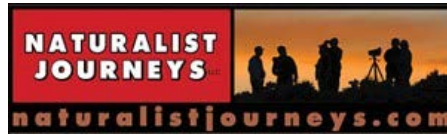


Panama & the Wild Darién | Species List

July 29 – August 05, 2022 | with Naturalist Journeys



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The tour began in Panama City from where we drove to Canopy Camp near the end of the Pan-American Highway in eastern Darién Province, returning to Panama City to depart. 203 species were seen and another nine heard only. All birding was within about 15 miles of the Camp with the exception of the Riande Hotel, driving to and from Canopy Camp, Bayano Lake and Tortí; these locations added just seven species not seen in within the 15 miles.

RH: Riande Hotel
BY: Bayano Lake
TO: Tortí
ES: El Salto Rd including Crested Eagle trail
PAP: Pan-American Highway Panama Province
PAD: Pan American Highway Darién Province

AP: Alto Playona village and Harpy Eagle tree trek
CC: Canopy Camp and nearby forest
CR: Chucunuque River
TR: Tuquesa River
NV: Nueva Vigia ponds walk
DR: Dump Road El Mamey

Igua: guide, DH: tour leader

Great Tinamou. Heard only once at CC.

Little Tinamou. Heard daily at CC, never seen.

Black-bellied Whistling-duck. Seen most days in pairs in suitable habitat both along PAP and PAD

Muscovy Duck. Pairs seen twice, on CR and TR.

Gray-headed Chachalaca. Heard most days at CC, seen at CC and ES.

Rock Pigeon. Seen in PC, Metetí and Yaviza.

Pale-vented Pigeon. Not common, always in small groups, ES and AP.

Scaled Pigeon. Three seen together at ES.

Ruddy Ground-dove. Abundant, seen everywhere.

White-tipped Dove. Abundant, seen everywhere.

Striped Cuckoo. One each at ES and a very cooperative one sitting on a post at NV.

Greater Ani. Seen daily in open areas.

Smooth-billed Ani. Seen daily in open areas.

Common Pauraque. Once only at CC.

Great Potoo. One seen during Harpy trek AP.

Black Swift. A rarity for Panama seen by DH in same place (ES) as a couple previously seen by Igua.

Band-rumped Swift. Several seen at BL.

White-necked Jacobin. Daily at feeders at CC.

Rufous-breasted Hermit. One at NV.

Pale-bellied Hermit. Seen twice AP and near CC.

White-throated Hermit. The most common hermit seen most days at various sites wherever there were heliconias.

Purple-crowned Fairy. One at BL.

Black-throated Mango. One or two at RH.

Long-billed Starthroat. Once at NV

Garden Emerald. Several at CC.

White-vented Plumeleteer. Seen a couple of times at CC.

Crowned Woodnymph. Once at CC.

Blue-chested Hummingbird. Abundant, seen at numerous locations most days and always at CC.

Snowy-bellied Hummingbird. At a feeder at Avicar Restaurant TO.

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird. Once PAD.

White-throated Crake. Heard once at DR

Purple Gallinule. Several at NV.

Common Gallinule. A couple seen on far side of BL.



Southern Lapwing. PHP and CR.

Wattled Jacana. Family on pond DR and along CR.

Spotted Sandpiper. One bird seen TR.

Wood Stork. Flying overhead RH, in edge trees BL, flying PAD.

Magnificent Frigatebird. Flying overhead RH.

Neotropic Cormorant. Seen in low numbers whenever we were in large water habitat. BL, CN.

Anhinga. A few seen. Flying overhead RH, BL, CR.

Rufescent Tiger-heron. One seen CR.

Great Blue Heron. One seen.

Cocoi Heron. Common in suitable water habitat. BL, PAP, PAD, CR, TR.

Great Egret. Two seen at different places along CR.

Little Blue Heron. Immature mottled individual BL, a few others PAD, CR.

Cattle Egret. Very common in open habitat with livestock everywhere.

Striated Heron. One Seen PAD, another CR.

Capped Heron. One at pond NV, another along CR.

Green Ibis. One at pond NV, three others flying over near NV, one along TR.

Black Vulture. Abundant everywhere except deep rainforest.

Turkey Vulture. Common with a few seen every day. These were the resident race, with a white collar, not migrants.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture. Seen on a couple of days in the Darién usually low in open areas and one flying high at AP.

King Vulture. A group of three at AP and one on a feeder carcass at CC.

Pearl Kite. Individuals seen at returning from AP and near CC.

White-tailed Kite. One retaining considerable juvenile plumage in open fields DR.

