# Guatemala: Nature & Culture With Tikal Extension | Species List

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## **Itinerary**

**Day 1**: 1/29/20, Guatemala City. Clarion Hotel to Marroquin University and Textile Museum, to Guatemala Market, to Cocales "Crazy Gas Station" at intersection of CA 12 and 11 to Los Tarrales Natural Reserve.

**Day 2**: 1/30/20, Los Tarrales Nat. Res. into jeeps and up to La Isla vista point. Down for lunch at lodge. Then San Pedro trail and back to La Rinconada lodge, for dinner.

**Day 3:** 1/31/20, Pre-dawn, Volcan Fuego eruption. Los Tarrales, short walk on San Pedro Trail. Breakfast at lodge. Depart and drive to Fuentes Georginia Hot Springs Spa. Lunch with "mega flock". Depart and drive to Xela (Quetzaltenango). Dinner at Hotel Bonifaz.

**Day 4:** 2/1/20, Split group. One group, (Keith), up at 4:00 AM. Drive to Refugio del Quetzal for Quetzal, then viewing from mirador "overlook". Then drive to San Rafael for lunch. Then drive back to Xela. Second group, (Patricia) Xela tour. Later some went back to "Owl" at Fuentes Georgino Hot Springs, then back to Xela.

**Day 5**: 2/2/20, Xela breakfast at Hotel, depart for the market at Chichicastenango with stop at Continental Divide at 10,000 feet. To market, then lunch at "Mayan Inn". Drive to Panajachel at Lago de Atitlan. Boarded a launch to cross the lake to Hotel Bambu, Santiago Atitlan. Dinner at the Hotel.

**Day 6:** 2/3/20, Split group. One group, (Roland), to Mirador Tepepul, then in afternoon to "Freddies Favorite" by the lake. Second group, (Patricia, also Keith), took launch to San Juan la Laguna - Cultural Tour. Galleries, artisans, fiber display, bee keepers, herbal displays and lunch with local family. Boat back to Bambu Lodge. Dinner.

**Day 7**: 2/4/20, Hotel Bambu, depart and drive to Santa Apolonia. Walked edge of pine forest looking for Pink-headed Warbler. Lunch across the freeway at "Rincon Suizo", then walk through productive conifer, oak forest. Drive to the World Heratage Site of Antigua to Hotel and fancy dinner out.

Day 8: 2/5/20, Antigua. Roland took a small group birding up to El Pilar, viewed active Volcan Fuego.

Back to Antigua for Cooking Class. After cooking class, all drove to Guatemala City to Hotel Clarion. Dinner and final goodbye. All to bed.

**Day 9**: 2/6/20, Post trip to Tikal, departure from Hotel to fly to Mundo Maya Airport in Flores.

#### CODES

(RE) = Regional Endemic.

(H) = Heard only.

(L) = Leader only.

(xx) Parentheses following the species names, tally the number of days it was recorded on the trip.

#### **SUMMARY: SPECIES**

A fantastic Guatemala Tour was had where we blended nature and culture in a way, pleasing to all. Birding occurred each day and we were pleased to find regional specialties including White-bellied Chachalaca, Highland Guan, Green-throated Mountain Gem, Wine-throated Hummingbird, Blue-tailed Hummingbird, Rufous Saberwing, Guatemalan Pygmy-Owl, Fulvous, and Unspotted Saw-whet Owls heard, Pacific Parakeet, Guatemalan Tyrannulet, Bushy-crested Jay, Black-capped Swallow, Rufous-browed Wren, Rufous-collared Robin, Blue-and-white Mockingbird, Black-capped Siskin, White-faced Ground-Sparrow, Pink-headed Warbler and Bar-winged Oriole. We gave them the option to hike for seeing Horned Guan but this year no takers — it is a steep but worthwhile hike if we have those that wish to try in future years! Finding 16 species of birds of prey, 17 hummingbirds, 21 flycatchers, and 19 warblers, was an added treat.

# BIRDS (238) species recorded

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

**Blue-winged Teal** Anas discors – (2) A flock of 15 landing in the forest at the Crazy Gas Station was seen by a leader only on this day, however numerous birds were encountered by all in the shallows of Lake Atitlan at San Juan la Laguna on the "Cultural" day.

**Lesser Scaup** Aythya affinis – (2) Around 15 birds, mostly female type were seen as we boarded the boat to cross Lake Atitlan. Additionally, several were at the shore of San Juan la Laguna.

**Ruddy Duck** Oxyura jamaicensis - (1) A group of 6 winter plumaged males were at the shore at San Juan la Laguna. Sadly, Roland was not on board as this would have been a new species for him in Guatemala.

#### **GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae (3)**

White-bellied Chachalaca (RE) Ortalis leucogastra – (2) This special endemic was well seen at Los Tarrales.

**Crested Guan** *Penelope purpurascens* – (3) One was seen well at Las Tarrales by the entire group where we enjoyed the translucence of its red wattle, all other birds were heard only.

**Highland Guan** (RE) *Penelopina nigra* – (3) (H) Formerly known as the Black Penelopina, this red throated and black Guan was heard but never seen at Los Tarrales and several other highland locations. Roland pointed out a distant calling birds with their up-slurred whistle and flight display, "wing rattle".

## **NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae (2)**

**Singing Quail** Dactylortyx thoracicus – (1) (H) From the side of the road at Finca El Pilar as they were expertly called in by the magic of Roland.

**Spotted Wood-Quail** *Odontophorus guttatus* – (1) (H) Discovered by our fearless leader Freddy at Los Tarrales, predawn.

# PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (9)

**Rock Pigeon** Columba livia - (6) Seen on several days in urban areas and often in large numbers, typically with them were human toddlers "toddling" in wonder amongst this carpet of birds.

**Red-billed Pigeon** *Patagioenas flavirostris* – (4) Lone birds made quick passes over the soccer field at Los Tarrales, as well as Mirador Tepepul.

**Band-tailed Pigeon** *Patagioenas fasciata* – (4) Numerous flocks were seen at Fuentes Hot Spring as well as Mirador Tepepul, Rincon Suizo and Finca El Pilar.

**Inca Dove** Columbina inca - (4) A single bird and nuzzling pairs were seen at the Hotel at Antigua and the Crazy Gas Station as well as Hotel Bambu.

**Common Ground Dove** *Columbina passerine* – (1) One bird seen at Mirador Tepepul.

**Ruddy Ground-Dove** *Columbina talpacoti* – (1) Only one sighting of this diminutive dove at the Crazy Gas station at Cocales.

White-tipped Dove Leptotila verreauxi – (5) Deep, blowing through a bottle "Hoo-Hooing" voice often heard on several days and infrequently seen zipping low over the path. Most sightings are when an observer say's "There goes a White-tipped Dove" as opposed to "Here comes one".

White-faced Quail-Dove Zentrygon albifacies - (1) One seen by Gwen at Mirador Tepepul.

