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Costa Rica Birding & Nature
w/ Pacific Coast Extension (February 16 – 19)

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Compiled by Andy Jones.

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

(I)= Introduced

(RE)= Regional Endemic

(E)= National Endemic

Summary: Our itinerary, optimized to sample the major habitat types of Costa Rica, netted us 374 species of birds, plus many mammal, reptile, amphibian, and plant highlights! We began at Hotel Bougainvillea in the Central Valley, then worked our way up to the highlands where we birded the Savegre Valley as well as several nearby sites of even higher elevation. Resplendent Quetzals stole the show there, but we thoroughly enjoyed a great diversity of birds including many regional endemics. From there we worked our way onto the Caribbean side, staying at Rancho Naturalista and then dropping down into the Caribbean lowlands around La Selva and picking up a Sunbittern enroute! Rancho's bird show was stunning, with a male Lovely Cotinga glowing in the morning sun, and the feeders hosted a great array of wildlife, including a cooperative Tayra! The lowlands presented us with multiple macaw sightings, and a chance encounter with the scarce and declining Nicaraguan Seed-Finches. We returned to the Central Valley with a beautiful, waterfall-filled drive and a stopover at a roadside restaurant with incredible feeders (toucans! barbets! tanagers!).

On the extension, two boat trips gave great looks at riverine birds as well as access to mangroves loaded with roosting pelicans, frigatebirds, and many species of shorebirds. La Ensenada's dry forest was loaded with birds including Turquoise-browed Motmots, and their salt pans hosted over 1,000 shorebirds spanning many species.

The eBird trip report is here: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/40993>

BIRDS (374 species recorded, of which 17 were heard only):

TINAMOUS: Tinamidae (1)

Great Tinamou *Tinamus major*—Heard at La Selva, and then seen exceptionally well at the end of our hike at Carara.

DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae (4)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*—Small flock at the lake we visited in the lowlands (La Angostura Florencia), and >100 at the ponds at La Ensenada.

Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata*—Pairs seen at La Angostura, and on the Tarcoles River boat tour.

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors*—On the Tarcoles boat tour, and >100 on the ponds at La Ensenada.

Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*—Around 35 were at La Angostura, including a cooperative group up close.

GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae (4)

Gray-headed Chachalaca *Ortalis cinereiceps*—A small group delighted us at the coffee farm (Finca Cristina), and they put on a real show at the Rancho Naturalista fruit feeders.

Crested Guan *Penelope purpurascens*—Seen in small numbers at Rancho Naturalista, La Selva, and Selva Verde.

Black Guan (RE) *Chamaepetes unicolor*—One was seen well from the bridge entrance to Savegre, showing off its lovely blue face skin.

Great Curassow *Crax rubra*—We were treated to a long study of the pair at La Selva, with the female posing in the parking lot, and the male giving his deep booming call back in the woods while viewed through Johan's spotting scope!

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (14)

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* (I)—Perched on wires in the town of Puerto Viejo de Sarapiquí while we ran to ATMs.

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*—A pair were spotted from the road that we walked after the Sarapiquí boat tour.

Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa*—Two individuals of this beautiful species were seen at La Selva.

Red-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas flavirostris*—Seen at many sites throughout the trip.

Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata*—Common in higher elevations, seen around Savegre.

Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea* (HO)—Heard singing while we hiked in the primary forest above Savegre.

Short-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas nigrirostris* (HO)—Heard only, but commonly, on many sites on the Caribbean side.

Inca Dove *Columbina inca*—Seen at Ensenada and along the roads in the Pacific.

Common Ground-Dove *Columbina passerina*—Seen at Ensenada several times.

Ruddy Ground-Dove *Columbina talpacoti*—Seen on the Tarcoles boat tour.

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*—Seen at all sites except high elevation.

Gray-chested Dove *Leptotila cassinii*—One visited the corn below the feeders at Rancho Naturalista.

Buff-fronted Quail-Dove *Zentrygon costaricensis* (RE)—Seen by Kathy and Andy at Savegre, on the lodge grounds.

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*—Common in lower elevation sites, with great looks at Hotel Bougainvillea.

CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae (4)

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*—Common on the Pacific slope, especially at Ensenada.

Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia* (HO)—Heard at Rancho Naturalista.

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*—We bumped into this impressive bird in several sites, including great looks on our last morning at Ensenada, of a cooperative bird near the ground.

Mangrove Cuckoo *Coccyzus minor*—Long but challenging looks at a single bird in the mangroves on the boat tour from Ensenada. After a lot of work, we got everyone on this bird, perched with its back to us.

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (2)

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis*—We saw several flocks emerging at dusk in the Pacific lowlands, as well as a single roosting bird seen during the mangrove boat tour.

Dusky Nightjar *Antrostomus saturatus* (RE)—Outstanding looks at one individual at dusk above Savegre.

SWIFTS: Apodidae (5)

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris*—Large flocks seen at several sites, from Savegre to La Selva.

Vaux's Swift *Chaetura vauxi*—A large flock milled overhead while we admired Resplendent Quetzals.

Costa Rican Swift *Chaetura fumosa*—A few passed overhead while we hiked in Carara.

Gray-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris*—Several were overhead at La Selva.

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila cayennensis*—One passed overhead at La Selva.

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (29)

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora*—Impressive looks at these sharp-looking hummingbirds at Rancho Naturalista's feeders.

Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy*—One individual visited the Rancho Naturalista feeders, always for quick visits.

Long-billed Hermit *Phaethornis longirostris*—We saw one individual at flowers at Selva Verde.

Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis*—Seen a couple of times away from the feeders at Rancho Naturalista.

Lesser Violetear *Colibri cyanotus*—Lots of quality time was spent with this species at a variety of mid- and high-elevation sites, including the two recently fledged babies at Savegre. Andy was able to have one perch on his finger briefly.

