



Veracruz, Mexico: River of Raptors and More!

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With guides Kashmir Wolf and David Mehlman with 5 participants:
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(HO) = Distinctive enough to be counted as heard only

(GO) = Seen by guides only

(I) = introduced

(E) = Mexican Endemic

Summary: An inaugural tour for Naturalist Journeys, the guides Kashmir Wolf (Pronatura Veracruz) and David Mehlman (Naturalist Journeys) led the group to a fabulous mix of habitats. Highlights of the trip included with the unmistakable Red Warbler, listening to a chorus of Plain Chachalacas, finding Squirrel Cuckoo on many days (a great “common” bird), hearing the incredible song of a visible Brown-backed Solitaire, getting looks at the elusive Blue Mockingbird, and finding 13 species of hummingbirds, 10 species of herons and egrets, and 24 species of flycatchers. We also had 24 species of raptors – residents and migrants, a mix of 27 New World warblers from East and West, migrants and residents, which was a delight.

BIRDS (256 species recorded, of which 12 were heard only and 6 additional species noted by guides only):

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae (3)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* – Seen twice, at the Cansaburro dunes wetland platform and at Las Barrancas.

Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata* – One seen flying from the Cansaburro dunes wetland observation deck.

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors* – At the Cansaburro dunes wetland observation deck and at Las Barrancas.

GUANS AND CHACHALACAS: Cracidae (3)

Plain Chachalaca *Ortalis vetula* – Seen or heard on many days during the trip at a variety of sites, perhaps the closest when feeding on palm fruits at the Nanciyaga Reserve.

Crested Guan *Penelope purpurascens* (HO) – Heard briefly at Ruiz Cortines.

Great Curassow *Crax rubra* – Several individuals seen well, but briefly, crossing the entrance road to Nanciyaga Reserve, Catemaco.

NEW WORLD QUAILS: Odontophoridae (1)

Northern Bobwhite *Colinus virginianus* (HO) – Heard at Paso Mariano.

GREBES: Podicipedidae (1)

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* – Seen in the mouth of the small river at Playa Juan Angel and in a wetland at Las Barrancas.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (9)

Rock Pigeon (I) *Columba livia* – Seen every day when in or passing through a town.

Red-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas flavirostris* – Seen almost every day in the lower elevations, generally flying overhead in loose flocks, but sometimes seen perched.

Eurasian Collared-Dove (I) *Streptopelia decaocto* – Seen on 4 days when in a town.

Inca Dove *Columbina inca* - Seen on 7 days of the trip in many locations.

Ruddy Ground-Dove *Columbina talpacoti* – Seen on 4 days of the trip, most notably at Las Barrancas when one perched in front of the group.

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* – Seen on the road at Cansaburro Dunes and heard at Rancho El Mirador.

Gray-headed Dove *Leptotila plumbeiceps* (HO) - Heard at Ruiz Cortines.

Tuxtla Quail-Dove (E) *Zenaidura macroura* – Heard and seen poorly flying away at Ruiz Cortines.

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica* - Seen on the first 3 days of the trip at various sites near Cardel and Chichicaxtle.

CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae (2)

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris* - Seen on every day while in the lowlands.

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* - Seen or heard on 6 days at many sites.

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (1)

Common Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* (HO) - Heard calling both nights during dinner at the Hotel Playa Azul, Catemaco.

SWIFTS: Apodidae (3)

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* - A large group seen flying far overhead at the Cascada de Texolo.

Chimney Swift *Chaetura pelagica* - Seen flying over the open fields at Ruiz Cortines.

Vaux's Swift *Chaetura vauxi* - Seen flying over Rancho El Mirador.

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (13)

Long-billed Hermit *Phaethornis longirostris* - Observed foraging at Heliconia flowers at Nanciyaga Reserve.

Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis* - Seen on two days at Nanciyaga Reserve and in Ruiz Cortines.

Green-breasted Mango *Anthracothorax prevostii* - Very well observed while hawking insects at Las Barrancas.

Amethyst-throated Mountain-gem *Lampornis amethystinus* - Seen by guides at La Joya.

Blue-throated Mountain-gem *Lampornis clemenciae* - One observed by most of group at La Joya.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris* - Seen on 3 days at Paso Mariano, Rancho El Mirador, and in Ruiz Cortines.

Canivet's Emerald *Chlorostilbon canivetii* - Seen twice, at Paso Mariano (a male) and at Hotel Playa Azul (a female).

