults.

Swainson's Hawk, *Buteo swainsoni* - (1) This very interesting hawk was seen and photographed at Finca Pilar. It was curious because it was likely the palest individual I had ever witnessed. Nearly white, this bird showed next to no dark except for the telltale dark hood and cascading "muttonchops".

Rails and Crakes, Rallidae (2)

Common Gallinule, *Gallinula galeata* – (1) A few individuals were peppered amongst the American Coots at Lago de Atitlan shelteing amongst the reeds.

American Coot, *Fulica americana* – (3) Large numbers were found in patches along the edge of Lago de Atitlan, numbering into the hundreds.

Sandpipers and Allies, Scolopacidae (1)

Spotted Sandpiper, *Actitis macularius* – (1) (LO) Peg spotted this distant and lone shorebird, (our only one) from our lofty lunch spot at El Talpetate as it fed along the wide and shallow river.

Gulls and Terns, Laridae (1)

Laughing Gull, *Leucophaeus atricilla* – (1) Two were seen, as we arrived at Panajachel amongst hordes of celebrating families enjoying a day at the “beach”.

Pigeons and Doves, Columbidae (11)

Rock Pigeon, *Columba livia* – (6) Seen on several days in urban areas and often in large numbers.

Red-billed Pigeon, *Patagioenas flavirostris* – (1) (LO) This lone bird made a quick pass over the soccer field at Los Tarrales, pointed out by Daniel on our first morning.

Band-tailed Pigeon, *Patagioenas fasciata* – (2) A few were seen at La Posada as well as during our climb up the volcano.

Eurasian Collared-Dove, *Streptopelia decaocto* – (2) (LO) Seen on two days, once by Peg and once by Keith at our hotel at Panajachel. Same bird? I think that these birds have just finally arrived in Guatemala and will soon be part of the regular avifauna.

Inca Dove, *Columbina inca* – (1) (HO) A single bird was heard and pointed out by Daniel at Los Tarrales.

Common Ground-Dove, *Columbina passerina* – (1) Spotted by Daniel, this tiny Dove was scoped and well seen by all at El Talpetate where we focused in on the trademark scaly breast pattern, differentiating it from the similar Plain-breasted Ground Dove.

Ruddy Ground-Dove, *Columbina talpacoti* – (1) Only one sighting of this diminutive Dove at the “Gas Station”.

White-tipped Dove, *Leptotila verreauxi* – (7) Deep “Hoo-Hooing” voice often heard on most days and infrequently seen zipping low over the path. Most sightings are when an observer say’s “There goes a White-tipped Dove” as opposed to the opposite.

White-faced Quail-Dove, *Zentrygon albifacies* – (2) (HO) Heard only twice, once pointed out by Daniel at La Posada and once by Josue on the Volcano.

White-winged Dove, *Zenaida asiatica* – (6) Seen on most days, this common dove flies by, high overhead and displays its telltale white wing patches.

Mourning Dove, *Zenaida macroura* – (1) (LO) Two or three were encountered on our Volcano climb and somehow seemed out of place in a cloud forest setting.

Cuckoos and Allies, Cuculidae (4)

Lesser Ground Cuckoo, *Morococcyx erythropygus* – (1) Heard by most and seen by either Charlotte or Monique, this ground loving bird stayed out of view. It was at El Talpetate in the dry thorn forest.

Striped Cuckoo, *Tapera naevia* – (1) (HO) Also in the dry forest of El Talpetate, a lone bird was heard and pointed out by Daniel, but alas, not seen.

Lesser Roadrunner, *Geococcyx velox* – (1) At El Talpetate, one came out and put on a show from a thorny bush and cactus where it inflated its chest and produced its “crying puppy” song. Camera shutters whirred.

Squirrel Cuckoo, *Piaya cayana* – (4) First found at El Talpetate, this long tailed bird loped through the branches as well as when we had a cooperative one at the lodge office at Los Tarrales.

Owls, Strigidae (4)

Whiskered Screech-Owl, *Megascops trichopsis* – (2) A single bird came in quickly to the “tape” at the Atitlan Botanical Garden where it continued to call, and call.

Vermiculated Screech-Owl, *Megascops guatemalae* – (1) (HO) One distant and faint bird heard calling late in the evening at La Posada. It did not come in to the “tape”.

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, *Glaucidium brasilianum* – (4) Seen on several days where it would typically come in the “tape” of the Owl, used to attract other birds, often with birds mobbing it.

Mottled Owl, *Ciccaba virgate* – (1) One bird well seen and crippling photographs were had in a palm forest at Los Tarrales. When the group departed, a second unseen bird flew out.

Nightjars, Caprimulgidae (1)

Mexican Whip-poor-will, *Antrostomus arizonae* – (1) (HO) (LO) Several birds were heard predawn as we climbed the San Pedro Volcano, but not seen.

Swifts, Apodidae (5)

Chestnut-collared Swift, *Streptoprocne rutila* – (1) One bird was watched as it casually flew here and there at the Atitlan Botanical Garden.

White-collared Swift, *Streptoprocne zonaris* – (4) These birds were encountered in frequently large numbers but typically at lofty heights at La Posada, Los Tarrales and Volcan San Pedro.

Vaux's Swift, *Chaetura vauxi* – (3) Several were seen at Los Tarrales flying over the soccer field. Their small size, ash gray throats were noted.

White-throated Swift, *Aeronautes saxatalis* – (2) One bird was seen at Chichicastinango flying low over the group and made several passes, RIGHT over the “Eastern Bluebird spot. Additionally, one was seen on the Volcano climb.

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift, *Panyptila cayennensis* – (1) (LO) Sadly only the leaders saw this incredible flyer at Los Tarrales.

Hummingbirds, Trochilidae (14)

Stripe-throated Hermit, *Phaethornis striigularis* – (1) (LO) This was a very brief, single “zipping across the road” view by Keith at La Posada.

Mexican Violetear, *Colibri thalassinus* – (1) (LO) Recently split from the Green Violetear, this was a Peg and Josue sighting on our ascent up the volcano where they saw several, feeding on the small flowers of the cloud forest.

Rivoli's Hummingbird, *Eugenes fulgens* – (3) Formerly called the “Magnificent” Hummingbird, this bird ranges from South East Arizona to Northern Nicaragua. The split “Admirable or Talamanca” Hummingbird ranges in the Talamanca mountains of Costa Rica. Several “yellow pollen frosted” individuals visited the feeders while we dined at Tecpan as well as at El Pilar outside of Antigua.

