

Southern Belize: Pristine & Wild With Crooked Tree Extension | Species List February 14 – 21, 2020 | Compiled by Dodie Logue



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(HO)= Distinctive enough to be counted as heard only

(I)= Introduced

(E)= Endemic

Summary: We had pleasant weather, a few quite hot days and only one drizzly day. We experienced a variety of habitat including lowland freshwater wetlands at the Crooked Tree Lagoon, moving up to montane woodlands of the Pine Mountain Ridge at Hidden Valley Lodge, and finally experiencing the Toledo district's broadleaf forests and mangroves at the Lodge at Big Falls. Favorite birds of the trip included Orange-breasted Falcon (great views!), King Vulture, Mangrove Cuckoo, Black-and-White Owl, and seeing four bright and beautiful trogon species.

BIRDS (129 species recorded, of which 10 were heard only):

TINAMOUS: Tinamidae (1)

Great Tinamou *Tinamus major*— (HO) Heard one calling with Marvin as we walked in some fields on day 2 around Hidden Valley.

DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae (1)

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors*— Seen on the extension the day we went out with Glen in the Crooked Tree Lagoon, mixed in with American Coot.

GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae (2)

Plain Chachalaca *Ortalis vetula*— Seen frequently, regular at both lodges.

Crested Guan *Penelope purpurascens*— Seen and heard just once, right after our arrival at hidden Valley Lodge.

GREBES: Podicipedidae (1)

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*— A few were seen on the Crooked Tree extension boat ride.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (6)

Rock Pigeon *Columbia livia* (I)— A couple of sightings as we travelled by van through some small towns.

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*—Seen flying overhead on day two at Crooked Tree.

Short-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas nigrirostris*—(HO) This arboreal species was heard regularly at Big Falls, but we never got a look at it.

Plain-breasted Ground-Dove *Columbina minuta*— A few of these were seen on a driveway as we were driving out to bird Blue Creek Village on day 5.

Ruddy Ground-Dove *Columbina talpacoti*— Very common, especially at Crooked Tree area.

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*— A widespread species, this bird was seen regularly on the ground around Hidden Valley Lodge.

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*— Seen on the pre-extension and also at Big Falls Lodge alongside the driveway one morning.

CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae (3)

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*— Fairly common, we saw these birds many days, especially alongside the roads in the hedges as we travelled from place to place.

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*— Heard and seen a couple of days, but just fleeting glimpses. On the way to Caracol we stopped by a bridge to scan, and one was seen here in the tall weeds, before disappearing.

Mangrove Cuckoo *coccyzus minor*— Amazing looks at this elusive bird in the tall weeds at Crooked Tree Lagoon. Glen knew the spot where it had been hanging out, and there it was - it stayed put for quite awhile, giving us eye-level looks.

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (1)

Common Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*— Seen and heard, on the drive between Becks and Crooked Tree on the pre-extension, and around the grounds at Big Falls.

SWIFTS: Apodidae (1)

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris*— Distant looks at a few of these acrobatic flyers at the King Vulture overlook on day 2.

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (9)

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora*— Seen once from the van, and then again at Big Falls, a couple of our group had great looks at one around the river by our rooms.

Long-billed Hermit *Phaethornis longirostris*— Seen in the Howler Monkey preserve, a single bird sitting and vocalizing low down in a branch.

Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis*— This diminutive bird was seen around the grounds at Big Falls, and on our creekside walk at Blue Creek Village.

Green-breasted Mango *Anthracothorax prevostii*— Seen at the feeders on the pre-extension, and again a few days around Big Falls. The female is especially lovely with the dark green stripe down her breast.

Canivet's Emerald *Chlorostilbon canivetii*— A single one was seen on the morning walk with Robert on the extension.

Scaly-breasted Hummingbird *Phaeochroa cuvierii*— Good looks of this loudly vocalizing bird were had along the trail at Blue Creek.

White-bellied Emerald *Amazilia candida*— Another small hummingbird, seen around the Big Falls area.

Azure-crowned Hummingbird *Amazilia cyanocephala*— This was the common hummingbird seen at the feeders at Hidden Valley Lodge.