Wedge-tailed Sabrewing *Campylopterus curvipennis* - One seen at Rancho El Mirador and many at Macuiltepetl.

Long-tailed Sabrewing (E) *Campylopterus excellens* - One individual visiting Braulio's feeder in Ruiz Cortines.

Violet Sabrewing *Campylopterus hemileucurus* - One male observed perched at the edge of the canyon at the Cascada de Texolo.

White-bellied Emerald *Amazilia candida* - Seen at Nanciyaga Reserve and in Ruiz Cortines.

Azure-crowned Hummingbird *Amazilia cyanocephala* - At Rancho El Mirador, Macuiltepetl, and the feeder in Ruiz Cortines.

Buff-bellied Hummingbird *Amazilia yucatanensis* - Most frequently seen hummingbird of the trip, seen on 5 days, primarily in the lowlands.

RAILS, CRAKES, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (3)

Russet-naped Wood-Rail *Aramides albiventris* - One seen walking in the mangroves during the Alvarado wetlands boat trip.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica* - Only seen at the Cansaburro dunes wetland platform.

Ruddy Crake *Laterallus ruber* - Heard calling at the Cansaburro dunes wetland platform and a family group seen very well (in response to playback) from the dock at Nanciyaga Reserve.

LIMPKIN: Aramidae (1)

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* - One seen flying at the Cansaburro dunes wetland platform.

THICK-KNEES: Burhinidae (1)

Double-striped Thick-knee *Burhinus bistriatus* - 6 individuals found at Las Barrancas.

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (1)

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* - Seen along small rivers during the Rio La Antigua boat trip and at Playa Juan Angel.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS, Charadriidae (1)

Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* - Seen twice by a few in the group: during the Rio La Antigua boat trip and at Playa Juan Angel.

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus* - Seen once at Playa Juan Angel.

JACANAS, Jacanidae (1)

Northern Jacana *Jacana spinosa* - Easily observed in appropriate wetland habitats, including at the Cansaburro dunes wetland platform and Las Barracas.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (6)

Long-billed Curlew *Numenius americanus* - One observed on the beach at Playa Juan Angel.

Sanderling *Calidris alba* - Seen on the beaches during the Rio La Antigua boat trip and at Playa Juan Angel.

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos* - One bird closely studied from the Cansaburro dunes wetland

platform.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* - Seen on five days in a variety of wetland habitats, including beaches, along rivers, and on lakeshores.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* - Seen during the Rio La Antigua boat trip and at Playa Juan Angel.

Willet *Tringa semipalmata* - Seen on the beaches by the Hotel Mocambo, during the Rio La Antigua boat trip, and at Playa Juan Angel.

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (7)

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla* - Common on the days we visited beaches on the Gulf.

Least Tern *Sternula antillarum* (GO) - Observed by guides during the Rio La Antigua boat trip.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica* - About a dozen seen in the large tern flock at the mouth of the Rio La Antigua during the boat trip.

Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri* - One seen in the tern flock at the mouth of the Rio La Antigua during the boat trip.

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus* - Many individuals in the tern flock at the mouth of the Rio La Antigua during the boat trip.

Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis* - Several individuals in the tern flock at the mouth of the Rio La Antigua during the boat trip.

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* - Seen at the mouth of the Rio La Antigua during the boat trip.

STORKS: Ciconiidae (1)

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana* - A few seen flying over Cardel.

FRIGATEBIRDS: Fregatidae (1)

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens* - Seen on 4 days when near the ocean; always soaring overhead.

ANHINGAS: Anhingidae (1)

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* - Seen on 3 days, most notably a large flock migrating over Cempoala; also over the hawkwatch and during the Alvarado Lagoon boat trip.

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (1)

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* - Seen on 3 days when near fresh water, probably the best during the Rio La Antigua boat trip.

PELICANS: Pelecanidae (1)

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis* - Seen on 6 days whenever near the Gulf of Mexico.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (10)

Bare-throated Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma mexicanum* - One adult at the Cansaburro dunes wetland overlook and one immature from the boat during the Rio La Antigua trip.

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias* - Seen on 3 days of the trip.

Great Egret *Ardea alba* - Seen on 6 days of the trip.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* - Seen on 5 days of the trip.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* - Seen on 4 days of the trip.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor* - Seen twice, on the Rio La Antigua boat trip and at Playa Juan Angel.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* - Seen on 6 days of the trip.