Swallow-tailed Kite. Flying in fields PAD and returning from CR.

Crested Eagle. Great views of young bird ES.

Harpy Eagle. Spectacular views of young bird AP.

Mississippi Kite. One seen.

Plumbeous Kite. Common in forest and along rivers. PAP, ES, PAD, CR, TR

Crane Hawk. One each seen ES, CR

Savannah Hawk. One seen in a field along La Peñita road returning from Harpy Trek.

Roadside Hawk. Common everywhere including RH.

White Hawk. One seen, with very full crop, returning down track after Harpy Eagle AP.

Gray-lined Hawk. One in dead tree TR.

Broad-winged Hawk. Unusual for August, one seen flying overhead off PAD near ES.

Mottled Owl. Heard at CC.

Black-and-white Owl. Heard at CC.

Striped Owl. Nice views while spotlighting CC.

Slaty-tailed Trogon. One seen AP.



Black-tailed Trogon. Most common trogon seen every day except one in numerous locations.

White-tailed Trogon. A few seen, AP and CC.

Gartered Trogon. One seen forest near CC.

Whooping Motmot. Heard CC every day, finally seen near river at TO.

Rufous Motmot. One seen CC.

Ringed Kingfisher. BL, PAD, CR.

Amazon Kingfisher. CR near NV.

Green Kingfisher. CR near NV.

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher. CR near AP, NV.

American Pygmy Kingfisher. CR near NV.

White-necked Puffbird. ES, NV, both times high in tree on open branch.

Black-breasted Puffbird. In forest NV.

Pied Puffbird. Seen CC, heard at NV.

Gray-cheeked Nunlet. Heard only ES despite considerable time and effort then seen up high in forest AP.

Dusky-backed Jacamar. Target bird seen high after much searching at a specific spot along TR. Pair calling.

Rufous-tailed jacamar. At CC and heard NV.

Great Jacamar. One at AP trek.

Spot-crowned Barbet. Seen several times ES, CC, NV.

Collared Aracari. Seen most days at CC and other forested areas.

Keel-billed Toucan. Seen daily at CC and other forested areas.

Yellow-throated Toucan. Seen only once ES.

Olivaceous Piculet. Tiny woodpecker heard more than seen, but seen well AP.

Black-cheeked Woodpecker. Reasonably common, seen ES, CC, AP.

Red-rumped Woodpecker. Not common but seen three times, ES, CC, AP.

Spot-breasted Woodpecker. Seen in both open and forested areas, DR, CC, AP.

Cinnamon Woodpecker. A beautiful bird unfortunately on seen once, at ES.

Lineated Woodpecker. Common woodpecker mostly seen in open areas.

Crimson-bellied Woodpecker. Heard only first day near Crested Eagle (ES) but unfortunately neither heard nor seen for rest of tour.

Crimson-crested Woodpecker. A stunning woodpecker seen a number of times most days in forested areas but once in open field.

Laughing Falcon. One bird seen as usual on a dead limb in open area CR.

Collared Forest-falcon. One juvenile AP and one adult near CC seen, another heard CC.

Red-throated Caracara. Great display by pair for over 15 minutes flying and calling and sitting high in tree ES, then another AP.

Yellow-headed Caracara. Common, seen most days in more open areas, fields. Usually at least two birds together.



PAP, PAD, CR.

American Kestrel. Resident subsp. Seen most days along PAP, PAD.

Bat Falcon. One seen on bridge at BL.

Chestnut-fronted Macaw. A target bird and eastern Darién specialty, a group of three were seen in an open tree during the horse riding part of our Harpy trek.

Spectacled Parrotlet. These cute tiny parrots seen in a small flock and then two birds close during our NV pond walk.

Orange-chinned Parakeet. Along with Red-lored the commonly seen noisy parrot, seen multiple times each day in all locations including RV.

Brown-hooded Parrot. A few seen at ES and CR/NV.

Blue-headed Parrot. Seen nearly daily especially early morning and late evening. Their low flap style of flight was distinctive.

Red-lored Parrot. The most abundant parrot, seen multiple times each day in most locations.

Mealy Parrot. Common but not seen as often as Red-lored and Orange-chinned.

Yellow-crowned Parrot. A couple seen on our first Darién day at ES.

Great Antshrike. A single bird heard only ES.

Barred Antshrike. A pair seen RH.

Black Antshrike. Heard at ES and NV, seen at AP after the usual patience.

Black-crowned Antshrike. The most common antshrike encountered, seen though often with difficulty most days in forest at most locations.

Russet Antshrike. A single bird seen CC.

Dusky Antbird. Heard only briefly ES.

