

Costa Rica Birding & Nature | Species List

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with Naturalist Journeys



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(HO)= Distinctive enough to be counted as heard only
(I)= Introduced
(RE)= Regional Endemic
(E)= National Endemic

Summary:

This birding and nature tour of Costa Rica was very enjoyable and successful. Our energetic and congenial group saw 31 species of hummingbirds, 15 species of mammals (including three species of monkeys) plus numerous butterflies and five species of reptiles. We stayed at four lovely lodges and enjoyed freshly prepared and delicious, traditional Central American meals. Many agreed that they look forward to returning to Costa Rica and other Central American destinations!

Locations:

Hotel Bougainvillea	La Selva Biological Station
Paraiso de Quetzales	Sarapiquí River
Cerro de la Muerte	Tarcoles River
Savegre Valley and Lodge	Carcara National Park
San Gerardo de Dota	Cerro Lodge
Cerro Buenavista	Ensenada Lodge and Salt Ponds
Laguna Angostara	Gulf of Nicoya
Rancho Naturalista	
Guayabo National Park	
Cinchona Restaurant	

BIRDS (337 species recorded, of which 22 were heard only):
(EXT): (94 Seen only on the Pacific Extension)

TINAMOUS: Tinamidae (1)

Great Tinamou *Tinamus major*—(HO) Heard while we walked the road at La Selva Biological Station.

DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae (4)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*—(EXT) Seen in a pond on road to Carara NP.

Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata*—Seen 3 times; scope views at Laguna Angostura.

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors*—Seen in pond at Laguna Angostura and salt ponds at Ensenada.

Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*—Good scope views at Laguna Angostura.

GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae (3)

Gray-headed Chachalaca *Ortalis cinereiceps*—(HO) Heard during walk at Rancho Naturalista.

Crested Guan *Penelope purpurascens*—Good looks around the feeders at Rancho Naturalista.

Black Guan (RE) *Chamaepetes unicolor*—Seen while watching for the Quetzal and at the feeders at Cinchona restaurant.

GREBES: Podicipedidae (1)

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus*—(EXT) Seen in the salt ponds at Ensenada.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (10)

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* (I)—Spotted during most drives thru towns.

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*—Seen perched on boat tour on the Sarapiquí River.

Red-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas flavirostris*—Seen best on walks in the Hotel Bougainvillea garden.

Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea*—Seen perched on morning walk at Savegre Lodge.

Short-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas nigrirostris*—Seen best at Rancho Naturalista and again at La Selva.

Inca Dove *Columbina inca*—(EXT) Seen on the road at Cerro and Ensenada Lodges.

Common Ground Dove *Columbina passerina*—(EXT) Seen on walks at Ensenada Lodge.

Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti*—(EXT) Seen on walks at Cerro and Ensenada Lodges.

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*—Seen on the ground under Rancho Naturalista feeders.

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*—Seen and heard often at many locations, especially at Hotel Bougainvillea.

CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae (3)

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*—Seen on drive to Rancho Naturalista and at Ensenada Lodge.

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*—Many saw this large cuckoo at the Hotel Bougainvillea.

Mangrove Cuckoo *Coccyzus minor*—(EXT) Great looks at this sought-after species on the Ensenada Boat tour.

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (3)

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis*—(EXT) Many feeding over the Tarcoles River during sunset and roosting on a branch on Ensenada boat tour.

Common Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*—(EXT) Heard in the evening at Cerro Lodge and a quick look during drive at Ensenada Lodge.

Dusky Nightjar *Antrostomus saturatus* (RE)—(HO) Heard vocalizing at Savegre Lodge.

SWIFTS: Apodidae (3)

Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila*—(EXT) Seen flying over Ensenada Lodge with White-collared for nice comparison.

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris*—This large swift was seen flying in Savegre Valley and at Rancho Naturalista.

Gray-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris*—Seen flying over La Selva Biological Station.

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (31)

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora*—Seen daily at Rancho Naturalista feeders.

Bronzy Hermit *Glaucis aeneus*—Seen coming to the same purple flowers as the Snowcap at Rancho.

Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy*—Seen coming to the feeders at the Cinchona restaurant.

Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis*—Seen at the same flowers as the Snowcap at Rancho.

Green-fronted Lancebill *Doryfera ludovicae*—Seen on hike at San Gerardo.

Lesser Violetear *Colibri cyanotus*—Seen in good numbers at feeders at Paraiso Quetzal Lodge.

Green-breasted Mango *Anthracothorax prevostii*—Seen at the feeders at Rancho Naturalista.

Green Thorntail *Discosura conversii*—This long-tailed hummer with white band was seen in the same area as we saw the Snowcap at Rancho.

Green-crowned Brilliant *Heliodoxa jacula*—Seen on our hike at San Gerardo.

