

Guatemala: Birding & Nature | Species List

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Itinerary:

- January 11th: Guatemala City: Cayala Ecological Park, Cerro Alux, Cabana Suiza (lunch and hummingbirds)
- 12th: Fuentes Georginas – Zunil; Zunil volcano and hot springs; Santa Maria volcano scenic view
- 13th: Rio Bravo pit stop; Los Tarrales Reserve arrival; pond area, fruit feeders, and local trails
- 14th: Los Tarrales Reserve; La Isla overlook at Los Tarrales
- 15th: Los Tarrales Reserve; Forest Bird Blind, La Rincamoda trail
- 16th: Drive towards Lake Atitlan; Mirador Rey Tepepulo, IMAP in San Lucas, Hotel Toliman gardens
- 17th: Hotel Toliman gardens, Finca Chicavac, Rincon Suizo restaurant in Tecpan and the trails behind it
- 18th: On way to Antigua we stopped at Finca el Pilar; city tour of Antigua Guatemala in PM
- 19th: Cerro de la Cruz park (above Antigua with volcano Agua views); Gardenia de la Provenca
- 20th: Departures from Guatemala City

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

(I)= Introduced

(RE)= Regional Endemic

Summary: As we learned on this tour, Guatemala is a spectacular birding destination, with at least 40 regionally endemic species shared only with Mexico and Honduras and approximately 700 total species identified to date. Our tour with clients Doug, Theresa and Peter and lead local guide Roland Rumm focused on the highlands of interior southern Guatemala. Here a rugged chain of lush mountains and volcanoes (37 in total with 4 active!) form a lush and jagged landscape of valleys, scenic lakes, and did I mention volcanoes? We observed 14/37 on our tour and birded and hiked on the slopes of several.

BIRDS (238 species recorded, of which 21 were heard only, 18 were regionally endemic, and 2 were introduced species):

TINAMOUS: Tinamidae (1)

Thicket Tinamou *Crypturellus cinnamomeus*—Heard on Jan. 13 at Los Tarrales and observed at the bird blind there (also known as “The Hide”) on Jan 15.

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae (4)

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors*— small flock in Lake Atitlan at IMAP

Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*— small flock in Lake Atitlan at IMAP

Ring-Necked Duck *Aythya collaris*—1 bird seen with teal and scaup at IMAP

Ruddy Duck (HO) *Oxyura jamaicensis*—heard calling in the reeds at IMAP, not observed

GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae (3)

White-bellied (RE) *Chachalaca Ortalis leucogastra*—viewed at close range all 3 days at Los Tarrales; they frequented the hanging banana feeding station also

Crested Guan *Penelope purpurascens*— observed several gliding down the valley at La Isla overlook in Los Tarrales

Highland Guan (HO) (RE) *Penelopina nigra*—heard singing at La Isla in Los Tarrales and on the Reserva Tepepul Quetzal trail

NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae (2)

Singing Quail *Dactylortyx thoracicus*— 5 observed at Finca El Pilar crossing the road

Spotted Wood-Quail (HO) *Odontophorus guttatus*—heard at La Isla at Los Tarrales and on the Reserva Tepepul Quetzal trail

GREBES: Podicipedidae (1)

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus*—A lone bird on the pond (with 2 Neotropical Otters) at Los Tarrales

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (10)

Rock Pigeon (I) *Columba livia*—abundant in the cities we visited

Red-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas flavirostris*—heard multiple times with one observation at Los Tarrales

Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata*—observed in flight on the Reserva Tepepul Quetzal trail

Inca Dove *Columbina inca*—observed multiple times with their scaled feathers helping identify them

Common Ground Dove *Columbina passerina*—observed a pair at the IMAP site with their rusty colored under-wings

Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti*—spotted in a field at the Rio Bravo rest stop area

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*—observed and heard several times at Los Tarrales

White-faced Quail-Dove *Zenrygon albifacies*—observed at Finca el Pilar

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*—in flight at the IMAP site and in the garden at Hotel Toliman

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*—a pair was observed while eating breakfast at our Las Culbres hotel in Quetzaltenango

CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae (3)

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*— a few birds spotted in a field at the Rio Bravo rest stop area

Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia*—a flamboyant perched singing bird on the La Casona trail at Los Tarrales

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*—another wonderfully out in the open singing bird at Finca el Pilar

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (2)

