

Costa Rica: Birds & Nature | Species List

February 22 – March 1, 2023 | with Naturalist Journeys



With Naturalist Journeys tour host Rick Weiman and local guide Jose Armando Obando and ten clients: Jo, Amy, Noel, Cecilia, Dave, Dottie, James, Bonnie, Livia, and Bob.

This species list does not cover the 4-day Pacific coast extension.

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Itinerary

- 2-22: Hotel Bougainvillea in Santo Domingo (1/2 hour from San Jose airport)
- 2-23: Hotel Bougainvillea, Cerro de la Muerte, Paraiso Quetzal Lodge, Parque Nacional Los Quetzales, Trogon Lodge
- 2-24: Trogon Lodge, Savegre Reserve (with hikes on the Los Pioneras and La Quebrada trails)
- 2-25: Trogon Lodge, San Gerardo de Dota--Los Lagos' Quetzal Observation site, Café Christina Organic Coffee Farm, La Casona de Cafetal on Lake Cachi, Rancho Naturalista
- 2-26: Rancho Naturalista, Rancho Bacho, Plata Nilo River in Turrialba
- 2-27: Rancho Naturalista, San Diego de San Antonio, Guayabo National Monument, Selva Verde Lodge
- 2-28: Selva Verde Lodge, La Selva Biological Station, Río Sarapiquí cruise
- 3-01: Selva Verde Lodge, La Paz waterfall, Soda Cinchona in Mirador, San Jose airport

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

(I) = Introduced

(RE) = Regional Endemic

Summary: As we learned on this tour, Costa Rica is a spectacular birding destination, as few places rival its ecological diversity. As our itinerary states, over a quarter of the country is protected lands, boasting 850 bird species and 200+ mammals. On this tour we traversed the Continental Divide with our local guide Jose Armando Obando. We traveled from lowland rainforest to montane cloud forests and visited the warmer Caribbean lowlands at the tour's end, including the La Selva Biological Station. We took a rewarding Sarapiquí River tour where we saw the secretive Sungrebe, several species of kingfisher, American Crocodiles and Spectacled Caimans, a Green Basilisk, and Mantled Howler Monkey. Enjoy reviewing this species list to learn about the wonderful birds and wildlife species we encountered on this relaxing tour. Seven lucky participants (unfortunately not this author) continued on with our four-day Pacific coast extension which is not covered in this report.

BIRDS (216 species were recorded, of which 6 were heard only, 21 were regionally endemic, and 2 were introduced species).

DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae (2)

Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata*—Seen by a few of us on the Río Sarapiquí

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors*— A lone female observed on the Río Sarapiquí boat tour

GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae (3)

Gray-headed Chachalaca *Ortalis cinereiceps*—large flocks (10+) at Rancho Naturalista banana feeders
Crested Guan *Penelope purpurascens*—single birds seen in trees on hikes at Rancho Naturalista, Guayabo National Monument, and La Selva Biological Station
Black Guan (RE) *Chamaepetes unicolor*—several observed at the Trogon Lodge and the Savegre Hotel

GREBES: Podicipedidae (1)

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus*—A lone bird fishing near the shore of Lago de Cachi

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (7)

Rock Pigeon (1) *Columba livia*—observed in several populated cities we drove through or stopped at.
Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*—observed in the gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea
Red-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas flavirostris*—observed in the gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea and Rancho Naturalista
Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea*—seen by some but heard by all at the Savegre Hotel
Short-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas nigrirostris*—seen at La Selva
White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*—observed in the gardens at Rancho Naturalista
White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*—collecting nesting material in the gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea

CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae (2)

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*—4 birds observed on the grounds of the Rancho Naturalista owners home Rancho Bacho
Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*—spotted at Hotel Bougainvillea and La Selva

SWIFTS: Apodidae (2)

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris*—small flock above the Savegre Hotel feeders
Vaux's Swift *Chaetura vauxi*—over the gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (19)

