



## Galapagos Islands – Naturalist Journeys Birding and Wildlife Tour Species List – November 7 - 14, 2021

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### Compiled by Dodie Logue

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#### **BIRDS (58) species recorded):**

##### **DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae (2)**

**White-cheeked Pintail** *Anas bahamensis*— Seen a few times, most notable were the ones seen at the tortoise ranch on Santa Cruz, walking along the trails.

**Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata*— A single female seen at the tortoise ranch on Santa Cruz, a migrant.

##### **FLAMINGOS: Phoenicopteridae (1)**

**American Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus ruber*—A small group of these lovely birds were seen at the lagoon on Floreana Island, at Punta Cormorant.

##### **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (1)**

**Galapagos Dove** *Zenaida galapagoensis* (E)— Seen two days, first on Espanola along the rough walking trail; then seen again from our kayaks as we paddled along China Man's Hat, by Santiago Island.

##### **CUCKOOS: Cuculidae (2)**

**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani* (I)— This introduced species was seen on Floreana and again on Santa Cruz at the tortoise ranch. These birds like to be near agricultural areas, they were brought over to the islands to preen ticks from cattle.

**Dark-billed Cuckoo** *Coccyzus melacoryphus*— One group had brief but good looks at this skulky bird at the tortoise ranch on Santa Cruz.

##### **RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (2)**

**Paint-billed Crake** *Mustelirallus erythrops*— Again at the tortoise ranch on Santa Cruz, very brief looks before it ducked into the tall grasses.

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata*— A few of these were seen on the grounds of the tortoise ranch, Santa Cruz.

### **OYSTERCATCHERS: Haematopodidae (1)**

**American Oystercatcher** *Haematopus palliatus*— Seen on 4 days of the cruise, along the shore.

### **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (2)**

**Black-bellied Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*— Seen at the lagoon on Floreana Island, Punta Cormorant, as well as on Santiago Island; single birds.

**Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus*— Seen quite a few days along the shore.

### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (6)**

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*— Single individuals seen a few days, including on South Plazas on the rocky shore.

**Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*— These were seen on 4 days, also on South Plazas, as well as on Flour Beach on Floreana.

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba*— A group of these were seen at Flour Beach, up in the sand dunes, on Floreana.

**Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla*— Seen by one in our group the second day on San Cristobal Island.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** *Calidris pusilla*— Seen by one group on San Cristobal.

**Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus*— Seen a couple of times on the open water, often with other species.

**Wandering Tattler** *Tringa incana*— Fairly common along the shores of most islands, we saw this bird on 4 days.

### **GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (6)**

**Swallow-tailed Gull** *Creagrus furcatus*— This lovely bird was seen on 4 islands, including some nesting birds.

**Laughing Gull** *Leucophaeus atricilla*— Seen only in the harbor on San Cristobal, both on arrival day and departure day.

**Franklin's Gull** *Leucophaeus pipixcan*— Seen on day one in the harbor on San Cristobal.

**Lava Gull** *Leucophaeus fuliginosus* (E)— This lovely charcoal-gray bird is said to be the rarest gull in the world. We saw at least one most of our days, though not in great numbers.

**Kelp Gull** *Larus dominicanus*— A single bird was seen and heard on South Plazas Island; most likely a migrant from the mainland.

**Brown Noddy** *Anous stolidus*— We had many wonderful opportunities to see these birds, nesting on cliffs and flying low over the water.

### **TROPICBIRDS: Phaethontidae (1)**

**Red-billed Tropicbird** *Phaethon aethereus*— Seen 4 days, this graceful bird was first seen on San Cristobal.

### **PENGUINS: Spheniscidae (1)**

**Galapagos Penguin** *Spheniscus mendiculus* (E)— We saw our first penguin “flying” underwater near Baroness Lookout Point by Post Office Bay, Floreana, from our pangas. Then at Bartholome, we saw 6 birds onshore, preening and even a quick copulation took place!

### **ALBATROSSES: Diomedidae (1)**

**Waved Albatross** *Phoebastria irrorata*— A favorite of many in our group, these lovely birds were seen only on Espanola, where they nest. We observed some courtship behavior, and at one point there was a huge baby albatross right in the middle of the trail.

### **SOUTHERN STORM-PETRELS: Oceanitidae (1)**

**Elliot's Storm-Petrel** *Oceanites gracilis*— This tiny delicate bird was seen daily, dabbling on the surface of the water, often very near our boat.