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl*— The most common and aggressive hummingbird, we saw it almost daily.

RAILS, COOTS AND ALLIES: Rallidae (2)

American Coot *Fulica americana*— Many hundreds were seen at the Crooked Tree Lagoon; later a few were seen in the scope at the overlook at Nim Li Punit.

Ruddy Crane *Laterallus ruber*— **(HO)** many of these were calling loudly in the lagoon at Crooked Tree.

LIMPKIN: Aramididae (1)

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna*— Quite common in the Lagoon at Crooked Tree, but seen only there.

JACANAS: Jacanidae (1)

Northern Jacana *Jacana spinosa*— Another very common bird at the Crooked Tree Lagoon.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (2)

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*— We had a small group fly over our boat, calling, as we toured the Crooked Tree Lagoon.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*— Seen a couple of times, along river shorelines.

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (5)

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*— There were several of these terns flying close to our boat in the Crooked Tree Lagoon.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*— The oversize, orange-red bill was apparent on the groups of these gulls seen flying at the Crooked Tree Lagoon.

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus*— We saw a small group of these terns in a dying mangrove “Island” as we were on the boat to the Monkey River day 7.

Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*—A single flying bird was spotted by Steven as we were heading back from Monkey River in our boat.

Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri*— These were the first terns seen on our Crooked Tree Lagoon boat tour.

STORKS: Ciconiidae (2)

Jabiru *Jabiru mycteria*— Right as we were pulling away from the docking area for our Crooked Tree Lagoon boat tour, one of these large birds did a quick fly-over.

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*—Seen day 2 on the extension, and a few had a flyover on day 6.

FRIGATEBIRDS: Fregatidae (1)

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*— Many of these magnificent flyers were seen once we arrived near the coast on day 7, we also had them fly over our lodge at Big Falls.

ANHINGAS: Anhingidae (1)

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*— Seen both times we did boat tours, both at Crooked Tree and Monkey River.

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (2)

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*— This cormorant prefers fresh water, we saw many of these on the lagoon at Crooked Tree.

Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*— A few of these were seen along the coast as we headed to the Monkey River.

PELICANS: Pelecanidae (1)

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis*— Quite a few of these seen on day 7, on our boat trip to the Monkey River.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (10)

Bare-throated Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma mexicanum*— A single young bird was seen right along the shore as we pulled into the landing for our lunch at the village of Monkey River.

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*— Seen at Crooked Tree Lagoon, and again at the Monkey River.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*— Seen more often, in waterways along the roads and on both boat tours.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*—Only seen on the Crooked Tree Lagoon boat tour.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*— We saw both light and dark birds at Crooked Tree, and again a few days at the end of the tour, along the Monkey River.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*— Seen quite a few days, in pastures with horses and cattle, and along the rivers.

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*— Seen on the Crooked Tree Lagoon boat tour.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*— Only seen on the extension at the Crooked Tree Lagoon.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*— Same as above, seen only at Crooked Tree Lagoon.

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius*— Another species seen only at the Crooked Tree Lagoon.

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (2)

White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*— This species was observed only at Crooked Tree Lagoon and along the Monkey River.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*— Much less common, only few seen on the Crooked Tree Lagoon tour.

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (4)

King Vulture *Sarcoramphus papa*— Great looks at 5 of these large birds soaring at King Vulture Overlook on the Mountain Pine Ridge at Hidden Valley; Brief glimpses of a single soaring bird two other days.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*— Seen regularly, very common.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*—Very common as well, seen regularly.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes burrovianus*— Seen on 4 days, we had some close looks at this bird who resembles a Turkey Vulture.

OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*— Seen on both days we went out on boat trips. There is a resident subspecies as well as a migrant form in Belize.

HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (12)

Gray-headed Kite *Leptodon cayanensis*— A brief look at an individual bird on our Crooked Tree Lagoon tour.

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus*— We had overhead looks at these lovely birds on day 2 and three of the trip. Very apparent by their long forked tails.

Black-collared Hawk *Busarellus nigricollis*—This bird is found in marshy areas, and we had good looks at a couple of birds in the Crooked Tree Lagoon.