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

#### CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae (2)

**Grove-billed Ani** Crotophaga sulcirostris – (1) One sighting of numerous birds at the Crazy Gas Station. **Squirrel Cuckoo** Piaya cayana – (2) A single bird was seen clambering about at Los Tarrales and one heard at Mirador Tepepul.

#### NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (3)

**Common Paraque** Nyctudromus albicollis - (1) (H) (L) This crepuscular goatsucker was heard at the soccer field at Los Tarrales by Roland.

**Mexican Whip-poor-will** Antrostomus arizonae - (1) (H) Several birds were heard after sundown at the Hot Springs at Fuentes Georginia by those who went owling.

**Eastern Whip-poor-will** Caprimulgus vociferous – (1) (H) (L) One was head at Los Tarrales by Roland predawn.

# SWIFTS: Apodidae (2)

White-collared Swift Streptoprocne zonaris – (2) These powerful birds were encountered at Los Tarrales and at lunch in San Rafael after the Quetzal sighting.

**Vaux's Swift** Chaetura vauxi – (4) Seen at numerous locations especially at Los Tarrales, flying over the soccer field and in the evening over Antigua. Their small size, ash gray throats were noted.

#### **HUMMINGBIRDS:** *Trochilidae* (17)

**Mexican Violetear** *Colibri thalassinus* – (3) Recently split from the Green Violetear, this bird was feeding on the small flowers of the cloud forest near Fuentes Georginas Hot Springs and, also in the pine forest at Rincon Suiso.

**Rivoli's Hummingbird** *Eugenes fulgens* – (2) Formerly, the "Magnificent" Hummingbird, this species ranges from South East Arizona to Northern Nicaragua. The split "Admirable or Talamanca" hummingbird ranges in the Talamanca mountains of Costa Rica. Seen at Los Tarrales and at Rincon Suizo.

**Long-billed Starthroat** *Heliomaster longirostris* – (1) We saw an adult bird at Los Tarrales as we sat at the overlook. It repeatedly came into a large leafless tree showing well it's white back stripe and... long bill.

**Green-throated Mountain-gem (**RE) *Lampornis viridipallens* – (1) This special regional endemic was seen by the group at Fuentes Georginias Hot Springs.

**Garnet-throated Hummingbird** Lamprolaima rhami - (1) (L) This exciting find was sadly only seen by Roland very briefly but at the "Hummerfest" at the Hot Springs, this multi colored, rufous winged beauty blasted in quickly and departed in the same fashion.

**Sparkling-tailed Hummingbird**  $Tilmatura\ dupontii-(1)$  This nice bird was seen by Roland and one other participant from the breakfast deck at Hotel Bambu.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** *Archilochus colubris* – (5) Seen on numerous days at several locations, these visitors from North America allowed us to see the different looking male with an orange, rather than ruby throat. Before they return, they molt the ruby throat in. Many worked the small flowers at the lodge at Los Tarrales.

Wine-throated Hummingbird (RE)  $Atthis\ ellioti - (1)$  At the Hot Springs lunch spot, a wonderful female came into view, feed on an exposed twig, and allowed everyone there to view this exquisite creature.

**Emerald-chinned Hummingbird** Abeillei abeillei – (2) Perhaps the most frustrating of all birds, this glittering emerald colored and short billed hummer called continuously but only momentarily came into view for the lucky one or two observers at Fuentes Georgino.

**Rufous Sabrewing** (RE) *Campylopterus rufus* – (1) Seen by one or two participants at the Bambu Hotel.

White-bellied Emerald Amazilia candida – (2) At Los Tarrales, this bird was seen well but briefly on a few occasions.

**Azure-crowned Hummingbird** *Amazilia cyanocephala* – (5) Rather common. We first encountered this white chested Hummer at the Francisco Morroquin Universidad then at the Hotel Bamboo, and Finca el Pilar.

**Berylline Hummingbird** *Amazilia beryllina* – (1) Numerous birds at Los Tarrales in the cloud forest. This dark hummingbird was a challenge to differentiate from the Blue-tailed but shows a pale belly and more rufous in the wing feathers. A wonderful hybrid was found that displayed features from each of the Blue-tailed X Berylline parents.

**Blue-tailed Hummingbird** *Amazilia cyanura* – (1) Seen numerous times at Los Tarrales in the cloud forest.

**Cinnamon Hummingbird** *Amazilia rutila* – (3) Seen well numerous times at the Textile Museum in Guatemala City, Los Tarrales adjacent to the dining area, and at the Hot Springs at Fuentes Georginias.

Blue-throated Goldentail Hylocharis eliciae – (1) (L) One seen by Roland at Tarrales.

White-eared Hummingbird Hylocharis leucotis – (3) Seen several times with one at Los Tarrales and at the Hotel Bambu and at the post lunch walk in the pine forest at Rincon Suizo. This red billed show stopper ranges from Southern Arizona to Northern Nicaragua.

# RAILS AND CRAKES: Rallidae (3)

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata* – (1) Numerous birds, 30 or so, were seen wen the Cultural Group docked at San Juan la Laguna.

American Coot Fulica americana – (1) Large numbers were found foraging in groups along the edge of Lago de Atitlan at San Juan la Laguna.

**Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinica* – (1) One adult was seen with the gallinules working the edge of the lake at San Juan la Laguna.

# **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (1)**

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius* – (1) On bird was seen working the edge of a stream when we were on our way to Los Tarrales.

## **GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (1)**

**Laughing Gull** *Leucophaeus atricilla* – (2) Small numbers were seen flying by as we crossed Lago de Atitlan. Their long slender bills and wing pattern were noted.

# PELICANS: Pelicanidae (1)

**Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis* – (2) Up to 20 of these, salt water loving birds, were seen flying and perching in trees near the Hotel Bambu as well as when we crossed the lake on our way to San Juan la Laguna. It would be interesting to determine whether they are nesting.

#### **HERONS AND EGRETS:** *Ardeidae* (8)

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias* – (3) One was spotted at the Crazy Gas Station as well as along the shores of Lago de Atitlan.

**Great Egret** Ardea alba – (5) While seen at several locations, most notable were the 15 or 20 seen roosting at the Crazy Gas Station and many on the shore of Lago Atitlan.

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* – (5) First seen at the Crazy Gas Station roosting with other egrets, more were noted at Lago de Atitlan.

**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea* – (2) Several were seen at The Crazy Gas Station.

**Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor* – (3) First encountered with 5 to 10 at the Crazy Gas Station and then with smaller numbers at Lago de Atitlan.

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* – (3) First encountered in large numbers with over 300 roosting at the Crazy Gas Station, then at Los Tarrales and a few at Lago de Atitlan. Others were seen from the van in various areas usually in association... with cattle.

**Green Heron** *Butorides virescens* – (3) Single bird seen at the Hotel Bamboo.

**Black-crowed Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* – (1) Two or three were seen at the Crazy Gas Station as they went to roost with all the other herons.