Talamanca Hummingbird *Eugenes spectabilis* (RE)—We learned to recognize this hummer at the feeders at Paraiso Quetzal Lodge.

Fiery-throated Hummingbird *Panterpe insignis* (RE)—A beauty! Seen well at the Paraiso Quetzal hummingbird feeders.

White-throated Mountain-gem *Lampornis castaneiventris* (RE)—Males and females came to the feeders at Paraiso Quetzal Lodge feeders.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*—(EXT) Our Eastern U.S. hummer, seen twice, a female at Ensenada and a male at Calle El Castillo stop.

Volcano Hummingbird *Selasphorus flammula* (RE)—Such a cute little bird with attitude, many seen well at the Paraiso Quetzal Lodge feeders.

Scintillant Hummingbird *Selasphorus scintilla* (RE)—Seen well at the Savegre Hotel feeders.

Canivet's Emerald *Cyananthus canivettii*—(EXT) Seen on our walk at the Ensenada Lodge.

Garden Emerald *Chlorosilbon assimilis* (RE)—Seen on our walk at Rancho Naturalista.

Violet Sabrewing *Campylopterus hemileucurus*—This impressively large hummer was seen well at the Cinchona restaurant feeders.

Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer *Chalybura urochrysia*—Seen at the La Selva Biological Station feeders.

Crowned Woodnymph *Thalurania colombica*—Seen coming to the feeders at Rancho Naturalista.

Snowcap *Microchera albocoronata*—What a treat to see a male and female of this impressive little hummer coming to purple flowers at Rancho Naturalista.

Coppery-headed Emerald *Microchera cupreiceps* (E)—We made a special trip to see males and females of this endemic coming to purple flowers at Calle La Luchita.

Black-bellied Hummingbird *Eupherusa nigriventris*—Come in for short visits to a feeder at the Cinchona restaurant.

Scaly-breasted Hummingbird *Phaeochroa cuvierii*—Seen on our walk at the Sarapiquí Rainforest Lodge.

Blue-vented Hummingbird *Saucerottia hoffmanni*—Seen on our walk at Calle La Luchita for the Coppery-headed.

Cinnamon Hummingbird *Amazilia rutila*—Seen at the Bougainvillea Hotel and Cerro Lodge.

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl*—Most common hummingbird seen at many locations.

Mangrove Hummingbird *Amazilia boucardi*—(HO) (EXT) We worked hard to see, but only heard, this special hummingbird on the mangrove boat tours.

Sapphire-throated Hummingbird *Chrysuronia coeruleogularis*—Spotted by the local guides on the walk at La Selva.

Blue-chested Hummingbird *Polyerata amabilis*—Seen on walk at La Selva Biological Station.

Blue-throated Goldentail *Chlorestes eliciae*—(EXT) Scope views on our walk at Carara National Park.

RAILS, COOTS AND ALLIES: Rallidae (1)

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica*—Seen at the Laguna Angostura and Ensenada salt ponds.

LIMPKIN: Aramidae (1)

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna*—Seen by all during the visit to Laguna Angostura.

THICK-KNEES: Burhinidae (1)

Double-striped Thick-knee *Burhinus bistriatus*—(EXT) Pair seen on road to Cerro Lodge.

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (1)

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*—(EXT) Large numbers of this very vocal species seen at the Ensenada salt ponds.

LAPWINGS AND PLOVERS: Charadriidae (4)

Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*—(EXT) Large numbers seen at the Ensenada salt ponds.

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*—Seen in fields on both sides of the road in Cartago.

Wilson's Plover *Charadrius wilsonia*—(EXT) Scope views of this species at the Ensenada salt ponds.

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*—(EXT) Good numbers seen scattered amongst the shorebirds at the Ensenada salt ponds.

JACANAS: Jacanidae (1)

Northern Jacana *Jacana spinosa*—Seen by the group at Laguna Angostura and Ensenada salt ponds.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (13)

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*—(EXT) Large numbers seen during Tarcoles and Ensenada boat tours.

Marbled Godwit *Limosa fedoa*—(EXT) Many of these large shorebirds were seen resting on a log with other shorebirds waiting for low tide on the Ensenada boat tour.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*—(EXT) Good numbers with other shorebirds at the Ensenada salt ponds.

Surfbird *Calidris virgata*—(EXT) Only two, spotted by Johan, mixed in with shorebirds at Ensenada salt ponds.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*—(EXT) Seen with other shorebirds on boat tour at Ensenada.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*—(EXT) Spotted with other shorebirds at the Ensenada salt ponds.

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*—(EXT) Small peep with black legs seen at the shrimp ponds at Punta Morales.

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*—(EXT) Only a few; mixed in with other shorebirds at the Ensenada salt ponds.

Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*—(EXT) Good numbers with other shorebirds for nice comparison at the Ensenada salt ponds.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*—Seen often at locations with water.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*—(EXT) One seen during visit to the shrimp pond at Punta Morales.