Long-billed Starthroat, *Heliomaster longirostris* – (2) An adult bird put on quite a feeding show at Los Tarrales as it landed next to its recently fledged chick and fed it, seemingly “running it through” with its long bill! Cameras buzzed.

Plain-capped Starthroat, *Heliomaster constantii* – (1) One bird was seen well but briefly as it fed on a large cluster of orange flowers at the famous “Gas Station” stop.

Green-throated Mountain-gem, (RE), *Lampornis viridipallens* – (1) Seen by part of the group at El Pilar with Josue. This is a very special regional endemic.

Amethyst-throated Hummingbird, *Lampornis amethystinus* – (1) (LO). Peg saw a female while waiting for the Horned Guan, also spotted by Josue in the vicinity.

Rufous Sabrewing, (RE), *Campylopterus rufus* – (3) Heard and briefly seen by Josue on the Volcano climb, we were all pleased to see it well at El Pilar where numerous birds came into the feeders. Large and rich cinnamon in color, with scimitar shaped wings, this bird is aptly named.

Violet Sabrewing, *Campylopterus hemileucurus* – (2) Seen at Los Tarrales these sub adult males were rather “beat up” looking, being in an advanced stage of molt.

Azure-crowned Hummingbird, *Amazilia cyanocephala* – (4) Rather common we first encountered this white chested Hummer at the Francisco Morroquin Universidad then at El Pilar outside of Antigua where several came to the feeders.

Berylline Hummingbird, *Amazilia beryllina* – (3) First at Los Tarrales in the cloud forest and then several at El Pilar at the feeders. This dark hummingbird was a challenge to differentiate from the Blue-tailed but shows a pale belly and more rufous in the wing feathers.

Blue-tailed Hummingbird, *Amazilia cyanura* – (2) Seen numerous times at Los Tarrales in the cloud forest.

Cinnamon Hummingbird, *Amazilia rutila* – (3) Seen well numerous times at Los Tarrales, including one bird that took a prolonged sunbath in the middle of the kitchen walk way!

White-eared Hummingbird, *Hylocharis leucotis* – (4) Seen several times with one on the Volcano, and others at Tecpan and near Antigua. This red billed show stopper ranges from Southern Arizona to Northern Nicaragua.

Trogons, Trogonidae (3)

Gartered Trogon, *Trogon caligatus* – (1) Split from the Violaceous Trogo, this blue headed, green backed, yellow bellied Trogon with a bold yellow Cheerio around its eye, was beautifully scoped by Daniel at Los Tarrales.

Mountain Trogon, *Trogon mexicanus* – (2) A very close relative to our Elegant Trogon, however with large white tail spots. Two birds were seen well by the leaders on the Volcano ascent and heard by the group at Caleras Chichavac, not far from a Blue-throated Motmot.

Collared Trogon, *Trogon collaris* – (4) Lacking the copper tail of the Elegant, but otherwise very similar, this bird was seen at San Ramon, Los Tarrales and El Pilar.

Motmots, Momotidae (5)

Tody Motmot, *Hylomanes momotula* – (1) Daniel wins the award for exceptional spotting. Hearing, teasing forth and placing in the scope on a silver platter for all to enjoy! All had amazing views of a tiny, character rich ochre-ball, punctuated by airbrushed blue and black.

Blue-throated Motmot, (RE), *Aspatha gularis* – (4) A very special species we were fortunate enough to see well with the able “scope’s-man-ship” of Josue at the farm at Caleras Chichavac, perching in bromilliad laden pines.

Lesson’s Motmot, *Momotus lessonii* – (4) Formerly called Blue-crowned Motmot, this species has been split into six species. Lesson’s ranges from central Mexico to the Panama Canal. We encountered several with birds at El Talpetate, La Posada and Los Tarrales.

Turquoise-browed Motmot, *Eumomota superciliosa* – (2) First heard by Daniel at El Talpetate, it was eventually spotted by Keith at the infamous “Gas Station”.

Russet-crowned Motmot, *Momotus mexicanus* – (1) (HO) (LO). One heard by Daniel and pointed out to the fortunate few nearby, once again, the famous, Gas Station.

Kingfishers, Alcedinidae (2)

Amazon Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle amazona* – (1) One seen at the “Laguna” at Los Tarrales and was enjoyed by all.

Green Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle americana* – (1) (LO) One seen by Keith and Peg at the “Laguna” at Los Tarrales.

Toucans, Ramphastidae (2)

Northern Emerald-Toucanet, *Aulacorhynchus prasinus* – (3) Stepping out of the van at La Posada, we were instantly greeted by several of these comical birds. Additionally, Jeff and Mardi saw one on their ascent up Volcan San Pedro, which by the way, they greatly enjoyed.

Collared Aracari, *Pteroglossus torquatus* – (2) Seen several times at Los Tarrales as we moved between the lodge and the Laguna. The combination color, form and antics always draws an appreciative crowd.

Woodpeckers, Picidae (7)

Acorn Woodpecker, *Melanerpes formicivorus* – (3) Seen on our first day at the Museum as well as the Atitlan Botanical Garden and Calaras chichavac when we took our walk around the farm. While this is the same species that occurs in western U.S. it is much darker on the underparts.

Golden-fronted Woodpecker, *Melanerpes aurifrons* – (10) Seen or heard on nearly every day the common bird often formed the back drop with its familiar call. A close relative of the Red-bellied Woodpecker of the east, this species ranges from central Nicaragua up and into central Texas and Oklahoma.

Smoky-brown Woodpecker, *Picoides fumigatus* – (1) Seen on our first morning at El Pilar, scope views as it fed in the dry forest habitat by the entry gate.

Hairy Woodpecker, *Picoides villosus* – (2) Seen quickly and poorly at Caleras chichavac then seen by others at El Pilar.

Golden-olive Woodpecker, *Colaptes rubiginosus* – (3) This beautiful coppery Woodpecker charmed us with its beauty at Los Tarrales, Atitlan Botanical Gardens and at El Pilar.

Northern (Guatemalan) Flicker, *Colaptes auratus* – (4) While currently recognized as simply part of the “Northern” Flicker complex, it is likely this bird will be split from this grouping and receive full species status where “Guatemalan Flicker” would likely be its name. While similar to our “Red-shafted”, this bird owns a completely tan crown and nape rather than just the forehead of the Red-shafted. Keep this bird in your bank account for a possible arm chair lifer in the future. We had one at the University on the first evening, and heard several at other locations.