Accipiter Sp.; Cooper's or Sharp-shinned Hawk — A single distant soaring bird at King Vulture Overlook, we discussed which species but finally concluded that it would remain inconclusive!

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis*— A few of these birds were seen in the Crooked Tree Lagoon, they eat only one thing - Apple Snails - which we saw lots of clinging to the weeds.

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea*— A single bird was seen on the day to Caracol.

Common Black Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus*— Seen along the red mangroves by the Monkey River.

Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga*—A few of these were seen on the freshwater lagoon at Crooked Tree.

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris*— Quite common and seen most days of the trip, especially from the van while travelling.

White Hawk *Pseudastur albicollis*— Seen from the van on day we drove to Big falls, distinctive nearly all white plumage made identification easy.

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus*— Another regularly seen hawk, easy to confuse with Roadside Hawk, but the coloring is cooler and grayer.

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus*— Seen soaring a few times, both dark and light morph were at the “dump” area we stopped at to scan for raptors with Steven on day 5.

OWLS: Strigidae (2)

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum*— Seen by some right outside the lodge at Hidden Valley, this owl was in a pole.

Black-and-white Owl *Ciccaba nigrolineata*— Heard and then seen, thanks to Steven, we saw this great owl in the large tree right near the pool at Big Falls.

TROGONS: Trogonidae (4)

Slaty-tailed Trogon *Trogon massena*— Heard and seen at Caracol, perched quietly for quite a while.

Black-headed Trogon *Trogon melanocephalus*—The Trogon we saw most, seen three days, best looks right behind the kitchen at the Lodge at Big Falls.

Gartered Trogon *Trogon caligatus*—This Trogon was first seen at Blue Creek, after lots of looking and listening!

Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris*— Seen at Caracol, fairly high in the trees.

MOTMOTS: Momotidae (1)

Lesson's Motmot *Momotus lessonii*— First seen on our morning walk at Hidden Valley with Marvin, some of the group also saw one by the river at the Lodge at Big Falls.

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (4)

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*—The largest of the American Kingfishers, this species was seen on the pre-extension, and again on the Monkey River boat tour.

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon*— This North American migrant was seen the same places as the Ringed - Crooked Tree Lagoon and on the Monkey River.

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona*— One of the group saw this species along our river at Big Falls.

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana*— Seen on the extension at Crooked Tree.

PUFFBIRDS: Bucconidae (1)

White-whiskered Puffbird *Malacoptila panamensis*— Seen two days, at Blue Hole by the bathrooms, and at Blue Creek Village trail. This retiring bird sits quite still and once spotted usually good looks can be had.

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (2)

Collared Aracari *Pteroglossus torquatus*— Only some in the group saw this lovely bird on the very last day of the tour by the river at Big Falls.

Keel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos sulfuratus*—Seen through heavy branches at Caracol, we also heard A Toucan at Nim Li Punit, but never saw it.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (7)

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*—Also found in the USA, this noisy bird was seen most of the first days of the tour, at Crooked Tree and Hidden Valley. We had good looks at some of their granerys, where they store acorns.

Black-cheeked Woodpecker *Melanerpes pucherani*— We saw a couple of these birds fairly close on a dead snag near the entrance to St. Herman's Cave on day 4.

Golden-fronted Woodpecker *Melanerpes aurifrons*—A common woodpecker, seen every day of the trip.

Pale-billed Woodpecker *Campephilus guatemalensis*—(HO) heard on a morning bird walk with Steven on the grounds of Big Falls; never seen.

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*— This large woodpecker reminded us of a Piliated; we saw it on three days of the tour, in the scope at Nim Li Punit.

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus*— Seen and heard a few days, at Hidden Valley area, and at Big Falls.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (5)

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans*— Seen along the road, we had especially good looks at a perched one on a van drive near Hidden Valley; this bird specializes in eating snakes.

Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway*—A single perched bird seen in a tree while we were driving with Steven near Big Falls.

Merlin *Falco columbarius*—Seen twice, once spotted in a tree by Carol as we scanned the "dump" rice fields with Steven, and again on day 7, flying, on our boat tour up Monkey River.

Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis*—Seen a few days, most notable at Caracol, where some of us who climbed the main stairs had quite close views.

Orange-breasted Falcon *Falco deiroleucus*—Distant looks at 1000 ft Falls overlook, and again at King Vulture Overlook, by Hidden Valley.

PARROTS: Psittacidae (4)

White-crowned Parrot *Pionus senilis*—Brief flyovers of a few parrots two days while we were in the Big Falls area.

Red-lored Parrot *Amazona autumnalis*—This was the most common of the parrots, we saw them regularly and had fairly close looks, especially at Nim Li Punit.

White-fronted Parrot *Amazona albifrons*— A few of these were seen on the grounds around Beck's before we left for the zoo.

Olive-throated Parakeet *Eupsittula nana*— We had these birds a few days, got one in the scope at Nim Li Punit.

ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae (4)

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus*—This lovely bird, whose male is striped black and white, was seen and heard on our first morning walk at Big Falls, and again the next morning by some.

Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhopias quixensis*— We had both male and female of this species along the trail at Blue Creek Village.

Dusky Antbird *Cercomacroides tyrannina*—This very skulky bird was seen in the low shrubs on the grounds of Big Falls.

Bare-crowned Antbird *Gymnocichla nudiceps*—After a failed attempt on day 6, just after breakfast on day 7 at Big Falls, Steven ran out of the dining room and motioned to us - he was hearing one behind the pool area. Some of us quickly gathered and we managed to get decent looks at a male moving in some scrub near the ground.

ANTHRUSHES: Formicariidae (1)

Black-faced Antthrush *Formicarius analis*—**(HO)** On a late morning walk with Steven at Big Falls, we heard one of these repeatedly but it never made an appearance.

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (6)

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus*— A group of us had amazing looks at this lovely smallish woodcreeper as we were making our way back from our creek-side walk along Blue Creek on day 5.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus*—We had this small bird on two days, best looks were at Blue Creek trail.

Ivory-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*—We had this large noisy wood creeper every day at Big Falls surroundings.

Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus*—This bird was only seen briefly at Caracol, near the beginning of our arrival.

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus*— We saw a single bird at the Rio Frio Cave area, on the way to Caracol.

Rufous-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis erythrothorax*— Good looks of a single bird on the grounds of Big Falls Lodge.

MANAKINS: Pipridae (2)

White-collared Manakin *Manacus candei*—This bird was heard and seen a few times; best looks were at the area around the Big Falls pool, where a male was "clacking"; Females were also seen a few days, easy to ID with their bright orange legs.

Red-capped Manakin *Ceratopipra mentalis*—**(HO)** Heard by Steven at the Blue Creek trail.

BECARDS AND TITYRAS: Tityridae (4)

Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor*—A few of these regal birds were seen near the back field at Big Falls Lodge.

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata*—We saw these birds quite often, it was fun to hear their strange little "croaking" call at Nim Li Punit. They were also seen on the grounds of Big Falls.

White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus*— Good looks were had by just a few of us, on a late morning bird walk at Big Falls, day 6.

Rose-throated Becard *Pachyramphus aglaiae*— Seen in the front area at Nim Li Punit, Steven got a young male in the scope, he was lacking the distinctive pink throat of a grown male.

SHARPBILL AND ALLIES: Oxyruncidae (1)

Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher *Myiobius sulphureipygius*— Brief view on the grounds of Caracol.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (23)

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*— Seen along the creekside trail at Blue Creek Village.

Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus*— This bird was in the large “bird tree” by the pool at Big Falls on morning 4.

Northern Bentbill *Oncostoma cinereigulare*— Seen by just a couple of us, briefly at the Howler Monkey Preserve.

Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus sylvia*—Close views but through lots of foliage, this bird was right behind the kitchen at Big Falls.

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*—Seen on the extension as well as at Big Falls, this small bird was not east to get a good look at.

Yellow-olive Flycatcher *Tolmomyias sulphurescens*— Another bird seen only on the grounds at Big Falls.

Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet *Ornithion semiflavum*— Wonderful looks at this bird a few times, the first look was at Blue Creek.

Greenish Elaenia *Myiopagis viridicata*—Seen along the trail at Blue Creek Village on day 5.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*— The “punk” crest on this flycatcher makes it easy to identify; they were one of the more frequently seen of the flycatchers.

Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus*— Seen right off the deck at Big Falls.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher *Empidonax flaviventris*— Yet another flycatcher seen on the grounds of Big Falls.

Least Flycatcher *Empidonax minimus*—Seen the second day at Hidden Valley on the grounds.

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*— A few were seen on rocks in a river on our way to Caracol.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*—Seen around Becks on the pre-extension; two males were courting a female.

Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus*—Seen up high in a tree by the river on the grounds of Big Falls.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*—Seen and heard a few days on the trip, this flycatcher is also found in the SW of the U.S.

Great Crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus crinitus*— Seen a couple of days near the end of tour, at Nim Li Punit, and grounds of Big Falls.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*— This colorful and noisy flycatcher was seen most days of the trip.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*— We had scope views of this large-billed flycatcher at the front area of Nim Li Punit.

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*— Seen everyday, this flycatcher sounds similar to a dog’s squeaky toy.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*— A very common bird, seen regularly.

Couch’s Kingbird *Tyrannus couchii*—Virtually identical to Tropical Kingbird, Couch’s has a different vocalization which we heard on the extension boat tour, and on day 5, and were able to make a positive ID.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana*—On the extension boat tour we had incredible looks at a large flock of these distinctive birds, they were perched in tall grasses and flitting around.

VIREOS: Vireonidae (3)

Tawny-crowned Greenlet *Tunchiornis ochraceiceps*—We had this bird once, at Blue Creek Village along the trail.

Lesser Greenlet *Pachysylvia decurtata*— These tiny birds were seen by a few of us on the grounds of Big Falls.

Mangrove Vireo *Vireo pallens*—Brief looks at this vireo along the shore as we toured in the boat on Crooked Tree Lagoon, it was vocalizing as well.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (3)

Brown Jay *Psilorhinus morio*—Common and raucous during the whole trip.

Green Jay *Cyanocorax yncas*— **(GO)** Seen and heard in the distance as we walked down the big hill on our first morning walk at Hidden Valley with Marvin.

Yucatan Jay *Cyanocorax yucatanicus* **(YE)**— Seen only on the extension, this Jay was in the grounds of Beck's on our morning walk.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (4)

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*—We had various sightings of these swallows; notable were the subspecies Ridgewayi which we saw at St. Herman's Cave on day 4.

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*—Seen on the extension outside of Birdseye View Lodge, and again on a wire as we were driving, on day 4.

Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*—Seen on the extension at Crooked Tree Lagoon area.

Mangrove Swallow *Tachycineta albilinea*—Seen both days we went out on our boat tours.

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (2)

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus*— Seen with Marvin near Rio Frio cave on the way to Caracol.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea*— A Widespread U.S bird, this gnatcatcher also breeds in Belize. We saw this bird a few times on the trip, especially on the pine ridge area.

WRENS: Troglodytidae (3)

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*—Seen a few days, especially around the pool at Big Falls. A resident.

Band-backed Wren *Campylorhynchus zonatus*—Wonderful looks at this very patterned bird at Caracol

Spot-breasted Wren *Pheugopedius maculipectus*— Heard frequently, and seen most days.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (2)

Gray Catbird *Dumetella carolinensis*— Seen nearly every day, this U.S. breeder was seen eating berries and at the petals of tulip flowers at Beck's.

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus*— Widespread and seen regularly.

THRUSHES: Turdidae (3)

Wood Thrush *Hylocichla mustelina*—Seen hopping along the trails by St Herman's Cave, as well as on the driveway to Big Falls.

White-throated Thrush *Turdus assimilis*—Seen only at the Belize Zoo.

Clay-colored Thrush *Turdus grayi*— Very common, seen daily. Shape and size like the American Robin.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (3)

Yellow-throated Euphonia *Euphonia hirundinacea*—Seen by St Herman's Cave, and around Big Falls area.