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora*—many at the Rancho Naturalista feeders
Long-billed Hermit *Phaethornis longirostris*—seen in the gardens at Selva Verde Lodge
Lesser Violetear *Colibri cyanotus*—at the feeders at Paraiso Quetzal Lodge and the Trogon Lodge garden
Green-breasted Mango *Anthracothorax prevostii*—many at the Rancho Naturalista feeders
Green Thorntail *Discosura conversii*—observed a few times at Rancho Naturalista feeding on flowers
Green-crowned Brilliant *Heliodoxa jacula*—at the feeders at the Soda Cinchona rest stop
Talamanca Hummingbird (RE) *Eugenes spectabilis*—observed at Paraiso Quetzal, Trogon Lodge and Savegre Lodge
Fiery-throated Hummingbird (RE) *Panterpe insignis*—observed at the Paraiso Quetzal feeders
White-throated Mountain-gem (RE) *Lampornis castaneiventris*—spotted at the Trogon Lodge gardens and Savegre Hotel feeders
Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*—a male seen by Rick only at the Hotel Bougainvillea
Volcano Hummingbird (RE) *Selasphorus flammula*—small hummingbird observed at the Paraiso Quetzal and Savegre Hotel feeders and in the gardens at Trogon Lodge. Rick & Jo happily rescued one that was being attacked by a territorial Lesser Violetear at Trogon Lodge.
Violet-headed Hummingbird *Klais guimeti*—feeding on the flowers only at Rancho Naturalista
Violet Sabrewing *Campylopterus hemileucurus*—Costa Rica's largest hummingbird was spotted at the feeders at Soda Cinchona
Crowned Woodnymph *Thalurania colombica*—great pictures were taken of these cooperative and beautiful hummingbirds at Rancho Naturalista
Stripe-tailed Hummingbird *Eupherusa eximia*—seen at the Savegre Hotel feeders
Snowcap *Microchera albocoronata*—both a male, a juvenile, and several females at Rancho Naturalista

Blue-vented Hummingbird—seen in the gardens by Jo at Hotel Bougainvillea

Blue-chested Hummingbird *Amazilia amabilis*—observed feeding in the gardens at La Selva by Armando

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl*—very common in the gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea, Rancho Naturalista, and La Selva.

FINFOOTS AND SUNGREBE: Heliornithidae (1)

Sungrebe *Heliornis fulica*—one observed on the Río Sarapiquí boat tour

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (1)

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*— several observed on the Río Sarapiquí boat tour

SUNBITTERN: Eurypygidae (1)

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias*—one was observed on a nest over the stream-like Rio Platanillo in Turrialba and Rick spotted one on the Río Sarapiquí on the grounds of the Selva Verde Lodge

ANHINGAS: Anhingidae (1)

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*—several were spotted on our Río Sarapiquí boat trip

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (5)

Bare-throated Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma mexicanum*— several were spotted on our Río Sarapiquí boat trip

Great Egret *Ardea alba*—at Lago de Cachi

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*— spotted on our Río Sarapiquí boat trip

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*— at Lago de Cachi and the river by Selva Verde Lodge

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*—seen multiple times in fields (with cattle) and also by Café Christina

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (3)

King Vulture *Sarcoramphus papa*—one spotted initially by James soaring at La Selva with Black Vultures

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*—observed multiple times soaring

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*— observed multiple times soaring

HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (7)

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*—a nice surprise on our early morning walk in the gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea as it flew directly overhead as we assembled before the walk

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus*—spotted soaring over the road from the bus on our departure day near the Paz waterfall

Barred Hawk *Morphnarchus princeps*—a pair were soaring with vultures near the Paz waterfall

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris*—calling in Guayabo National Monument and later seen flying

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*—perched and calling for a nice scope view at Guayabo National Monument

Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus*—seen on a hike at Rancho Naturalista

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*—soaring at the Savegre Hotel

OWLS: Strigidae (2)

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum*—seen in the garden at Hotel Bougainvillea

Mottled Owl *Ciccaba virgata*—a pair were perched in tall bamboos at Hotel Bougainvillea

TROGONS: Trogonidae (4)

Resplendent Quetzal *Pharomachrus mocinno*—Success! A pair were seen near Trogon Lodge with wonderful views of both, especially the calling male, both perched and in flight, and great pictures as well by our clients

Slaty-tailed Trogon *Trogon massena*—a perched pair were spotted on the Río Sarapiquí boat trip