Green Heron *Butorides virescens* - Seen on 5 days of the trip.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* - One seen at Playa Juan Angel and heard while eating dinner both nights at Hotel Playa Azul, Catemaco.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea* - Seen the first 2 days of the trip, including at the beach by the Hotel Mocambo and many at the Cansaburro dunes wetland overlook.

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (2)

White Ibis *Euodimus albus* - Seen 3 days, primarily at the Cansaburro dunes wetland overlook and at Las Barrancas.

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi* - Only seen at the Cansaburro dunes wetland overlook.

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (3)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* - A common and ubiquitous species, one of the few seen every single day of the trip.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* - A commonly encountered species, seen on 8 days of the trip.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes burrovianus* - A few picked out from other vultures during the Alvarado Lagoon boat trip.

OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* - Seen on 5 days of the trip, including occasional ones migrating from the hawk watching platforms.

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (16)

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis* - One juvenile seen flying at Chichicaxtle during one of our hawk-watching visits.

Mississippi Kite *Ictinia mississippiensis* - Seen during hawk watching sessions on the first 3 days of the trip in large numbers.

Black Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus* - One seen at Ruiz Cortines.

Ornate Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus ornatus* - One seen very well at Ruiz Cortines.

Northern Harrier *Circus hudsonius* - One seen at Chichicaxtle.

Cooper's Hawk *Accipiter cooperii* - One seen at Ejido 20 de Noviembre.

Black-collared Hawk *Busarellus nigricollis* - Several seen perched and flying at Alvarado Lagoon.

Common Black Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus* - Seen on 3 days near various wetlands, but very common during the Alvarado Lagoon boat trip.

Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga* - One seen during the Alvarado Lagoon boat trip.

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* - Regularly seen or heard; found on 8 days of the trip.

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus* - Seen 3 days, probably best when one soared over Quiahuixtlan.

Red-shouldered Hawk *Buteo lineatus* (GO) - One seen and identified by Kashmir and the hawk counters in Cardel.

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus* - Seen during hawk watching sessions on the first 3 days of the trip in substantial numbers; by far the most numerous raptor seen during the trip.

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus* - Seen by the group during the Alvarado lagoon boat trip.

Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus* - Seen on 2 days, once over Quiahuixtlan and one from the Chichicaxtle hawk-watching platform.

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis* - One seen at Ejido 20 de Noviembre.

OWLS: Strigidae (2)

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum* - Regularly heard at several sites, but seen very well once at Paso Mariano.

Mottled Owl *Ciccaba virgata (HO)* - Heard calling at Hotel Playa Azul, Catemaco.

TROGONS: Trogonidae (1)

Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris* - Found in the forest at Ruiz Cortines.

MOTMOTS: Momotidae (3)

Tody Motmot *Hylomanes momotula* - Found in the forest at Ruiz Cortines.

Blue-capped Motmot (E) *Momotus coeruliceps* - Heard and seen at Rancho El Mirador and Macuiltepetl.

Lesson's Motmot *Momotus lessonii* - Seen and/or heard around the Catemaco area at Nanciyaga Reserve and at Ruiz Cortines.

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (3)

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* - Seen on the Rio La Antigua and Alvarado Lagoon boat trips and on Lake Catemaco at Nanciyaga Reserve.

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona* - Seen on the Rio La Antigua boat trip.

Green Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle americana* - Seen on the Rio La Antigua boat trip.

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (2)

Collared Aracari *Pteroglossus torquatus* - Seen on 3 days: at Rancho El Mirador, Hotel Playa Azul the day we arrived, and at Nanciyaga Reserve.

Keel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos sulfuratus* - Seen or heard 4 days, including at Rancho El Mirador, Cascada de Texolo, Los Tuxtlas Biological Station, and Ruiz Cortines.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (5)

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus* - Seen at Rancho El Mirador and La Joya.

Golden-fronted Woodpecker *Melanerpes aurifrons* - By far the most frequently seen woodpecker of the trip, seen on 8 days in many places.

Ladder-backed Woodpecker *Dryobates scalaris* - Seen on 4 days, mostly at lower elevations: Chichicaxtle, Cansaburro dunes, Macuiltepetl, and Las Barrancas.

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* - Only seen once, from the van on the drive out from the Cansaburro dunes wetland platform.

