

Trinidad & Tobago: Incredible Birds & Wildlife | Species List

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Summary: This delightful tour had pretty much everything: great and generally easily visible birds, super accommodations, plenty of bird feeders and superb guides on both Trinidad and Tobago. We had many wildlife highlights including the Scarlet Ibis that came to roost at Caroni Swamp at sunset, Leatherback sea turtles crawling out of the ocean to lay eggs, plenty of wonderful hummingbird and fruit feeders to bring birds in very close, and generally very pleasant weather with few to no insects. I think we would all go back in a heartbeat!

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BIRDS (206 species recorded, of which were 4 heard only, 1 was seen by guides only):

TINAMOUS, Tinamidae: (1)

Little Tinamou (*Crypturellus soui*)—(H) Heard on the first three days of the tour at several sites but couldn't be lured out.

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae (4)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)—Several at the Bon Accord sewage ponds, Tobago.

Blue-winged Teal (*Spatula discors*)—A few in the Canaan ponds, Tobago.

White-cheeked Pintail (*Anas bahamensis*)—Several birds, including a hen with a large brood, in the Canaan ponds, Tobago.

Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*)—A stakeout rarity, a young or female bird was at the Canaan ponds, Tobago, where Jason had seen it before.

GUANS, CHACHALACAS, AND CURASSOWS, Cracidae: (2)

Rufous-vented Chachalaca (*Ortalis ruficauda*)—Seen and (especially) heard on all three days on Tobago; the morning chorus at Cuffie River was quite impressive!

Trinidad Piping-Guan (*Pipile pipile*)—Found on two days near Grand Riviere at its usual site in the hills above town.

FLAMINGOS: Phoenicopteridae (1)

American Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*)—A large flock of 200+ birds of varying shades of pink in the lagoon during the Caroni Swamp boat tour.

GREBES: Podicipedidae (1)

Least Grebe (*Tachybaptus dominicus*)—Many seen in various ponds on Tobago.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (8)

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*)—Frequently found in cities, towns and at Hacienda Jacana; seen on all days in Trinidad.

Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)—Seen or heard on all three days on Tobago at many sites.

Scaled Pigeon (*Patagioenas speciosa*)—One well seen perched in the treetops at Waller Field and heard on our last morning at Hacienda Jacana.

Scaly-naped Pigeon (*Patagioenas squamosa*)—One or two briefly glimpsed flying on Little Tobago Island.

Ruddy Ground Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*)—One of the more common and regularly encountered species on the tour, these were found on all days on Trinidad and at Adventure Farm on Tobago.

White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*)—Found at Mexico Road and Galera Point Lighthouse on Trinidad and at many sites on all days on Tobago.

Gray-fronted Dove (*Leptotila rufixalla*)—Heard and sometimes seen at Hacienda Jacana on several days.

Eared Dove (*Zenaida auriculata*)—Seen on the Caroni Swamp Tour and on Tobago at Bon Accord and Canaan Ponds and Fort James.

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae (3)

Greater Ani (*Crotophaga major*)—At least two seen from the boat in the mangroves on the Caroni Swamp tour.

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*)—Seen every day on Trinidad at many sites, often from the bus while driving.

Little Cuckoo (*Coccyzua minuta*)—seen twice in one day, first by a few at Hacienda Jacana, and better by the whole group on the Caroni Swamp tour.

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES: Caprimulgidae (2)

Common Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)—Found on the night drive at Waller Field.

White-tailed Nightjar (*Hydropsalis cayennensis*)—Found on the night drive at Waller Field and on two nights at Cuffie River.

SWIFTS: Apodidae (3)

Gray-rumped Swift (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)—Seen flying over the road on the Blanchisseuse Road trip.

Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura*)—Identified by Jason as the swifts flying overhead during the Main Ridge trip on Tobago.