Gartered Trogon *Trogon caligatus*—a pair were spotted one morning on the Rancho Naturalista veranda
Black-throated Trogon *Trogon rufus*—3 different birds were seen on Feb 28 at Selva Verde, La Selva, and on the Río Sarapiquí boat trip as one flew in and perched near the pair of Slaty-tailed Trogons

MOTMOTS: Momotidae (3)

Lesson's Motmot *Momotus lessonii*—several seen at Hotel Bougainvillea and Rancho Naturalista
Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii*—one was spotted by Armando and Cecilia at Selva Verde Lodge
Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum*—good looks at Guayabo National Monument and La Selva

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (3)

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*— spotted on the Río Sarapiquí boat trip
Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona*—also spotted on the Río Sarapiquí boat trip
Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana*—you guessed it, spotted on the Río Sarapiquí boat trip

JACAMARS: Galbulidae (1)

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda*—a fantastic look of a perched bird on a vine off the footbridge at La Selva biological station

TOUCAN-BARBETS: Semnornithidae (1)

Prong-billed Barbet *Semnoris frantzii*—at the fruit feeder at the Soda Cinchona stop

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (4)

Northern Emerald-Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus prasinus*—one seen briefly and very far away at Trogon Lodge while on our last day at the Soda Cinchona we had one about 5 feet away on the fruit feeder
Collared Aracari *Pteroglossus torquatus*—several at Rancho Naturalista, both on the trails and at the banana feeder station; also several at La Selva
Yellow-throated Toucan *Ramphastos ambiguus*—good looks at Selva Verde Lodge and at La Selva
Keel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos sulfuratus*—observed and heard calling at Rancho Naturalista and Selva Verde Lodge

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (4)

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*—multiple birds on the trails at Paraiso Questzal Lodge and also on the Savegre Hotel trails
Black-cheeked Woodpecker *Melanerpes pucherani*—observed at Rancho Naturalista and La Selva
Hoffmann's Woodpecker *Melanerpes hoffmannii*—observed nest excavating at the Hotel Bougainvillea
Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*—very nice looks of a single bird (calling also) in the Hotel Bougainvillea gardens

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (2)

Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway*—a pair were seen in the Hotel Bougainvillea gardens and a lone bird feeding on a dead fish by the river near the Selva Verde Lodge
Laughing Falcon (HO) *Herpetotheres cachinnans*—one was calling loudly at Ranch Naturalista; not seen

PARROTS: Psittacidae (11)

Barred Parakeet *Bolborhynchus lineola*—heard with poor looks on the Savegre Hotel trails
Brown-hooded Parrot *Pyrilia haematotis*—a close-by perched bird flew in to say good-bye as we were loading the bus to depart Rancho Naturalista
White-crowned Parrot *Pionus senilis*—seen at Rancho Naturalista and Selva Verde Lodge
Red-lored Parrot *Amazona autumnalis*—spotted on the Río Sarapiquí boat trip flying over the river
Mealy Parrot *Amazona farinosa*—seen at Selva Verde Lodge

Sulphur-winged Parakeet (RE) *Pyrrhura hoffmanni*—a flock fly-over on the grounds at the Savegre Hotel
Olive-throated Parakeet *Eupsittula nana*—so-so looks in the dark forest trail at Selva Verde Lodge
Great Green Macaw *Ara ambiguus*—Heard calling on the forest trails at La Selva; also heard calling on the Río Sarapiquí boat trip and a few of us saw them fly across way down-river
Scarlet Macaw *Ara macao*—a pair was seen out the bus window flying by on our departure day
Crimson-fronted Parakeet *Psittacara finschi*—many flocks in the trees at Hotel Bougainvillea

ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae (2)

Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus*—nice looks and pictures at La Selva
Black-crowned Antshrike (HO) *Thamnophilus atrinucha*—heard clearly at La Selva but not seen

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (7)