Common Pauraque (HO) *Nyctidromus albicollis*—heard calling at night at Los Tarrales

Mexican Whip-poor-will (HO) *Antrostomus arizonae*—several calling at night while we were calling owls at Fuentes Georiginas in Zunil

SWIFTS: Apodidae (3)

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris*—flocks observed in flight at Los Tarrales & Reserva Tepepul

Vaux's Swift *Chaetura vauxi*—large flocks observed in flight at Los Tarrales and Finca el Pilar

White-throated Swift *Aeronautes saxatalis*—a few in flight at Finca el Pilar that were close enough to see their white throats

Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila*—only observed by our local guide Alfredo at Los Tarrales but it should be added to the checklist (not counted in the total of 238 species)

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (21)

Mexican Violetear *Colibri thalassinus*—quite a few zooming around and calling at Fuentes Georginas on the Zunil volcano; also observed on trails behind the Rincon Suizo restaurant

Green-breasted Mango *Anthracothorax prevostii*—observed at Los Tarrales on the La Rinconada trail

Rivoli's Hummingbird *Eugenes fulgens*—at the feeders at the Cabana Suiza restaurant

Long-billed Starthroat *Heliomaster longirostris*—seen high up the mountain in Los Tarrales at La Isla

Green-throated Mountain-gem (RE) *Lampornis viridipallens*—observed at the start of the Quetzal trail at Reserva Tepepul

Amethyst-throated Mountain-gem *Lampornis amethystinus*—seen several times at Fuentes Georginas on Zunil and behind Rincon Suizo restaurant

Garnet-throated Hummingbird *Lamprolaima rhami*—one quick but brilliant look of a male hovering at Fuentes Georginas

Slender Sheartail (RE) *Doricha enicura*—an immature bird perched in one spot for 15 minutes at IMAP

Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*—this US migrant was seen every day at Los Tarrales and also in the gardens of the Hotel Toliman in San Lucas

Wine-throated Hummingbird (RE) *Atthis ellioti*—one of the highlight species of the trip with multiple birds observed and heard calling their Star Wars light saber-like call at Fuentes Georginas on Zunil

Canivet's Emerald *Chlorostilbon canivetii*—a few observed at Los Tarrales

Emerald-chinned Hummingbird (RE) *Abeillia abeillei*—observed at the start of the Quetzal trail at Reserva Tepepul

Rufous Sabrewing (RE) *Campylopterus rufus*—spotted visiting the hummingbird feeders during lunch at Cabana Suiza and also at Finca el Pilar.

Violet Sabrewing *Campylopterus hemileucurus*—Doug snapped a great picture of a perched male in the forest at Los Tarrales near the bird blind

White-bellied Emerald *Amazilia candida*—two were seen on separate days at Los Tarrales on the trails

Azure-crowned Hummingbird *Amazilia cyanocephala*—observed multiple times during our trip

Berylline Hummingbird *Amazilia beryllina*—at the feeders of Cabana Suiza and also in the garden of the Hotel Toliman; the white feathers near their feet look like little white boots

Blue-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia cyanura*—at Los Tarrales feeding on the many flowers there

Cinnamon Hummingbird *Amazilia rutila*—extremely common at Los Tarrales, observed every day there

Blue-throated Goldentail *Hylocharis eliciae*—a quick look at the La Isla lookout at Los Tarrales

White-eared Hummingbird *Hylocharis leucotis*—first seen at the park of Cerro Alux in Guatemala city and then observed multiple times during our trip

RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (3)

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*—several seen at IMAP in San Lucas Toliman

American Coot *Fulica americana*—dozens observed at IMAP in San Lucas Toliman

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica*—one bird spotted at IMAP in San Lucas Toliman

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (1)

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*—one bird spotted very close at IMAP in San Lucas Toliman

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (4)

Great Egret *Ardea alba*—several spotted throughout the trip

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*—at last two observed on Lake Atitlan

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*—in the fields at the Rio Bravo pit stop

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*—one bird spotted flying past us at IMAP in San Lucas Toliman

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (2)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*—very common and observed just about every day

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*— also very common and observed just about every day

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (9)

Black Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus*—we had decent looks at one soaring high over the valley and calling at La Isla at Los Tarrales and also at the Quetzal trail in Reserva Tepepul

Ornate Hawk-Eagle (HO) *Spizaetus ornatus*—a calling bird at the Quetzal trail in Reserva Tepepul

Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*—a white-breasted race bird was seen soaring at the top of Finca el Pilar

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris*—several observed at Los Tarrales

White Hawk *Pseudastur albicollis*—a single bird glided past us and then perched across the valley at the La Isla overlook at Los Tarrales, one of the target species for that location. Wow!