Fork-tailed Palm Swift (*Tachornis squamata*)—Curiously, only seen flying over the field at Trincity, where they were quite numerous and not encountered elsewhere.

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (14)

White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*)—Arguably the most numerous and frequently encountered hummingbird species of the tour, these were very noticeable at almost every place we visited with feeders and occasionally on field trips.

Rufous-breasted Hermit (*Glaucis hirsutus*)—Found on multiple days of the tour on both Trinidad and Tobago at Pax, Asa Wright, Yerettê, Grand Riviere, Cuffie River and Adventure Farm.

Green Hermit (*Phaethornis guy*)—Found on four days of the tour at Las Lapas, Asa Wright, Yerettê and Grand Riviere.

Little Hermit (*Phaethornis longuemareus*)—Only found at Yerettê.

Brown Violetear (*Colibri delphinae*)—Seen at Asa Wright and Yerettê.

Ruby-topaz Hummingbird (*Chrysolampis mosquitus*)—This beautiful hummingbird was encountered on nine days of the tour at many sites on both islands; it particularly loved to feed on blooming vervain.

Black-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)—We regularly encountered these at almost all sites with feeders on both islands.

Green-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax viridigula*)—This mango, very similar to Black-throated, was seen a couple of times on the Caroni Swamp tour.

Tufted Coquette (*Lophornis ornatus*)—Probably the “most wanted” hummingbird species of the tour, these were seen on six days, including by someone on every day at Hacienda Jacana, where a male and a female appeared regularly to forage on the vervains.

Long-billed Starthroat (*Heliomaster longirostris*)—Found at Hacienda Jacana on the afternoon walk with Martyn and at Yerettê.

White-tailed Sabrewing (*Campylopterus ensipennis*)—Seen on all three days on Tobago, regularly at the Cuffie River feeders and occasionally at other sites.

Copper-rumped Hummingbird (*Saucerottia tobaci*)—Tied with White-necked Jacobin for most numerous and widely encountered hummingbird species of the tour, these were found on every day on both islands, most easily at sites with feeders.

White-chested Emerald (*Chrysuronia brevirostris*)—Seen on four days at Hacienda Jacana, Blanchisseuse Road, Asa Wright and Yerettê.

Blue-chinned Sapphire (*Chlorestes notata*)—Widespread, but perhaps the hardest species to pick out of the “crowd” at feeders, these were seen at Pax, Asa Wright and Yerettê.

RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (4)

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail (*Aramides cajaneus*)—Observed walking through the plantains near the meal pavilion at Hacienda Jacana on one morning.

Sora (*Porzana carolina*)—Several seen walking in and on the aquatic plants at Bon Accord ponds, Tobago.

Common Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*)—Found once on Trinidad at the Blue Waters Plant and on Trinidad at both sewage ponds visited on the day we arrived there.

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinica*)—Seen on the first seven days of the tour; there were a few resident at Hacienda Jacana that were seen every day there; also seen at the Canaan Ponds on Tobago.

LIMPKIN: Aramididae (1)

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*)—One seen lurking in the background off Kernahan Road near Nariva Swamp.

AVOCETS AND STILTS: Recurvirostridae (1)

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*)—A flock, seen twice, at the Trincity Golf Course, roosting under a bridge.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (3)

Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)—A flock seen on the mudflats at Orange Valley.

Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*)—Found on the first seven days, pretty much everywhere in Trinidad.

Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*)—A few found on the mudflats at Orange Valley with the aid of the scopes.

JACANAS: Jacanidae (1)

Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*)—One of the more ubiquitous wetland birds on the tour, these were found at pretty much any appropriate wetland site on both Trinidad and Tobago.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (9)

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*)—A few on the mudflats at Orange Valley.

Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)—Quite numerous on boats at anchor at both Orange Valley and Temple in the Sea.

Red Knot (*Calidris canutus*)—Several hanging out with other shorebirds on the mudflats at Orange Valley; one or two birds were beginning to show a bit of red.