Olive-backed Euphonia *Euphonia gouldi*—Seen only on day 5, along the trail at Blue Creek.

Black-headed Siskin *Spinus notatus*— We had a small flock of these back-lit up in a tree at one of our van stops with Marvin by Hidden Valley.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (4)

Green-backed Sparrow *Arremonops chloronotus*—**(HO)** Heard but never seen on a bird walk on the grounds of Big Falls.

Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina*— A small flock of these were seen on our morning walk near Beck's on the pre-extension.

Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris*— Seen by only a few of us on the trail to St. Herman's Cave.

Rusty Sparrow *Aimophila rufescens*—Seen along the road with Marvin, on the way to Caracol, low in the bushes along the road.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: Icteriidae (1)

Yellow-breasted Chat *Icteria virens*—Seen a few times, best look was on the trail by St. Herman's Cave.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES: Icteridae (14)

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna*—A single look at one on the wire as we drove to Blue Creek Village on day 5.

Yellow-billed Caciue *Amblycercus holosericeus*—(HO) The second day we were at Big Falls, a small group went out with Steven after breakfast to bird the grounds, we heard Caciues a few times, but they were never seen.

Montezuma Oropendola *Psarocolius montezuma*— Best looks were had at Caracol, where a large group of pendulous nests were being inspected/invaded by Giant Cowbirds.

Black-cowled Oriole *Icterus prothemelas*—One of the first Orioles seen on the tour at Beck's, and seen many days on the tour.

Orchard Oriole *Icterus spurius*—Seen 3 days of the tour; best looks were on the extension at Beck's, a tree-top view as they were on the Tulip Tree flowers.

Hooded Oriole *Icterus cucullatus*— Seen two days at the beginning of the tour, on the extension we had great looks of them at the hummingbird feeders.

Yellow-backed Oriole *Icterus chrysater*— Best looks of these were at Hidden Valley, where we got to compare these with Yellow-tailed at close view.

Yellow-tailed Oriole *Icterus mesomelas*— Good looks at Hidden Valley, along with Yellow-backed.

Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula*— A non-breeding migrant that we saw regularly during the tour.

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*—Seen only on the extension at the Crooked Tree Lagoon.

Bronzed Cowbird *Molothrus aeneus*— On the way to Blue Creek Village we stopped along the driveway of a farm, where there was a large group of these birds on the ground.

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus*— Seen at Caracol pestering the Oropendolas.

Melodious Blackbird *Dives dives*—This bird was seen and especially heard regularly on the trip.

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*— Another bird that was seen almost daily,

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (19)

Ovenbird *Seiurus aurocapilla*—Seen briefly down the path near St. Herman's Cave on day 5.

Worm-eating Warbler *Helmitheros vermivorum*— Briefly seen at the Howler Monkey Preserve.

Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis*— These were seen many days; best looks were on the lawn at Big Falls, where they could be seen almost any time of day.

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*—One of our most seen warbler, they were often noticed while we were looking at other birds.

Tennessee Warbler *Oreothlypis peregrina*—Seen all days we were in the Big Falls area.

Kentucky Warbler *Geothlypis formosa*— The loud call note of this bird catches attention, we saw them around the creek at Big Falls the last days of the tour.

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*—(HO) heard in the tall grasses as we scanned the "dump" fields with Steven on day 5.

Hooded Warbler *Setophaga citrina*— We had good looks a few times, first seen on the extension by a little pond in the woods, spotted by Ellen.

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla*—Quits common, especially at Big Falls grounds.

Northern Parula *Setophaga americana*—Seen on the morning walk around Beck's on day 1.

Magnolia Warbler *Setophaga magnolia*—Probably the second most seen warbler, we had them most days.

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*—Seen on day 1 on the grounds at Beck's.

Chestnut-sided Warbler *Setophaga pensylvanica*—We had a couple of sightings at Blue Creek and Nim Li Punit.

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata*— Seen two days, best looks at Blue Creek Village trail.

Yellow-throated Warbler *Setophaga dominica*—Seen at Beck's on the extension.