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus*—two were seen soaring in kettles at Los Tarrales

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*—also observed soaring at Los Tarrales

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus*—a perched bird at Rio Bravo and another soaring at Los Tarrales

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*—really good looks of at least two birds at Finca el Pilar

OWLS: Strigidae (3)

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum*—this little guy flew out of the brush and perched above our heads as our guide imitated his call at Cayala Park outside Guatemala City. Also heard at Los Tarrales several times

Guatemalan Pygmy Owl (RE) *Glaucidium cobanense*—the Guatemalan race of the Northern Pygmy Owl was heard calling on the trail behind the Rincon Suizo restaurant with a brief look at it in flight; it is considered a distinct species by the International Ornithologists' Union

Mottled Owl (HO) *Ciccaba virgata*—heard calling at night behind our rooms at Los Tarrales

TROGONS: Trogonidae (4)

Resplendent Quetzal *Pharomachrus mocinno*—a female was observed perched at the end of the Quetzal trail hike at Reserva Tepepul; alas no resplendent male showed up during our time there

Gartered Trogon *Trogon caligatus*—perched bird clearly seen at Los Tarrales near the bird blind

Mountain Trogon (RE) *Trogon mexicanus*—really nice looks of one at Finca Chichavac

Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris*—observed two times, once at Los Tarrales and once at Reserva Tepepul

MOTMOTS: Momotidae (4)

Tody Motmot *Hylomanes momotula*—we found this hard to find small motmot at Los Tarrales

Blue-throated Motmot (RE) *Aspatha gularis*—Doug got a nice picture of this secretive bird on a trail behind the Rincon Suizo restaurant

Lesson's Motmot *Momotus lessonii*—first observed in the parking lot at Cayala Park then seen easily seen every day at Los Tarrales; they were big fans of the banana feeding station

Turquoise-browed Motmot *Eumomota superciliosa*—we had nice looks at a perched bird on a hike on our first day at Los Tarrales

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (2)

Northern Emerald-Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus prasinus*—heard calling at Fuentes Georginas on Zunil and then nicely seen on the Quetzal trail at Reserva Tepepul

Collared Aracari *Pteroglossus torquatus*—another favorite of everyone; a pair was seen feeding on palm fruit at Los Tarrales and then at least 7 visited the banana feeding station on our last day there

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (8)

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*—quite common, observed at 4 different locations

Golden-fronted Woodpecker *Melanerpes aurifrons*—observed just about every day on the tour

Hairy Woodpecker (HO) *Dryobates villosus*—heard at the Quetzal trail at Reserva Tepepul; they are quite important to Resplendent Quetzals as the quetzals enlarge woodpecker nest cavities to use as their own

Smoky-brown Woodpecker (HO) *Dryobates fumigatus*—heard several times at Los Tarrales, also drumming

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*—observed at Los Tarrales

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus*—spotted several times on the trip; just beautiful

Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus*—also observed several times on the tour, usually on the ground

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus varius*—a lone bird observed by all at Los Tarrales

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (4)

Collared Forest-Falcon *Micrastur semitorquatus*—heard calling then observed in flight at Los Tarrales

Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway*—perched bird with nice scope view at Los Tarrales

Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis*—this falcon perched on the same dead tree every day at Los Tarrales; on the morning of our 2nd day we watched plucked feathers gently float down from its perch as it dined on a Tropical Kingbird

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*—observed soaring in a kettle of vultures at Los Tarrales and then capturing a swift in mid-air

PARROTS: Psittacidae (4)

Orange-chinned Parakeet *Brotogeris jugularis*—several very nice looks through the scope at Los Tarrales

Yellow-naped Parrot *Amazona auropalliata*—heard and seen in flight at Los Tarrales

Orange-fronted Parakeet *Eupsittula canicularis*—also observed at Los Tarrales

Pacific Parakeet (RE) *Psittacara strenuus*—flocks of them were heard and observed every day at Los Tarrales; about 25 were spotted from the hotel roof in Antigua as they flew in to roost in a nearby plaza filled with trees

ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae (1)

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus*—one male observed very close in a tree at Los Tarrales

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (6)

Ivory-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*—heard and observed at Los Tarrales