Willet *Tringa semipalmata*—(EXT) Seen in good numbers during river trips and visits to ponds in Ensenada.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*—(EXT) With other shorebirds at Ensenada and shrimp ponds.

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (6)

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla*—(EXT) Perched on logs with terns on boat tour at Ensenada.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*—(EXT) Scope views at the shrimp ponds at Punta Morales.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*—(EXT) Large tern with reddish bill seen at shrimp pond.

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus*—(EXT) Seen on the boat tour at Ensenada and at shrimp ponds.

Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*—(EXT) Perched with other terns on Ensenada boat tour.

Black Skimmer *Rhynchops niger*—(EXT) Great scope views of large group at the shrimp ponds at Punta Morales.

SUNBITTERN: Eurypygidae (1)

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias*—We visited the picturesque river La Mina to find this exciting species feeding along the rocks.

STORKS: Ciconiidae (1)

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*—(EXT) Four individuals seen well on a visit to the Ensenada salt ponds.

FRIGATEBIRDS: Fregatidae (1)

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*—(EXT) Seen on the Tarcoles and Ensenada boat trips.

ANHINGAS: Anhingidae (1)

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*—Seen perched on all three boat trips during the tour.

CORMORANTS Phalacrocoracidae (1)

Neotropic Cormorant *Nannopterum brasilianum*—Good numbers seen at Laguna Angostura and other boat trips.

PELICANS: Pelecanidae (1)

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis*—(EXT) Seen on the Pacific boat trips at Tarcoles and Ensenada.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (11)

Bare-throated Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma mexicanum*—Good looks on our boat trip on the Sarapiquí River.

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*—Seen at Laguna Angostura and on other boat trips.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*—Seen at many locations and during drives around water.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*—Seen often during visits around water.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*—Seen frequently on all boat trips.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*—(EXT) Seen on the Tarcoles and Ensenada boat trips.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*—Seen almost daily around cattle during drives.

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*—(EXT) Spotted on the Tarcoles River trip.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*—(EXT) Close look on the Tarcoles River.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*—Seen at Laguna Angostura and on most boat trips.

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius*—(EXT) Seen twice; best on the Ensenada boat trip.

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Theskiornithidae (3)

White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*—(EXT) Good numbers seen on the Tarcoles and Ensenada boat trips and at the salt ponds.

Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*—Exciting views on the shore during our Sarapiquí boat trip.

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*—(EXT) Exciting photo opportunities during visit to the Ensenada salt ponds.

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (3)

King Vulture *Sarcoramphus papa*—(EXT) Spotted by Johan high in a tree for difficult views on walk at Carara NP.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*—Seen daily at all locations.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*—Seen soaring and perched daily at all locations.

OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*—Great looks on most boat trips.

HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (9)

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*—Seen hovering over the fields at Laguna Angostura .

Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus*—Seen soaring at Angostura and Ensenada lodge.

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis*—Good scope views at Laguna Angostura.

Mississippi Kite *Ictinia mississippiensis*—Spotted by Johan during walk at Sarapiquí Rainforest Lodge.

Common Black-Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus*—(EXT) Great photo opportunity on tractor drive at Ensenada.

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris*—Seen perched from overlook on visit to Guayabo National Monument.

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus*—(EXT) Best seen perched on stop at Calle El Castillo.

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*—Seen perched along the road at Guayabo National Monument.

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*—Seen soaring from the van while driving to Paraiso Quetzal Lodge.

OWLS: Strigidae (3)

Pacific Screech-Owl *Megascops cooperi*—(EXT) Heard, then spotted roosting, in a tree at Ensenada Lodge.

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum*—Seen well on grounds of Hotel Bougainvillea; heard almost daily at many locations.

Mottled Owl *Strix virgata*—Two found roosting in the bamboo at Hotel Bougainvillea.

TROGONS: Trogonidae (5)

Resplendent Quetzal *Pharomachrus mocinno*—Quite an experience to join over 70 other birders from around the world at dawn on the road in Savegre Valley to watch this iconic species of Costa Rica!

Slaty-tailed Trogon *Trogon massena*—Seen on morning walk at Sarapiquí Rainforest Lodge and at Cerro Lodge.

Black-headed Trogon *Trogon melanocephalus*—(EXT) Seen on walk at Ensenada Lodge.
Gartered Trogon *Trogon caligatus*—Exciting spotting on walk at Rancho Naturalista.
Black-throated Trogon *Trogon rufus*—Great photo opportunity on walk at La Selva Biological Station.

MOTMOTS: Momotidae (3)

Lesson's Motmot *Momotus lessonii*—Seen often at Hotel Bougainvillea and again at Rancho Naturalista at the feeders.

Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii*—Heard, then found on walk at La Selva Biological Station.