## **NEW WORLD VULTURES:** *Cathartidae* (3)

**King Vulture** *Sarcoramphus papa* – (1) Seen briefly by Paul at Los Tarrales, these birds are more like condors in every and so might be referred to as "King Condors".

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus* – (8) Seen nearly every day, and in good, often great numbers.

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* – (8) Encountered in slightly smaller numbers than its black cousin, but wide spread.

# HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (14)

Osprey Pandion haliaetus – (1) One bird found by Roland at Mirador Tepepul.

White-tailed Kite Elanus leucurus – (1) One bird was spotted by Paul as it landed close by in a tree at Los Tarrales. It then flew off not to be seen again.

**Gray-headed Kite** *Leptodon cayanensis* – (1) One bird spotted high and moving away fast at Los Tarrales.

**Black Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus tyrannus* – (1) Encountered at El Mirador above the Quetzal spot this distant impressively large bird of prey soared high on warm thermals until out of sight.

**Ornate Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus ornatus* – (1) One white juvenile was spotted by Roland just as we arrived at the mirador at Los Tarrales.

**Sharp-shinned "White-breasted" Hawk** *Accipiter striatus* – (1) One very brief encounter as one emerged from the forest over the van and was seen by few as we approached the mirador (viewpoint) at Los Tarrales.

**Cooper's Hawk** *Accipiter cooperii* – (1) Seen by a few of us as we headed out of Antigua on our way to Finca el Pilar, this bird, on a mission put up wave after wave of frightened pigeons.

**Great Black Hawk** *Buteogallus urubitinga* – (1) One bird seen several times for everyone's enjoyment at Los Tarrales.

White Hawk *Pseudastur albicollis* – (1) One bird perched for a half an hour when we reached the lofty view high above Los Tarrales. Everyone enjoyed this pure white bird of prey which then took wing.

**Gray Hawk** *Buteo plagiatus* – (4) Seen well and several times at Los Tarrales this beautifully tailored raptor was enjoyed by all as it circled against puffy white clouds and blue skies.

**Broad-winged Hawk** *Buteo platypterus* – (1) Views of one or two individuals were seen at Los Tarrales including a bird drinking from a stream by the front car as we came down. It then simply disappeared into dense forest.

**Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus* – (2) Built in much the same way as the Broad-winged and the Gray, this handsome Hawk comes in two forms being the snappy light form and the "Darth Vader-like" dark form. We enjoyed the good number of dark birds seen at Los Tarrales.

**Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis* – (4) Encountered from the mirador above the Quetzal refuge and at the Hot Springs at Fuentes Georgians and Rincon Suizo "hanging" on an updraft.

#### OWLS: Strigidae (5)

Guatemalan Pygmy-Owl Glaucidium cobanense – (1) (H) One bird heard only calling continuously while

we were on our Pink-headed Warbler quest at Rincon Suizo.

**Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum* – (2) Seen and heard at the University Textile Museum and at Los Tarrales where it came in to the recording of the Owl, used for attracting other birds.

**Mottled Owl** *Ciccaba virgate* – (1) Two birds perched together were seen in giant bamboo at Los Tarrales. It was a known roosting location but the bird was well hidden and did not move.

**Fulvous Owl** *Strix fulvescens* – (1) (H) Up to four birds were heard calling after sunset at the Hot springs at Fuentes Georginas.

**Unspotted Saw-whet Owl** *Aegolius ridgwayi* – (1) (H) One bird called one single "screaming" call after sunset at Fuentes Georginas.

# TROGONS: Trogonidae (4)

**Resplendent Quetzal** *Pharomachrus mocinno* – (2) After a long bus ride from Xela to San Rafael Tie de Cuesta where Quetzals are known to breed, we were greeted by friendly park staff leaders that took us down a short trail where Roland quickly discovered a female then a male who perched for all to see and photograph well! It was an exciting moment for all.

**Gartered Trogon** *Trogon caligatus* – (1) Split from the Violaceous Trogon, this blue headed, green backed, yellow bellied Trogon with a bold yellow eye ring, was beautifully scoped at Los Tarrales, as it perched out across the high vantage point where we were stationed.

**Mountain Trogon** *Trogon mexicanus* – (2) (H) Heard only at Los Tarrales and Rincon Suizo.

**Collared Trogon** *Trogon collaris* – (2) Seen by Roland's group at Santa Apolonia and heard at Finca El Pilar.

# MOTMOTS: Momotidae (4)

**Tody Motmot** Hylomanes momotula - (1) (H) This bird was detected by Roland and shared with all to hear at Los Tarrales.

**Blue-throated Motmot** (RE) *Aspatha gularis* – (3) (H) A very special species we were fortunate enough to hear but not see at Los Tarrales and Mirador Tepepul and Finca el Pilar.

**Lesson's Motmot** *Momotus lessonii* – (3) Formerly called Blue-crowned Motmot, this species has been split into six species. Lesson's ranges from central Mexico to the Panama Canal. We encountered one cooperative bird at the Ixchel textile Museum and heard them at Los Tarrelas.

**Turquoise-browed Motmot** *Eumomota superciliosa* - (1) (H) This lone individual was heard only at Los Tarrales.

#### KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (1)

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon* – (1) This single bird, a female was seen perched at San Juan Laguna.

#### TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (2)

Northern Emerald-Toucanet Aulacorhynchus prasinus – (3) Seen well by the entire group at the Hot Springs of Fuentes Georginas. Also, heard but not seen at the Quetzal preserve and Mirador Tepepul. Collared Aracari Pteroglossus torquatus – (2) Numerous birds were seen well in the trees at Los

Tarrales.

# **WOODPECKERS:** *Picidae* (6)

**Acorn Woodpecker** *Melanerpes formicivorus* – (3) Seen on our first day at the Textile Museum in Guatemala City, the after lunch walk at Cabiana Suissa and at El Pilar. While this is the same species that occurs in western U.S. it is much darker on the underparts.

**Golden-fronted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes aurifrons* – (7) Seen or heard on nearly every day the common bird often formed the back drop with its familiar call. A close relative of the Red-bellied Woodpecker of the east, this species ranges from central Nicaragua up and into central Texas and Oklahoma.

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus* – (1) (H) (L) Heard drumming at the University Textile Museum in Guatemala City, a first record for the museum.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** *Sphyrapicus varius* – (1) Seen feeding after we had lunch in the pines at Rincon Suizo.

**Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus* – (4) This beautiful coppery Woodpecker charmed us with its beauty at Los Tarrales. Patricia saw one at Rincon Suizo.

**Northern (Guatemalan) Flicker** *Colaptes auratus* – (4) While currently recognized as a part of the "Northern" Flicker complex, it is likely this bird will be split from this grouping and receive full species status where "Guatemalan Flicker" would likely be its name. While similar-to our "Red-shafted", this bird has a completely tan crown and nape rather than just the forehead of the Red-shafted. We encountered one at the Textile Museum, Mirador Tepepul, Rincon Suize and Finca el Pilar.