Semipalmated Sandpiper (*Calidris pusilla*)—A few picked out with the scopes on the mudflats at Orange Valley.

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)—Seen on four days at Orange Valley, Nariva Swamp, Trincity, Caroni Swamp and at the two sewage ponds visited on Tobago.

Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*)—Found in the ditches at Nariva Swamp and at the Blue Water Plant ponds.

Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)—Seen at Orange Valley and Trincity on Trinidad and at both sewage pond sites on Tobago; several times were present with Lessers.

Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*)—A small flock was on the mudflats at Orange Valley, Trinidad, and one was in a ditch on Tobago near the Bon Accord sewage ponds.

Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*)—Several present at Trincity, mixed in with Greaters, and seen again on Tobago at the Canaan sewage ponds.

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (4)

Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*)—The common ocean gull in Trinidad, these were found at Orange Valley and Temple in the sea, Trinidad, and at various sites on Tobago.

Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*)—Found on two days at Orange Valley, Trinidad, and at Fort James, Tobago.

Sandwich Tern (*Thalasseus sandvicensis*)—A small flock seen perching on the dock and on fishing boats at Fort James, Tobago; at least two birds were of the black-billed/yellow tip subspecies (Cabot's Tern) and many more were of the yellow-billed subspecies (Cayenne Tern).

Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger*)—A small flock was roosting on the mudflats at Orange Valley.

TROPICBIRDS: Phaethontidae (1)

Red-billed Tropicbird (*Phaethon aethereus*)—Quite numerous on Little Tobago, where they nest; at least one nesting bird was found at the viewing platform.

SHEARWATERS AND PETRELS: Procellariidae (1)

Audubon's Shearwater (*Puffinus lherminieri*)—Two nesting burrows were seen on Little Tobago, one with a chick and an egg, and the other with an incubating adult.

FRIGATEBIRDS: Fregatidae (1)

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*)—Seen on six days of the tour on both Trinidad and Tobago, almost always soaring in the sky; most birds appeared to be white-headed juveniles.

BOOBIES AND GANNETS, SULIDAE (2)

Brown Booby (*Sula leucogaster*)—A few seen on and around Little Tobago, where they nest on the ground.

Red-footed Booby (*Sula sula*)—Very numerous on and around Little Tobago, both flying and on nests (some with chicks); birds were a mix of white and white-tailed morphs.

ANHINGAS: Anhingidae (1)

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*)—Seen on two days in Trinidad but many seen at the ponds on Tobago.

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (1)

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)—Seen at Orange Valley and on the Nariva Swamp trip.

PELICANS: Pelecanidae (1)

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)—Found on three days at a few of the coastal sites visited, including Orange Valley, Temple by the Sea, Galera Point Lighthouse and Fort James on Tobago.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (10)

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)— Found at Orange Valley and the Bon Accord sewage ponds.

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)—Seen on three days at Temple in the Sea, Aripo Livestock Station, Nariva Swamp and on the Caroni Swamp tour.

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)—Seen at Orange Valley, Trincity and Caroni Swamp.

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*)—Seen four days at Trincity, Mexico Road and Caroni Swamp on Trinidad, and there was an immature hanging out in the creek behind Cuffie River on Tobago.

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*)—Found at Orange Valley, Trincity, Caroni Swamp (where flocks came in to roost with the Scarlet Ibis) and Bon Accord ponds.

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)—A widespread and easily seen species, they were found on every day of the tour in Trinidad and two of the three days in Tobago; often in fields with cattle, unsurprisingly.

Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*)—Only found on Tobago, where easily seen near ponds and wetlands.

Striated Heron (*Butorides striata*)—Found on four days in Trinidad at a variety of wetland sites.

Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)—Only seen once on the tour on Tobago at the Canaan ponds.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*)—Found at Orange Valley and Temple in the Sea on Trinidad, and one was seen as we pulled out of Blue Waters Inn on Tobago after the boat trip.