Bare-crowned Antbird. Seen briefly but well AP.

White-bellied Antbird. Another bird heard a couple of times but not seen, then finally seen near CC.

Chestnut-backed Antbird. Heard at ES on our initial Darién day then finally seen CC.

Black-faced Antthrush. Seen skulking near pond NV

Plain-brown Woodcreeper. Heard only ES then seen a few days later NV

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper. Only seen once CC.

Cocoa Woodcreeper. Along with Streak-headed the common woodcreeper seen in most locations.

Red-billed Scythebill. Great views of one bird NV.

Streak-headed Woodcreeper. Common in most locations.

Plain Xenops. Seen several times in forest ES, AP, CC.

Double-banded Graytail. Seen by Igua and Jeff ES.

Golden-collared Manakin. Beautiful bird, two seen in lek area CC, fortuitously NV and TO.

Red-capped Manakin. Female briefly seen by Igua and Jeff only CC.

Golden-headed Manakin. A stunning manakin seen in lek area CC.

Purple-throated Fruitcrow. Heard ES first Darién day then seen there the following and at AP.

Blue Cotinga. Distant but great scope views in open tree ES and then at CC.



Masked Tityra. One seen NV.

Black-crowned Tityra. Reasonably common, several seen at a number of sites. ES, DR, CC, NV.

Cinnamon Becard. An easily overlooked bird often high in heavy vegetation but encountered five or six times. ES, CC, NV.

White-winged Becard. One seen NV.

Royal Flycatcher. Always want to see bird and a nemesis for Jeff. Checked a known location where it was heard and came close, but never allowed a view over nearly 20 minutes. Next time. NV.

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher. One seen at AP.

Black-tailed Flycatcher. Flitting around in the forest in American Redstart fashion at NV.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher. Called in the near distance ES but not seen.

Southern Bentbill. We had quick but adequate looks at this on the harpy trek. AP.

Black-headed Tody-flycatcher. Common, seen most days often several times. ES, CC, AP NV.

Olivaceous Flatbill. Chased for some time returning from the Crested Eagle seen briefly by all and well by DH.

Yellow-margined Flycatcher. Heard only AP and CC area.

Yellow-breasted Flycatcher. Seen at CC and hear but not searched for NV.

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet. A new late bird for the trip at TO near the river on our way back to Panama City.

Forest Elaenia. Seen at CC and identified after some consideration. Such is the way of Elaenias. CC

Lesser Elaenia. A decent view of a rare bird at ES.

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet. One seen at CC.

Bright-rumped Attila. One popped out while we were searching for a calling Golden-headed Manakin.

Choco Sirystes. Seen quickly and not ideally by all but enough for ID; it is distinctive compared to other Panama flycatchers.

Panama Flycatcher. Good close up views of one while looking at the Donacobious at NV.

Lesser Kiskadee. Seen at NV, carefully considered to separate from similar Rusty-margined. NV.

Great Kiskadee. As usual in Central America a common bird in more open and built-up areas. Heard and seen in several location numerous times. RH, ES, DR, NV, TO.

Boat-billed Flycatcher. Heard ES and well-picked out by Ralph from the boat TR.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher. One seen DR, away from water which the Darien birds often are.

Gray-capped Flycatcher. Seen at NV, carefully checked to separate it from similar but less common Social Flycatcher.

Streaked Flycatcher. Seen several times at different locations this large flycatcher can none-the-less be hard to see when it is motionless if foliage.

Piratic Flycatcher. One at CC.

Tropical Kingbird. Common in all non-forested areas especially near human habitation.

Fort-tailed Flycatcher. One seen while driving PAD.

Pied Water-tyrant. Seen well at BL and near Yaviza.



Long-tailed Tyrant. Stunning small flycatcher seen several times, usually well as it likes to sit in the open, returning to the same place after hawking for an insect. ES, AP, NV.

Black-chested Jay. Seen and heard at ES and NV. Unusually for jays, one solitary and two together.

Gray-breasted Martin. Most common swallow seen in open areas. RH, PAP, BL, PAD.

Brown-chested Martin. An Austral migrant not present every year, so we were lucky. CR on way to AP and CR on way to NV.

Mangrove Swallow. CR on way to AP and CR on way to NV.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow. RH, BL, CR near NV.

(Southern) House Wren. The Central American and nearby areas form of the widespread House Wren. Heard more often than seen (mostly because it was searched for) but seen a few times. RH, BL, CC, NV.

White-headed Wren. A beautiful large wren seen several times and especially well at a small chapel on PAD while fruitlessly searching for a Bicolored Wren known to inhabit the same place. PAD, ES, TO.