# **FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (5)**

**Crested Caracara** *Caracara cheriway* – (2) Seen first at the Crazy Gas Station as well as over the soccer field at Los Tarrales.

**Laughing Falcon** *Herpetotheres cachinnans* – (1) First heard calling with its maniacal laughter then found and scoped a perched bird at Los Tarrales.

**American Kestrel** Falco sparverius – (3) Seen several times, typically from the car, near Los Tarrales and near Rincon Suizo.

**Bat Falcon** Falco rufigularis – (1) This single sighting for the trip was a lone bird perched near the soccer field at Los Tarrales.

**Peregrine Falcon** Falco peregrinus - Sightings in Guatemala City at Guatemala Market and plaza.

#### PARROTS: Psittacidae (5)

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

**Yellow-naped Parrot** *Amazona auropalliata* – (2) Seen the mornings at the Los Tarrales soccer field these large rare parrots flew over with their typical shallow and quivering wingbeats and loud yelping calls. Some fortunately perched for a view.

White-fronted Parrot Amazona albifrons – (1) Likely the Highlight of the Crazy Gas Station were these two very-cozy Parrots. Viewed through the scope for all, the initial sighting of this bird led to a continued array of numerous new species for the trip.

**Orange-fronted Parakeet** *Eupsittula canicularis* – (2) These smallish Parakeets with tails longer than Orange-chinned, were seen in good numbers at the Los Tarrales soccer field as they chattered overhead.

**Pacific Parakeet** (RE) *Psittacara strenuous* – (3) The longest tailed and largest of the three Parakeets, this is a special regional endemic. Lacking any orange this gregarious psittacine was encountered in rowdy flocks at the soccer field, and the University on the first morning.

# **ANTBIRDS:** Thamnophilidae (1)

**Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus* – (2) (H) This skulking bird on the edge of dense understory at the road edge called at Los Tarrales, but was never seen, however Paul saw one very well at Mirador Tepepul.

## **OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS:** Furnariidae (6)

**Ivory-billed Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster* – (1) This lone sighting was at Los Tarrales working the large trees that were adorned with Magpie-Jays.

**Spotted Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius* – (1) This bird was seen only momentarily during a flock where several birds were coming and going at Rinco Suizo.

**Spot-crowned Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes affinis* – (1) Seen at Rincon Suizo near the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker where most got great looks.

**Scaly-throated "Spectacled" Foliage-gleaner** *Anabacerthia variegaticeps* – (1) This bird was seen well, but briefly at San Rafael Tie de la Cuesta, Quetzal spot. Looking much like a Woodcreeper, as it hitched up a mossy tree trunk.

**Ruddy Foliage-gleaner** *Clibanornis rubiginosus* – (1) Found by Roland at Mirador Tepepul.

**Rufous-breasted Spinetail** Synnallaxis erythrothorax - (1) (H) This one time heard bird at the Crazy Gas Station was found by Roland.

#### MANAKINS: Pipridae (1)

**Long-tailed Manakin** Chiroxiphia lineari — (1) (H) A wonderful bird but heard only at Los Tarrales. We tried again the next day but with no luck.

#### **TITYRAS AND BECARDS: Tityridae (2)**

**Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata* — (3) Several of these curious white and black song birds, punctuated by bare red skin around the eyes and bill were seen at Los Tarrales, typically in pairs. Additionally, there was one seen at Mirador Tepepul.

**Rose-throated Becard** *Pachyramphus aglaiae* — (1) Seen a few times, at Los Tarrales and after the lunch-walk at Tecpan, Cabiana Suissa. The slate gray male with the rosy-pink throat sits in contrast to the cinnamon bodied female.

# **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS:** Tyrannidae (21)

**Northern Bentbill** *Oncostoma cinereigulare* – (2) (H) these tiny, heard-only flycatchers called from the forest at Los Tarrales with "churring" frog-like call.

**Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum* — (4) This snappy yellow, black and green Flycatcher,

a personal favorite, with its "too-much-coffee" staring eye, was seen briefly by a few observers at the Textile Museum and at Los Tarrales. Additionally, it was heard at Mirador Tepepul.

**Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster* – (2) With breezy call, these medium sized flycatchers were seen at Hotel Bambu working around the grounds.

**Guatemalan "Paltry" Tyrannulet** *Zimmerius vilissimus* — (3) (RE) (LO) Split from the Mistletoe Tyrannulet, these rather subtle birds were seen at Los Tarrales, Mirador Tepepul. While similar-to the Tennessee Warbler, this bird has a shorter bill, bold white eyebrow.

**Tufted Flycatcher** *Mitrephanes phaeocercus* — (2) Buffy and tufted like a titmouse, this (hard to use any other word than) cute, Flycatcher was seen well at Techpan in the pines before and after our large lunch. At one point, we had three or four foraging next to the road.

Olive-sided Flycatcher Contopus coperi — (2) One seen at Techpan, Santa Apalonia after lunch, also at Finca El Pilar. It perched in the large leafless tree, showing its large pale based bill and vested underparts.

**Greater Pewee** *Contopus pertinax* — (5) Heard and seen most days at higher elevations where people got to see its pointed crest and all-pale lower mandible.

**Western Wood-Pewee** *Contopus sordidulus* – (1) One bird seen when we stopped while departing Techpan, Santa Apolina as it perched in the open on fence wire.

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

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** *Empidonax flaviventris* — (1) Single birds were seen in the forest at Los Tarrales where scoped. The field marks of the apple green plumage, bright yellow belly, crisp white eye ring and wing bars, set against the very blackish wings clinched the id.

**Least Flycatcher** *Empidonax minimus* – (2) Found at Tarrales, and at Mirador Tepupul.

**Hammond's Flycatcher** *Empidonax hammondii* — (4) (L) This bird was spotted, typically in small flocks of mixed insectavors at Techpan, Santa Apolina, Mirador Tepepul, Rincon Suiza and El Pilar. Marks include a gray head, greenish back, and tiny dark bill.

**Yellowish Flycatcher** *Empidonax flavescens* – (2) Very similar in appearance to the Pacific-slope Flycatcher this bird was found at the Quetzal overlook then Mirador Pepepul.

**Black Phoebe** Sayornis nigricans – (2) This species was first found from the van when we were crossing a river in route to Los Tarrales then one on the dock at Hotel Bambu.

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer* — (2) Heard far more than seen, the mournful cry of this widespread Myiarchus Flycatcher wafted through forested habitats including the Textile Museum, and Mirador Tepepul.

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* — (3) I have NEVER spent this much time south of the border and seen so FEW of these typically common birds. Seen at Los Tarrales, and at Mirador Tepepul. Period! No other highway sightings! Bizarre.

**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* — (2) Kiskadee-like in pattern but with an unusually large bill. Two of these birds were found at Los Tarrales near the soccer field. The slate gray wings and tail are often the best mark, whereas the Kiskadee is bright cinnamon.