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (1)

Scarlet Ibis (*Eudocimus ruber*)—A few seen walking in the mangroves at Orange Valley, but many, many more seen at Caroni Swamp, as expected.

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (2)

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)—Found on all days of the tour in Trinidad, a regularly seen, soaring bird.

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)— Found on all days of the tour in Trinidad, though not nearly as many as Black Vulture; all seen were of the resident neotropical subspecies with a white collar.

OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)—Found on three days, but at multiple sites on Trinidad (Orange Valley, Temple in the Sea, Trincity, Caroni Swamp) and at Little Tobago Island.

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (14)

Pearl Kite (*Gampsonyx swainsonii*)—One observed on a nest by the Blue Waters Plant.

Gray-headed Kite (*Leptodon cayanensis*)—One seen briefly flying off from the platform at Grand Riviere.

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*)—Seen by a few in the group from Blanchisseuse Road.

Black Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus tyrannus*)—An amazing road sighting by Lester, one of these was well seen soaring over the highway on the drive to Piarco from Grand Riviere.

Plumbeous Kite (*Ictinia plumbea*)—Found on four days at various places, including from the Blanchisseuse Road, at Hacienda Jacana and occasionally while driving.

Long-winged Harrier (*Circus buffoni*)—Though much sought after, only seen once at a distance at Nariva Swamp.

Crane Hawk (*Geranospiza caerulescens*)—Seen by some from the bus while driving on the Churchill-Roosevelt Highway one day.

Common Black Hawk (*Buteogallus anthracinus*)—Seen on three days, probably best on the Blanchisseuse Road trip, where Mahase found a nest for us just off the road, and another was perched in a dead tree for great views at Las Lapas; also at Asa Wright and Nariva Swamp.

Savanna Hawk (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)—Several seen at Nariva Swamp.

Great Black Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)—Seen by a few from the bus while driving one day on Tobago.

White Hawk (*Pseudastur albicollis*)—Seen a couple of times by someone in the group, probably best during the Blanchisseuse Road trip when Mahase spotted one soaring over the Arima Valley.

Gray-lined Hawk (*Buteo nitidus*)—Seen at Hacienda Jacana, Mexico Road and while driving to Piarco Airport.

Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*)—Observed soaring close overhead at El Suzanne Rainforest lodge before lunch.

Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*)—Seen on the Blanchisseuse Road trip and at Galera Point Lighthouse; the birders at Pax had one there, too.

OWLS: Strigidae (2)

Tropical Screech-Owl (*Megascops choliba*)—Heard one night at Hacienda Jacana and a pair seen roosting in the mangroves during the Caroni Swamp boat tour.

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)—A pair, presumably male and female, perching in the large tree opposite the veranda at Asa Wright.

TROGONS: Trogonidae (3)

Green-backed Trogon (*Trogon viridis*)—Seen or heard twice at Asa Wright and Hacienda Jacana.

Guianan Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*)—Seen or heard at Hacienda Jacana, on the Blanchisseuse Road trip, and at Grand Riviere.

Collared Trogon (*Trogon collaris*)—Despite much effort, only found on Tobago in the Main Ridge Preserve.

MOTMOTS: Momotidae (1)

Trinidad Motmot (*Momotus bahamensis*)—Very easy to find on Tobago, particularly at the Cuffie River fruit feeders; seen on all three days there, but never on Trinidad.

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (2)

Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquata*)—Seen twice on one day at both Trincity and Blue Waters Plant ponds.

Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*)—Seen at the Blue Water Plant ponds.

JACAMARS: Galbulidae (1)

Rufous-tailed Jacamar (*Galbula ruficauda*)—This delightful species was seen and/or heard many times on the tour on both islands at many sites visited.