Grace's Warbler *Setophaga graciae*— Seen at Beck's, and again at Hidden Valley, up high in the pines.

Rufous-capped Warbler *Basileuterus rufifrons*— Wonderful close looks along the road with Marvin on the way to Caracol.

Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus*— Seen by Rio Frio Cave with Marvin.

Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*—A common U.S. warbler, this bird was seen only on day 1 near Beck's.

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (10)

Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava*— Seen on the grounds of Hidden Valley as we did a morning walk with Marvin.

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*—Best looks were had at the grounds of Big Falls.

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager *Habia rubica*—Decent looks were had of this bird at Rio Frio Cave.

Red-throated Ant-Tanager *Habia fuscicauda*—Seen a few times, best looks were at St. Herman's Cave.

Black-faced Grosbeak *Caryothraustes poliogaster*—A small group of these were seen along Blue Creek Village trail.

Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis*—(HO) only heard singing as we boated in Crooked Tree Lagoon; never seen.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus*— Both Male and female seen along the driveway at Big Falls.

Blue Bunting *Cyanocompsa parellina*—Seen only on the extension, Glen spotted one in the tall grasses as we boated on Crooked Tree Lagoon.

Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea*—Seen on our morning walk with Marvin on the grounds of Hidden Valley.

Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea*—Seen 2 times, best looks near Hidden Valley, on a walk with Marvin on some tall grasses.

TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (13)

Crimson-collared Tanager *Ramphocelus sanquinolentus*— Day 5 on the grounds of Big Falls, brief view.

Scarlet-rumped Tanager *Ramphocelus passerinii*— Both male and female seen at Nim Li Punit.

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*—A fairly common bird, seen many days in a variety of habitat.

Yellow-winged Tanager *Thraupis abbas*—Seen near the beginning of Blue Hole trail, and again on the Monkey River boat tour.

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus*—The red legs help with ID, we had this bird a few times, best looks on the grounds of Big Falls.

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*—Seen from the vehicle along the roadside a few days as we toured with Steven.

Thick-billed Seed-Finch *Sporophila funerea*—Seen by a couple of us during a morning bird walk on the grounds of Big Falls.

Variable Seedeater *Sporophila corvina*—Another bird seen from the van as we travelled with Steven.

Morelet's Seedeater *Sporophila moreletii*—A lovely and quite common bird; several were singing in the mornings on the grounds of Big Falls. We saw them most days.

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*— Seen in the shrubs by the front deck at Big Falls.

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus*—A few of these birds were coming in to the fruit feeder out front at Big Falls on day 6.

Black-headed Saltator *Saltator atriceps*—The most seen of the Saltators, we had especially good looks in the back field at Big Falls.

Grayish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens*—Seen in the back field at Big Falls on day 5.

MAMMALS (7) species recorded:

Proboscis Bat *Rhynchonycteris naso*— Seen day 3 and 7.

Yucatan Black Howler Monkey *Alouatta pigra*— seen both on the extension, at St. Herman's Cave, and at the Howler Monkey Preserve.

Deppe's Squirrel *Sciurus deppei*— Seen at Caracol and Big Falls.

Yucatan Squirrel *Sciurus yucatanensis*—Seen at Beck's.

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*—Great looks at these cute rodents at the lawn of Big Falls.

West Indian Manatee *Trichechus manatus*— Only snouts were seen on the monkey river tour; we also had snout looks on the extension in the lagoon.

Gray Fox *Urocyon cinereoargenteus*— A good look as we were in the van, making our way to 1000 ft falls overlook.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (6) species recorded:

Morelet's Crocodile *Crocodylus moreletii*—Seen a couple of times in rivers.

Mesoamerican Slider *Trachemys venusta*— A single sighting along the Monkey River.

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*— A regularly seen reptile. especially hanging out in trees.

Black Spiny-tailed Iguana *Ctenosaura similis*— Also seen a few times, usually on the ground or the base of trees.

Neotropical Green Anole *Anolis biporcatus*— seen a few times, one was hanging out on the roof at Beck's.

Yucatan Banded Gecko *Coleonyx elegans*— a room regular at Big Falls.