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis* — (6) Seen at Los Tarrales, and the Hotel Bamboo and El Pilar, this "mini" Kiskadee is tiny billed, usually chattering and... in small social groups.

**Tropical Kingbird** Tyrannus melancholicus — (6) Seen in numbers at the University, this common,

telephone wire loving bird was often encountered in more open terrain.

**Western Kingbird** *Tyrannus verticalis* — (3) At the University, Los Tarrales, and the Hotel Bambu, Roland teased out this bird, pointing out that when small flocks or groups of more than two are found, they are likely Western, not Tropical.

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus forficatus* – (3) These individuals were seen perched on telephone wires, in route to Los Tarrales, from the moving van and so were not seen by many.

# **VIREOS**: *Vireonidae* (7)

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis* — (4) While encountered at the Textile Museum, Los Tarrales, Fuente Georginas and Mirador Tepepul, these birds kept quite well hidden.

**Green Shrike-Vireo** *Vireolanius pulchellus* - (1) (H) Found by Roland at Los Tarrales when we were sitting high up on the mountain waiting for Tanagers and was heard by a few others.

**Hutton's Vireo** *Vireo huttoni* — (4) First heard at Los Tarales at then, at the Hot Springs and one with the bird flock that we encountered after our lunch. Also, seen at Tecpan, then Mirador Tepepul, and at Finca el Pilar.

**Yellow-throated Vireo** *Vireo flavifrons* — (1) This lone bird was found at the Textile Museum foraging with a great flock of songbirds that were coming into a productive tree.

**Blue-headed Vireo** *Vireo solitarius* — (2) First seen at Fuentes Gorginas, thenat Mirador Tepepul. **Warbling Vireo** *Vireo gilvus* — (2) This subtly plumaged species was seen numerous times and at various locations with flocks or by themselves.

**Brown-capped Vireo** *Vireo leucophrys* – (1) This Warbling Vireo-like bird was found by Roland at Mirador Tepepul.

#### CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (4)

White-throated Magpie-Jay Calocitta formosa — (3) Seen well at the Crazy Gas Station, and a couple of times at Los Tarrales. This charismatic and long tailed corvid with its curly crest and pied blue and white plumage put on quite a show.

**Bushy-crested Jay** (RE) *Cyanocorax melanocyaneus* — (3) Seen well at the University, and heard at Mirador Tepepul and, El Pilar. Noisy and gregarious, these yellow eyed, blue and black Jays move through the canopy as quietly as a bunch of teenage boys coming home from school.

**Steller's Jay** *Cyanocitta stelleri* — (3) Seen from the van, then Santa Apolonia and at the after lunch walk at Cabiana Suissa and Finca el Pilar. This Central American form differs from birds in Western North America by having a small blunt crest and more-white around the eyes.

**Unicolored Jay** Aphelocoma unicolor — (1) Two of these were seen at the Hot Spring walk and really put on a show as they preened at leisure, much to the delight of everyone present.

## **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (5)**

**Violet-green Swallow** *Tachycineta thalassina* – (2) This sighting was a distant glittering flock that spiraled around a Short-tailed Hawk high above a volcano at Los Tarrales as well as birds at Mirador Tepepul.

**Black-capped Swallow (RE)**, Atticora pileata — (5) We saw numerous birds on our walks on the Quetzal hike, the drive to Panajachel, the post lunch walk and at Finca El Pilar. This unique "black

capped" swallow possesses the tail of a Barn Swallow.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx serripennis* — (4) Encountered at Los Tarrales, Lago Atitlan, and at Finca El Pilar. This familiar swallow ranges from Panama to nearly all-of the US.

**Gray-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea* - (1) Seen briefly at the Crazy Gas Station as it came in to land on a giant cell phone tower.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* — (2) Seen along the road and as we boarded our boat at San Juan la Laguna they perched just over our heads. Additionally, one flew over the group in Antigua.

# **BUSHTITS:** Aegithalidae (1)

**Bushtit** *Psaltriparus minimus* — (2) These active little balls of feathers with black ear coverts were found after the lunch walk at Cabiana Sussa, then at the Mirador Tepepul and then in the van parking lot at the Hotel Bambu.

# TREECREEPERS: Certhiidae (1)

**Brown Creeper** *Certhia americana* — (1) One was seen by few at the post lunch walk at Rincon Suiza while looking for Pink-headed Warblers.

# **GNATCATCHERS:** *Polioptilidae* (2)

**Long-billed Gnatwren** *Ramphocaenus melanurus* – (1) (H) Not seen, this unique bird was pointed out by Roland during our walk around Los Tarrales as it called from the underbrush.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila caerulea* - (1) This lone bird was seen in the large bare tree as we sat at the overlook at Los Tarrales.

# WRENS: Troglodytidae (8)

**House Wren** Troglodytes aedon — (5) Frequently heard in many locations and less often seen this furtive bird ranges from southern Canada to southern South America.

**Rufous-browed Wren** (RE) *Troglodytes rufociliatus* — (4) Heard and seen well at the Hot Springs and then heard elsewhere throughout the tour. This local species looks very similar, to the Pacific Wren.

**Band-backed Wren** *Campylorhynchus zonatus* — (4) Gregarious and rowdy, these Cactus Wren sized birds inhabit various areas where we saw them at the University, Hotel Bambu, Santa Apolonia and El Pilar.

**Rufous-naped Wren** *Campylorhynchus rufinucha* — (2) Seen well and often at Los Tarrales, these handsome Wrens were enjoyed by all.

**Spot-breasted Wren** *Pheugopedius maculipectus* — (1) (H) This bird was heard by Roland and pointed out to all at Los Tarrales, but never seen.

**Cabanis's Wren** Cantorchilus modestus – (2) Found by Roland and heard at the Crazy Gas Station. Additionally heard at Mirador Tepepul.

White-breasted Wood-Wren Henicorhina leucosticta — (1) (H) Heard by Roland and pointed out to the group at Los Tarrales, this small songster belted it out verbally but went unseen.

**Gray-breasted Wood-Wren** *Henicorhina leucophrys* — (3) This small dark and handsome bird was heard but never seen. It was detected at Fuentes Georginas, the Quetzal preserve and Mirador Tepupul.

# **MOCKINGBIRDS AND ALLIES: Mimidae (2)**

**Blue-and-white Mockingbird** (RE) *Melanotis hypoleucus* — (4) Seen briefly and heard several times, this red eyed blue and white bird is a very well-tailored species. Detected at the Quetzal Preserve, the Mirador Tepepul, Rincon Suizo after lunch and El Pilar.

**Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus* — (2) I was shocked by the utter dearth of this usually abundant bird. Only one or two were at the Hotel Bambu as they worked the gardens.

# THRUSHES: Turdidae (8)

**Eastern Bluebird** *Sialia sialis* — (5) Seen well at the Quetzal Preserve and along the highway on the way to Chichicastenango and the Cabiana Suissa walk feeding under the shade of large trees, using fence posts as hunting perches.