### **NORTHERN STORM-PETRELS: Hydrobatidae (1)**

**Wedge-rumped Storm-Petrel** *Oceanodroma tethys*— Seen by one group as they took a dinghy ride along the shore of Punta Pitt, San Cristobal.

### **PETRELS AND SHEARWATERS: Procellariidae (1)**

**Galapagos Shearwater** *Puffinus subalaris*— Seen daily on the open water from the boat; also hundreds were seen along the cliffs of South Plaza, where they nest.

### **FRIGATEBIRDS: Fregatidae (2)**

**Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens*— Seen every day, they even landed on our ship! Chicks with their snowy white heads and nesting birds seen on North Seymour Island.

**Great Frigatebird** *Fregata minor*— Easy to confuse with Magnificent, Greats were seen regularly as well, their chicks have rusty colored heads.

### **GANNETS AND BOOBIES: Sulidae (3)**

**Nazca Booby** *Sula granti*— Very common and seen daily, including nesting birds on Espanola at Punta Suarez.

**Blue-footed Booby** *Sula nebouxii*— We saw these regularly as well, great close looks on Espanola, on nests. These boobies are not doing well and numbers are declining.

**Red-footed Booby** *Sula sula*— Only seen on San Cristobal at Punta Pitt, where they were seen nesting in short trees.

### **PELICANS: Pelecanidae (1)**

**Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis*— Another bird seen every day, though not in great numbers.

### **HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (5)**

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias*—Seen the last few days of the trip, this bird is an endemic subspecies.

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*— Seen on Santa Cruz roosting in trees on the bay and also observed in the fields with cattle.

**Striated (Lava) Heron** *Butorides virescens sundevalli* (E) — Seen regularly and not shy, hunting the shores for crabs and such.

**Yellow-crowned Night Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea*— Seen on Espanola in the rocky inlet on the far end of our hike to see the Albatross.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*— A single bird seen roosting in a tree near Baroness Lookout Point by Post Office Bay, Floreana.

### **HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (1)**

**Galapagos Hawk** *Buteo galapagoensis* (E) —We had very distant views of this hawk on two days; the first time was a fly-over, seen while heading out to snorkel on Espanola, then Dave spotted one on Santiago in the morning, when we were anchored near China Man's hat.

### **OWLS: Strigidae (1)**

**Short-eared Owl** *Asio flammeus*— Another great spotting by Dave, tucked into a small shrub on South Plazas Island.

### **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (1)**

**Galapagos Flycatcher** *Myiarchus magnirostris* (E)— Seen three days, best looks on Santa Cruz at the tortoise ranch.

### **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (1)**

**Galapagos Martin** *Progne modesta* (E)— Only a small group of us saw this bird, on the panga ride at Punta Pitt, San Cristobal; those who did not hike.

### **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (3)**

**Galapagos Mockingbird** *Mimus parvulus* (E)— Seen on Santa Cruz on the walk at Los Gemelos.

**Espanola Mockingbird** *Mimus macdonaldi* (E)— A few very friendly Mockingbirds greeted us as we landed and

continued to be with us for some of our hike on Espanola.

**San Cristobal Mockingbird** *Mimus melanotis* (E)— Seen the second day of our trip, at Punta Pitt.

#### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (1)**

**Yellow (Galapagos) Warbler** *Setophaga petechia aureola* (E) – Seen frequently, this bird is a resident and has a distinct rusty cap, different from the yellow warbler we know in the states.

#### **TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (10)**

**Green Warbler-Finch** *Certhide Olivacea* (E)— Seen only on Santa Cruz, by Los Gemelos sinkholes.

**Gray Warbler-Finch** *Certhidea fusca* (E) — Seen only on Espanola, in the shrubs along our hike.

**Woodpecker Finch** *Camarhynchus pallidus* (E) – We got wonderful looks at this ingenious bird - using a stick to pull an insect out of a small hole in a tree at the lava tube on Santa Cruz.

**Large Tree-Finch** *Camarhynchus psittacula* (E) – Seen only on Santa Cruz by Los Gemelos.

**Small Tree-Finch** *Camarhynchus parvulus* (E) – Seen only on Santa Cruz by Los Gemelos.

**Small Ground-Finch** *Geospiza fuliginosa* (E) – The most commonly seen of the finches, we saw these birds on 5 days.

**Large Ground-Finch** *Geospiza magnirostris* (E) – Another finch that was seen only on Santa Cruz.

**Common Cactus-Finch** *Geospiza scandens* (E) – Seen at the Darwin Center on Santa Cruz, pollinating a cactus, as well as on South Plazas.