Lineated Woodpecker, *Dryocopus lineatus* – (1) As far as I know, only one of these was seen when Patricia ushered me to its feeding spot at Los Tarrales while we were all on the “Spinetail quest”. If another was enjoyed by others I apologize for not knowing that.

Falcons and Caracaras, Falconidae (4)

Collared Forest-Falcon, *Micrastur semitorquatus* – (2) (HO) This secretive bird of prey was heard calling in the evening at Los Tarrales after our limitedly successful Spinetail hunt.

Crested Caracara, *Caracara cheriway* – (1) Daniel spotted two of these while we were on our Spinetail quest and then we saw another more distant one late in the afternoon all at Los Tarrales flying high.

American Kestrel, *Falco sparverius* – (3) I spotted one on a telephone wire while we drove to the lake Atitlan, Peg heard one at El Pilar.

Peregrine Falcon, *Falco peregrinus* – (1) (LO) This was a Keith and Josue only bird that came blasting by while we were taking a much-needed rest on our ascent up the Volcano. The view lasted ½ a second.

Parrots, Psittacidae (6)

Barred Parakeet, *Bolborhynchus lineola* – (1) (HO) (LO) Sadly this was a single heard-only bird called out by Josue as we climbed the Volcano. This tiny Parakeet is a high-altitude pine forest and bamboo specialist.

Orange-chinned Parakeet, *Brotogeris jugularis* – (2) Many of these small and short tailed Parakeets were enjoyed each morning at Los Tarrales at the soccer field as numerous groups chattered flying overhead.

Orange-fronted Parakeet, *Eupsittula canicularis* – (3) These smallish Parakeets with tails longer than Orange-chinned, were also seen in good numbers at the Los Tarrales soccer field as well as at El Talpetate.

Pacific Parakeet, (RE) *Psittacara strenuous* – (5) For the longest tailed and largest of the three Parakeets is this special regional endemic. Lacking any splash of orange this gregarious psittacine was encountered in rowdy flocks at the soccer field, the University on the first afternoon, La Posada and at the “Gas Station”.

Yellow-naped Parrot, *Amazona auropalliata* – (1) Also seen the first morning at the Los Tarrales soccer field these large parrots flew over with their typical shallow and quivering wingbeats. Some fortunately perched for a view, but at a great distance.

White-fronted Parrot, *Amazona albifrons* – (1) (LO) This was a Keith, Daniel and Peg bird at the famous Gas Station where one bird exploded from a tree, squawked and bolted straight away with no good view.

Antbirds, Thamnophilidae (1)

Barred Antshrike, *Thamnophilus doliatus* – (2) (HO) These skulking fellows were heard singing their distinctive “Cactus Wren” ending with a hiccup, song. Unfortunately, but typically, they evaded us with their escaped convict plumage providing the perfect camo for dense understory.

Antpittas, Grallariidae (1)

Scaled Antpitta, *Grallaria guatemalensis* – (1) (LO). Peg was thrilled to find this skulking bird at dusk as she walked back from the lagoon at Los Tarrales. It was feeding in the path, and hopped off to the side before disappearing into the thick vegetation by a ditch. Josue had seen this species in this location in other years.

Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers, Furnariidae (5)

Ivory-billed Woodcreeper, *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster* – (1) This bird was encountered at Los Tarrales where Daniel put it in the scope for all to see.

Spotted Woodcreeper, *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius* – (2)

Seen at El Talpetate and at San Ramon this furtive bird gave us a good view after some effort.

Spot-crowned Woodcreeper, *Lepidocolaptes affinis* – (3) Seen on the Volcano ascent by the leaders

and by all on the trail after our giant lunch at Tecpan.

Ruddy Foliage-gleaner, *Clibanornis rubiginosus* – (2) Seen briefly but well by the Volcano team and then seen poorly but heard well at Finca El Pilar RIGHT after the Singing Quail. Our LAST bird of the trip.

Rufous-breasted Spinetail, *Synallaxis erythrothorax* – (1) Daniel took us on a Spinetail hunt at Los Tarrales and coaxed in two very furtive but loudly vocalizing birds. The fortunate few, got bits and puzzle pieces of a view.

Tyrant Flycatchers, Tyrannidae (28)

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet, *Camptostoma imberbe* – (3) (HO) These three heard only birds were at El Talpetate and at Los Tarrales. Had these birds been observed we would have seen a very small Flycatcher with a slightly bent bill and an actively twitching tail, not unlike a Gnatcatchers. Named for its lack of rictal bristles, unique among Flycatchers.

Greenish Elaenia, *Myiopagis viridicata* – (1) One seen briefly at Los Tarrales. While generally a “little drab green bird” this Flycatcher comes equipped with a gray crown, a subtle supra-loral stripe, a streaky yellow belly and crisp edges to the tertials.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia, *Elaenia flavogaster* – (1) A single bird at the Atitlan Botanical Garden. This lanky flycatcher is longer than the Greenish, yellower below and with a bushy white centered crest.

Mountain Elaenia, *Elaenia frantzii* – (1) (LO) A leader only bird seen through the scope as we climbed the Volcano. Large, more olive with a very orange lower mandible this Elaenia shows bold white inner tertials.

Paltry Tyrannulet, *Zimmerius vilissimus* – (2) (LO) These rather subtle birds were seen on the Volcano climb and one was heard by Josue at Caleras Chichavac. While similar-to the Tennessee Warbler, this bird has a shorter bill and crisp feather edges to the wings.

Northern Bentbill, *Oncostoma cinereigulare* – (2) This curious bird with its “Frog-like” “Churrrrr”, came in for a very brief visit at Los Tarrales, immediately after the Mottled Owl encounter.

Common Tody-Flycatcher, *Todirostrum cinereum* – (2) This snappy yellow, black and green Flycatcher with its “too-much-coffee” staring eye, was seen by sharp observers at several birdy flocks at Los Tarrales. This bird is a personal favorite.

Eye-ringed Flatbill, *Rhynchocyclus brevirostis* – (2) First seen at the “Quetzal spot” at Ranchitos del quetzal when Daniel coaxed one in right over the group. Another was the next day at La Posada. Overall olive with a BOLD white ring around the eye and a curiously wide fleshy lower mandible.

Yellow-olive Flycatcher, *Tolmomyias sulphurescens* – (1) A one sighting bird at Los Tarrales. This green Flycatcher is known for its gray crown and dusky “check mark” on its ear coverts.