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (1)

Channel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus*)—This classic neotropical bird proved not too common on the tour; it was only seen at Hacienda Jacana and at the Arena Forest roadside stop.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (6)

Red-crowned Woodpecker (*Melanerpes rubricapillus*)—Seen on Tobago at both Cuffie River and Adventure Farm.

Red-rumped Woodpecker (*Dryobates kirkii*)—Excellent views of this species on Tobago in the Main Ridge Preserve.

Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)—Seen on five days of the tour at Hacienda Jacana where a pair were obviously nesting in the vicinity.

Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*)—Seen at Brasso Seco and at Asa Wright.

Chestnut Woodpecker (*Celeus elegans*)—Well observed during the Blanchisseuse Road trip, when one perched on a dead tree very cooperatively.

Golden-olive Woodpecker (*Colaptes rubiginosus*)—Seen on two days at Hacienda Jacana.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (2)

Crested Caracara (*Caracara plancus*)—Only found near Aripo Livestock Station.

Yellow-headed Caracara (*Daptrius chimachima*)—Found at several places during the tour, including Aripo Livestock Station, Nariva Swamp and Galera Point Light on Trinidad and on Little Tobago.

NEW WORLD PARROTS: Psittacidae (6)

Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*)—Found at Morne La Croix at the end of the Blanchisseuse Road trip, where they occur regularly.

Yellow-crowned Parrot (*Amazona ochrocephala*)—One seen at Hacienda Jacana during our afternoon walk with Martyn, apparently associating with an Orange-winged Parrot.

Orange-winged Parrot (*Amazona amazonica*)—By far the most regularly encountered parrot of the tour, these were seen or heard at most sites on Trinidad and Tobago throughout the tour.

Green-rumped Parrotlet (*Forpus passerinus*)—Seen on several days at Hacienda Jacana and at Yerrettê and Caroni Swamp.

Red-bellied Macaw (*Orthopsittaca manilatus*)—Seen almost every day at Hacienda Jacana, where a pair were nesting in a cavity in a broken-off palm stump.

Blue-and-yellow Macaw (*Ara ararauna*)—A small flock seen late in the afternoon at Nariva Swamp; the birds have been reintroduced in the area.

TYPICAL ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae (4)

Black-crested Antshrike (*Sakesphorus canadensis*)—This elegant antshrike was found on two days at Hacienda Jacana and seen from the boat at Caroni Swamp.

Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)—This species was encountered nearly every day of the tour in Trinidad and Tobago, though far more often heard than actually seen; best views were at Adventure Farm, where a male and a female came to eat fruit.

White-fringed Antwren (*Formicivora grisea*)—Seen at Cuffie River and Adventure Farm on the same day; only on Tobago.

White-bellied Antbird (*Myrmeciza longipes*)—(H) Heard from Blanchisseuse Road at one of the stops.

ANTTHRUSHES: Formicariidae (1)

Black-faced Antthrush (*Formicarius analis*)—(H) Heard from Blanchisseuse Road at one of the stops.

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (4)

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)—One seen during the Gilpin Trace hike in the Main Ridge Forest Preserve on Tobago.

Cocoa Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*)—(H) Heard at three sites: Asa Wright, Grand Riviere and Canaan Ponds.

Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*Dendroplex picus*)—A mangrove swamp specialist on Trinidad, one was well seen from the boat during the Caroni Swamp tour.

Stripe-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis cinnamomea*)—A few of these were seen during the Gilpin Trace hike in the Main Ridge Forest Preserve on Tobago.

MANAKINS: Pipridae (3)

Blue-backed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia pareola*)—Seen on two days on Tobago, best when several males and females were voraciously feeding in a fruiting fig on the Main Ridge.

White-bearded Manakin (*Manacus manacus*)—Seen on four days at Morne La Croix, Asa Wright, Hacienda Jacana and Grand Riviere.

Golden-headed Manakin (*Ceratopipra erythrocephala*)—Seen at Asa Wright, where one male was feeding on a fruiting tree by the trail to the oilbird cave.