Turquoise-browed Motmot *Eumomota superciliosa*—(EXT) Close looks at a pair vocalizing on walk at Ensenada Lodge.

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (5)

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*—This large kingfisher was seen at Laguna Angostura and Tarcoles River boat trip.

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon*—Seen on the Tarcoles River boat trip.

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona*—Seen at Laguna Angostura, and on the Sarapiquí River.

American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea*—(EXT) Quick looks during the trip on the Tarcoles River.

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana*—Nice looks at many on the Sarapiquí and Tarcoles Rivers.

PUFFBIRDS: Bucconidae (1)

White-whiskered Puffbird *Malacoptila panamensis*—(EXT) Good looks at a pair on our hike at Carara NP.

JACAMARS: Galbulidae (1)

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda*—(EXT) Seen on our hike at Carara NP.

NEW WORLD BARBETS: Capitonidae (2)

Red-headed Barbet *Eubucco bourcierii*—Wow! Great looks and photos of this really cute, small bird coming to the feeders at the Cinchona restaurant.

Prong-billed Barbet *Semnornis frantzii*—Seen also at the feeders at the Cinchona restaurant.

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (4)

Northern Emerald-Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus prasinus*—Seen twice; on Savegre Mt. Lodge forest hike and coming to feeders at the Cinchona restaurant.

Collared Aracari *Pteroglossus torquatus*—Seen well coming to at the Rancho Naturalista feeders.

Yellow-throated Toucan *Ramphastos ambiguus*—We enjoyed watching a pair vocalizing and demonstrating on a bare tree on our walk at the Sarapiquí Lodge.

Keel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos sulfuratus*—Always exciting to see, great looks at Rancho Naturalista.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (7)

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*—Many seen well at Miriam's Restaurant.

Black-cheeked Woodpecker *Melanerpes pucherani*—Good looks at Rancho Naturalista and Guarumo Lodge.

Hoffmann's Woodpecker *Melanerpes hoffmannii*—Most common woodpecker seen at many locations.

Hairy Woodpecker *Dryobates villosus*—Seen by the group on walk at the Paraiso Quetzal Lodge.

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*—Seen excavating a hole in tree at Hotel Bougainvillea.

Rufous-winged Woodpecker *Picus simplex*—Fun hearing and seeing this loud, vocal woodpecker at Guayabo and La Selva.

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus*—Pair seen well from balcony at Rancho Naturalista feeders.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (4)

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans*—(HO) Heard during visit to Guayabo National Monument.

Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway*—Seen on boat trip on the Sarapiquí River.

Yellow-headed Caracara *Daptrius chimachima*—Hotel Bougainvillea resident; seen often around the garden.
Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*—(EXT) Spotted perched in a tree on the Tarcoles River boat trip.

PARROTS: Psittacidae (12)

Orange-chinned Parakeet *Brotopogon jugularis*—Seen and heard often flying over the areas we visited.
Brown-hooded Parrot *Pyrilia haematotis*—(EXT) Seen perched on walk at Cerro Lodge.
White-crowned Parrot *Pionus senilis*—Heard and seen at Laguna Angostura and Sarapiquí Rainforest Lodge.
Red-lored Parrot *Amazona autumnalis*—Seen at La Selva and along Sarapiquí road.
Yellow-naped Parrot *Amazona auropalliata*—(EXT) Seen on the Tarcoles River and at Ensenada salt ponds.
White-fronted Parrot *Amazona albifrons*—Seen at Hotel Bougainvillea and in a nest hole at Ensenada Lodge.
Mealy Parrot *Amazona farinosa*—Pair perched in a tree at Sarapiquí Lodge.
Sulphur-winged Parakeet *Pyrrhura hoffmanni* (RE)—Scope views at the Savegre Lodge.
Orange-fronted Parakeet *Eupsittula canicularis*—(EXT) Seen flying at the Ensenada salt ponds.
Great Green Macaw *Ara ambiguus*—What great luck we had seeing three fly across us on the macaw stake-out road in Sarapiquí.
Scarlet Macaw *Ara macao*—Wow, beautiful! Seen on the macaw stake-out road in Sarapiquí and at Cerro Lodge.
Crimson-fronted Parakeet *Psittacara finschi*—Seen best at Cartago and Rancho Naturalista.

ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae (8)

Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus*—We worked hard to get looks at this skulker during walk at the Sarapiquí Rainforest Lodge.
Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus*—(EXT) Always a group favorite, pair seen on Tarcoles River.
Black-crowned Antshrike *Thamnophilus atrinucha*—Seen on walk at La Selva Biological Station.
Black-hooded Antshrike *Thamnophilus bridgesi* (RE)—(EXT) Nice looks on walk at Carara NP.
Russet Antshrike *Thamnistes anabatinus*—Seen twice; at Guayabo and La Selva.
Dusky Antbird *Cercomacroides tyrannina*—(HO) Heard at Guayabo National Monument.
Chestnut-backed Antbird *Poliocrania exsul*—Finally good looks at Sarapiquí Rainforest Lodge.
Spotted Antbird *Hylophylax naevioides*—(HO) Heard on walk at Guayabo NM.