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus* - Seen or heard in the Catemaco region at Los Tuxtlas Biological Station and Ruiz Cortines.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (8)

Barred Forest-Falcon *Micrastur ruficollis (HO)* - Heard calling at Ruiz Cortines.

Collared Forest-Falcon *Micrastur semitorquatus (HO)* - Heard calling at the Cansaburro platform.

Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway* - Seen from the boat near the mouth of the La Antigua River and at

Las Barrancas.

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans* - One seen from the Cansaburro platform.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* - Seen on 2 days, at Chichicaxtle and Cardel when hawk-watching.

Plomado Falcon *Falco femoralis* - Seen on 4 days at Chichicaxtle, the Cansaburro dunes wetland platform, along the La Antigua River, and at Las Barrancas.

Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis* - Seen along road during drive from Rancho El Mirador to Xalapa.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* - Seen on 6 days at a variety of sites, including several migrating overhead.

PARROTS: Psittacidae (4)

Red-lored Parrot *Amazona autumnalis* - Seen at the Cansaburro dunes wetland platform.

White-fronted Parrot *Amazona albifrons* - Seen at Hotel Mocambo on the first morning bird walk.

Monk Parakeet (I) *Myiopsitta monachus* - Several observed feeding in a Casuarina near nests by the Hotel Mocambo.

Olive-throated Parakeet *Eupsittula nana* - Three seen near the Ermita del Rosario in La Antigua.

ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae (1)

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* - One bird very well observed while responding to playback in the mangrove forests at the Alvarado Lagoon (from the boat).

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (5)

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus* - Seen by group at Rancho El Mirador.

Ivory-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster* - Seen on two days in the Catemaco region at Nanciyaga Reserve and Ruiz Cortines.

Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia variegaticeps* - Pair found in the forest at Ruiz Cortines.

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus* - Pair found in the forest at Ruiz Cortines.

Rufous-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis erythrothorax* - One singing bird very well observed while responding to playback in the mangrove forests at the Alvarado Lagoon (from the boat).

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (24)

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* - Seen (and heard) at Las Barrancas.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus* - Seen at Rancho El Mirador and Los Tuxtlas Biological Station.

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* - One bird observed very well at Las Barrancas.

Eye-ringed Flatbill *Rhynchocyclus brevirostris* - Several seen and heard in the forest at Ruiz Cortines.

Yellow-olive Flycatcher *Tolmomyias sulphurescens* - Seen or heard at Nanciyaga Reserve and Los Tuxtlas Biological Station on the same day.

Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi* - Seen at Quiahuixtlan and Macuiltepetl.

Greater Pewee *Contopus pertinax* - Seen at Rancho El Mirador and La Joya.

Eastern Wood-Pewee *Contopus virens* - Seen at the Cansaburro dunes wetland platform and at Ruiz Cortines.

Acadian Flycatcher *Empidonax virescens (HO)* - Heard calling on at Macuiltepetl and Nanciyaga Reserve.

Least Flycatcher *Empidonax minimus* - Seen at the Cansaburro dunes wetland platform and at Paso Mariano.

Cordilleran Flycatcher *Empidonax occidentalis* - Heard or seen at Rancho El Mirador and Macuiltepetl.

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* - Seen in fields at Paso Mariano.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* - Seen on 3 days at the Cansaburro dunes wetland platform, Ejido 20 de Noviembre, and Las Barrancas.

Great Crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus crinitus* - Seen 6 days at a variety of sites, mostly at lower to mid-elevations.

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus* (HO) - Ruiz Cortines.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* - One of the most widespread and ubiquitous birds of the trip, heard and seen on all 9 days.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* - Seen or heard on 6 days in many sites.

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* - Frequently seen; found on all 9 days of the trip.

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher *Myiodynastes luteiventris* - Seen on the first day at the Hotel Mocambo.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* - Seen on all days when the group was at lower elevations.

Couch's Kingbird *Tyrannus couchii* - One seen and positively identified by call at the Cansaburro platform.

Eastern Kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus* - Seen on several days, sometimes in quite large numbers, when near the coast and at Las Barrancas.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus* - Seen on 2 days: many migrating over at the Cansaburro dunes and at Las Barrancas.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savanna* - Good numbers seen at Las Barrancas.

BECARDS AND TITYRAS: Tityridae (3)

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata* - Seen on 2 days: at the Ermita del Rosario, La Antigua, and at Rancho El Mirador.

Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor* - 3 birds, probably a male, female, and young, observed in the canopy along the road in the Los Tuxtlas Tropical Biological Station.