COTINGAS: Cotingidae (1)

Bearded Bellbird (*Procnias averano*)—A singing male observed well, after some effort, on the aptly named bellbird trail at Asa Wright.

BECARDS AND TITYRAS: Tityridae (1)

White-winged Becard (*Pachyrhamphus polychopterus*)—A pair found at the Arena Forest roadside stop.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (22)

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher (*Mionectes oleagineus*)—Observed at Hacienda Jacana, Arena Forest and Grand Riviere on Trinidad and on the Gilpin Trace walk on Tobago.

Yellow-olive Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*)—Found at the Arena Forest roadside stop.

Ochre-lored Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*)—Seen twice at Hacienda Jacana and Cuffie River; this species was formerly known as Yellow-breasted Flycatcher but was split.

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)—This non-descript flycatcher was found on Blanchisseuse Road, Sellier Road and at Hacienda Jacana.

Forest Elaenia (*Myiopagis gaimardii*)—One seen from the guan platform at Grand Riviere.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia flavogaster*)—This common and very vocal flycatcher was seen or heard on six days of the tour at sites in both Trinidad and Tobago.

Bran-colored Flycatcher (*Myiophobus fasciatus*)—One seen by most in the group in the bamboos at Sellier Road.

Euler's Flycatcher (*Lathrotriccus euleri*)—Found twice in one day at Hacienda Jacana, on the walk on the entrance road on our last morning, and at Grand Riviere.

Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*)—One seen perched high in the top of a dead tree at Las Lapas on the Blanchisseuse Road.

Fuscous Flycatcher (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus*)—Only found on Tobago at Adventure Farm and Cuffie River.

Northern Scrub-Flycatcher (*Sublegatus arenarum*)—Pointed out by Lester in the mangroves at Caroni Swamp.

White-headed Marsh Tyrant (*Arundinicola leucocephala*)—Oddly, only one male seen in the ditches at Nariva Swamp.

Pied Water-Tyrant (*Fluvicola pica*)—This attractive wetland flycatcher was seen at Mexico Road, Nariva Swamp and the Blue Waters Plant.

Venezuelan Flycatcher (*Myiarchus venezuelensis*)—Seen, though difficult to separate from Brown-crested except by call, only on Tobago at Cuffie River and Main Ridge.

Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)—Only positively identified by call at Cuffie River and Little Tobago.

Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)—A loud and conspicuous flycatcher, these were easily seen and heard on all seven days on Trinidad.

Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarynchus pitangua*)—Seen in the trees surrounding the guan platform in Grand Riviere.

Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)—Seen on one of the walks around the pond at Hacienda Jacana.

Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaeus*)—This flycatcher, so named due to its habit of usurping other species' nests, was seen or heard on several days at Hacienda Jacana and at Cuffie River.

Sulphury Flycatcher (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*)—Several seen at Waller Field before dinner.

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)—The "TK" -- common and widespread, was found on every day of the tour almost everywhere we went.

Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*)—This species, emblematic of Caribbean islands, was found on two days on Tobago, sometimes on the TV antenna on the top of Cuffie River!

VIREOS: Vireonidae (4)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*)—Found on most days on Trinidad, though far more often heard than seen; probably the best view was during the stop at Trincity, where one was very close in the tree above the edge of the road.

Scrub Greenlet (*Hylophilus flavipes*)—Only seen on Tobago at Main Ridge.

Golden-fronted Greenlet (*Pachysylvia aurantiifrons*)—This lovely forest greenlet was seen on four days at various sites on Tobago.

Chivi Vireo (*Vireo chivi*)—Seen by Dave once at Hacienda Jacana and by the group on Tobago at Cuffie River, Main Ridge and Little Tobago.

SWALLOWS: Hirundinidae (5)

Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)—These were seen on almost every day in Trinidad at many sites.

Caribbean Martin (*Progne dominicensis*)—Seen on two days on Tobago when flying overhead.