Purple-crowned Fairy *Heliothryx barroti*—Great, but brief, looks at this bird towards the end of the Carara hike.

Green-breasted Mango *Anthracothorax prevostii*—Many sightings at Rancho Naturalista and Ensenada, giving us lots of time to admire the distinctive plumage of the females and the bronzy-purple tail on the males.

Green Thorntail *Discosura conversii*—Two individuals visited the Verbena flowers at Rancho Naturalista, showing off their white bar on the rump and their surprisingly long tails.

Black-crested Coquette *Lophornis helenae*—One male visited the Verbena flowers at Rancho Naturalista, showing off its impressive crest and bright beak.

Green-crowned Brilliant *Heliodoxa jacula*—Common at the Rancho Naturalista and the Soda Cinchona (brunch spot, overlooking a waterfall) feeders.

Talamanca Hummingbird *Eugenes spectabilis* (RE)—Formerly Magnificent Hummingbird, this large bird was common on every high elevation checklist.

Plain-capped Starthroat *Heliomaster constantii*—Brief looks at one during a midmorning walk at Ensenada.

Fiery-throated Hummingbird *Panterpe insignis* (RE)—Common in high elevations, with superb looks at both Miriam's Restaurant and Paraiso Quetzal.

White-throated Mountain-gem *Lampornis castaneiventris* (RE)—Less abundant, but seen consistently at several high elevation sites. The females, with distinctive warm brown undersides, were memorable.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*—Detected a few sites, with our best looks at Ensenada.

Volcano Hummingbird *Selasphorus flammula* (RE)—Great looks at Miriam's Restaurant and Paraiso Quetzal feeders, as well as in the Savegre area.

Scintillant Hummingbird *Selasphorus scintilla* (RE)—Replacing Volcano Hummingbird at lower elevations, but overlapping in the Savegre valley.

Canivet's Emerald *Chlorostilbon canivetii*—We were lucky to bump into this glittering jewel twice at Ensenada.

Garden Emerald *Chlorostilbon assimilis*—We were even luckier to see one of these at the verbena flowers at Rancho Naturalista.

Scaly-breasted Hummingbird *Phaeochroa cuvierii*—We struggled to see what we thought was a Mangrove Hummingbird during the Tarcoles boat trip, but discovered that it was a Scaly-breasted. And then it was chased away by a Mangrove Hummingbird!

Violet Sabrewing *Campylopterus hemileucurus*—These huge, aggressive, purple hummingbirds never fail to impress! Seen at Rancho Naturalista and Soda Cinchona.

Crowned Woodnymph *Thalurania colombica*—Several visited the Rancho Naturalista feeders, showing off incredible glowing green and purple.

Stripe-tailed Hummingbird *Eupherusa eximia*—Seen on the morning walk below Savegre, in the Cannas.

Snowcap *Microchera albocoronata*—YES! After watching a female at the verbena flowers, we finally had a bright purple male visit, and he did a short display flight in front of the female before moving on.

Mangrove Hummingbird *Amazilia boucardi* (E)—Good, but brief, looks at one perched and then feeding on mangrove flowers on the Tarcoles River. Endemic to the Pacific coast of Costa Rica.

Blue-vented Hummingbird *Saucerottia hoffmanni*—Formerly Steely-vented Hummingbird. Seen at Hotel Bougainvillea and at Ensenada.

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl*—Common at all sites except the highlands.

Cinnamon Hummingbird *Amazilia rutila*—Seen frequently at Ensenada.

Blue-throated Goldentail *Hylocharis eliciae*—One was noted at Carara.

RAILS, COOTS AND ALLIES: Rallidae (4)

Russet-naped Wood-Rail *Aramides albiventris* (HO)—Heard along the entrance road at La Selva.

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail *Aramides cajaneus*—We saw a few along the Tarcoles River during the boat tour.

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*—A few individuals were among the hundreds of wading birds at the lagoon at La Ensenada.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica*—Fifteen individuals were at the lagoon at La Ensenada, plus we ran into a few at La Angostura and on the Tarcoles River.

LIMPKIN: Aramididae (1)

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna*—Two individuals were spotted at La Angostura.

THICK-KNEES: Burhinidae (1)

Double-striped Thick-knee *Burhinus bistriatus*—After struggling to see two distant, camouflaged individuals on the Tarcoles River tour, we then had close looks at several pairs at La Ensenada.

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (1)

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*—You cannot tire of this bird, even when it is common! We found dozens at several sites, various wet areas at La Ensenada and on the Tarcoles River.

LAPWINGS AND PLOVERS: Charadriidae (6)

Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*—Abundant at La Ensenada and in the nearby mangroves.

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*—A pair with fuzzy babies delighted us as we drove into the Caribbean lowlands, and we found more adults at La Angostura and La Ensenada.

Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris*—Three individuals were picked out on the sandy flats along the Tarcoles River.

Wilson's Plover *Charadrius wilsonia*—A handful were among the throngs of Semipalmated Plovers at the La Ensenada salt pans.

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*—A common overwintering migrant in the mangroves and salt pans at La Ensenada.

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*—One bird was calling occasionally at La Angostura.

JACANAS: Jacanidae (1)

Northern Jacana *Jacana spinosa*—Many individuals showed off their lanky toes and shockingly yellow wings at several wetlands that we visited.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (12)

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*—Incredibly, these are common in the mangroves that we viewed by boat, roosting in bare limbs. We estimated 300 there, as well as smaller groups in the salt pans and on the Tarcoles River.

Marbled Godwit *Limosa fedoa*—On the way back from the mangrove boat tour, we found three mixed in with other species on a small island in the middle of the Nicoya Gulf.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*—Hanging out with Whimbrel flocks in several Pacific locations.

Stilt Sandpiper *Calidris himantopus*—Johan picked out a few individuals at La Ensenada salt pans.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*—We found two small groups, one at La Ensenada and one along the Tarcoles River.