Black-bellied Wren. A small noisy wren heard more than seen but seen on most encounters when looked for.

Buff-breasted Wren. Seen briefly by a couple and well by DH and JG on CR near NV.

Song Wren. Another typical skulking wren seen briefly AP.

Tropical Gnatcatcher. A couple seen at CC and NV.

Black-capped Donacobius. A smart looking bird of unknown taxonomic status, possible relatively recently moved into the Panamanian Darién or just gone unseen previously due to lack of ornithological coverage in the area. Three well seen along a ditch, typical wet habitat, at NV.

Clay-colored Thrush. Seen sporadically several days in various locations including RH.

Tropical Mockingbird. A reasonably common bird but mostly associated with human activity or changed habitat. RH, BH, Yaviza, PAD.

House Sparrow. Yaviza, Metití.

Thick-billed Euphonia. None of the Euphonias or honeycreepers were particularly common in the Darien, surprising to me, though this was the most common. Seen RH, CC and NV.

Fulvous-vented Euphonia. A couple seen on a single occasion CC.

Lesser Goldfinch. Only seen in altered habitat at RH and BL.

Red-breasted Meadowlark. Unfortunately not seen as it is beautiful bird, only heard PAD.

Crested Oropendula. Reasonably common in forested areas. ES, CC, NV.

Black Oropendula. A Darien specialty, seen well though high ES and NV.

Yellow-rumped Cacique. Common in forested areas, often in flocks of 10 to 20 birds. ES, AP, NV.

Yellow-backed Oriole. Just one seen, which was odd for a normally common bird, at ES.

Orange-crowned Oriole. Though nominally less common we saw this bird more often than Yellow-backed, in open habitats. AP, CC, NV.

Yellow-tailed Oriole. Two seen together NV.

Shiny Cowbird. A few seen AP.

Great-tailed Grackle. Common in most open areas.



Carib Grackle. Not common and more associated with people along PAD. A relatively recent arrival.

Dusky-faced Tanager. One seen at Tortí River, this tanager is just one of four species in its family.

Crimson-backed Tanager. Two seen at RH.

Blue-gray Tanager. As usual for Central America the most common tanager of the tour seen pretty much everywhere other than deep forest.

Palm Tanager. Also a very common tanager and often seen with Blue-gray.

Golden-hooded Tanager. Frequently seen, perhaps the most common tanager in more pristine areas of forest. ES, CC, NV.

Plain-colored Tanager. Common and every day except on the harpy Trek day.

White-eared Conebill. Often hard to pull out of the leaves and so can be hard to ID but seen on three occasions, ES, CC and NV.

Saffron Finch. Only seen first day at RH.

Blue-black Grassquit. Common and seen in all rank grassy areas, fields etc throughout tour.

Gray-headed Tanager. A single sighting ES.

White shouldered Tanager. Seen every day while in the Darien at most locations.

Flame-rumped Tanager. Seen nicely at NV. This was the lemon-rumped form, the mostly widely spread morph (or subsp). A stunning bird either way.

Crimson-backed Tanager. Common fin a variety of habitats including our Panama City hotel. RH, BL, ES, NV.

Red-legged Honeycreeper. A pair at NV were the only honeycreepers seen.

Blue Dacnis. A few seen in forest at CC and NV. Usually high in trees.

Bananaquit. Seen any time one's eyes wandered t the feeders at CC.

Thick-billed Seed-finch. Several seen in dank grass areas DR and NV.

Variable Seedeater. Another long grass open area bird seen when appropriate habitat was checked. RH, BL, PAD, PAP.

Mammals

Common Opossum. Two seen spotlighting along track to CC.

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth. Two seen, ES and CC.

Lesser White-lined Bat. A couple roosting at CC.

Geoffrey's Tamarin. Seen around CC, AP, CR, ES.

Panamanian Night Monkey. Seen spotlighting along track into CC.

White-faced Capuchin. Seen several times in small groups ES and CC.

Geoffrey's (Red) Spider Monkey. One seen CC.

Mantled Howler. Heard and seen daily at CC and a few times in other forest locations.

Variegated Squirrel. More usual in altered habitat, RH, TO.

Red-tailed Squirrel. Seen daily at CC, occasionally elsewhere.

Reptiles

Ameiva sp. On deck at CC.

False Papoka *Leptodeira rhombifera*. Found by CC staff among rubber boots in storage area.

Green Iguana. Nestled in bush at BL.

Jesus Christ Lizard. On small creek ES.

Pacific House Gecko. Around buildings CC.

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