Tufted Flycatcher, *Mitrephanes phaeocercus* – (2) Buffy and tufted like a titmouse, this (hard to use any other word than) cute, Flycatcher was seen well at Tecpan in the pines with our “mega, Warbler-flock”.

Olive-sided Flycatcher, *Contopus cooperi* – (2) Seen at a great distance at San Ramon as well as at Los Tarrales.

Greater Pewee, *Contopus pertinax* – (2) Two individuals seen twice on two days at the same location being the garden at the Hotel Posada Don Rodrigo in Panajachel. Appear like a long Wood-Pewee with a spiky crest and a very pale lower mandible.

Tropical Pewee, *Contopus cinereus* – (2) Seen well several times at Los Tarrales, these birds are nearly identical to our Eastern and Western Wood Pewee except they show a very faint gray square in the lores.

Willow (Eastern) Flycatcher, *Empidonax traillii* – (1) Seen briefly at Los Tarrales while we were sitting on the mountain top. Peg spotted this subtle *Empidonax* and by the call and subtle pattern of wing, face head and back, we were able to put a name to it. Its name was “Will O”

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, *Empidonax flaviventris* – (1) This single bird was also in the forest at Los Tarrales where it was scoped. The field marks of the apple green plumage, bright yellow belly, crisp white eye ring and wing bars, set against the very blackish wings clinched the id.

Hammond’s Flycatcher, *Empidonax hammondii* – (1) (LO) This “leader only” bird was spotted on our climb up the volcano. The marks of a gray headed, greenish back, dull whitish wing bars against a dull gray-green wing and a tiny dark bill lead us to the id of this bird of the western US.

Yellowish Flycatcher, *Empidonax flavescens* – (3) This bird came in fast and bold when Daniel played its song at Ranchitos del Quetzal. Nearly identical to western North America’s Pacific-slope Flycatcher, this is a largely greenish Flycatcher with a bold white eye ring and yellow wing bars.

Buff-breasted Flycatcher, *Empidonax fulvifrons* – (1) This one very active and perhaps the winner of the most difficult bird to scope, made a bold appearance at the farm at Caleras Chichavac. This is our only “buffy” *Empidonax*.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher, *Myiarchus tuberculifer* – (7) Heard far more than seen, the mournful cry of this widespread *Myiarchus* Flycatcher wafted through all habitat types we visited from San Ramon, to Los Tarrales, Panajachel the Volcano San Pedro, and El Pilar.

Brown-crested Flycatcher, *Myiarchus tyrannulus* – (2) Encountered at “The Gas Station” then heard and seen at Los Tarrales, was this large Ash-throated-like Flycatcher.

Nutting’s Flycatcher, *Myiarchus nuttingi* – (1) Nearly identical to the Ash-throated Flycatcher, we encountered several of these birds on our walk through the arid thorn forests of El Talpetate. Beautiful scope views were had.

Ash-throated Flycatcher, *Myiarchus cinerascens* – (1) Not far from our Nutting’s Flycatcher was the trips only Ash-throated that Daniel expertly separated by call.

Great Kiskadee, *Pitangus sulphuratus* – (4) Vocal and showy, these common Flycatchers were seen at several locals throughout the trip including one that was surface diving for small fish. While we ate lunch at El Talpetate, the bird was down at the water’s edge, not far from a cow, cooling its heels.

Boat-billed Flycatcher, *Megarynchus pitangua* – (5) Kiskadee like in pattern but with an unusually large bill, this bird we first saw at La Posada then at Los Tarrales at the soccer field. The slate gray wings and tail are often the best mark, whereas the Kiskadee is bright cinnamon.

Social Flycatcher, *Myiozetetes similis* – (7) Seen at several locations this “mini” Kiskadee is tiny billed, usually chattering and... in small social groups.

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher, *Myiodynastes luteiventris* – (3) Bold, beautiful and brazen, this well marked Flycatcher came in fast and furiously at La Posada when Daniel played its “rubber ducky” call. Several more were encountered at Los Tarrales.

Tropical Kingbird, *Tyrannus melancholicus* – (5) Seen on five days this common, telephone wire loving bird was often encountered in more open terrain.

Western Kingbird, *Tyrannus verticalis* – (1) At Los Tarrales Daniel was very sharp to tease out this bird. I was impressed that he spotted it as most, (including me) simply shrugged it off as just another Tropical. Good spot.

Manakins, Pipridae (1)

Long-tailed Manakin, *Chiroxiphia linearis* – (2) Charlotte’s trip favorite, we had good views on both

days at Los Tarrales, the second day finding a full adult male, wow!

Tityras and Becards, Tityridae (2)

Masked Tityra, *Tityra semifasciata* — (2) Several of these curious white and black song birds, punctuated by bare red skin around the eyes and bill were seen at Los Tarrales, typically in pairs.

Rose-throated Becard, *Pachyramphus aglaiae* — (3) Seen a few times, best at Los Tarrales and briefly at after the lunch-walk at Tecpan. The slate gray male with the rosy-pink throat sits in contrast to the cinnamon bodied female.

Vireos, Vireonidae (10)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike, *Cyclarhis gujanensis* — (4) (HO) While encountered on four days, these birds kept hidden and were heard only.

Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo, *Vireolanius melitophrys* — (3) (LO) Perhaps Peg's newest favorite bird, this impressing "Giant Vireo" with a pattern reminiscent of a Chestnut-sided Warbler. Seen on our climb up the volcano and then heard at Finca El Pilar, but not seen.

Green Shrike-Vireo, *Vireolanius pulchellus* — (1) (HO) (LO) Heard only by Daniel at Los Tarrales when we were sitting high up on the mountain waiting for Tanagers. It was never seen nor heard by anyone else.

Lesser Greenlet, *Pachysylvia decurtata* — (1) This bird was seen at Los Tarrales as we ascended the mountain. It was in a quickly moving, multi species feeding flock.

Hutton's Vireo, *Vireo huttoni* — (1) One bird seen quickly but well with the amazing bird flock that we encountered after our lunch at Tecpan.

Yellow-throated Vireo, *Vireo flavifrons* — (1) (LO) This lone bird was spotted by Keith as we searched for Peg's Scaled Antpitta. It came in quick, looked around once, then gone.

Blue-headed Vireo, *Vireo solitarius* — (1) (LO) Well seen and numerous on our climb up the Volcano typically in mixed species flocks.