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*—Outnumbered by the Westerns, but we still found around 100 at La Ensenada.

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*—The salt pans at La Ensenada were hosting perhaps 1500 shorebirds, and half of them were Western Sandpipers!

Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*—Deeper muddy spots in the Pacific lowlands (salt pan, mangroves) were a good place to find small groups.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularia*—It doesn't count as a boat tour if you don't see a Spotted Sandpiper! We tallied the most - 50! - on the Tarcoles River, as we watched many singletons and small groups moving into the mangroves to roost at dusk.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*—A single bird was among the 1,500 shorebirds at La Ensenada.

Willet *Tringa semipalmata*—Fairly common in mangroves and mudflats in the Pacific lowlands.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*—More common than the Greaters at La Ensenada.

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (6)

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla*—Common in the Pacific lowlands; we saw the largest group at our oceanside lunchtime stop.

Franklin's Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan*—Johan picked out two individuals among the Laughing Gull flocks at La Ensenada.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon niloticus*—A single individual was picked up enroute to the mangroves at La Ensenada.

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus*—The abundant tern in the Pacific coastal sites.

Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*—Smaller numbers were among the Royals at La Ensenada.

Black Skimmer *Rhynchops niger*—A few small groups were among the mangroves at La Ensenada.

SUNBITTERN: Eurypygidae (1)

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias*—Spotted twice from a small bridge next to a main road near Rancho Naturalista.

STORKS: Ciconiidae (2)

Jabiru *Jabiru mycteria*—YES! Our final bird on our final evening at La Ensenada, one distant Jabiru settled into the marshes below us at sunset. Another was spotted by part of the group the following morning.

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*—Abundant at La Ensenada, with up to thirty individuals in the lagoon.

FRIGATEBIRDS: Fregatidae (1)

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*—Common to abundant along the Pacific coast, including roosting in the mangroves.

ANHINGAS: Anhingidae (1)

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*—Seen on boat tours, with particularly good views at La Ensenada.

CORMORANTS Phalacrocoracidae (1)

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*—Common in several wetland areas and along rivers.

PELICANS: Pelecanidae (1)

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis*—Common in the Pacific coastal sites.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (11)

Bare-throated Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma mexicanum*—Great looks of individuals along the river and in trees by the Tarcoles River and at La Ensenada.

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*—Common at most wetland/river sites.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*—Common at most wetland/river sites, with the largest numbers in the lagoon at La Ensenada.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*—Common at most wetland/river sites.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*—Common at most wetland/river sites, but impressive numbers (around 100) in the mangroves at La Ensenada.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*—Common in Pacific wetland/river sites.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*—We saw cattle... so we saw Cattle Egrets! Many lowland areas.

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*—A handful were spotted during several boat tours.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*—Just two individuals, hiding in mangroves on the Tarcoles River.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*—Abundant in wetland areas surrounded by trees, especially mangrove sites.

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius*—Persistent scanning paid off, finding a few individuals in the mangroves on the Tarcoles River and at La Ensenada.

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Theskiornithidae (3)

White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*—Common in Pacific lowlands, including 100 on the Tarcoles River.

Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*—Four flew over us, calling loudly, at La Sevla's entrance road.

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*—Impressive pink birds at La Ensenada and along the Tarcoles River.

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (2)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*—Let me check my notes... yes, we had a few! Everywhere!

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*—Rare compared to Black Vultures. Just kidding! They're abundant, everywhere!

OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*—One or two at each of the wetland/river sites.

HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (10)

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*—A single bird was noted during our drive to Rancho Naturalista.

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis*—One immature was hunting for large snails at La Angostura.

Crane Hawk *Geranospiza caerulescens*—One poorly-seen individual at La Ensenada.

Common Black-Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus*—A few were noted during our Pacific boat tours.

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris*—We dubbed this one "trailside hawk" since it was along the trail at La Ensenada.

Semiplumbeous Hawk *Leucopternis semiplumbeus*—Wow, extended views of two individuals at La Selva.

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus*—One was perched at the start of our Tarcoles River boat trip.

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*—This common migrant is less common midwinter in Costa Rica; we found one at Rancho Naturalista.

Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni*—We picked out a single bird within a mixed kettle of raptors over the Tarcoles River.

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*—On our last morning at Savegre, we ran into one dark-bellied individual from the resident subspecies.

OWLS: Strigidae (4)

Pacific Screech-Owl *Megascops cooperi*—Johan spotted one during the day at La Ensenada; scope views!

Costa Rican Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium costaricanum* (RE)(HO)—One responded to tape playback while we hiked in the primary forest above Savegre.

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum*—Great looks at two individuals at Hotel Bougainvillea, and several at La Ensenada as well.

Mottled Owl *Ciccaba virgata*—Two individuals were roosting in the colossal bamboo thicket at Hotel Bougainvillea.

TROGONS: Trogonidae (6)

Resplendent Quetzal *Pharomachrus mocinno*—Oh my yes. Astonishing looks at several birds on a privately owned and managed farm near Savegre. Stunning, stunning birds.

Slaty-tailed Trogon *Trogon massena*—Two pairs, one at La Selva and one on the nearby boat tour.

Black-headed Trogon *Trogon melanocephalus*—Great roadside views of several individuals as we wandered around La Ensenada.

Gartered Trogon *Trogon caligatus*—La Ensenada's trails had a cooperative pair that our group studied.

Black-throated Trogon *Trogon rufus*—We picked up a few in the Caribbean lowlands, including a male that caught and ate a moth during a morning walk at Selva Verde.

Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris*—Several were spotted at Rancho Naturalista.

MOTMOTS: Momotidae (4)

Lesson's Motmot *Momotus lessonii*—Our first motmot of the trip, a pair was hunting in the gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea.

Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii*—Heard several times at Rancho Naturalista, we did get a good look on one of our onsite hikes.

Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum*—Seen at several Caribbean lowland sites, including a cooperative bird sitting over the trail at La Selva.