**Brown-backed Solitaire** *Myadestes occidentalis* — (5) Most amazing flutes in the woods, this highly vocal species fills the air with song. We first encountered them at the Hot Springs where one sat for several minutes. Additionally, we saw them from the Quetzal overlook, the post lunch walk at Cabiana Suissa and at Finca El Pilar.

**Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush** *Catharus frantzii* — (2) While we never saw this bird, it was pointed out to the group by Roland at Los Tarrales and the Quetzal Preserve.

**Swainson's Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus* — (3) First spotted at Los Tarrales, it was seen again by a lucky few at the Quetzal Preserve and at Mirador Tepepul.

**Mountain Thrush** *Turdus plebejus* – (3) First found at the Hot Springs with a very large bird flock and seen again at the Quetzal Preserve and Mirador Tepepul. Entirely dark gray with a black bill this large thrush tends to vanish in the dark cloud forest.

**Clay-colored Thrush** *Turdus grayi* — (8) Seen every day in almost every habitat. This common bird often fed on lawns, drank from fountains and was... just around for all to enjoy.

**Black Thrush** *Turdus infuscatus* – (1) Found by Roland at the Mirador Tepepul, this entirely black thrush with a yellow bill is all but identical to the European Blackbird made famous by the Beetles song, "Blackbird singing in the dead of night."

**Rufous-collared Robin** (RE) *Turdus rufitorques* — (5) This regional endemic is built just like our American Robin but is pure black with a bold rufous hind collar and chest, then punctuated by a gleaming yellow bill. We had several at the Hot Springs, the Quetzal Preserve, Rincon Suiza as well as Finca El Pilar.

#### SILKY-FLYCATCHERS: Ptilogonatidae (1)

**Gray Silky-flycatcher** *Ptiliogonys cinereus* — (5) Related to the Phainopepla, these beautiful birds were well seen at the end of the Quetzal quest as we finished our hike at a lofty vista spot. Additionally, they were encountered at Cabiana Suissa and at Finca El Pilar.

#### OLIVE WARBLER: Peucedramidae (1)

Olive Warbler Peucedramus taeniatus – (1) When "all heck started to break loose" a beautiful male emerged from the pines nearly bowling Paul over with a view to write home about. This was at the Santa Apolonia.

# OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* — (4) Seen on many days in the appropriate habitat for such a bird... around houses.

# FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (7)

**Blue-crowned Chlorophonia** *Chlorophonia occipitalis* — (2) Seen briefly by Roland at the Quetzal Preserve but seen and photographed well by all at the Mirador Tepepul. A truly stunning creature.

**Scrub Euphonia** *Euphonia affinis* — (2) Only a few of these small blue and yellow Euphonias were encountered, first at the Crazy Gas Station, then at Los Tarrales.

**Yellow-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia hirundinacea* — (1) This was a one bird wonder at Los Tarrales that came into feed together with a Scrub Euphonia at a cluster of bananas while we waited for the but to get loaded for our departure.

**Elegant Euphonia** *Euphonia elegantissima* – (1) Formerly known as the Blue-hooded Euphonia, this single sighting was at Mirador Tepepul.

**Hooded Grosbeak** *Coccothraustes abeillei* — (3) (L) This was a bird that I really wish had cooperated as the only ones seen, came zipping over, and then continued. Seen at the Quetzal overlook and Rincon Suizo and Finca el Pilar.

Black-capped Siskin Carduelis psaltria – (1) (H) This single bird was heard by Roland vocalizing after our lunch at Rincon Suizo.

**Black-headed Siskin** *Spinus forreri* — (2) A few were seen perched high atop tall conifers at the farm at Finca El Pilar and at Mirador Tepepul.

#### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS:** Passerellidae (6)

**Common Chlorospingus** *Chlorospingus flavopectus* — (3) Formerly known as the Common Bush-Tanager, these birds make up the nucleus of cloud forest bird flocks. It always pays off when their high thin call is heard and one goes through the birds that accompany them. We had several great looks at the Hot Springs spot, the Quetzal location, and Mirador Tepepul.

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch Arremon brunneinucha — (3) No slouch in the beauty department, this shy bird is a very well-tailored creature indeed. We saw one at the Hot Spring spot as well as at the Quetzal Reserve.

**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis* — (6) Like a fancy White-crown with a rusty hind-neck, this, the world's fifth species of Zonotrichia Sparrow was formerly known as the Andean Sparrow and was enjoyed at numerous high elevation locations including Los Tarrales, the Hotel Bambu, Mirador Tepepul and Finca El Pilar.

White-faced Ground-Sparrow Melzone biarcuata – (3) First seen briefly at Los Taralles, this bird was more cooperative at Mirador Tepepul wher all in attendance had good looks. This is a very aptly named bird.

**Lincoln's Sparrow** *Melospiza lincolnii* – (1) A single sighting found by Roland at Mirador Tepepul. **White-naped Brushfinch** *Atlapetes albinucha* – (2) First found and seen by several at the Hot Springs local then later at the after lunch walk at Rincon Suizo.

## YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT: Icteriidae (1)

**Yellow-breasted Chat** *Ictera virens* – (3) Recorded on three days at the Hotel Bambu from the breakfast deck as well as the van parking lot as we were departing.

# **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES: Icteridae (11)**

**Yellow-billed Cacique** *Amblycercus holosericeus* – (1) (H) One lone bird was heard by Roland at Mirador Tepepul. Skulky on a good day, these furtive blackbirds are never easy to view.

**Black-vented Oriole** *Icterus wagleri* — (3) First seen at the soccer field at Los Tarrales and then at Mirador Tepepul and Rincon Suizo. These beautiful orioles are never common.

**Bar-winged Oriole** (RE) *Icterus maculiatus* — (1) This bird was found by Rowlans at Mirador Tepepul. A regional endemic, this bird is one everyone was delighted to view.

**Orchard Oriole** *Icterus spurius* — (5) Several were seen at Los Tarrales in the mixed species flocks that ebbed and flowed through that incredible location, additionally there were several more at the Hotel Bamboo as well as in downtown locations in Antigua.

**Spot-breasted Oriole** *Icterus pectoralis* — (5) Found at the Crazy Gas Station, Los Tarrales, and several other locations, these birds perched high in trees allowing good looks at their trademark breast spots.

**Altamira Oriole** *Icterus gularis* — (4) This very large Oriole was encountered at the Crazy Gas Station, Los Tarrales and Mirador Tepepul where fortunately, everyone had good looks.

**Baltimore Oriole** *Icterus galbula* — (6) With multiple birds seen at Los Tarrales and in locations like town centers, these birds were found often at flowering trees at numerous locations, especially the University Textile Museum and Hotel Bambu, getting ready for their trip north.

**Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus* – (1) (L) This single female was feeding at the edge of Lago de Atitlan as we arrived at the Hotel Bambu.