Spotted Woodcreeper (HO) *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*—heard calling at Reserva Tepepul

Spot-crowned Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes affinis*—heard and seen creeping high up a pine tree at Cerro Alux

Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia variegaticeps*—brief looks at Reserva Tepepul

Ruddy Foliage-gleaner (HO) *Clibanornis rubiginosus*—heard on the Quetzal trail at Reserva Tepepul

Rufous-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis erythrothorax*—one observed on the La Casona trail at Los Tarrales

MANAKINS: Pipridae (1)

Long-tailed Manakin *Chiroxiphia linearis*—an immature male was found in a tree at the La Isla overlook in Los Tarrales

TITYRAS AND BECARDS: Tityridae (3)

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata*—several good looks of these striking birds at Los Tarrales

Rose-throated Becard *Pachyramphus aglaiae*—observed at Los Tarrales and Finca el Pillar

Gray-collared Becard (HO) *Pachyramphus major*— heard on the Quetzal trail at Reserva Tepepul

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (23)

Northern Bentbill *Oncostoma cinereigulare*—heard and observed on several trails at Los Tarrales

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*—cute little guy; observed at Los Tarrales and the San Lucas Toliman area

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet (HO) *Camptostoma imberbe*—heard once at Los Tarrales

Greenish Elaenia (HO) *Myiopagis viridicata*—several were heard at Los Tarrales

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*—heard and observed at Los Tarrales and San Lucas

Guatemalan Tyrannulet *Zimmerius vilissimus*—heard and seen several times at various locations

Tufted Flycatcher *Mitrephanes phaeocercus*—observed perched and flycatching in several locations

Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi*—a nice perched look at Reserva Tepepul; white chest stripe was clearly visible

Greater Pewee *Contopus pertinax*—common at multiple locations

Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus*—also common at multiple locations

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher *Empidonax flaviventris*—observed at Cayala Park and Los Tarrales

Least Flycatcher *Empidonax minimus*—several observed at multiple locations

Hammond's Flycatcher *Empidonax hammondii*—small flycatcher observed at Finca Chichavac

Pine Flycatcher *Empidonax affinis*—we had a long perched view at Fuentes Georginas and after much debate settled on Pine Flycatcher

Buff-breasted Flycatcher *Empidonax fulvifrons*—nice scope views at Finca Chichavac

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*—one of the first birds observed as the vans pulled into Los Tarrales

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*—very common, observed multiple locations

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*—single bird observed at Los Tarrales

Boat-billed Flycatcher (HO) *Megarynchus pitangua*—heard at Cayala Park and Los Tarrales

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*—very common and easy to hear and observe, sometimes 10-12 birds were perched together

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*— also common at multiple locations and a breakfast favorite of the Bat Falcon at Los Tarrales

Western Kingbird *Tyrannus verticalis*—observed on the soccer field at Los Tarrales; distinguishable from Tropical Kingbird by narrow white edges on sides of tail

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus*—observed perched on a wire near the Rio Bravo pit stop

VIREOS: Vireonidae (7)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*—heard at several locations and finally observed at the Gardenia de la Provincia

Green Shrike-Vireo (HO) *Vireolanus pulchellus*—heard at Los Tarrales

Hutton's Vireo *Vireo huttoni*—observed at Cerro Alux

Yellow-throated Vireo *Vireo flavifrons*—perched bird observed at Cayala Park

Blue-headed Vireo *Vireo solitarius*—observed at 4 different locations, often in mixed-feeding flocks

Plumbeous Vireo *Vireo plumbeus*—an excellent look at one at Finca el Pilar

Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus*—several observed at Cayala Park and Finca el Pilar

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (4)

White-throated Magpie-Jay *Calocitta formosa*—we observed this very large and beautiful jay most days at Los Tarrales

Bushy-crested Jay *Cyanocorax melanocyaneus*—flocks of several birds seen and heard at Cayala Park, Reserva Tepepul, and Finca el Pilar

Steller's Jay *Cyanocitta stelleri*—this handsome jay was observed at multiple locations

Unicolored Jay *Aphelocoma unicolor*—a flock flashed blue in the sun as they flew by us at Fuentes Georinus on Zunil

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (5)

Black-capped Swallow (RE) *Atticora pileata*—small flocks observed in flight at multiple locations

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*—flocks of 30+ birds observed at Los Tarrales and IMAP