Turquoise-browed Motmot *Eumomota superciliosa*—The best motmot. Common in Pacific lowlands, particularly at La Ensenada and during the Tarcoles River tour.

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (5)

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*—We connected with two of these behemoths, including a repeated flyby at La Angostura.

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon*—Two quick flybys of this migratory species, during boat tours.

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona*—The largest of the green kingfisher species, seen on each boat tour.

American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea*—Oh my, simply wonderful looks at this tiny kingfisher among the mangrove aerial roots during our Tarcoles River boat tour.

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana*—Like their larger cousins the Amazons, seen on each boat tour.

JACAMARS: Galbulidae (1)

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda*—Scope views at Rancho Naturalista and at La Selva.

NEW WORLD BARBETS: Capitonidae (2)

Red-headed Barbet *Eubucco bourcierii*—Wow, one stunning individual coming to the feeders at Soda Cinchona.

Prong-billed Barbet *Semnornis frantzii* (RE)—Unexpectedly, one came into the feeders at Soda Cinchona (they're typically noted at higher elevations).

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (4)

Northern Emerald-Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus prasinus*—Two visited the Soda Cinchona feeders, adding to the rainbow-colored chaos at the bananas.

Collared Aracari *Pteroglossus torquatus*—We ran into the Caribbean-slope species in several places, with our best looks at Rancho Naturalista.

Yellow-throated Toucan *Ramphastos ambiguus*—Great looks at La Selva and Carara. Heard frequently, giving a surprisingly high-pitched call.

Keel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos sulfuratus*—Common at Rancho Naturalista and La Selva, giving frequent frog-like croaks.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (9)

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*—Common in high elevation, including over Savegre Lodge.

Black-cheeked Woodpecker *Melanerpes pucherani*—Encountered frequently on the Caribbean side, particularly at Rancho Naturalista.

Hoffmann's Woodpecker *Melanerpes hoffmannii*—Common at Hotel Bougainvillea as well as at Ensenada Lodge.

Hairy Woodpecker *Dryobates villosus*—We watched one excavate a nest cavity in between our absurd close views of Resplendent Quetzals. The Costa Rica / Panama highland form is darker than the more northerly populations, and could be split into a separate species someday.

Pale-billed Woodpecker *Campephilus guatemalensis*—Heard at La Selva, and brief looks at Rancho Naturalista.

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*—We found a pair on our last morning at La Ensenada.

Chestnut-colored Woodpecker *Celeus castaneus*—Wonderful views of several pairs at La Selva.

Rufous-winged Woodpecker *Picus simplex* (RE)—A single bird was studied along the entrance road to La Selva.

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus*—A close bird, though very backlit, when hiking above Rancho Naturalista. We quickly forgot about it when the Lovely Cotinga was reported a moment later!

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (5)

Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway*—Several sightings at lowland sites, including La Selva and La Ensenada.

Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima*—Our best looks were at Hotel Bougainvillea, where one youngster was attacking its reflection in the metal of an airduct on a nearby building.

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans*—We waited til the last day of the tour to finally find this bird, and connected with a very vocal trailside pair at La Ensenada.

Merlin *Falco columbarius*—One bird briefly stopped in a tree behind Hotel Bougainvillea.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*—Moments after the Merlin, a Peregrine passed overhead!

PARROTS: Psittacidae (14)

Barred Parakeet *Bolborhynchus lineola*—Difficult to see beyond high-altitude spots, but recorded several times in the high elevations.

Orange-chinned Parakeet *Brotogeris jugularis*—Several small groups were noted at La Selva.

Brown-hooded Parrot *Pyrrhura haematotis*—Great looks at a pair along the trail in Carara, and brief looks at Rancho Naturalista.

White-crowned Parrot *Pionus senilis*—Many sightings at middle and low elevations on the Caribbean side.

Red-lored Parrot *Amazona autumnalis*—Pairs were noted flying over Selva Verde and La Selva.

Yellow-naped Parrot *Amazona auropalliata*—A few pairs were seen in flight at La Ensenada and the Tarcoles River.

White-fronted Parrot *Amazona albifrons*—Several pairs were seen at La Ensenada.

Mealy Parrot *Amazona farinosa*—A single pair flew over during the Tarcoles River tour.

Sulphur-winged Parakeet *Pyrrhura hoffmanni* (RE)—A few flocks were seen at Savegre, including a well seen group crossing the valley.

Olive-throated Parakeet *Eupsittula nana*—A single small flock passed over the La Selva headquarters.

Orange-fronted Parakeet *Eupsittula canicularis*—Commonly seen at La Ensenada.

Great Green Macaw *Ara ambiguus*—Despite steady drizzle, we saw a few attending a nest near La Selva, and had a few flyovers close by.

Scarlet Macaw *Ara macao*—Great views of flyovers throughout the Tarcoles River tour, plus two unforgettable birds that landed in the beach almond tree over our lunch stop and fed in the tree, dropping seed husks on the outdoor tables!

Crimson-fronted Parakeet *Psittacara finschi*—The most common parakeet at several sites, with large flocks seen over Hotel Bougainvillea and wonderful views of a small group on the ruins of the oldest Catholic church in the country.

ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae (6)

Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus*—We saw a single bird near the parking lot at La Selva.

Black-crowned Antshrike *Thamnophilus atrinucha*—Several were heard, and one seen, on the trails at La Selva.

Dusky Antbird *Cercomacroides tyrannina*—One individual was mostly hidden in the vines along the entrance road to La Selva.

Chestnut-backed Antbird *Poliocrania exsul*—Their memorable 3-noted song was heard at both Carara and Selva Verde, including a great look at one next to of one at the parking lot of Selva Verde.

Dull-mantled Antbird *Sipia laemosticta* (HO)—Heard on the trails by Rancho Naturalista.

Zeledon's Antbird *Hafferia zeledoni* (HO)—Heard on the trails by Rancho Naturalista.