**Bronzed Cowbird** *Molothrus aeneus* — (3) Seen flying past the overlook at the Quetzal Reserve, Panajachel and Mirador Tepepul. These blackbirds with ruby orbs and swollen napes are a nest parasite who lays eggs in many Oriole nests as well as a whole host of other unsuspecting birds.

**Melodious Blackbird** *Dives dives* — (5) Heard far more often than seen this all black Blackbird has a beautiful song. We encountered it at Los Tarrales, where everyone enjoyed its charm near the soccer field. Also, seen at Mirador Tepepul and Rincon Suizo.

**Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus* — (8) Ubiquitous in any "human created" habitat. These large, nearly crow sized Blackbirds, parade their saucy beauty, uninhibited. Fountains in every town center, farm fields, even the edge of mature cloud forest, holds these vocal, satin shrouded show-offs.

#### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS:** *Parulidae* (19)

**Blue-winged Warbler** *Vermivora cyanoptera* – (1) This single bird was seen by a few observers in the huge bird flock at the Hot Springs at Fuentes Georginas.

**Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia* — (5) One of Patricia's favorite birds, we had several on nearly every day especially when encountered in small insectivore flocks.

Crescent-chested Warbler Oreothlypis superciliosa — (3) Seen well and several times at the Hot Spring location, the farm walk at Rincon Suizo and then more after lunch in the pine forest. This is a true beauty.

**Tennessee Warbler** Oreothlypis peregrina — (7) Our most frequently encountered Warbler, they

occurred wherever there seemed to be flowering trees, be it at Los Tarrales or the parking lot at the Hotel in Panajachel. They were the "default" Warbler.

**Nashville Warbler** *Oreothlypis ruficapilla* — (1) This was a single bird found by Roland at Mirador Tepepul.

MacGillivray's Warbler Geothlypis tolmiei — (1) One bird was found by Roland Mirador Tepepul.

**Common Yellowthroat** *Gothlypis trichas* – (2) This was a single sighting, found by Roland just as we had arrived at the Hotel Bamboo on the shore of Lake Atitlan.

**Magnolia Warbler** *Setophaga magnolia* — (2) This species was found on the first outing at the University Textile Museum as well as the evening we arrived at Los Tarrales.

**Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga petechia* — (5) Encountered at the Textile Museum, the "Crazy Gas Station" and Los Tarrales lodge, the Hotel Bambu and Rincon Suizo.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** *Setophaga pensylvanica* – (1) (L) This lone bird was seen at Los Tarrales where it departed as quickly as it appeared.

**Townsend's Warbler** *Setophaga townsendi* — (5) Seen on nearly every day whenever there were feeding flock of songbirds, especially at higher elevations.

**Hermit Warbler** *Setophaga occidentalis* – (2) These beautiful birds were and enjoyed by those who got lucky views of this rather furtive species. Seen at Rincon Suizo and Finca el Pilar.

**Black-throated Green Warbler** *Setophaga virens* — (3) Seen first at the University Textile Museum, and at the Mirador Tepepul.

**Rufous-capped Warbler** *Basileuterus rufifrons* — (2) Always hard to see but well worth the effort this snappy bird was seen at Fuentes Georgias, and Mirador Tepepul.

**Golden-browed Warbler** Basileuterus belli — (4) For those fortunate to get a shot at this stunningly beautiful bird, I take off my hat. Seen on the and at the Hot Springs, the Quetzal Reserve, Rincon Suizo and Finca el Pilar.

**Wilson's Warbler** Cardellina pusilla — (7) Seen commonly and was widespread, these familiar birds were feeding hard as they surely were bulking for a long trip north.

**Red-faced Warbler** *Cardellina rubrifrons* — (2) This lone bird, or two were at the Tecpan Farm walk and enjoyed by all. Also, seen at Finca el Pilar.

**Pink-headed Warbler** (RE) *Cardellina versicolor* — (2) This "Holy Grail" bird for us was brought to our attention when Roland heard one at the Tecpan Farm walk well enough for all to see. We then saw to more after lunch at Rincon Suizo. A very nice bird.

**Slate-throated Redstart** *Myioborus minuatus* — (7) These "Fan Dancers" livened up any understory with their pink belly and slate colored upperparts. The Pine Forest flock had several as well as the Cabiana Suissa walk and Finca El Pilar.

#### CARDINAL-GROSBEAKS: Cardinalidae (8)

Summer Tanager  $Piranga\ rubra$  — (6) Seen in good numbers on nearly every day. Basically, all appeared to be either young males or females as I personally saw only one red male.

**Western Tanager** *Piranga ludoviciana* — (5) Certainly Guatemala is a major wintering locale for these familiar birds of the Western US. Large numbers were beheld at the University Textile Museum, Los Tarrales as well as the Mirador Tepepul or downtown squares and Finca El Pilar.

Flame-colored Tanager Piranga bidentata — (1) One bird were seen perched at the Hot Springs in the

large bird flock.

White-winged Tanager Piranga leucoptera — (3) This utterly striking RED! BLACK! and WHITE! Tanager was heard at the University on the first walk then poured over at Los Tarrales. A rare and beautiful bird. Also, seen at Mirador Tepepul.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** *Pheucticus Iudovicianus* — (6) Numerous birds of both sexes, were spotted at nearly every location visited and afforded great views for all to enjoy.

**Blue Grosbeak** *Passerina caerulea* – (1) This single male was at the Crazy Gas Station when the seedeaters and other birds were... "going off!"

**Indigo Bunting** *Passerina caerulea* — (2) Seen well at the Crazy Gas Station and Los Tarrales.

**Painted Bunting** *Passerina ciris* — (3) For such a fine bird it was unfortunate that we did not see them better but a few, all females, were glimpsed at the Crazy Gas Station, Los Tarrales and Mirador Tepepul.

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

**Blue-gray Tanager** Thraupis episcopus — (4) Wide spread and our second most commonly seen Tanager, these birds were enjoyed at the crazy Gas Station, Los Tarrales as well as in most town squares, typically in company with Yellow-winged Tanagers.

**Yellow-winged Tanager** *Thraupis abbas* — (4) Seen in many locations and often in large numbers. While difficult to enjoy the full spectrum of colors this bird possesses when perched against the sky, I enjoyed the raised eyebrows from those that finally got crippling views when illuminated birds were seen against a dark background.

Azure-rumped Tanager  $Tangara\ cabanisi-(1)\ (L)\ Sadly\ this\ "Holy\ Grail"\ bird\ was\ just\ seen\ ever\ so\ briefly\ by\ the\ leaders\ as\ it\ zipped\ by\ at\ the\ Quetzal\ Reserve\ overlook.$ 

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

**Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa baritula* - (1) (L) Seen by a leader only at the Cabiana Suissa when the rest of the participants were using the rest rooms.

**Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina* – (1) Found only once at the "Crazy Gas Station" as it was seen in the weedy field with other buntings, grosbeaks seedeaters and grassquits.