ANTPITTAS: Grallariidae (1)

Streak-chested Antpitta *Hylopezus perspicillatus*—(EXT)(HO) Heard often on walk at Carara NP.

ANTTHRUSHES: Formicariidae (1)

Black-faced Antthrush *Formicarius analis*—(EXT) (HO) Heard on walk at Carara NP.

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (9)

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus*—(EXT) Seen on hike at Carara NP.
Northern Barred-Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*—Pair seen at close range on walk at Sarapiquí.
Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*—Pair seen on walk at Rancho Naturalista.
Spot-crowned Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes affinis*—Seen on walk at Paraiso Quetzal Lodge.
Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus*—Quick look on walk at Rancho Naturalista.
Buffy Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes lawrencii*—(HO) Heard twice on forest hike at Savegre.
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus*—(HO) Heard on walk at Rancho Naturalista.
Ruddy Treerunner *Margarornis rubiginosus* (RE)—Nice looks at this smaller treerunner on Savegre forest hike.
Slaty Spinetail *Synallaxis brachyura*—(HO) Heard at Laguna Angostura.

MANAKINS: Pipridae (2)

Long-tailed Manakin *Chiroxiphia linearis*—(EXT) Pair seen on walk at Ensenada.
White-collared Manakin *Manacus candei*—Heard and quick glimpses at Guayabo and Sarapiquí.

BECARDS AND TITYRAS: Tityridae (3)

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata*—At tree top for good scope looks at La Selva.
Barred Becard *Pachyramphus versicolor*—Seen during hike on Savegre forest trail.
Rose-throated Becard *Pachyramphus aglaiae*—(EXT) Seen on walk at Ensenada.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (29)

Golden-crowned Spadebill *Platyrinchus coronatus*—(EXT) Three seen well on hike at Carara NP.
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*—Quick looks on hike at La Selva.
Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*—Seen at Rancho Naturalista around the feeders.
Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum nigriceps*—(HO) Heard at Rancho Naturalista.
Yellow-olive Flycatcher *Tolmomyias sulphurescens*—Heard at La Selva; seen well on walk at Ensenada.
Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet *Camptostoma imberbe*—(EXT) This species seen well on stop at Calle El Castillo.
Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*—Spotted on walk at Rancho Naturalista.
Mountain Elaenia *Elaenia frantzii*—Seen on walk at Savegre Hotel.
Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea*—We were lucky to see this species twice in rapid waters, at San Geraldo and La Mina.
Mistletoe Tyrannulet *Zimmerius parvus*—Seen in tree above the feeders at Rancho Naturalista.
Tufted Flycatcher *Mitrephanes phaeocercus*—Colorful flycatcher seen on forest walk at Savegre and near the river.
Ochraceous Pewee *Contopus ochraceus* (RE)—Seen near the Tufted on our hike along the San Geraldo River at Savegre.
Northern Tropical Pewee *Contopus bogotensis*—(EXT) Seen along the Tarcoles River.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher *Empidonax flaviventris*—(EXT) Seen on walk at Ensenada Lodge.
Yellowish Flycatcher *Empidonax flavescens*—Nice looks on forest hike at Savegre.
Black-capped Flycatcher *Empidonax atriceps* (RE)—Seen well twice; on Paraiso Quetzal walk and Savegre Valley.
Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*—Seen best on visit Finca Cristina.
Northern Scrub-Flycatcher *Sublegatus arenarum*—(EXT) Nice find on Tarcoles River trip.
Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus*—(HO) Heard at three different locations including Rancho.
Rufous Mourner *Rhytipterna holerythra*—(HO) heard on walk at La Selva.
Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*—Seen at La Selva, Tarcoles River, and Cerro Lodge.
Panama Flycatcher *Myiarchus panamensis*—(EXT) Seen on the Tarcoles and Ensenada boat trips.
Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*—(EXT) Seen at Cerro and Ensenada Lodges.
Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*—Seen and heard almost daily at many locations.
Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*—Three sightings; walks Rancho, Sarapiquí and Ensenada.
Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*—Seen well and often at Hotel Bougainvillea and other locations.
Gray-capped Flycatcher *Myiozetetes granadensis*—Seen at Rancho and La Selva.
Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus*—(EXT) Seen on walk at Cerro Lodge.
Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*—Seen often at most locations and on utility wires.