Rose-throated Becard *Pachyramphus aglaiae* - A pair very well seen by everyone at Paso Mariano.

VIREOS: Vireonidae (6)

Lesser Greenlet *Pachysylvia decurtata* - Seen on 2 days in the Catemaco region, at Nanciyaga Reserve, Los Tuxtlas Biological Station, and Ruiz Cortines.

Hutton's Vireo *Vireo huttoni* - Several seen in the mixed species flocks at La Joya.

Yellow-throated Vireo *Vireo flavifrons* - One seen at Paso Mariano.

Blue-headed Vireo *Vireo solitarius* - Seen on 2 days at La Joya and Macuiltepetl.

Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys* - One individual seen well at Macuiltepetl.

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus* - Only seen on 1 day at Los Tuxtlas Biological Station.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (3)

Brown Jay *Psilorhinus morio* - Frequently encountered; seen or heard on 6 days at a variety of locations.

Green Jay *Cyanocorax yncas* - Only found at Macuiltepetl.

Steller's Jay *Cyanocitta stelleri* - Several seen in the La Joya pine forests.

LARKS: Alaudidae (1)

Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris* - One seen perched on the rock wall overlooking the barranca on the road to Las Minas.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (6)

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis* - Seen on the first 3 days of the trip when in the lowlands.

Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor* - Seen on 1 day at Cempoala.

Mangrove Swallow *Tachycineta albilinea* - Several seen from the boat in the Alvarado Lagoon.

Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia* - One seen from the boat on the La Antigua River.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* - Very common and frequently seen while migrating on 4 days of the trip when in the lowlands at almost all sites.

Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* - Commonly seen while migrating on 4 days of the trip when in the lowlands at several sites.

TITS AND CHICKADEES: Paridae (1)

Mexican Chickadee *Poecile sclateri* - Seen at several sites in the mountains on 1 day, including La Joya, Las Minas, and Ejido 20 de Noviembre.

NUTHATCHES: Sittidae (1)

White-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta carolinensis* - Found in the mountain pine forests at La Joya and the road to Las Minas.

TREECREEPERS: Certhiidae (1)

Brown Creeper *Certhia americana* - Found in the pine forests along the road to Las Minas.

WRENS: Troglodytidae (7)

Canyon Wren *Catherpes mexicanus* - One heard singing and seen at a distance at Paso Mariano.

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* - Found in the highlands at La Joya and in Ruiz Cortines.

Band-backed Wren *Campylorhynchus zonatus* - These raucous wrens were frequently heard and occasionally seen on 6 days at many low elevation sites.

Rufous-naped Wren *Campylorhynchus rufinucha* - Several individuals of the Veracruz endemic subspecies of this wren were found in Paso Mariano.

Spot-breasted Wren *Pheugopedius maculipectus* - Mostly heard, but also seen, on 3 days both from the boat in Alvarado Lagoon and in the Catemaco area.

White-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucosticte* - Heard frequently and seen with a bit of effort on 3 days at Rancho El Mirador, Nanciyaga Reserve, and Ruiz Cortines.

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys* - This higher-elevation replacement for the preceding species was equally easier to hear than see, but was detected at La Joya and in Ruiz Cortines.

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (1)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *Polioptila caerulea* - A fairly frequent, but not numerous, migrant in the lowlands, seen or heard on 6 days at a variety of sites.

THRUSHES: Turdidae (6)

Brown-backed Solitaire *Myadestes occidentalis* - Found at La Joya, where it was well observed and heard singing its fabulous song.

Slate-colored Solitaire *Myadestes unicolor* - One bird observed in the forests at Ruiz Cortines.

Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus mexicanus* (HO) - Heard singing at Ruiz Cortines.

White-throated Thrush *Turdus assimilis* (HO) - Heard singing at Ruiz Cortines.

Clay-colored Thrush *Turdus grayi* - By far the most frequently encountered thrush of the trip, found on 7 days at many sites.

American Robin *Turdus migratorius* - Quite a few seen perched and flying through the pines at La Joya.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (2)

Blue Mockingbird (E) *Melanotis caerulescens* - Several found during the hike at Macuiltepetl.

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus* - Found along (and in!) the road at Las Barrancas.