Northern Barred-Woodcreeper (HO) *Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*—heard clearly on the Río Sarapiquí boat trip
Cocoa Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus susurrans*—seen by Livia with the local guide at Ranch Naturalista and then later heard by most of us
Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*—seen creeping up a tree on the trail at Savegre
Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus*—good looks of one at La Selva
Buffy Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes lawrencii*—a challenging observation, very high up an oak tree amongst the epiphytes on the trails at Savegre
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus*—several looks at Rancho Naturalista
Ruddy Treerunner (RE) *Margarornis rubiginosus*—at least ten birds seen on our hike on the trails at Savegre including parents feeding young birds near the ground

MANAKINS: Pipridae (2)

White-ruffed Manakin *Corapipo altera*—observed on a hike at Rancho Naturalista
White-collared Manakin *Manacus candei*—seen at Selva Verde Lodge and also La Selva with immature birds practicing displaying

COTINGAS: Cotingidae (1)

Snowy Cotinga *Carpodectes nitidus*—spotted high in a tree at La Selva

BECARDS AND TITYRAS: Tityridae (4)

Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor*—a pair were seen in the trees at Rancho Naturalista
Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata*—a pair observed at Hotel Bougainvillea and also Rancho Naturalista
Barred Becard *Pachyramphus versicolor*—an elusive look on the trails at Savegre
Cinnamon Becard *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*—very good looks at La Selva

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (22)

White-throated Spadebill *Platyrinchus mystaceus*—spotted on a hike at Rancho Naturalista
Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*—also observed on a hike at Rancho Naturalista
Mountain Elaenia *Elaenia frantzii*—in the gardens at Trogon Lodge
Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea*—several along the Savegre River at Trogon Lodge; we also saw a pair near a nest with chicks being fed near the Rio Platanillo in Turrialba
Mistletoe Tyrannulet *Zimmerius parvus*—spotted at Rancho Naturalista and La Selva
Olive-streaked Flycatcher *Mionectes olivaceus*—observed at Rancho Naturalista
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*—spotted in the gardens at Rancho Naturalista and also at Guayabo National Monument
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus*—spotted at Guayabo National Monument
Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*—we saw this cute little bird several times with the first sighting at Lago de Cachi
Yellow-olive Flycatcher *Tolmomyias sulphurescens*—also spotted at Guayabo

Tufted Flycatcher *Mitrephanes phaeocercus*—we watched this guy sally back and forth from its perch on a dead tree on a trail at Savegre

Yellowish Flycatcher *Empidonax flavescens*—also at Savegre, perched about 4 feet high long enough for just about everybody to photograph

Black-capped Flycatcher (RE) *Empidonax atriceps*—spotted along the river fly catching at Trogon Lodge and also at Savegre

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*—Noel got a great picture of this bird at Selva Verde Lodge, a good thing since he was the only one who saw it

Bright-rumped Attila (HO) *Attila spadiceus*—heard calling from the forest on the Río Sarapiquí boat trip

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*—heard and observed multiple times

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*—several at Rancho Naturalista and La Selva

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*—also observed multiple times

Gray-capped Flycatcher *Myiozetetes granadensis*—seen at Lago de Cachi, La Selva, and the Río Platanillo

White-ringed Flycatcher *Conopias albobittatus*—spotted at La Selva

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus*—also observed at La Selva; we learned that this bird pirates the nests of other birds to raise its young

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*—spotted at Lago de Cachi and several other spots

VIREOS: Vireonidae (3)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (HO) *Cyclarhis gujanensis*—this guy was frustrating as it was calling loudly on the trail at Savegre and responding to our played calls, but never came into view

Yellow-throated Vireo *Vireo flavifrons*—Armando spotted this spring plumage bird in a tree (with a sloth) on the dock prior to our Río Sarapiquí boat trip

Yellow-winged Vireo (RE) *Vireo carmioli*—spotted during our hike at Savegre

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (1)

Brown Jay *Psilorhinus morio*—several sightings at Hotel Bougainvillea, Rancho Naturalista and Guayabo

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (3)

Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*—first observed at Paraiso Quetzal lodge then several more times throughout the tour

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*—observed fly catching on the Río Platanillo and also on the Río Sarapiquí boat tour

Mangrove Swallow *Tachycineta albilinea*—quite a few were spotted on the Río Sarapiquí boat tour

WRENS: Troglodytidae (7)

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*—spotted at Lago de Cachi and Rancho Naturalista