**Morelet's "White-collared" Seedeater** *Sporophila torqueola* — (4) First noted in the madness surrounding the Crazy Gas Station by Roland. One was seen later at Los Tarrales, Mirador Tepepul and Rincon Suizo.

**Ruddy-breasted Seedeater** *Sporophila morelleti* - (1) Seen, once at the Crazy Gas Station, these rather rare Seedeaters were females that were working the edge of the road.

**Black-headed Saltator** *Saltator atriceps* — (1) These strikingly marked and rowdy birds seem like a cross between a Towhee and a Grosbeak. Gangs of them were encountered at Los Tarrales.

**Grayish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* — (3) The "I know! Right?" bird. This more subtly marked and less gregarious Saltator, (than the Black-headed), was heard and sometimes seen at the University, Los Tarrales and Mirador Tepepul.

#### MAMMALS (4)

**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus* – (3)

**Deppe's Squirrel** *Sciurus deppei* – (4)

**Central American Agouti** *Dasyprocta punctate* – (2)

White-nosed Coati Nasua narica – (2)

**Mexican Gray Squirrel** Sciurus aureogaster - (4)

Jamaican Fruit Bat Artibeus jamaicensis -(1)

Ring-tailed Cat Bassariscus astutus - (1)

#### **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (2)**

**Green Spiny Lizard** Sceloporus malachiticus - (2)

**Indigo-throated Anole** Anolis sericeus - (2)

# INSECTS (1)

Ceiba Borer Beatle Euchroma gigantean- (1)

# Tikal Extension Birds 146 species recorded

Plain Chachalaca – (3)

Crested Guan - (1)

Great Curassow – (1)

Singing Quail – HO (1)

Ocellated Turkey – (4)

Pied-billed Grebe – (1)

Rock Pigeon – (2)

Pale-vented Pigeon – (1)

Red-billed Pigeon – (1)

Eurasian Collared-Dove – (1)

Ruddy Ground Dove – (1)

Blue Ground Dove - (1)

Gray-headed Dove – HO (1)

White-winged Dove – (2)

Groove-billed Ani – (1)

Squirrel Cuckoo – (1)

Vaux's Swift – (1)

Long-billed Hermit – (2)

Stripe-throated Hermit – (1)

Purple-crowned Fairy – (3)

Green-breasted Mango – (1)

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – (1)

Wedge-tailed Sabrewing - (2)

White-bellied Emerald – (4) Rufous-tailed Hummingbird - (1) White-eared Hummingbird – (1) Russet-naped Wood-Rail – (2) Common Gallinule – (1) American Coot – (1) Purple Gallinule – (1) Northern Jacana – (3) Spotted Sandpiper – (1) Laughing Gull - (2) Royal Tern – (1) Anhinga – (1) Neotropic Cormorant – (1) Brown Pelican – (1) Great Blue Heron – (1) Great Egret – (1) Little Blue Heron – (1) Cattle Egret – (1) Green Heron – (1) King Vulture - (1) Black Vulture – (3) Turkey Vulture - (4) Black-necked Stilt – (1) Double-toothed Kite - (1) Roadside Hawk – (4) Ferruginous Pygmy Owl - HO (1) Osprey – (1) Slaty-tailed Trogon – (1) Black-headed Trogon – (3) Gartered Trogon – (2) Lesson's Motmot – (1) Ringed Kingfisher – (1) Belted Kingfisher – (1) Green Kingfisher – (1) Rufous-tailed Jacamar – (1) Northern Emerald-Toucanet – (1) Collared Aracari – (3) Keel-billed Toucan - (3)

Golden-fronted Woodpecker – (3) Smoky-brown Woodpecker – (1) Pale-billed Woodpecker – (2)

Lineated Woodpecker – (3) Chestnut-colored Woodpecker – (2) Golden-olive Woodpecker – HO (1) Collared Forest-Falcon – (1) Brown-hooded Parrot – (1) White-crowned Parrot – (4) Red-lored Parrot – (4) White-fronted Parrot – (4) Olive-throated Parakeet – (4) Barred Antshrike - (1) Ruddy Woodcreeper – (1) Tawny-winged Woodcreeper – (1) Wedge-billed Woodcreeper – (1) Northern Barred-Woodcreeper – (1) Ivory-billed Woodcreeper – (4) Masked Tityra – (3) Sepia-capped Flycatcher – (1) Northern Bentbill - HO (1) Eye-ringed Flatbill – (1) Greenish Elania - (1) Fork-tailed Flycatcher – (1) Vermilion Flycatcher – (1) Yellow-bellied Elania – (1) Greater Pewee – (2) Yellow-bellied Flycatcher – (2) Least Flycatcher – (1) Bright-rumped Attila – HO (1) Dusky-capped Flycatcher – (1) Brown-crested Flycatcher – (1) Great Kiskadee – (2) Boat-billed Flycatcher – (1) Social Flycatcher – (4) Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher – (1) Tropical Kingbird – (3) Couch's Kingbird – HO (1) Lesser Greenlet – (3) White-eyed Vireo – (1) Yellow-throated Vireo – (1) Brown Jay -(4)Northern Rough-winged Swallow – (4) Ridegeway's Rough-winged Swallow - (1)

Mangrove Swallow – (1) Long-billed Gnatwren – HO (1) Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – (1) House Wren – (1) Spot-breasted wren -(1)Gray Catbird – (1) Wood Thrush - (2) BALDWIN'S Clay-colored Thrush - (4) House Sparrow – (1) Yellow-throated Euphonia – (3) Chestnut-capped Brushfinch – (1) Rufous-collared Sparrow - (1) Montezuma Oropendola – (4) Orchard Oriole – (1) Baltimore Oriole – (2) Giant Cowbird - (2) Melodious Blackbird - (3) Great-tailed Grackle – (2) Ovenbird – (1) Northern Waterthrush – (1) Black-and-white Warbler - (4) Kentucky Warbler – (1) Hooded Warbler – (3) American Redstart – (2) Northern Parula – HO (1) Magnolia Warbler - (1) Yellow Warbler – (1) Chestnut-sided Warbler – (1) Yellow-rumped Warbler – (2) Black-throated Green Warbler - HO (1) Wilson's Warbler – (1) Summer Tanager – (3) Blue Bunting – (3) Black-throated Shrike-Tanager – HO (1) Blue-gray Tanager – (1) Yellow-winged Tanager Red-legged Honeycreeper – (1) Morelet's Seedeater – (1) Yellow-faced Grassquit – (1) Black-headed Saltator – (1) Blue-Black Grassquit – (1)

MAMMALS for TIKAL EXTENSION

Yucatan Squirrel – (1)

Central American Agouti – (2)

Central American Spider Monkey – (3)

Yucatan Black Howler Monkey - (3)

White-nosed Coati – (2)

Mexican Gray Squirrel – (1)

Brown-headed Anole – (1)