Mangrove Swallow *Tachycineta albilinea*—large flocks observed over Lake Atitlan at IMAP and from the deck at the Hotel Toliman

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*—a few single birds seen at 3 different locations

Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*—we spotted a single bird with other swallows at IMAP

BUSHTIT: Aegithalidae (1)

Bushtit *Psaltriparus minimus*—a small flock was observed high in the pine trees at Cerro Alux

TREECREEPERS: Certhiidae (1)

Brown Creeper *Certhia americana*—one bird observed creeping up a tree at Finca Chichavac

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (2)

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus*—single bird observed at Los Tarrales on our first day there and also at Reserva Tepepul

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea*—single bird observed in a mixed flock at Los Tarrales

WRENS: Troglodytidae (8)

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*—more common than expected, observed at multiple locations

Rufous-browed Wren (RE) *Troglodytes rufociliatus*—fairly common, observed and heard multiple times

Band-backed Wren *Campylorhynchus zonatus*—another common (and large) vocal wren seen and heard multiple times

Rufous-naped Wren *Campylorhynchus rufinucha*—observed twice at Los Tarrales

Spot-breasted Wren (HO) *Pheugopedius maculipectus*—heard several times at Los Tarrales

Cabanis's Wren *Cantorchilus modestus*—great looks at a single bird right off the trail at Cerro Alux, it's eye-stripe is similar to that of a Carolina Wren but it's a smaller bird

White-breasted Wood-Wren (HO) *Henicorhina leucosticta*—heard on back-to-back days at Los Tarrales

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys*—a sneaky little guy who did not want to be seen was observed by some of the group at Reserva Tepepul after we heard its call first

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (2)

Blue-and-white Mockingbird (RE) *Melanotis hypoleucus*—heard multiple times on the tour and finally observed at the Gardenia de la Provenca on our last day of birding

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus*—several were also observed at the Gardenia de la Provenca

THRUSHES: Turdidae (10)

Eastern Bluebird *Sialia sialis*—they liked Fincas (and fenceposts); pairs were observed at Finca Chichavac and Finca el Pilar

Brown-backed Solitaire *Myadestes occidentalis*—Roland’s description of its call “like a bag of rusty nails being shook” was spot on; observed and heard at several locations

Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush (HO) *Catharus frantzii*—heard at Fuentes Georginus and Reserva Tepepul

Swainson’s Thrush *Catharus ustulatus*—observed a single bird every day under the hanging banana station at Los Tarrales

Wood Thrush *Hylocichla mustelina*—nice looks at a single bird at Cayala Park

Mountain Thrush *Turdus plebejus*—observed at Reserva Tepepul

White-throated Thrush *Turdus assimilis*—several seen in a tree at La Isla overlook at Los Tarrales

Clay-colored Thrush *Turdus grayi*—very common most places we went on the tour

Black Thrush *Turdus infuscatus*—a few perched birds were spotted at the start of the Quetzal trail at Reserva Tepepul

Rufous-collared Robin (RE) *Turdus rufitorques*—observed at 4 different locations with about 50 seen in a radish field on the slope of Zunil, and these were the largest radishes we’d ever seen (apple size) due to the rich volcanic soil

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS: Ptiliogonatidae (1)

Gray Silky-flycatcher *Ptiliogonys cinereus*—observed multiple times but what a beautiful bird, especially through the scope perched at the top of a tree in full sunlight

OLIVE WARBLER: Peucedramidae (1)

Olive Warbler *Peucedramus taeniatus*—male and female observed in a mixed flock at Finca el Pilar

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)

House Sparrow (I) *Passer domesticus*—quite common in most cities we visited

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (6)

Scrub Euphonia *Euphonia affinis*—observed at the banana station at Los Tarrales

Yellow-throated Euphonia *Euphonia hirundinacea*—also observed at the banana station at Los Tarrales, often next to Scrub Euphonias for easy comparison

Elegant Euphonia *Euphonia elegantissima*—one of the most beautiful birds we were lucky enough to see and it was a singing brilliantly colored perched male in full sun at Reserva Tepepul, with its turquoise nape and cinnamon belly on display

Hooded Grosbeak (RE) *Coccothraustes abeillei*—we were lucky to see a flock feeding right off the Quetzal trail at Reserva Tepepul

Black-headed Siskin *Spinus notatus*—observed very close at Finca el Pilar and Cerro de la Cruz