Timberline Wren (HO) *Thryorchilus browni*—heard calling loudly on the entrance road to Parque Nacional Los Quetzales but we had no luck calling it into view

Rufous-naped Wren *Campylorhynchus rufinucha*—multiple very cooperative birds at Hotel Bougainvillea

Stripe-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus thoracicus*—heard and seen at Rancho Naturalista

Cabanis's Wren *Cantorchilus modestus*—several in the gardens of the Hotel Bougainvillea

Bay Wren *Cantorchilus nigricapillus*—we first observed a very vocal and visible pair at Guayabo National Monument then another along the shore line during our boat tour on the Río Sarapiquí

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys*—heard singing and then several of us got quick looks on the trails at Savegre

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (1)

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus*—spotted in the gardens at La Selva

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (1)

Long-billed Gnatwren (HO) *Ramphocaenus melanurus*—one was heard calling at La Selva

THRUSHES: Turdidae (6)

Black-faced Solitaire (RE) (HO) *Myadestes melanops*—heard only on the trail at Savegre

Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush (RE) *Catharus gracilirostris*—observed at Paraiso Quetzal Lodge and Trogon Lodge

Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus frantzii*—observed at Trogon Lodge and Savegre

Mountain Thrush *Turdus plebejus*—observed at Paraiso Quetzal Lodge and Savegre

Clay-colored Thrush *Turdus grayi*—Costa Rica's national bird was observed every day on our tour

Sooty Thrush (RE) *Turdus nigrescens*—this all-black thrush with a yellow bill was easy to spot at Paraiso Quetzal Lodge in the gardens and was also seen foraging at the Trogon Lodge

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS: Ptiliogonatidae (1)

Long-tailed Silky-flycatcher (RE) *Ptiliogonys caudatus*—what a beautiful bird and we had great close views near the feeders at Paraiso Quetzal Lodge

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (3)

Golden-browed Chlorophonia (RE) *Chlorophonia callophrys*—are you kidding me? One of the most colorful birds I've ever seen and the female is just as striking as the golden browed male. We had a pair feeding on berries at the garden trail at Paraiso Quetzal Lodge.

Yellow-crowned Euphonia *Euphonia luteicapilla*—spotted at Rancho Naturalista and La Selva

Olive-backed Euphonia *Euphonia gouldi*—observed every day at Rancho Naturalista and also at La Selva

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (9)

Sooty-capped Chlorospingus (RE) *Chlorospingus pileatus*—spotted at 3 locations – Paraiso Quetzal Lodge, Trogon Lodge, and the Savegre Hotel gardens

Common Chlorospingus *Chlorospingus flavopectus*—we added this not so common bird on our last day at the Soda Cinchona stop

Black-striped Sparrow *Arremonops conirostris*—a solo bird made a one-time appearance in the gardens of Rancho Naturalista

Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris*—several observed feeding and bathing at Rancho Naturalista

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch *Arremon brunneinucha*—another new bird seen foraging under the feeders at the Soda Cinchona stop

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*—first seen at Paraiso Quetzal Lodge and then it was the most common bird on the Trogon Lodge property

Large-footed Finch (RE) *Pezopetes capitalis*—spotted acting very Towhee-like, scratching its large feet in the leaf litter in search of food at Paraiso Lodge and Trogon Lodge

Cabanis's Ground-Sparrow (RE) *Melospiza cabanisi*—a lone bird was seen feeding in the gardens of the Hotel Bougainvillea by Rick and Jo early on arrival day but could not be relocated to share with the group

Yellow-thighed Finch (RE) *Pselliophorus tibialis*—this very unique looking gray-black bird with yellow feather tufts at the base of each leg was seen several times on the forest trails at Savegre

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (8)

Yellow-billed Cacique *Amblycercus holosericeus*—another new feeder bird at the Soda Cinchona

Chestnut-headed Oropendola *Psarocolius wagleri*—spotted on a hike at Rancho Naturalista and also during our visit to the La Selva Biological Station

Montezuma Oropendola *Psarocolius montezuma*—a fairly common large bird observed on most days

Black-cowled Oriole *Icterus prothemelas*—a nice find at La Selva

Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula*—this North American migrant was right at home at many of the lodge feeder stations; we had almost a dozen in one tree in the Hotel Bougainvillea gardens