**Medium Ground-Finch** *Geospiza fortis* (E) – Seen two days, on San Cristobal and on South Plazas.

**Espanola Cactus-Finch** *Geospiza scandens* (E)— The longer bill was apparent on this bird seen on Espanola.

#### **Mammals (2) species**

**Galapagos Sea Lion** *Zalophus wollebaeki*— Seen regularly, even while snorkeling where it would accompany us.

**Bottlenose Dolphin** *Tursiops truncatus*— A large group of the was seen day three while the boat was moving from the east of Espanola to the west.

#### **Reptiles (9) species**

**Santa Cruz Giant Tortoise** *Chelonoidis porteri*— Seen at Rancho El Chat, Santa Cruz.

**Green Sea Turtle** *Chelonia mydas*— green regularly in the water off our boat and while snorkeling.

**Marine Iguana** *Amblyrhynchus cristatus*— Seen along the shore of many islands.

**Galapagos Land Iguana** *Conolophus subcristatus*— Only seen on San Cristobal and South Plazas.

**Espanola Lava Lizard** *Microlophus delanonis*— on Espanola, females have distinct red head.

**San Cristobal Lava Lizard** *Microlophus bivittatus*—

**Floreana Lava Lizard** *Microlophus grayii*—

**Santa Cruz Lava Lizard** *Microlophus indefatigabilis*—

**Santiago Lava Lizard** *Microlophus jacobii*—

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#### **BIRDS (51) species recorded, Antisana and Puembo Birding Garden):**

##### **DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae (3)**

**Yellow-billed Pintail** *Anas georgica*—

**Andean Teal** *Anas andium*—

**Andean Duck** *Oxyura ferruginea*—

##### **GREBES: Podicipedidae (1)**

**Silvery Grebe** *Podiceps occipitalis*—

##### **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (2)**

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia* (I)—

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*—

**HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (10)**

Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans*—  
Ecuadorian Hillstar *Oreotrochilus chimborazo*—  
Black-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia victoriae*—  
Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina*—  
Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis*—  
Great Sapphirewing *Pterphanes cyanopterus*—  
Giant Hummingbird *Patagona gigas*—  
White-bellied Woodstar *Chaetocercus mulsant*—  
Western Emerald *Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus*—  
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl*—  
Sword-billed Hummingbird *Ensifera ensifera*—

**RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (1)**

Slate-colored Coot *Fulica ardesiaca*—

**PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (1)**

Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens*—

**GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (XX)**

Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus*—

**IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (1)**

Black-faced Ibis *Theristicus melanopis*—

**NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (2)**

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*—  
Andean Condor *Vulture gryphus*—

**HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (3)**

Cinereous Harrier *Circus cinereus*—  
Variable Hawk *Geranoaetus polyosoma*—  
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melano-*  
*leucus*—

**FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (2)**

Carunculated Caracara *Phalcoboenus carunculatus*—  
American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*—

**ANTPITTAS: Grallariidae (1)**

Tawny Antpitta *Grallaria quitensis*—

**OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (2)**

Chestnut-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes albidiventris*—  
Stout-billed Cinclodes *Cinclodes excelsior*—

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (2)**

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*—  
Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*—

**SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (2)**

Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*—  
Brown-bellied Swallow *Orochelidon murina*—

**WRENS: Troglodytidae (1)**

Grass Wren *Cistothorus platensis*—

**MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (1)**

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus*—

**THRUSHES: Turdidae (1)**

Great Thrush *Turdus fuscaster*—

**FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (1)**

Hooded Siskin *Spinus magellanicus*—

**NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Emberizidae (1)**

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*—

**NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (1)**

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*—

**CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (1)**

Golden Grosbeak *Pheucticus chrysogaster*—

**TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (9)**

Blue-and-yellow Tanager *Rauenia bonariensis*—  
Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*—  
Scrub Tanager *Tangara vitriolina*—  
Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum*—  
Black Flowerpiercer *Diglossa humeralis*—  
Plumbeous Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus plebejus*—  
Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola*—  
Plain-colored Seedeater *Catamenia inornata*—  
Black-and-white seedeater *Sporophila luctuosa*—

**MAMMALS (3)**

Andean Spectacled Bear  
White-tail Deer  
Paramo Rabbit