OLIVE WARBLER: Peucedramidae (1)

Olive Warbler *Peucedramus taeniatus* - Found in the pine forests at La Joya and Las Minas.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (7)

Blue-crowned Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia occipitalis* - This spectacular species was seen in the forest in Ruiz Cortines, pretty high in the canopy.

Scrub Euphonia *Euphonia affinis* - Seen on the first day at Chichicaxtle and heard on 2 more days.

Yellow-throated Euphonia *Euphonia hirundinacea* - Seen or heard on 4 days at Macuiltepetl and in the Catemaco region at Hotel Playa Azul, Nanciyaga Reserve, Los Tuxtlas Biological Station, and Ruiz Cortines.

Olive-backed Euphonia *Euphonia gouldi* (GO) - Los Tuxtlas Biological Station.

House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus* - Ejido 20 de Noviembre.

Black-headed Siskin *Spinus notatus* - Several observed flying in and over the corn fields at Ejido 20 de Noviembre.

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria* - Seen on 2 days at Ejido 20 de Noviembre and in Ruiz Cortines.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (4)

Common Chlorospingus *Chlorospingus flavopectus* - The "bird formerly known as bush-tanager" was found on 3 days at Rancho el Mirador, La Joya, and Ruiz Cortines.

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch *Arremon brunneinucha* - Ruiz Cortines.

Yellow-eyed Junco *Junco phaeonotus* - Seen in the mountains at La Joya.

Striped Sparrow (E) *Oriturus superciliosus* - At least one observed perched in the corn fields at Ejido 20 de Noviembre.

YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: Icteriidae (1)

Yellow-breasted Chat *Icteria virens* - Seen or more often heard on 5 days at a variety of sites, mostly in the lowlands.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (11)

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna* - Several seen in the grasslands of Las Barrancas.

Yellow-billed Cacicue *Amblycercus holosericeus* - One seen by the group in the forests at Ruiz Cortines.

Chestnut-headed Oropendola *Psarocolius wagleri* - Only seen once, a small group, at the Cascada de Texolo.

Montezuma Oropendola *Psarocolius montezuma* - This conspicuous oropendola was seen or heard on 6 days in various places on the trip.

Orchard Oriole *Icterus spurius* - A small flock of various ages and sexes observed foraging in a tree at Paso Mariano.

Yellow-tailed Oriole *Icterus mesomelas* - One seen at Las Barrancas.

Altamira Oriole *Icterus gularis* - This conspicuous oriole was seen on 3 days at lowland sites, including near Cardel/Chichicaxtle and at Las Barrancas.

Audubon's Oriole *Icterus graduacauda* (GO) - Seen by Kashmir at Rancho El Mirador.

Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula* - Seen on 5 days at several sites in the lowlands—lots of them migrating.

Bronzed Cowbird *Molothrus aeneus* - A flock seen well by the whole group at Ruiz Cortines.

Melodious Blackbird *Dives dives*: This ubiquitous blackbird was found by sight or sound every day of the trip.

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus* - This even more ubiquitous blackbird was found by sight or sound every day of the trip.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (27)

Ovenbird *Seiurus aurocapilla* - Seen on 2 days, mostly walking in or alongside roads at Nanciyaga and Ruiz Cortines.

Worm-eating Warbler *Helmitheros vermivorum* - Seen by some of the group in the forest at Ruiz Cortines.

Louisiana Waterthrush *Parkesia motacilla* - One individual well-observed foraging along the road at Rancho El Mirador.

Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis* - Encountered on 5 days of the trip in a variety of sites; probably the most frequently encountered boreal migrant.

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia* - Found on 4 days at Rancho El Mirador, Macuiltepetl, and Nanciyaga Reserve.

Crescent-chested Warbler *Oreothlypis superciliosa* - Found on 2 days, mainly in the pine forests at La Joya but also one seen at Macuiltepetl.

Gray-crowned Yellowthroat *Geothlypis poliocephala* - Seen on 2 days at Paso Mariano and in Ruiz Cortines.

MacGillivray's Warbler *Geothlypis tolmiei* - Macuiltepetl.

Hooded Warbler *Setophaga citrina* (GO) - One male at Nanciyaga Reserve.

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla* - Seen on 2 days at Rancho El Mirador and Los Tuxtlas Biological Station.

Northern Parula *Setophaga americana* (HO) - One heard singing at Rancho El Mirador.

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitayumi* - One seen at Macuiltepetl and one heard at Ruiz Cortines.