Warbling Vireo, *Vireo gilvus* — (3) This subtly plumaged species was seen numerous times at Los Tarrales with flocks or by themselves. One other was at Finca El Pilar.

Brown-capped Vireo, *Vireo leucophrys* — (2) First encountered on the volcano climb, this bird is VERY similar-to the Warbling Vireo in plumage and call. It was also encountered at Finca El Pilar.

Yellow-green Vireo, *Vireo flavoviridis* — (1) (LO) This leader-only bird was encountered at Los Tarrales as it moved methodically through the canopy. Similar-to the Red-eyed Vireo but this bird differs by its yellower and more washed out plumaged.

Crows and Jays, Corvidae (5)

Black-throated Jay, (RE) *Cyanolyca pumilo* — (1) (LO) This special regional endemic was seen only by Peg and Josue on our climb up the volcano for the Horned Guan. Numerous very noisy birds paid them a visit.

White-throated Magpie-Jay, *Calocitta formosa* — (1) Seen well a couple of times at Los Tarrales by those at hand. This charismatic and long tailed corvid with its curly crest and pied blue and white plumage put on quite a show.

Bushy-crested Jay, (RE) *Cyanocorax melanocyaneus* — (5) Seen often and well at the University, San Ramon, the volcano climb and El Pilar. Noisy and gregarious, these yellow eyed, blue and black Jays

move through the canopy as quietly as a bunch of teenage boys coming home from school.

Steller's Jay, *Cyanocitta stelleri* — (2) Seen twice, once on the volcano climb and after lunch at Tecpan, this Central American form differs from the ones in Western North America by having a small blunt crest and more-white around the eyes.

Unicolored Jay, *Aphelocoma unicolor* — (1) (LO) This (I think) Keith-only bird, was seen very briefly as we were waiting to hopefully spot the Quetzal at Ranchitos del Quetzal. A giant and very loud truck that passed by insured that no one else had a chance to enjoy this unique species.

Swallows and Martins, Hirundinidae (5)

Black-capped Swallow, (RE), *Atticora pileata* — (2) Never seen as well as we would have hope for, we did however see numerous birds on our walk at Caleras chichavac. This unique “black capped” swallow possesses the colors of a Rough-winged but the tail of a Barn Swallow.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow, *Stelgidopteryx serripennis* — (3) First encountered at the University then at Los Tarrales, this familiar swallow ranges from Panama to nearly all-of the US.

Gray-breasted Martin, *Progne chalybea* — (3) Seen first at the University, and then El Talpetate at the “Gas Station” where these large Swallows were always found in wide open areas often adorned with telephone wires.

Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica* — (2) Seen at El Talpetate and then at Los Tarrales these familiar birds were on the move as they make their way toward North America.

Cliff/Cave Swallow, - *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota/fulva*- (1) (LO) This lone bird is included here as a “species pair”. I do this when there is no other possible species that we have already. This bird flew over El Talpetate with other swallows. I never saw the throat for a final ID, but the large buffy rump points to one of the two.

Bushtits, Aegithalidae (1)

Bushtit, *Psaltriparus minimus* — (2) First seen at the University and then locating an active nest at Caleras chichavac, these active little balls of feathers possess black ear coverts.

Treecreepers, Certhiidae (1)

Brown Creeper, *Certhia americana* — (1) Several were seen on the trails above Rincon Suiza in the area we looked for Pink-headed Warbler.

Wrens, Troglodytidae (8)

House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon* — (7) Frequently heard in many locations and less often seen this furtive bird ranges from southern Canada to southern South America.

Rufous-browed Wren, (RE), *Troglodytes rufociliatus* — (2) (HO) Heard well but sadly not seen, this local species is very similar-to the Winter or Pacific Wren. This bird was heard low in some ferns at the Tecpan after-lunch walk.

Band-backed Wren, *Campylorhynchus zonatus* — (6) Gregarious and rowdy, these “Cactus Wren” sized birds inhabit various areas where we saw them at the University, La Posada, the volcano, Tecpan and El Pilar.

Rufous-naped Wren, *Campylorhynchus rufinucha* — (3) Seen at El Talpetate and Los Tarrales, these handsome Wrens were enjoyed by all.

Spot-breasted Wren, *Pheugopedius maculipectus* — (2) (HO) This bird was heard by Daniel and pointed out to all at La Posada and Los Tarrales, but never seen.

Rufous-and-white Wren, *Thryophilus rufalbus* — (1) (HO) Another heard only bird, this one was also pointed out by Daniel at Los Tarrales.

Cabanis's Wren, *Cantorchilus modestus* — (5) Formerly known as the "Plain" Wren this species was split into three species. Never really getting out there and into full view this shy skulking bird gave up only bits and pieces.

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren, *Henicorhina leucophrys* — (4) Heard far more often than seen, we did have fairly-good looks at Ranchitos del Quetzal and then on the San Pedro Volcano climb. Small dark and handsome.

Gnatcatchers, Polioptilidae (2)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, *Polioptila caerulea* — (1) (LO?) I have no mental recognition of this bird ever having been encountered, but have it down for Los Tarrales. Perhaps someone can enlighten me.

White-lored Gnatcatcher, *Polioptila albiloris* — (1) With perhaps one of the strangest names this (black lored) Gnatcatcher was encountered in pairs, and seen well at El Talpetate by all who were there. I am being a little tongue and cheek as some (most) of them do have white lores in other parts of their range.

Thrushes, Turdidae (11)

Eastern Bluebird, *Sialia sialis* — (1) A pair was seen well at Caleras Chichavac, the farm of the Pink-headed Warblers we stopped at en route to Antigua. They were feeding under the shade of a large tree, using fence posts as hunting perches, nice!

Brown-backed Solitaire, *Myadestes occidentalis* — (4) Most amazing flutes in the woods, this highly vocal species fills the air with song. We first encountered them on the climb up San Pedro Volcano with part of the group, but then all got good looks at Caleras Chichavac as we walked the farm roads and trails.

Slate-colored Solitaire, *Myadestes unicolor* — (1) This bird was scoped and well seen not far from the Tody Motmot location at La Posada. What it lacks in bright colors, it more than makes up for that in song. INCREDIBLE!

Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush, *Catharus aurantiirostris* — (5) An elusive species, we heard often, but only got a few visuals on. Peg had one hop off the trail the first day at Los Terrales, a few saw one the second day there, and finally we had one approach us at El Pilar near Antigua.

Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush, *Catharus frantzii* — (2) Keith had several great views of this bird on the volcano climb as we waited silently for the guan to appear. One was heard and pointed out by Josue at Finca El Pilar.

Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush, *Catharus mexicanus* — (1) This (lifer for Keith!) was spotted by Patricia at the back of the line as we looked for the Quetzal at Ranchitos del Quetzal. Beautiful song, beautiful orange bill and eye ring.

Swainson's Thrush, *Catharus ustulatus* — (3) Spotted by Keith at a distance this bird at Los Tarrales was deep under cover while we were involved with a multitude of other species. It was a quick sighting. Additionally, we had one on the volcano climb and-also one was seen at La Posada.

Wood Thrush, *Hylocichla mustelina* — (2) Seen by Daniel at La Posada and by Peg at Los Tarrales. Neither were long views of this beautiful songster.

Clay-colored Thrush, *Turdus grayi* — (10) Seen every day in almost every habitat. This common bird often fed on lawns, drank from fountains and was... just around for all to enjoy.

White-throated Thrush, *Turdus assimilis* — (2) This beautiful Thrush was at Los Tarrales when we were in the throws, of a “mega-flock”. It posed nicely for those quick with their binz but may have been difficult for others.

Rufous-collared Robin, (RE) *Turdus rufitorques* — (1) This regional endemic is built just like our American Robin but is pure black with a bold rufous hind collar and chest, then punctuated by a gleaming yellow bill.

Mockingbirds and Allies, Mimidae (3)

Blue-and-white Mockingbird, (RE) *Melanotis hypoleucus* — (3) This may have been a life bird for Peg as this rather unexpected Thrasher suddenly appeared at the Antigua Botanical Garden. Acting cuckoo-like It put on quite a show as a second bird joined it. We also heard many and saw several more on our volcano climb.

Gray Catbird, *Dumetella carolinensis* — (1) This bird was a one-time wonder when Peg teased one out of the underbrush at La Posada. Most if not all of us got looks.

Tropical Mockingbird, *Mimus gilvus* — (1) I was shocked by the utter dearth of this usually abundant bird. Two were seen at the Antigua Botanical Garden where one ran on the lawn and proved to Keith that the Northern Mockingbird isn't the only Mockingbird that exhibits the “wing-flash” behavior for feeding Mockingbirds.

Silky-flycatchers, Ptilonotidae (1)

Gray Silky-flycatcher, *Ptilonotus cinereus* — (3) Seen beautifully but for far too brief of a time we saw several on our volcano climb. Additionally, they were encountered at Finca El Pilar where they were heard but not seen.

New World Warblers, Parulidae (20)

Northern Waterthrush, *Parkesia noveboracensis* — (1) This lone bird was spotted by Peg at the Los Tarrales, La Laguna when we were on our “Pitta quest”.

Black-and-white Warbler, *Mniotilta varia* — (2) First spotted by Patricia, (One of her very favorite birds) at Los Tarrales when she and Ped went to inspect a very charming cassita in the forest. Another was seen in the “Warbler flock” at Tecpan.

Crescent-chested Warbler, *Oreothlypis superciliosa* — (2) Seen well and several times at the farm walk we did at Caleras chichavac and then more after lunch in the pine forest.

Tennessee Warbler, *Oreothlypis peregrina* — (7) Our most frequently encountered Warbler, they occurred where ever there seemed to be flowering trees, be it at Los Tarrales or the parking lot at the Hotel in Panajachel.

Nashville Warbler, *Oreothlypis ruficapilla* — (1) (LO) This curious sighting of perhaps 5 or six birds was the only encounter on the entire trip but all of them were together in a tight flock while we climbed the volcano. Were they perhaps grouping together for a departure north, that very night? Hard to say but I have never seen anything like that.

MacGillivray's Warbler, *Geothlypis tolmiei* — (1) (LO) One female seen while we climbed the volcano and Josue deftly put it in the scope for Peg and Keith to see.

Hooded Warbler, *Setophaga citrina* — (1) This lone female was seen poorly just before the Tody Motmot encounter at La Posada and gave it's California Towhee "Chink!" call.

Magnolia Warbler, *Setophaga magnolia* — (2) Seen when we stepped out of the van at La Posada, this bird moved about with a Black-throated Green Warbler. A few more were seen.

Yellow Warbler, *Setophaga petechia* — (4) Encountered at the "Gas Station" Los Tarrales and at Tecpan in the mega Warbler flock, this familiar bird reminded us of home.

Chestnut-sided Warbler, *Setophaga pensylvanica* — (1) Seen with Magnolia and Black-throated Green Warblers at La Posada, this handsome bird was seen by all who were in attendance.

Yellow-rumped Warbler, *Setophaga coronata* — (1) This lone bird was flycatching and feeding alongside the Eastern Bluebirds at the farm at Caleras chichavac. I found this VERY interesting because in California, Yellow-rumps frequently feed with Western Bluebirds out in fields.

Townsend's Warbler, *Setophaga townsendi* — (4) First encountered at a "rest stop" to take photos of Lake Atitlan, we got to know this common wintering bird in several other locations including the Atitlan Botanical Gardens, the Volcano, Tecpan and Finca El pilar.

Black-throated Green Warbler, *Setophaga virens* — (3) Seen first at La Posada, (See Magnolia Warbler) it was again seen at Los Tarrales and the volcano.

Rufous-capped Warbler, *Basileuterus rufifrons* — (4) Always hard to see but well worth the effort this snappy bird was seen at Los Tarrales, the Atitlan Botanical Garden and the volcano. This bird has been recorded in Arizona.

Golden-browed Warbler, *Basileuterus belli* — (1) For those fortunate to get a shot at this stunningly beautiful bird, I take off my hat. We had one very quick glimpse down low in the pine forest when all heck was breaking loose. This was at Tecpan after lunch.

Golden-crowned Warbler, *Basileuterus culicivorus* — (2) One seen at La Posada near the Tody Motmot spot and one heard at El Pilar. This bird has also shown up in Arizona, likely not far from Peg's place.

Wilson's Warbler, *Cardellina pusilla* — (5) Seen commonly and was widespread, these familiar birds were feeding hard as they surely were bulking for a long trip north.

Red-faced Warbler, *Cardellina rubrifrons* — (1) Peg scored big time with this show stopper in the crazy pine forest flock. I believe that everyone had excellent views.

Pink-headed Warbler, (RE) *Cardellina versicolor* — (1) The "Holy Grail" bird for us was brought to our attention when Patricia casually said, "I have the Pink Warbler". Numerous views were had there but more were seen across the street in the "Pine Forest Flock". A very nice bird.