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*)—The common martin of Trinidad, these were seen on most days during the tour.

White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*)—This attractive swallow, almost always found near water, was found on seven days of the tour at many sites in both Trinidad and Tobago.

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)—Large numbers seen over Canaan Ponds on Tobago.

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (1)

Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)—Found at Asa Wright and the following day along Mexico Road.

WRENS: Troglodytidae (2)

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*)—A commonly encountered bird on both Trinidad and Tobago, especially if one learns its song, these were found on almost all days of the tour.

Rufous-breasted Wren (*Pheugopedius rutilus*)—This lovely wren, though hard to see, was found on four days at Hacienda Jacana, Grand Riviere and Main Ridge.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (1)

Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*)—Regularly encountered almost everywhere, these were reported on nine days of the tour.

THRUSHES: Turdidae (4)

Cocoa Thrush (*Turdus fumigatus*)—Seen almost every day at Hacienda Jacana and at Grand Riviere.

Yellow-legged Thrush (*Turdus flavipes*)—Many well seen while foraging on the fruiting fig tree in the Main Ridge Preserve, Tobago and also seen and heard on the Gilpin Trace trail.

White-necked Thrush (*Turdus albicollis*)—Seen by the guides at Asa Wright; found by the whole group at Main Ridge at the fruiting fig.

Spectacled Thrush (*Turdus nudigenis*)—The common “robin-like” thrush of Trinidad and Tobago, these were seen on all nine days of the tour at most forested sites.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (2)

Trinidad Euphonia (*Euphonia trinitatis*)—Only positively identified on one day at Hacienda Jacana.

Violaceous Euphonia (*Euphonia violacea*)—Seen or heard on three days at Hacienda Jacana, at Grand Riviere and at Main Ridge, Tobago.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (8)

Red-breasted Meadowlark (*Leistes militaris*)—Several birds of both sexes seen in the open grass fields at Trincity.

Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*)—This marvelous blackbird was seen on all days of the tour at many sites on both islands, frequently flying overhead or from tree to tree; a few nest colonies were also found.

Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*)—Seen on all seven days of the tour on Trinidad.

Yellow Oriole (*Icterus nigrogularis*)—The common oriole of Trinidad, this attractive species was found on four days at many sites, sometimes coming to feeders.

Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*)—Small numbers seen at Hacienda Jacana, Brasso Seco, Mexico Road and Nariva Swamp on Trinidad, and a large group at the feeders at Adventure Farm, Tobago.

Giant Cowbird (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)—A parasite of oropendola nests, these were seen on two days on Trinidad, despite the abundance of its host species, and more commonly on Tobago, where we found them at Cuffie River and Main Ridge.

Carib Grackle (*Quiscalus lugubris*)—A common and widespread blackbird, these were found on eight days on both Trinidad and Tobago.

Yellow-hooded Blackbird (*Chrysomus icterocephalus*)—Several seen at the ponds by the Blue Waters plant.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (3)

Northern Waterthrush (*Parkesia noveboracensis*)—Occasionally encountered on the tour, these were seen or heard at Asa Wright, Adventure Farm and on the Gilpin Trace walk.

Tropical Parula (*Setophaga pitiayumi*)—One found on the walk to Dunston cave at Asa Wright.

Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*)—Found once at Hacienda Jacana.

CARDINALS AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (1)

Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*)—One found in grasses off Sellier Road near the Aripo Livestock Station with various grassquits.

TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (17)

Masked Cardinal (*Paroaria nigrogenis*)—Several adults and young seen from the boat during the Caroni Swamp tour.

White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*)—Regularly encountered at numerous sites on eight days of the tour on both Trinidad and Tobago.

Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo*)—Found on seven days of the tour at many sites, but only on Trinidad.

Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*)—As in most parts of its range, these were easily found at most locations visited.

Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*)—A widespread and very readily seen tanager, sometimes at feeders, these were reported on all nine days of the tour.

Turquoise Tanager (*Tangara mexicana*)—Seen twice in one day at Hacienda Jacana on the last morning and Grand Riviere.

Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*)—This lovely tanager was only found at Las Lapas and Asa Wright.

Purple Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)—Regularly encountered at places with feeders on Trinidad, such as Asa Wright, Yerettê and Grand Riviere.

Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)—The group only found these on Tobago, where it largely replaces Purple Honeycreeper; the best views were of foraging males and females in the morning sunlight on the immortelle tree flowers at Cuffie River.

Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*)—Only found on two days at Hacienda Jacana and Grand Riviere.

Saffron Finch (*Sicalis flaveola*)—Two observed in the grass on the golf course at Trincity.

Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*)—Found on three days on Trinidad (Brasso Seco, Sellier Road, Nariva Swamp, Hacienda Jacana) and at Cuffie River on Tobago.

Yellow-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila nigricollis*)—An unusual sighting for Trinidad, several were found in grasses off Sellier Road near the Aripo Livestock Station.

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*)—A regularly encountered species almost everywhere we went, especially at feeders; found on eight days of the tour on both islands.

Black-faced Grassquit (*Melanospiza bicolor*)—Seen on three days at Cuffie River.

Sooty Grassquit (*Asemospiza fuliginosa*)—Found along the side of the road off Blanchisseuse Road.

Olive-gray Saltator (*Saltator olivascens*)—(G) One seen by Dave at Hacienda Jacana, although another was observed at Pax on the early day.

MAMMALS (3 species)

Red-tailed Squirrel (*Sciurus granatensis*)—A widespread species, these were seen on several days on Trinidad.

Guianan Red Howler-Monkey (*Alouatta macconnelli*)—(H) A dawn chorus of these sounded off one morning at Hacienda Jacana.

Lesser Sac-winged Bat (*Saccopteryx leptura*)—This day-flying bat was seen along the trails at Asa Wright.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (3 species)

Spectacled Caiman (*Caiman crocodilus*)—A few seen in the pond at Hacienda Jacana.

Ruschenberger's Boa (*Corallus ruschenbergerii*)—Several seen from the boat in the mangroves during the Caroni Swamp Tour.

Leatherback Sea Turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*)—Several enormous females seen on the beach at Grand Riviere at night and at dawn.

LOCATIONS AND NOTES:

Day 1: Wednesday, March 15: Optional early day at Pax Guest House for some.

Day 2: Thursday, March 16: Hacienda Jacana, Blanchisseuse Road (includes a variety of roadside stops such as Las Lapas, Brasso Seco, Morne La Croix).

Day 3: Friday, March 17: Orange Valley, Temple in the Sea, Hanuman Monument, Hacienda Jacana.

Day 4: Saturday, March 18: Hacienda Jacana, Asa Wright Nature Centre, eTeck Park (Waller Field).

Day 5: Sunday, March 19: Hacienda Jacana, Aripo Livestock Station area (Mexico Road, Sellier Road, Aripo Livestock Station entrance road), Nariva Swamp.

Day 6: Monday, March 20: Hacienda Jacana, Trincity, Blue Waters Plant, Yerettê Hummingbird House, Caroni Swamp.

Day 7: Tuesday, March 21: Hacienda Jacana, Arena Forest, El Suzanne Rainforest Lodge, Toco (Galera Point) Lighthouse, Grand Riviere.

Day 8 Wednesday, March 22: Grand Riviere, drive to Piarco Airport, flight to Tobago, Bon Accord Sewage Ponds, Canaan Sewage Ponds, Cuffie River Nature Retreat.

Day 9: Thursday, March 23: Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Adventure Farm, Fort James.

Day 10: Friday, March 24: Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Main Ridge Forest Preserve, Little Tobago Island.

Day 11: Saturday, March 25: Departures.