Magnolia Warbler *Setophaga magnolia* - Seen on 2 days, both from the boat on the La Antigua River and at Playa Juan Angel.

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia* - Seen on 6 days at many low elevation sites visited, including archeological sites. While some were undoubtedly migrants, the birds seen on the Alvarado Lagoon boat trip were of the resident "Mangrove Warbler" subspecies.

Chestnut-sided Warbler *Setophaga pensylvanica* - One found at the Los Tuxtlas Biological Station.

Yellow-throated Warbler *Setophaga dominica* (GO) - One at Rancho El Mirador.

Townsend's Warbler *Setophaga townsendi* - Seen at the high elevation pine forest sites of La Joya and Las Minas.

Hermit Warbler *Setophaga occidentalis* - La Joya.

Black-throated Green Warbler *Setophaga virens* - Seen on 3 days at Rancho El Mirador, La Joya, and

Macuiltepetl.

Fan-tailed Warbler *Basileuterus lachrymosus* - One pair very well observed foraging along the road at Macuiltepetl.

Rufous-capped Warbler *Basileuterus rufifrons* - Rancho El Mirador.

Golden-browed Warbler *Basileuterus belli* - Found on 1 day at both La Joya and Las Minas.

Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus* - Seen on 4 days at Rancho El Mirador, Macuiltepetl, Los Tuxtlas Biological Station, and Ruiz Cortines.

Canada Warbler *Cardellina canadensis* - Seen once at Rancho El Mirador.

Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla* - Frequently encountered in the mountains on 3 days at Rancho El Mirador, La Joya, Las Minas, Cascada de Texolo, and Macuiltepetl.

Red Warbler (E) *Cardellina rubra* - Two individuals found in the young pine forests on the road to Las Minas.

Slate-throated Redstart *Myioborus miniatus* - Seen well at La Joya.

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (9)

Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava* - Female found at Ejido 20 de Noviembre.

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* - Heard calling at Rancho El Mirador and seen at Cascada de Texolo.

White-winged Tanager *Piranga leucoptera* - Seen well by most of the group at Macuiltepetl.

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager *Habia rubica* - A pair was seen well at Nanciyaga Reserve.

Red-throated Ant-Tanager *Habia fuscicauda* - Seen on 2 days, at Rancho El Mirador and Los Tuxtlas Biological Station.

Northern Cardinal *Cardinalis cardinalis* - Quiahuixtlan.

Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea* - Seen on 2 days at the Hotel Mocambo and at Las Barrancas.

Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea* - Ejido 20 de Noviembre.

Dickcissel *Spiza americana* - Large flocks seen and heard when near the coast on 3 days, including at the Cansaburro dunes wetland platform and at Las Barrancas.

TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (9)

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* - Seen on the first 3 days of the trip at several lowland sites.

Yellow-winged Tanager *Thraupis abbas* - Seen on 6 days of the trip at many different sites.

Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer *Diglossa baritula* - One female seen at La Joya.

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* - Seen on 2 days at Paso Mariano and at Ruiz Cortines.

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* - Seen on 2 days at Rancho El Mirador and at Ruiz Cortines.

Morelet's Seedeater *Sporophila moreletii* - Ruiz Cortines.

Black-headed Saltator *Saltator atriceps* - Rancho El Mirador.

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* - One bird found at Hotel Playa Azul, Catemaco, by some of the group.

Grayish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* - Seen at Paso Mariano.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)

House Sparrow (I) *Passer domesticus* - After a long and arduous search (!?), seen foraging around parked cars at La Joya.

MAMMALS (4 species)

Virginia Opossum *Didelphis virginiana* - One seen by some of the group at Macuiltepetl.

Red-bellied Squirrel *Sciurus aureogaster* - This truly beautiful squirrel was encountered several times, perhaps best seen at Macuiltepetl.

Mantled Howler Monkey *Alouatta palliata (HO)* - Heard at Nanciyaga Reserve and Los Tuxtlas Biological Station.

Common Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops truncatus* - Several seen swimming in the Gulf off of the beach at the Hotel Mocambo.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (4 species)

Rose-bellied Lizard *Sceloporus variabilis* - Many individuals on the tombs and temples at Quiahuixtlan.

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana* - Several seen from the Cansaburro dunes wetland platform.

Black Iguana *Ctenosaura similis* - One seen on a wall at a Pemex station on the drive back from Catemaco to Veracruz.

Cane Toad *Rhinella marina* - One seen at Rancho El Mirador.