VIREOS: Vireonidae (7)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*—Quick looks on hike in forest at Savegre.
Lesser Greenlet *Pachysylvia decurtata*—Seen at Guayabo National Monument.
Mangrove Vireo *Vireo pallens*—(EXT) We worked hard and finally had close looks at this species on the Ensenada boat trip.
Yellow-throated Vireo *Vireo flavifrons*—Seen often including at the Hotel Bougainvillea garden.
Yellow-winged Vireo *Vireo carmioli* (RE)—Seen on our walk on the Savegre mountain trail.
Philadelphia Vireo *Vireo philadelphicus*—Great looks at three together while birding at Hotel Bougainvillea.
Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys*—Seen while watching a mixed feeding flock on hike at Savegre.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (2)

White-throated Magpie-Jay *Calocitta formosa*—(EXT) Seen well and often at Cerro and Ensenada Lodges
Brown Jay *Psilorhinus morio*—Seen and heard often at many locations.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (5)

Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*—Best seen soaring over Miriam’s Coffee Shop and Savegre Hotel.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*—Seen with other swallows on the Sarapiqui River trip.

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*—Seen on the Sarapiqui River trip and soaring at the Ensenada Lodge.

Mangrove Swallow *Tachycineta albilinea*—We enjoyed watching this colorful swallow trying to land on our boat on the Sarapiqui River trip.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*—(EXT) Seen in good numbers over the fields at Ensenada salt ponds.

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (3)

Trilling Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus*—(EXT)(HO) Heard on walk at Cerro Lodge.

White-browed Gnatcatcher *Polioptila bilineata*—(EXT) Pair seen on walk at Cerro Lodge.

White-lored Gnatcatcher *Polioptila albiloris*—(EXT) Seen at Ensenada Lodge and stop at Calle El Castillo.

WRENS: Troglodytidae (12)

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*—Heard often and seen at Hotel Bougainvillea and Rancho Naturalista.

Ochraceous Wren *Troglodytes ochraceus* (RE)—Seen at close range on forest hike at Savegre.

Rufous-naped Wren *Campylorhynchus rufinucha*—Great looks at this colorful species at Hotel Bougainvillea and other locations.

Rufous-breasted Wren *Pheugopedius rutilus*—(EXT)(HO) Heard during walk at Cerro Lodge.

Black-throated Wren *Pheugopedius atrogularis*—(HO) Heard on walk at Rancho Naturalista.

Banded Wren *Thryophilus pleurostictus*—(EXT) Such fun seeing this attractive wren on walk at Ensenada.

Stripe-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus thoracicus*—(HO) Heard on walk at Rancho Naturalista.

Cabanis’s Wren *Cantorchilus modestus*—We saw this species twice on walks at Hotel Bougainvillea.

Riverside Wren *Cantorchilus semibadius* (RE)—(EXT)(HO) Heard on walk at Cerro Lodge.

Bay Wren *Cantorchilus nigricapillus*—Seen during our boat trip on the Sarapiqui River.

White-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucosticta*—(HO) Vocal, but hard to see, wren was heard at Rancho and Guayabo.

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys*—Quick look while hiking the forest trail at Savegre.

DIPPERS: Cinclidae (1)

American Dipper *Cinclus mexicanus*—We searched but only Johan saw this species in the San Geraldo River at Savegre.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (1)

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus*—Seen in the parking area of the Hotel Bougainvillea.

THRUSHES: Turdidae (7)

Black-faced Solitaire *Myadestes melanops* (RE)--(HO) What a treat to hear the flute-like vocalizations of this solitaire on the forest hike at Savegre.

Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus gracilirostris* (RE)—Seen along the trail on our walk at Paraiso Quetzal Lodge.

Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus frantzii*—Seen along the trail on our forest hike at Savegre.

Wood Thrush *Hylocichla mustelina*—Seen on the ground around the feeders at Guarumo Lodge.

Mountain Thrush *Turdus plebejus*—Seen at the feeders at Miriam’s restaurant coffee stop.

Clay-colored Thrush *Turdus grayi*—Seen daily in good numbers at all locations.

Sooty Thrush *Turdus nigrescens* (RE)—Close looks under the feeders at Miriam’s restaurant coffee stop.

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS: Ptiliogonatidae (1)

Long-tailed Silky-flycatcher *Ptiliogonys caudatus* (RE)—Fun seeing this interesting species around the Savegre Hotel.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (I)—Spotted on drive through towns in route to Finca Cristina.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (7)

Golden-browed Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia collopheya* (RE)—A crowd favorite! Always exciting to see this colorful species, great close photos at Miriam's Restaurant.

Scrub Euphonia *Euphonia affinis*—(EXT) Seen on walk at Cerro Lodge.

Yellow-crowned Euphonia *Euphonia luteicapilla*—Coming to feeders at Guarumo Lodge .

Yellow-throated Euphonia *Euphonia hirundinacea*—Seen around the feeders and purple flowers at Rancho Naturalista.

Olive-backed Euphonia *Euphonia gouldi*—Seen at feeders at Guarumo Lodge and Sarapiquí Lodge.