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria*—observed in the garden at the Hotel Toliman and also at Los Tarrales

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (6)

Common Chlorospingus *Chlorospingus flavopectus*—a flock of these perky little birds greeted us as we exited the vans upon our arrival at Fuentes Georginus on the volcano Zunil

Yellow-eyed Junco *Junco phaeonotus*—we had great views of a single perched bird and its vibrant yellow eyes at Finca Chinchavac

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*—fairly common and observed multiple times, even around our hotel grounds

White-eared Ground-Sparrow *Melospiza leucotis*—Doug captured some great photos of this very secretive bird at Cayala Park; also observed at the bird blind at Los Tarrales

White-faced Ground-Sparrow *Melospiza biarcuata*—another secretive sparrow but we had nice looks at Los Tarrales and more great pictures were snapped by Doug of a pair at the Hotel Toliman gardens

Rusty Sparrow *Aimophila rufescens*—Peter and Alfredo got quick looks at this beauty on the trail at Reserva Tepepul

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (9)

Yellow-billed Caciue *Amblycercus holosericeus*—several were spotted at Cayala Park

Black-vented Oriole *Icterus wagleri*—a pair was hanging upside down on a banana plant in the gardens at Hotel Toliman

Orchard Oriole *Icterus spurius*—several observed feeding on nectar from the hedgerow flowers every day at Los Tarrales; also seen in the gardens of the Hotel Toliman

Spot-breasted Oriole *Icterus pectoralis*—first observed at Cayala Park then everyday at Los Tarrales at the banana feeding station

Altamira Oriole *Icterus gularis*—this large, vibrantly colored orange and black oriole was observed a few times at Los Tarrales

Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula*—a common migrant from the north observed at multiple locations

Bronzed Cowbird *Molothrus aeneus*—several birds were roosting in some tall trees by the Hotel Toliman

Melodious Blackbird *Dives dives*—heard singing melodiously and observed at Los Tarrales

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*—very common and observed in most locations

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (25)

Ovenbird *Seiurus aurocapilla*—observed both at Cayala Park and Los Tarrales

Northern Waterthrush (HO) *Parkesia noveboracensis*—heard by the pond area at Los Tarrales

Blue-winged Warbler *Vermivora cyanoptera*—good looks at a single bird at Cayala Park

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*—we spotted this northern migrant on at least 5 different days

Crescent-chested Warbler *Oreothlypis superciliosa*—one of the local warblers observed multiple times

Tennessee Warbler *Leiothlypis peregrina*—this warbler gets my vote for the most abundant warbler of the trip as it was observed every day of the tour and in some places we saw over 10 of them or more

Nashville Warbler *Leiothlypis ruficapilla*—spotted at Cayala Park, Cerro Alux, and Cerro de la Cruz

Gray-crowned Yellowthroat *Geothlypis poliocephala*—observed skulking in the gardens of IMAP

MacGillivray's Warbler *Geothlypis tolmiei*—quick looks of one at Cayala Park

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*—a single bird was observed in the Hotel Toliman gardens

Hooded Warbler *Setophaga citrina*—nice looks of a male at Cayala Park

Cape May Warbler *Setophaga tigrina*—now this nice male got both our local guides very excited (a life country bird for Guatemala for both of them, us too technically); it was viewed and photographed 3 straight days in the Hotel Toliman garden trees

Magnolia Warbler *Setophaga magnolia*—it was nice to see this northern migrant at 3 different locations

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*—one was spotted first at the Rio Bravo pit stop then at Los Tarrales

Grace's Warbler *Setophaga graciae*—several stunning males were observed together in a mixed flock at Cerro de la Cruz park

Townsend's Warbler *Setophaga townsendi*—this western northern migrant was one of the most common warblers of the trip, a nice bonus for this New Jersey guy; observed almost every day

Hermit Warbler *Setophaga occidentalis*—spotted at Cerro Alux early in the trip and also at Finca el Pilar

Golden-cheeked Warbler *Setophaga chrysoparia*—observed by Roland and Peter in a mixed feeding flock at Finca el Pilar; one was also seen on the pre-trip at Cerro Alux

Black-throated Green Warbler *Setophaga virens*—several seen early in the trip at the Guatemala City parks and one was also observed at the Gardenia de la Provincia

Chestnut-capped Warbler *Basileuterus delatirii*—several observed at Los Tarrales, this species and the Rufous-capped Warbler were recently split