ANTPITTAS: Grallariidae (2)

Streak-chested Antpitta *Hylopezus perspicillatus*—After extended playback, we finally managed a look at this skulker below the dense shrubs at Carara.

Thicket Antpitta *Hylopezus dives* (HO)—Heard-only by the guides at Guayabo National Monument.

TAPACULOS: Rhinocryptidae (1)

Silvery-fronted Tapaculo *Scytalopus argentifrons* (RE)(HO)—Heard in Savegre Valley.

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (12)

Tawny-winged Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla anabatina*—A pair were briefly seen while we took a break during the Carara hike.

Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa*—A few individuals were noted at La Selva.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorynchus spirurus*—Present at La Selva, seen well.

Northern Barred-Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*—Noisy at La Selva, with one pair seen well on the entrance road.

Cocoa Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus susurrans*—More widespread than other species, we saw them at Rancho Naturalista, La Selva, and Carara.

Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*—Brief study of one individual at Rancho Naturalista.

Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*—Great looks at La Angostura, and also noted at Rancho Naturalista.

Spot-crowned Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes affinis*—Similar to Streak-headed, this is the common high elevation species found in open forests.

Buffy Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes lawrencii*—Several views in a mixed flock above Savegre.

Lineated Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla subalaris*—Initially heard only, but a few of us managed good but brief looks at this species as it called downslope from the trail above Savegre.

Ruddy Treerunner *Margarornis rubiginosus* (RE)—Common in the high elevations above Savegre within mixed flocks.

Slaty Spinetail *Synallaxis brachyura*—With some effort, the group had great views of a vocal individual at La Angostura.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (30)

Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola*—We spotted one during our boat tour on the Sarapiquí.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*—Great looks at our walk after lunch at Ujarras, and seen again at La Angostura.

Mountain Elaenia *Elaenia frantzii*—One of the first birds we saw when we got out of the car enroute to the highlands. Common in high elevations.

Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea*—One was seen along the Savegre River, and we found a few at the Rio Platanillo bridge (where the Sunbittern was).

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris*—One individual seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Mistletoe Tyrannulet *Zimmerius parvus*—Great looks at Finca Cristina in the edge of the coffee farm itself, and seen at a few other Caribbean slope sites.

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus* **(HO)**—Heard during our tour of Guayabo.

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*—Great looks at these striking, diminutive birds at several sites on the mid-Caribbean slope.

Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum nigriceps* **(HO)**—Heard at Rancho Naturalista.

Yellow-olive Flycatcher *Tolmomyias sulphureus*—One was seen on our short walk behind the Pacific Oceanfront lunch stop.

Tufted Flycatcher *Mitrephanes phaeocercus*—Common in the highlands, with lots seen on our walk in the primary forest above Savegre.

Dark Pewee *Contopus lugubris* **(RE)**—Our last "new" bird in Savegre, spotted amidst the great roadside flock as we drove out of the valley.

Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus*—Spotted during the Tarcoles boat tour.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher *Empidonax flaviventris*—A North American bog nester that winters in tropical forests, Johan spotted one in the lower section of Rancho Naturalista.

Black-capped Flycatcher *Empidonax atriceps* **(RE)**—A distinctive *Empid*, seen at several highland sites.

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*—Common along waterways in mid- and high-elevation.

Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus*—Heard more often than seen (especially at dawn, when they sang maniacally), but seen well during one of our La Selva walks.

Rufous Mourner *Rhytipterna holerythra*—One was in a mixed flock during our first walk at La Selva.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*—Common but not ostentatious, we saw a few at Rancho Naturalista and Ujarras.

Panama Flycatcher *Myiarchus panamensis*—Restricted to mangroves, we saw one during the Tarcoles River boat tour.

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*—Common in the dry northwest, we saw quite a few of them during walks at Ensenada.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*—Abundant at all sites, detected by their many strident calls.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*—Never as common as kiskadees, but we saw them several times, including scope views at Rancho Naturalista.

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*—Common at all sites.

Gray-capped Flycatcher *Myiozetetes granadensis*—Seen at several places, including Rancho Naturalista and La Selva.

Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus*—A pair were hanging out behind our lunch spot on the Pacific Ocean, and also seen at Ensenada.

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus*—Frequently heard at La Sevla, and seen during the Tarcoles boat tour.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*—Common at all sites except for high elevation.

Western Kingbird *Tyrannus verticalis*—Around 25 flew overhead at the salt pans at Ensenada, heading to an evening roost.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus*—Great looks along the roadside on our way out of Ensenada.

COTINGAS: Cotingidae (2)

Rufous Piha *Lipaugus unirufus*—One perched in front of the group when we turned around on our longer La Selva trail hike.

Lovely Cotinga *Cotinga amabilis* —Wow, wow. Distant views of a male in a tree on the next ridge, but still stunning with his bright colors while perched below the "broccoli" tree limbs.

MANAKINS: Pipridae (3)

Long-tailed Manakin *Chiroxiphia linearis*—A meaningful end to our trip, this was the final new species of the tour. Found in the forest near Johan's childhood home, and this was the species that got him interested in birding!

White-collared Manakin *Manacus candei*—Heard at many Caribbean-slope sites, with only part of the group getting clear views at La Selva. Frustrating!

Red-capped Manakin *Ceratopipra mentalis*—Great looks at a pair on the Carara trail, in a vine tangle.

BECARDS AND TITYRAS: Tityridae (3)

Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor*—A pair were seen by the bridge at La Selva.

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata*—Seen in several lowland Caribbean sites, including La Angostura.

Cinnamon Becard *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*—Seen at several Caribbean sites, with our best looks along the road below Rancho Naturalista.

VIREOS: Vireonidae (8)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*—Great, but brief, looks on our first morning at Hotel Bougainvillea, and heard again in the highlands.

Green Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius pulchellus* **(HO)**—Heard during the Carara hike.