Slate-throated Redstart, *Myioborus minuatus* — (5) These "Fan Dancers" livened up any understory with their pink belly and slate colored upperparts. The Pine Forest flock had several as well as the volcano, Ranchitos del Quetzal and Finca El Pilar.

Tanagers and Allies, Thraupidae (9)

Crimson-collared Tanager, *Ramphocelus sanguinolentus* — (1) Seen at La Posada not long after our arrival and again just before we saw the Tody Motmot. This stunningly beautiful Tanager largely kept its beauty hidden and made observers work to get any kind of descent view.

Blue-gray Tanager, *Thraupis episcopus* — (4) Wide spread and our second most commonly seen Tanager, these birds were enjoyed at El Talpetate and Los Tarrales typically in company with Yellow-winged Tanagers.

Yellow-winged Tanager, *Thraupis abbas* — (6) Seen in many locations and often in large numbers.

While difficult to enjoy the full spectrum of colors this bird possesses when perched against the sky, I enjoyed the raised eyebrows from those that finally got crippling views when illuminated birds were seen against a dark background.

Red-legged Honeycreeper, *Cyanerpes cyaneus* — (2) While not a Hummingbird, these creatures are truly jewel-like. We encountered good numbers at Los Tarrales among the large feeding flocks of Tanagers in the cloud forest.

Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa baritula* — (2) Seen well by Peg and Keith on the volcano and-also at Tecpan.

White-collared Seedeater, *Sporophila torqueola* — (5) This tiny black and white bird was seen at El Talpetate, La Posada, the Gas Station and at Los Tarrales. While fairly-common it can difficult to see these birds out in the open.

Yellow-faced Grassquit, *Tiaris olivaceus* — (1) A beautifully seen and heard singing male was encountered at La Posada, not long after getting out of the van. It perched near the female, sang a couple of times and then moved on leaving us with our jaws agape.

Black-headed Saltator, *Saltator atriceps* — (3) These strikingly marked and rowdy birds seem like a cross between a Towhee and a Grosbeak. Gangs of them were encountered at La Posada and Los Tarrales.

Grayish Saltator, *Saltator coerulescens* — (5) The “I know! Right?” bird. This more subtly marked and less gregarious Saltator, (than the Black-headed), was heard and sometimes seen at La Posada, Los Tarrales, Atitlan Botanical Garden and Finca El Pilar.

New World Sparrows, Passerellidae (7)

Common Chlorospingus, *Chlorospingus flavopectus* — (3) Formerly known as the Common Bush-Tanager, these birds commonly make up the nucleus of cloud forest bird flocks. It always pays off when their high thin call is located and one goes through the birds that accompany them. We had several great looks at Ranchitos del Quetzal as well as on the volcano climb.

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch, *Arremon brunneinucha* — (1) (LO) This was a Peg and Josue-only bird, seen on the volcano climb. No slouch in the beauty department as this shy bird is a very well-tailored creature indeed.

Yellow-eyed Junco, *Junco phaeonotus* — (1) Aptly named this bird has a “wired” look with its gleaming eyes set against the black “mascara” of its lores. We were stared down by several pairs on our walk through the farm at Caleras chichavac.

Rufous-collared Sparrow, *Zonotrichia capensis* — (5) Like a fancy White-crown with a rusty hind-neck, this, the world’s fifth species of Zonotrichia Sparrow was formerly known as the Andean Sparrow and was enjoyed at La Posada, Panajachel at the hotel and at Caleras chichavac near the parking lot where we had lunch.

White-eared Ground-Sparrow, *Melospiza leucotis* — (2) A real find was this stunningly beautiful bird found, seen and photographed well at Finca El Pilar by those there.

Rusty Sparrow, *Aimophila rufescens* — (2) After climbing from the van at La Posada, we first thought we heard a singing Lincoln’s Sparrow but the correct ID was finally realized when this handsome bird climbed onto the top of a flowery bush where I called out “Rufous-crowned Sparrow!” While wrong, I wasn’t far off the mark as this bird is in the same genus, that being “Aimophila”.

Spotted Towhee, *Pipilo maculatus* — (1) This single sighting at Caleras chichavac came when we were enjoying the Bluebirds. The bird shot out from the roadside and disappeared into the large tree,

mercifully spreading its tail to show its six large white spots.

Cardinal-Grosbeaks, Cardinalidae (8)

Summer Tanager, *Piranga rubra* — (4) Seen in good numbers at Los Tarrales, the volcano climb and at El Pilar, these birds all appeared to be either young males or females as I personally never saw a *red* male.

Western Tanager, *Piranga ludoviciana* — (6) Certainly Guatemala is a major wintering locale for these familiar birds of the Western US. Large numbers were beheld at Los Tarrales as well as the volcano, even downtown Panajachel and Finca El Pilar.

Flame-colored Tanager, *Piranga bidentata* — (2) First seen when our “tired was tired” as we were nearly back at the car after descending the heights of the powerful Volcan San Pedro! Josue spotted it as Peg and I were pathetically looking at our feet that had only 100 more steps to go! Another bird was seen at Caleras chichavac on our Pink-headed Warbler quest.

White-winged Tanager, *Piranga leucoptera* — (2) This utterly striking RED! BLACK! and WHITE! Tanager was seen at Los Tarrales not far from the Mottled Owl spot as well as a second bird spotted by Peg at the “lofty rest stop”. while we attempted to spot Azure-rumped Tanager.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak, *Pheucticus ludovicianus* — (4) Numerous birds of both sexes, were spotted at Los Tarrales, Atitlan Botanical Garden and Tecpan. Wishes of “safe travel” were bestowed by our participants as these birds were gearing up for a long journey north.

Indigo Bunting, *Passerina caerulea* — (2) Seen well but only at Tarrales these molting birds showed various camo-splotches of both winter tan and summer indigo.

Painted Bunting, *Passerina ciris* — (2) For such a fine bird it was unfortunate that we did not see them better but a few, all males, were glimpsed at Los Tarrales. For me, this was my first experience seeing them in cloud forest.

Varied Bunting, *Passerina versicolor* — (1) What a thrill it was for us to see this beautiful finch with its deep purple body enhanced by its crimson nape and throat! This was in the arid thorn-forest of El Talpetate.