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus*—also spotted at the now infamous Soda Cinchona stop

Melodious Blackbird *Dives dives*—fairly abundant in the Hotel Bougainvillea gardens

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*—also abundant in the Hotel Bougainvillea gardens and in many towns along the tour route

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (18)

Worm-eating Warbler *Helmitheros vermivorum*—spotted bathing in the Rancho Naturalista gardens

Louisiana Waterthrush *Parkesia motacilla*—one was seen along the Rio Savegre at Trogon Lodge by Rick and then several more were feeding along the banks of the Río Sarapiquí during our boat tour

Golden-winged Warbler *Vermivora chrysoptera*—spotted by Armando only at the overlook on the trails at Savegre

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*—several seen at Rancho Naturalista and Lago de Cachi

Flame-throated Warbler (RE) *Oreothlypis gutturalis*—this target bird was seen by all on the Savegre trail

Tennessee Warbler *Oreothlypis peregrina*—also observed several times on the tour with many in the Hotel Bougainvillea gardens

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla*—one male was spotted all 3 days at Rancho Naturalista, possibly the same bird who knew a good thing when he saw it

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiayumi*—observed at Lago de Cachi and Rancho Naturalista

Blackburnian Warbler *Setophaga fusca*—its orange colors were in full bloom at Rancho Naturalista

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*—one was spotted at Hotel Bougainvillea

Chestnut-sided Warbler *Setophaga pensylvanica*—one was spotted at multiple locations during the tour

Black-throated Green Warbler *Setophaga virens*—observed at Paraiso Quetzal and on the Savegre trails

Chestnut-capped Warbler *Basileuterus delatirii*—good low looks of this bird at Hotel Bougainvillea

Black-cheeked Warbler (RE) *Basileuterus melanogenys*—we had views of this bird at Paraiso Quetzal Lodge and the Savegre Hotel trails

Costa Rican Warbler *Basileuterus melanotis*—similar in appearance to a Worm-eating Warbler but plumper with a longer tail and a different face pattern; observed on the trail at Rancho Naturalista

Buff-rumped Warbler *Myiothlypis fulvicauda*—this fan favorite gave us nice looks as it foraged along the shore-line vine tangles during our Rio Sarapiquí boat tour

Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*—fairly common, observed at Trogon Lodge, Savegre, and in the Rancho Naturalista gardens

Collared Redstart (RE) *Myioborus torquatus*—observed at Paraiso Quetzal and Trogon Lodge

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (5)

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*—a regular in the gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea and the Rancho Naturalista feeder station

Flame-colored Tanager *Piranga bidentata*—these spectacularly colored birds were seen in pairs on the grounds at Trogon Lodge and the trails at Savegre

Red-throated Ant-Tanager *Habia fuscicauda*—often a fruit feeder station bird with pairs spotted at Rancho Naturalista and the Selva Verde Lodge

Black-faced Grosbeak *Caryothraustes poliogaster*—amazing views of a pair nest building at La Selva

Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus*—a few observed in the gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea

TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (21)

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus*—a breakfast addition in the gardens at Rancho Naturalista

Crimson-collared Tanager *Ramphocelus sanguinolentus*—a few of us got decent looks on our Selva Verde Lodge morning trail walk

Scarlet-rumped Tanager *Ramphocelus passerinii*—one of the most common tanagers of the tour, with pairs observed multiple times in the gardens and at fruit feeder stations

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*—also very common, seen multiple times usually in pairs