Lesser Greenlet *Pachysylvia decurtata* **(HO)**—Commonly heard but hard to spot, mostly detected at La Selva.

Yellow-throated Vireo *Vireo flavifrons*—Commonly joined mixed flocks with other migrant species, seen well at Hotel Bougainvillea and many other lowland sites.

Yellow-winged Vireo *Vireo carmioli* **(RE)**—This Talamanca specialty was seen at several Savegre-area sites.

Philadelphia Vireo *Vireo philadelphicus*—Difficult to find in North America, but easy in Costa Rica, we saw large numbers at Hotel Bougainvillea and several other sites.

Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys* **(HO)**—With a song nearly identical to Warbling Vireo, this song rang out below Savegre during a morning walk.

Yellow-green Vireo *Vireo flavoviridis*—The tropical version of a Red-eyed Vireo, we found one amidst a mixed flock as we left Ensenada.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (2)

White-throated Magpie-Jay *Calocitta formosa*—Stunning and common at Ensenada.

Brown Jay *Psilorhinus morio*—Abundant at low and mid elevation sites; noisy and ostentatious.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (6)

Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*—Common in mid- and high-elevation sites, with our best views at Paraiso de Quetzales.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*—A common migrant, seen at many lowland sites.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*—Always outnumbered by their migratory close relative, but several were along waterways in the Caribbean lowlands.

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*—Brief looks near La Selva as well as on the Tarcoles.

Mangrove Swallow *Tachycineta albilinea*—Common on waterways at all lowland sites.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*—A large flock was at the Ensenada salt pan, and several others were seen on the Tarcoles.

WRENS: Troglodytidae (11)

Nightingale Wren *Microcerculus philomela* (HO)—As always, heard-only. A weird song we picked up at Rancho Naturalista.

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*—Common in lowlands, with our best looks at Hotel Bougainvillea.

Timberline Wren *Thryorchilus browni* (RE)—A tough bird to detect, we had great looks along a roadside enroute to Savegre.

Rufous-naped Wren *Campylorhynchus rufinucha*—Big and boisterous, wonderful looks of these impressive birds at Hotel Bougainvillea as well as Ensenada.

Black-throated Wren *Pheugopedius atrogularis*—Good but brief looks at La Selva. Also heard at Rancho Naturalista.

Banded Wren *Thryophilus pleurostictus*—Brief looks at Ensenada.

Rufous-and-white Wren *Thryophilus rufalbus* (HO)—We heard their low and strange call at the start of the Carara hike.

Cabanis's Wren *Cantorchilus modestus*—Common at several sites in low and mid-elevation. Usually heard only, but we did have good looks at a few.

Bay Wren *Cantorchilus nigricapillus*—Common, especially near water, on Caribbean slope at several sites.

White-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucosticta*—One of the most commonly heard songs at Rancho Naturalista, and we had several great looks at this stub-tailed species.

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys*—Replaces White-breasted in high elevations, and we had several good looks at them in the Savegre Valley.

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (3)

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus* (HO)—Disappointingly, heard only at the La Selva entrance road.

White-lored Gnatcatcher *Polioptila albiloris*—Common around Ensenada.

White-browed Gnatcatcher *Polioptila bilineata*—Formerly Tropical Gnatcatcher. Seen at Ujarras.

DIPPERS: Cinclidae (1)

American Dipper *Cinclus mexicanus*—The whole group was treated to good looks at this species as we headed out of the Savegre Valley.

THRUSHES: Turdidae (7)

Black-faced Solitaire *Myadestes melanops* (RE)—Usually heard-only, but we did get brief looks during one of our Savegre hikes.

Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus gracilirostris* (RE)—Common in the higher elevation sections around Savegre.

Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus frantzii*—Common and fairly tame around Savegre, often seen hopping along trails close-by.

Wood Thrush *Hylocichla mustelina*—Detected at La Selva and Rancho Naturalista.

Mountain Thrush *Turdus plebejus*—The common thrush in the highlands.

Clay-colored Thrush *Turdus grayi*—Costa Rica's national bird, with a beautiful robin-like song. Detected at most mid- and low-elevation sites.

Sooty Thrush *Turdus nigrescens* (RE)—We spotted a few of this large, high elevation species, with the best looks at Miriam's cafe.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (1)

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus*—Seen on the road near La Selva, as well as in the Savegre area.

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS: Ptiliogonatidae (2)

Black-and-yellow Silky-flycatcher *Phainoptila melanoxantha* (RE)—The chunky silky-flycatcher, we had them at a few highland sites, and had superb views from the deck at Paraiso de Quetzales.

Long-tailed Silky-flycatcher *Ptiliogonys caudatus* (RE)—The elegant silky-flycatcher, seen at additional highland sites, including the Savegre lodge grounds.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (5)

Golden-browed Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia callophrys* (RE)—Great looks at this glowing green ember in the primary forest above Savegre.

Scrub Euphonia *Euphonia affinis*—Seen at Ensenada.

Yellow-crowned Euphonia *Euphonia luteicapilla*—Seen during several La Selva visits.

Yellow-throated Euphonia *Euphonia hirundinacea*—Our most frequently observed Euphonia, seen commonly at Rancho Naturalista (including on the feeders) as well as several other sites.

Olive-backed Euphonia *Euphonia gouldi*—Picked up at La Selva, as well as a pair carrying nesting material at the lower part of Rancho Naturalista.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (12)

Sooty-capped Chlorospingus *Chlorospingus pileatus* (RE)—Chloro-what? We saw this species with mixed flocks at many spots around Savegre.

Common Chlorospingus *Chlorospingus flavopectus*—Seen at several sites, typically at slightly lower elevation than Sooty-capped, including a few coming to the feeder at Soda Cinchona.

Stripe-headed Sparrow *Peucaea ruficauda*—Ensenada forest edges were home to this species during several of our walks.