New World Blackbirds and Orioles, Icteridae (11)

Yellow-billed Cacique, *Amblycercus holosericeus* — (4) Heard more often than seen but a couple were glimpsed at La Posada, Los Tarrales and the volcano. This furtive blackbird is typically noticed when one jumps one in the forest and gets a thankful glimpse of its ivory yellow bill.

Chestnut-headed Oropendola, *Psarocolius wagleri* — (1) Seen only a few times and all were high flying birds at La Posada where we enjoyed the contrast between the blackish body and the lemon-yellow tail feathers.

Black-vented Oriole, *Icterus wagleri* — (3) (HO) While heard on three days, none ever paused for inspection. Had they, we have enjoyed a bright orange bellied and black hooded Oriole that uniquely lacks white wing bars but makes up for it with a snappy orange epaulet.

Bar-winged Oriole, (RE) *Icterus maculiatu*s — (2) What a score this was when a perfectly ripe avocado, of all things, landed EXACTLY atop a cement wall below us, enabling both the female and male to feed from this abundant food source. Seen at Finca El Pilar.

Orchard Oriole, *Icterus spurius* — (1) Several were seen at Los Tarrales in the mixed species flocks that ebbed and flowed through that incredible location.

Spot-breasted Oriole, *Icterus pectoralis* — (2) Also at Los Tarrales, these birds were seen perched high in a tree above us allowing good looks at the trademark spots.

Altamira Oriole, *Icterus gularis* — (4) This very large Oriole was encountered in the thorn forests of El Talpetate and at the “Gas Station” stop where two different birds constructed their large and pendulous nests. Additionally, more were at Los Tarrales out and beyond the soccer field.

Baltimore Oriole, *Icterus galbula* — (5) With multiple birds seen at Los Tarrales and in locations like the hotel in Panajachel, these birds were readying for their trip north.

Bronzed Cowbird, *Molothrus aeneus* — (5) Seen in open areas like the soccer field at Los Tarrales, La Posada and Techpan near the “Giant Bunny”, these blackbirds with ruby orbs and swollen napes are a nest parasite who lays eggs in many Oriole nests as well as a whole host of other unsuspecting bird.

Melodious Blackbird, *Dives dives* — (2) Heard far more often than seen this all black Blackbird has a beautiful song. We encountered it, glimpsing briefly at La Posada as well as at Los Tarrales, where more enjoyed its charm near the soccer field.

Great-tailed Grackle, *Quiscalus mexicanus* — (11) Ubiquitous in any “human created” habitat. These large, nearly crow sized Blackbirds, parade their saucy beauty, uninhibited. Fountains in every town center, farm fields, even the edge of mature cloud forest, holds these vocal, satin shrouded show-offs.

Finches and Euphonias, Fringillidae (6)

Blue-crowned Chlorophonia, *Chlorophonia occipitalis* — (2) “Oh maw gawd!” was about the best thing I could muster after laying my eyes on this stunning jewel of a bird just moments after our Tody Motmot encounter at La Posada. Colin captured beautiful photos of this Mistletoe specialist.

Scrub Euphonia, *Euphonia affinis* — (1) Only one of these small blue and yellow Euphonias were encountered at Los Tarrales. I was not one of the fortunate to behold it.

Yellow-throated Euphonia, *Euphonia hirundinacea* — (1) We saw quite a few of these at Los Tarrales where folks enjoyed seeing the yellow throats, to differentiate it from the Scrub, who shows dark.

Elegant Euphonia, *Euphonia elegantissima* — (2) While climbing the volcano Josue deftly put one of these in the scope, not unlike the same way he did at Finca El Pilar.

Hooded Grosbeak, *Coccothraustes abeillei* — (1) (LO) This was a bird that I really wish had cooperated as the only one seen, came zipping in, and then out as we started our walk at the farm at Caleras chichavac. Ouch!

Black-capped Siskin, *Spinus atriceps* — (1) Perched high atop a tall conifer at the farm at Caleras chichavac, Josue scoped it for a few lucky folk, as this was a one bird occurrence.

Old World Sparrows, Passeridae (1)

House Sparrow, *Passer domesticus* — (9) Seen on nearly each day in the appropriate habitat for such a bird... around houses.

Mammals (3)

Deppe’s Squirrel, *Sciurus deppei*

Central American Agouti, *Dasyprocta punctate*

Central American White-tailed Deer, *Odocoileus virginianus nemoralis*

Reptiles and Amphibians (3)

Common Basilisk, *Basiliscus basiliscus*

House Gecko, *Hemidactylus mabouia*

Fence Lizard-type "Species"

Itinerary

March 26th to April 5th, 2018

Day 1: Guatemala City to Museo Ixchel Del Traje Indigena to Francisco Morroquin Universidad to Guatemala City. Hotel Clarion Suites.

Day 2: Guatemala City to El Talpetate (Fireworks factory) for lunch with owners of land on mountain top, to Ranchitos del Quetzal to Coban. Hotel, La Posada.

Day 3: Coban, to San Ramon in morning, back to hotel, then back to San Ramon. Hotel La Posada.

Day 4: Coban to El Rancho, Hwy. 100 for gas, then LONG drive to Guatemala City for lunch, then to Los Tarrales.

Day 5: Los Tarrales and environs.

Day 6: Los Tarrales, La Laguna for Pitta quest. Birded up mountain at base of Atitlan Volcano. Drove to San Lucas Toliman, took boat across lake to Panajachel. Posada Don Rodrigo. Bus drove around lake to hotel.

Day 7: Panajachel to Chichicastinango for market day and lunch. Drive back to Atitlan Botanical Garden, (for some) then to Panajachel. Dinner out.

Day 8: Group, split day. Josue, Peg and Keith leave pre-dawn and cross lake Atitlan to San Pedro La Laguna, then climb San Pedro Volcano on Horned Guan quest then back down to cross lake in evening. Patricia takes rest of group across lake to San Juan La Laguna for cultural experience. Then back across lake. Dinner out.

Day 9: Panajachel, breakfast at Posada Don Rodrigo, depart for Caleras Chichavac "Tecpan" walk ranch trails. Lunch across Hwy. then walked forest trail. Drive to Antigua.

Day 10: Antigua tour of city and visit to Finca El Pilar then back to Antigua. Fancy dinner in Antigua.

Day 11: Antigua drive to Finca el Pilar back to Antigua. Drive back to Guatemala City. Cliff, Elizabeth and Monique depart for airport and extension to Tikal.

Day 12: Peg, Jeff, Mardi, Charlotte depart for home. Keith and Patricia stay for three more days to enjoy Antigua.