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*—add this bird to the common tanager list, usually also in pairs
Golden-hooded Tanager *Tangara larvata*—an attention-grabbing bird, spotted at Rancho Naturalista and on our hike at La Selva
Spangle-cheeked Tanager (RE) *Tangara dowii*—spotted deep in the forest on the trails at Savegre
Emerald Tanager *Tangara florida*—for those that went on a morning hike at Rancho Naturalista they were rewarded with a view of this beautiful bird
Silver-throated Tanager *Tangara icterocephala*—luckily this beauty liked the feeder stations so was seen close up multiple times during the tour
Scarlet-thighed Dacnis *Dacnis venusta*—spotted on a hike at Rancho Naturalista and at La Selva
Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana*—several were seen during the La Selva hike
Shining Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes lucidus*—also seen very well at La Selva
Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus*—once again first spotted at La Selva and then later at the Soda Cinchona feeder station
Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza*—the La Selva visit helped us complete the Honeycreeper trifecta as both males and females of this species were observed
Slaty Flowerpiercer (RE) *Diglossa plumbea*—fun to watch these birds close up feeding on flower nectar amongst the hummingbirds at Paraiso Quetzal Lodge and the Trogon Lodge gardens
Variable Seedeater *Sporophila corvina*—observed near Turrialba and also at La Selva
Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*—first spotted at Lago de Cachi then later at Rancho Naturalista
Yellow-faced Grassquit *Tiaris olivaceus*—observed feeding on the ground at Rancho Naturalista
Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus*—a regular at the Rancho Naturalista feeder station
Black-headed Saltator *Saltator atriceps*—spotted at La Selva and heard on the river boat tour as well
Cinnamon-bellied Saltator *Saltator grandis*—observed in the gardens of the Hotel Bougainvillea

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)

House Sparrow (I) *Passer domesticus*—almost every city rest stop had these birds near the parking lot

MAMMALS (10):

Hoffmann's Toe-toed Sloth *Choloepus hoffmanni*—the first one was spotted in a tree on the dock near the Rio Sarapiquí before our boat tour; one then joined us for breakfast at Selva Verde Lodge as it moved from branch to branch near the restaurant
Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*—a daily visitor to the feeders at Rancho Naturalista and also seen at La Selva
Variegated Squirrel *Sciurus variegatoides*—apparently a big fan of the banana feeders at Rancho Naturalista and also seen elsewhere
Central American Dwarf Squirrel *Microsciurus alfari*—in the gardens at Rancho Naturalista
Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis*—also in the gardens at Rancho Naturalista
Mantled Howler Monkey *Alouatta palliata*—we heard them calling at Selva Verde Lodge and then spotted one in the tree canopy during our Rio Sarapiquí boat tour
White-nosed Coati *Nasua narica*—also a fan of the Rancho Naturalista bananas
Collared Peccary *Pecari tajacu*—a pack of Peccaries crossed the trail in front of us at La Selva
Coyote (HO) *Canis latrans*—we heard them howling one night at the Trogon Lodge
Greater Sac-winged Bat *Saccopteryx bilineata*—they were roosting under the dock where our Rio Sarapiquí boat tour departed from

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (11):

American Crocodile *Caiman crocodilus*—one was just relaxing on the mud banks during our Rio Sarapiquí boat tour
Spectacled Caiman *Caiman crocodilus*—several were spotted from the foot bridge at La Selva on the Rio Sarapiquí below us
Emerald Swift *Sceloporus malachiticus*—several seen amongst the rock walls at Trogon Lodge

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*—spotted in the trees at Selva Verde Lodge during breakfast

Green Basilisk *Basiliscus plumifrons*—our guide called these Emerald Basilisks, but they seem to have several names; nevertheless, we had a brilliant green one pose for us for pictures on a log during our Rio Sarapiquí boat excursion

Eyelash Viper *Bothriechis schlegelii*—we had a bright yellow one coiled high in a tree at La Selva

Adorned Graceful Brown Snake *Rhadinaea decorata*—somehow the local La Selva guide spotted this non-venomous worm-sized snake in the leaf litter

Black River Turtle *Rhinoclemmys funerea*—spotted on logs on the boat tour along the Rio Sarapiquí

Leaf Litter Toad *Rhaebo haematiticus*—found at night on the grounds of Selva Verde Lodge

Red-eyed Tree Frog *Agalychnis callidryas*—Armando knew a spot near a small pond at Selva Verde Lodge where we saw at least ten of them after dinner; several were also mating and an egg mass was found by Amy over the pond under a large leaf which will allow the tadpoles to safely hatch, wriggle free, and plop into the pond

Strawberry Poison Dart Frog *Oophaga pumilio*—they were calling at night and in the early mornings at Selva Verde Lodge and several were spotted; very tiny with bright pink bodies with blue legs