Golden-browed Warbler *Basileuterus belli*—spotted at Cerro Alux and also at Reserva Tepepul on the Quetzal trail

Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus*—observed multiple days at Los Tarrales and also at Reserva Tepepul

Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*—another extremely common northern migrant that was observed almost every day and at every location

Pink-headed Warbler (RE) *Cardellina versicolor*—one of the stars of the trip!; several were seen very close at Fuentes Georginus on Zunil with Doug capturing some nice pictures; also observed behind the Rincon Suizo restaurant in Tecpan

Slate-throated Redstart *Myioborus miniatus*—a very colorful and active bird observed at multiple locations

CARDINALS AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (7)

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*—this beautiful all red (males) northern migrant was spotted 6/9 days on the trip

Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana*—observed at Fuentes Georginas on Zunil and in the gardens at the Hotel Toliman

White-winged Tanager *Piranga leucoptera*—observed at Cayala Park and multiple days at Los Tarrales

Red-throated Ant-Tanager *Habia fuscicauda*—a nice find beautifully photographed by Doug at Los Tarrales

Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus*—we ran into these northern migrants at multiple locations and at the seed feeder in the Hotel Toliman gardens

Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea*—found at 3 different locations on the tour

Painted Bunting *Passerina ciris*—another star of the trip with 8 males feeding on sumac seed heads in the garden at Hotel Toliman; reminded us of feather fireworks, just a gorgeous bird

TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (9)

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*—commonly spotted at the banana station at Los Tarrales and also in the gardens at the Hotel Toliman

Yellow-winged Tanager *Thraupis abbas*—also observed daily at the banana station at Los Tarrales and also in the gardens at the Hotel Toliman

Azure-rumped Tanager (HO) (RE) *Poecilostreptus cabanisi*—several were heard at the La Isla overlook at Los Tarrales but sadly we could not get any good looks at them

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus*—getting good looks were not a problem for these birds as they were observed every day at Los Tarrales

Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer *Diglossa baritula*—one of the magical moments of the trip was when this bird popped up right in front of us at Fuentes Georginus almost too close for binoculars, searching for nectar in some large purple flowers

Morelet's Seedeater *Sporophila moreletii*—several were observed in the roadside scrub at Los Tarrales

Yellow-faced Grassquit *Tiaris olivaceus*—observed at Los Tarrales also

Black-headed Saltator *Saltator atriceps*—a small flock was first observed feeding on berries with a Lesson's Motmot in the parking lot at Cayala Park; they were then viewed every day at Los Tarrales and were especially fond of bananas

Cinnamon-bellied Saltator *Saltator grandis*—observed several times at Los Tarrales, they were another big fan of the banana station; this bird was split as a distinct species from the Grayish Saltator by the IOC in 2021

MAMMALS (7 species recorded):

Deppe's Squirrel *Sciurus deppei*—observed the last 4 days of the trip; small squirrel with a short tail

Variiegated Squirrel *Sciurus variegatoides*—observed at least twice; long tail and white under-belly

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*—very common at Los Tarrales and easily observed

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*—several seen every day at Los Tarrales where we also learned they like bananas too

Neotropical River Otter *Lontra longicaudis*—a pair was observed swimming in the pond at Los Tarrales and we captured pictures and videos of them; very exciting moment as they swam up close to us to check us out

Mexican Gray Squirrel *Sciurus aureogaster*—Peter spotted one of these by its rusty underbelly at Los Tarrales

Long-tailed Weasel *Mustela frenata*—as we were birding and enjoying cocktails on the deck of the Hotel Toliman we saw the weasel climb a tree and grab a rat it must have stashed for later, then safely dodge the local cat as it returned to its den; our guide Alfredo captured some nice pictures of this exciting moment

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS (6 species recorded):

Asian House Gecko (I) *Hemidactylus frenatus*—found at Los Tarrales

Yellow-headed Gecko *Gonatodes albogularis*—we watched one crawl out of a crack and bask at Los Tarrales

Brown Basilisk *Basiliscus vittatus*—a large one also observed at Los Tarrales

Rainbow Ameiva *Holcosus undulatus*—we spotted one and photographed it at Cerro de la Cruz park

Fence Lizard family: *Phrynosomatidae*—spotted on logs at IMAP; no species i.d. as it was too quick for a picture

Emerald Swift *Sceloporus malachiticus*—also known as the Green Spiny Lizard; observed and photographed basking at Finca el Pilar