Tawny-capped Euphonia *Euphonia anae*—Quick look at the feeders at Rancho.

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria*—Males and females seen feeding on seed heads near Savegre Lodge.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (11)

Sooty-capped Chlorospingus *Chlorospingus pileatus* (RE)—Good photos at feeders at Miriam's restaurant.

Common Chlorospingus *Chlorospingus flavopectus*—Best looks at feeders at Cinchona restaurant.

Stripe-headed Sparrow *Peucaea ruficauda*—(EXT) Good looks near the pool on walk at Ensenada Lodge.

Olive Sparrow *Arremonops rufivargatus*—Pair found on stop at Calle El Castillo.

Black-striped Sparrow *Arremonops conirostris*—Seen on walk at Rancho Naturalista.

Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris*—Seen well on the ground under the feeders at Rancho Naturalista.

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch *Arremon brunneinucha*—Quick looks along the trail on our Savegre forest hike.

Volcano Junco *Junco vulcani* (RE)—This specialty species was seen perched up at Cerro Buenavista.

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*—This colorful sparrow was seen often including Hotel Bougainvillea and Miriam's restaurant.

Large-footed Finch *Pezopetes capitalis* (RE)—Great looks at Paraiso Quetzal Lodge and Miriam's restaurant.

Yellow-thighed Finch *Atlapeter tibialis* (RE)—All enjoyed good looks this species with yellow leggings at Miriam's restaurant.

WRENTHRUSH: Zeledoniidae (1)

Wrenthrush *Zeledonia coronata* (RE)—(HO) Heard during forest hike at Savegre.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (12)

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna*—(EXT) Seen during tractor ride at Ensenada.

Yellow-billed Caciue *Amblycercus holosericeus*—Came to the feeders at the Cinchona restaurant.

Chestnut-headed Oropendola *Psarocolius wagleri*—Came to the feeders at Rancho.

Montezuma Oropendola *Psarocolius montezuma*—Seen and heard often at many locations.

Orchard Oriole *Icterus spurius*—(EXT) Pair seen on our walk at Ensenada Lodge.

Streak-backed Oriole *Icterus pustulatus*—(EXT) Seen perched during tractor ride at Ensenada.

Spot-breasted Oriole *Icterus pectoralis*—(EXT) Seen during tractor ride at Ensenada.

Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula*—Common migrant seen often at many locations.

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*—(EXT) Spotted during our boat ride on the Tarcoles River.

Bronzed Cowbird *Molothrus aeneus*—Spotted on utility wires during our travel thru Cartago.

Melodious Blackbird *Dives dives*—Fun hearing the vocalizations and seeing this species often at many locations.

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*—Seen almost daily at most locations.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (18)

Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis*—(EXT) Seen feeding along the bank on boat ride at Tarcoles.
Golden-winged Warbler *Vermivora chrysoptera*—Seen with mixed feeding flocks at Savegre and Rancho.
Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*—Seen on tree branches around the feeders at Rancho.
Prothonotary Warbler *Protonotaria citrea*—(EXT) Good numbers of this migrant seen wintering in the mangroves during boat tours on Tarcoles River and at Ensenada.
Flame-throated Warbler *Oreothlypis gutturalis* (RE)—Great looks at this beauty on the forest hike at Savegre.
Tennessee Warbler *Oreothlypis peregrina*—Migrant seen frequently with mixed feeding flocks.
American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla*—Seen on walk at Rancho and Tarcoles boat trip.
Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiayumi*—Seen close to the Rancho Lodge with a mixed feeding flock.
Bay-breasted Warbler *Setophaga castanea*—Seen with mixed flock on walk at Rancho.
Blackburnian Warbler *Setophaga fusca*—Seen with mixed feeding flock on morning walk at Rancho.
Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*—Common warbler seen often around water; **Mangrove (EXT)** seen on mangrove boat trip at Ensenada.
Chestnut-sided Warbler *Setophaga pensylvanica*—Seen often on walks at Rancho and Sarapiquí.
Black-throated Green Warbler *Setophaga virens*—Good looks at a few individuals on hike at Savegre.
Chestnut-capped Warbler *Basileuterus delatirii*—(EXT) Close looks on our stop at Calle El Castillo.
Black-cheeked Warbler *Basileuterus melanogenys* (RE)—Striking warbler! Seen well on Savegre forest hike.
Buff-rumped Warbler *Myiothlypis fulvicauda*—Quick look on walk at La Selva and seen along the water at Carcara NP.
Wilson’s Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*—Seen with mixed flocks on walk at Paraiso Quetzal lodge and Savegre
Collared Redstart *Myioborus torquatus* (RE)—Great looks at very active individuals on forest hike at Savegre.