Olive Sparrow *Arremonops rufivargatus*—One of the last birds of the trip, on the roadside spot near Johan's childhood home.

Black-striped Sparrow *Arremonops conirostris*—Seen feeding on corn at the Rancho Naturalista feeders.

Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris*—Frequently seen at the Rancho Naturalista feeders, as well as at La Selva and Carara. A beautiful bird with a high-pitched squeaky voice.

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch *Arremon brunneinucha*—One briefly appeared beneath the Soda Cinchona feeders.

Volcano Junco *Junco vulcani* (RE)—While struggling to stay upright against the wind and warm against the frigid weather up at the highest elevation, we finally located a roadside bird.

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*—Common at most mid- and high-elevation sites, including in cities and on lawns.

Large-footed Finch *Pezopetes capitalis* (RE)—One visited the bananas on the ground at Miriam's feeders.

Cabanis's Ground-Sparrow *Melospiza cabanisi* (E)—After some taxonomic rearrangement, this species is now endemic to the Central Valley of Costa Rica. We were lucky to find a group of three at Hotel Bougainvillea.

Yellow-thighed Brushfinch *Pselliophorus tibialis* (RE)—Common and impressive in high elevation sites.

WRENTHRUSH: Zeledoniidae (1)

Wrenthrush *Zeledonia coronata* (RE)—Barely seen after playback, on the road coming into Savegre.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (12)

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna*—A group of three were seen in the field next to Ensenada.

Chestnut-headed Oropendola *Psarocolius wagleri*—We saw a single individual at the feeders at Rancho Naturalista.

Montezuma Oropendola *Psarocolius montezuma*—Abundant at all sites in the middle- and low-elevations. No one ever gets tired of Montezuma Oropendolas.

Black-cowled Oriole *Icterus prosthemelas*—*Spink!* We heard them calling, then had good looks at two high in the treetops at La Angostura.

Streak-backed Oriole *Icterus pustulatus*—Several were admired at Ensenada.

Spot-breasted Oriole *Icterus pectoralis*—We found one group at Ensenada.

Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula*—This migrant is common throughout the country, at all elevations.

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*—This species is increasing in Costa Rica, and we found them in good numbers at Ensenada, Tarcoles, and Angostura.

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*—One individual briefly perched on the tower at La Selva.

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus*—We had several flyovers near La Selva.

Melodious Blackbird *Dives dives*—Commonly seen in the grounds at Hotel Bougainvillea as well as a few other sites.

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*—Common at low- and middle-elevations, including in cities.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (22)

Louisiana Waterthrush *Parkesia motacilla*—Brief views of a single bird at Savegre

Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis*—Seen on several boat tours.

Golden-winged Warbler *Vermivora chrysoptera*—Several were among the impressive mixed flock at Finca Cristina.

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*—Seen at several lower elevation sites, including Finca Cristina.

Prothonotary Warbler *Protonotaria citrea*—Common on waterways in the Pacific.

Flame-throated Warbler *Oreothlypis gutturalis* (RE)—Common around Savegre.

Tennessee Warbler *Oreothlypis peregrina*—Everywhere! All elevations, feeding on flowers as well

Mourning Warbler *Geothlypis philadelphia*—Difficult to see, but we managed glimpses of one at Finca Cristina and another at the lower section of Rancho Naturalista!

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat *Geothlypis semiflava*—Skulking in the grass at La Angostura.

Hooded Warbler *Setophaga citrina*—Yes! A spectacular male was among the mixed flock at La Selva entrance road.

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiayumi*—Good looks at the lunch stop in Ujarras.

Blackburnian Warbler *Setophaga fusca*—In mixed flocks at Finca Cristina and Rancho Naturalista.

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*—Commonly seen in mangroves, including the distinctive "Mangrove Warbler" population with an auburn head that may later be split into a separate species.

Chestnut-sided Warbler *Setophaga pensylvanica*—Common at middle- and low-elevation sites, with mixed flocks.

Townsend's Warbler *Setophaga townsendi*—Unexpectedly, we found a male in a mixed flock above Savegre.

Black-throated Green Warbler *Setophaga virens*—In mixed flocks at middle- and high-elevations.

Chestnut-capped Warbler *Basileuterus delatarii*—Recently split from the Rufous-capped populations in Mexico, this bird was seen at Hotel Bougainvillea and Finca Cristina.

Black-cheeked Warbler *Basileuterus melanogenys* (RE)—Commonly seen in the roadside thickets and in forest around Savegre.

Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus*—One or two were seen during various walks around Rancho Naturalista, including one bathing in the water feature beside the feeding station.

Buff-rumped Warbler *Myiothlypis fulvicauda*—Seen along waterways at several sites.

Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*—Common in mixed flocks in the highest elevations.

Collared Redstart *Myioborus torquatus* (RE)—Adorable warbler, admired throughout our hike in the primary forest above Savegre.

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (7)

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*—Common throughout the country.

Flame-colored Tanager *Piranga bidentata*—Common at the high elevation sites, with stunning views from Miriam's feeders.

Red-throated Ant-Tanager *Habia fuscicauda*—A pair visited the forest light at Rancho Naturalista, and a few were glimpsed at La Selva.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus*—Two were perched in the treetops during a Ensenada walk.

Blue-black Grosbeak *Cyanoloxia cyanooides*—We were impressed by the large-billed female next to the buildings at Selva Verde.

Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea*—A female was overwintering in a field near the lunch spot at Ujarras.

Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea*—An impressive, bright male briefly perched in a treetop at Ensenada.

TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (25)

Gray-headed Tanager *Eucometis penicillata*—One of the first birds that we saw as we started the Carara hike.

White-shouldered Tanager *Tachyphonus luctuosus*—Two were seen right before we saw the Lovely Cotinga at Rancho Naturalista.

Crimson-collared Tanager *Ramphocelus sanguinolentus*—A couple visited the banana feeders at Soda Cinchona.