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (6)

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*—Our US migrant; seen and heard often at most locations.
Flame-colored Tanager *Piranga bidentata*—Seen at the feeders at Miriam’s coffee shop and Savegre Lodge.
Red-throated Ant-Tanager *Habia fuscicauda*—Close looks on walk at Guayabo NM; seen at Rancho feeders.
Black-faced Grosbeak *Caryothraustes poliogaster*—We got great looks at a group of this species on early morning Sarapiquí Lodge walk.
Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea*—(EXT) Male and female perched at treetop on tractor drive at Ensenada.
Painted Bunting *Passerina ciris*—(EXT) Seen twice, on walk at Ensenada and on stop at Calle El Castillo.

TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (22)

Gray-headed Tanager *Eucometis penicillata*—(EXT) Pair found forging on the ground on hike at Carcara NP.
White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus*—Only seen by a few along the road at Calle Morado in Cartago.
Crimson-collared Tanager *Ramphocelus sanguinolentus*—Always a crowd favorite, this beautiful tanager was on the feeder at Cinchona restaurant.
Scarlet-rumped Tanager *Ramphocelus passerinii*—Nice to see this lovely tanager often at many locations.
Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*—Common, but attractive, tanager seen often in pairs at many locations including Hotel Bougainvillea.
Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*—Plain, grayish green, tanager seen often at most feeders.
Golden-hooded Tanager *Tangara larvata*—Wow, we’re always thrilled to see this lovely species; seen best at Rancho and Guarumo feeders.
Spangle-cheeked Tanager *Tangara dowii* (RE)—Small groups seen at Paraiso Quetzal Lodge and forest hike at Savegre.
Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola*—Another visitor to feeders at Rancho and on walk at Guayabo NM.
Silver-throated Tanager *Tangara icterocephala*—Great photo opportunities at feeders, especially at Cinchona restaurant.
Scarlet-thighed Dacnis *Dacnis venusta*—This beauty was seen on walk at Rancho, at Guayabo NM, and walk at Sarapiquí Forest Lodge.
Shining Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes lucidus*—Seen with other honeycreepers at feeders at Guarumo Lodge.
Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus*—Seen best at Guarumo Lodge feeders.

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza*—Males and females with other honeycreepers at Guarumo feeders.
Slaty Flowerpiercer *Diglossa plumbea* **(RE)**—Seen at close range at Paraiso Lodge and Savegre Hotel.
Variable Seedeater *Sporophila corvina*—Seen in the field on walk at Rancho.
Morelet's Seedeater *Sporophila moreletii*—Female and males along the road on walk at Rancho.
Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*—Seen at feeders and nest building at Sarapiqui Lodge.
Yellow-faced Grassquit *Tiaris olivaceus*—Perched on wire and along road during visit to Calle La Luchita.
Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus*—Seen often; best views at Guarumo Lodge feeders.
Black-headed Saltator *Saltator atriceps*—Seen with other saltators at Rancho.
Cinnamon-bellied Saltator *Saltator grandis*—Seen twice on walks at Hotel Bougainvillea.

MAMMALS (12 species recorded):

Brown-throated three-toed sloth *Bradypus variegatus*—Seen best in a tree before our boat trip on the Sarapiqui River.
Hoffmann's two-toed sloth *Choloepus hoffmanni*— Seen resting in a tree while traveling.
Central American agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*—Seen daily under the feeders at Rancho.
Variegated squirrel *Sciurus variegatoides*—Beautiful squirrel; seen first at Hotel Bougainvillea.
Red-tailed squirrel *Sciurus granatensis*—Seen often at many locations.
Central American spider monkey *Ateles geoffroyi*—Family group with youngsters; seen well on visit to La Selva.
White-throated capuchin *Cebus capucinus*—**(EXT)** Seen at Cerro Lodge coming for bananas.
Mantled howler monkey *Alouatta palliata*—Heard often and good looks at Sarapiqui Lodge.
White-nosed coati *Nasua narica*—**(EXT)** Adult with young crossed the road near Cerro Lodge.
Mexican tree or hairy dwarf porcupine *Coendou mexicanus*—Pointed out by our boat captain on Sarapiqui River boat trip.
Crab-eating raccoon *Procyon cancrivorus*—**(EXT)** Seen wandering around the Ensenada dining room.
Hooded skunk *Mephitis macroura*—**(EXT)** Also seen near the Ensenada dining room one evening.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (5 species recorded):

American crocodile *Caiman crocodilus*—**(EXT)** Seen from the crocodile bridge on trip to Carcara NP.
Black Spiny-tailed iguana *Ctenosaura similis*—**(EXT)** Male and female seen at entrance to Carcara NP.
Green iguana *Iguana iguana*—Seen often, especially in trees on boat trips.
Eyelash pit viper *Bothriechis schlegelii*—How exciting to see this beautiful yellow viper along the trail on walk at La Selva.
Black river turtle *Rhinoclemmys funereal*—Seen on Sarapiqui River trip.