Scarlet-rumped Tanager *Ramphocelus passerinii*—Common at all mid- and low-elevation sites. Formerly split into Passerini's and Cherrie's tanagers, but recently lumped.

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*—Common at all sites, and admired by the group every single time. A grand bird.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*—Poor looks at a few sites throughout, and finally we had a long study of them at the Soda Cinchona feeders.

Golden-hooded Tanager *Tangara larvata*—A few pairs put in a showing at Rancho Naturalista and La Selva.

Spangle-cheeked Tanager *Tangara dowii* (RE)—The group all had great looks during our last birding stop along the road when we left Savegre.

Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola*—It is absurd that any bird looks this good. We saw several at Rancho Naturalista.

Silver-throated Tanager *Tangara icterocephala*—A poor name for a luminous bird! Great looks at several mid- and high-elevation sites, with a large group feeding at Soda Cinchona.

Scarlet-thighed Dacnis *Dacnis venusta*—Two stunners were seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Shining Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes lucidus*—A few were seen at La Selva.

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus*—Seen a few times in the Caribbean lowlands, including great looks along the road outside of La Selva.

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza*—This bird - glowing, as if plugged into an outlet - was enjoyed by the group at Rancho Naturalista, and spotted on the Pacific coast as well.

Slaty Flowerpiercer *Diglossa plumbea* (RE)—The bird with a crazy bill that robs flowers, we had many looks in the highland sites.

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*—A few were spotted during our Tarcoles boat tour, and they were also recorded at Ensenada.

Thick-billed Seed-Finch *Sporophila funerea*—This ridiculous-billed bird was seen on a road outside of La Selva.

Nicaraguan Seed-Finch *Sporophila nuttingi* (RE)—Not to be outdone by Thick-billed Seed-Finch, several Nicaraguan Seed-Finches showed off their absurd, large bills in a mixed flock on a road outside of La Selva.

Variable Seedeater *Sporophila corvina*—Common at La Angostura and in the fields at Ujarras.

Morelet's Seedeater *Sporophila moreletii*—Whose seedeater? Spotted at several sites along the Pacific coast.

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*—One of the most charismatic species, we enjoyed them at the feeders at Rancho Naturalista and Soda Cinchona, as well as a few other sites.

Yellow-faced Grassquit *Tiaris olivaceus*—A small flock was in the fields near Ujarras.

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus*—Seen in small numbers, but heard more frequently, at Finca Cristina and lowland Caribbean sites.

Black-headed Saltator *Saltator atriceps*—A small group was spotted at Rancho Naturalista.

Cinnamon-bellied Saltator *Saltator grandis*—Formerly called Grayish Saltator, but now sporting a better name, we saw this species on our first walk at Hotel Bougainvillea.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (I)—Picked up along the road as we passed through several towns.

MAMMALS (14 species recorded):

Nine-banded Armadillo *Dasypus novemcinctus*—Seen by part of the group at Rancho Naturalista.

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus variegatus*—We were shocked to watch one descend out of a tree to the ground to do its.... ahem.... weekly business, while we were at Guayabo.

Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth *Choloepus hoffmanni*—Spotted at La Ensenada.

Dusky Rice Rat *Melanomys caliginosus*—Seen occasionally darting out from cover at the Rancho Naturalista feeders, to grab corn.

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*—Hanging out at the feeders at Rancho Naturalista, and also seen at La Selva.

Variegated Squirrel *Sciurus variegatoides*—Common throughout the country, and variable!

Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis*—Seen several times at Savegre.

White-throated Capuchin *Cebus imitator*—Great looks at several site in the lowlands.

Mantled Howler Monkey *Alouatta palliata*—Noisy and well seen at several sites, particularly in the Pacific lowlands. Great looks at a few of the uncommon orange morph on our Sarapiquí boat tour.

White-nosed Coati *Nasua narica*—Seen at a few sites, with a large group along the Tarcoles River.

Crab-eating Raccoon *Procyon cancrivorus*—We spotted one snoozing in the mangroves during the Tarcoles boat tour.

White-nosed Bat *Rhynchonycteris naso*—A small group was hanging upside down from a tree over the water during our Sarapiquí boat tour.

Tayra *Eria barbara*—One surprised us by visiting the feeders at Rancho Naturalista while we were assembled eating a meal!

Collared Peccary *Pecari tajacu*—We saw a few small groups at La Selva.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (14 species recorded):

American Crocodile *Caiman crocodilus*—Common along rivers in the Pacific lowlands.

Emerald Swift *Sceloporus malachiticus*—Spotted along the roadside in several spots, including at Hotel Boungainvillea

Black Spiny-tailed Iguana *Ctenosaura similis*—Common in the Pacific lowlands, seen well at La Ensenada.

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*—Common around rivers at La Selva, seen well from the bridge.

Green Tree Anole *Norops biporcatus*—Johan spotted one in a branch over the trail at La Selva.

Green Basilisk *Basiliscus plumifrons*—Seen at several lowland spots, with a few of us getting great looks at Rancho Naturalista.

Common Basilisk *Basiliscus basiliscus*—Spotted at several lowland spots along water, including some scurrying on top of the water at Carara.

Middle American Ameiva *Holcosus festivus*—Seen well at La Selva.

House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus*—Seen - and heard! - at most lowland sites.

Eyelash Viper *Bothriechis schlegelii*—A yellow morph individual delighted us (no one was bothered by the beauty of a snake, absolutely not...) at La Selva.

Black River Turtle *Rhinoclemmys funerea*—Johan spotted two in the shallow water in a ditch at La Selva.

Strawberry Poison Dart Frog *Oophaga pumilio*—Also known as the blue jeans dart frog, these red and blue frogs delighted us along the trails at La Selva.

Masked Tree Frog *Smilisca phaeota*—Seen at Selva Verde

Red-eyed Tree Frog *Agalychnis callidryas*—We had several above the pond at Selva Verde.