

# Trinidad & Tobago: Incredible Birds & Nature | Species List

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Species list report compiled by tour host Rick Weiman with local guides Dave Ramlal & Lester Nanan on Trinidad and Jason Radix on Tobago. We also had a special guest appearance by Martyn Kenefick, the author of *Birds of Trinidad & Tobago*. Martyn spent the entire day in Trinidad on June 15 birding with us. Our 9 wonderful clients were: Paul, Mary, Roger, Donna, Chuck, Ruth, Aubrey, Amy, and Rita.

(I) = Introduced

(E) = Endemic

**BIRDS (202 species were recorded, of which 2 were endemic, and 1 was an introduced species).**

**Family or Species Common Name Scientific Name**

### **BIRDS**

#### **DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae (3)**

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis*—Observed on Tobago at the Bon Accord Sewage Treatment ponds and also at the Centre Street ponds. Over 40 birds at least.

**White-cheeked Pintail** *Anas bahamensis*—Also seen at the aforementioned ponds, both locations.

**Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis*—A female was observed at the Centre Street ponds.

#### **GUANS AND CHACHALACAS: Cracidae (2)**

**Rufous-vented Chachalaca** *Ortalis ruficauda*—Heard several times, observed on Tobago at Bon Accord ponds and the Main Ridge Forest Reserve.

**Trinidad Piping-Guan (E)** *Pipile pipile*—We had a male cross Monte Video Road on Tobago just as we parked the bus followed by 2 young birds. The male perched nicely for us for pictures. One was also seen the following morning near the hotel.

#### **FLAMINGOS: Phoenicopteridae (1)**

**American Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus ruber*—Several were seen at the Orange Valley mudflats and then over 100 during our Caroni Swamp boat tour.

#### **GREBES: Podicipedidae (1)**

**Least Grebe** *Tachybaptus dominicus*—We saw 2 at the Bon Accord ponds and then around 40 (yes, 40) at the Centre Street ponds on Tobago.

#### **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (6)**

**Rock Pigeon (I)** *Columba livia*—Observed multiple times during the tour.

**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis*—Very common, often heard calling as well.

**Scaly-naped Pigeon** *Patagioenas squamosa*—Quite a few were flying and perching on Little Tobago Island.

**Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti*—Also fairly common, observed at multiple locations.

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*—Another common dove seen on multiple days.

**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata*—Observed on at least 3 different days on both islands.

### **CUCKOOS: Cuculidae (3)**

**Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major*—We witnessed a pair of these large prehistoric looking birds with some type of prey item at the beginning of our Caroni Swamp boat tour.

**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani*—Observed several times, with close looks every day at our lodge at Hacienda Jacana.

**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana*—One flew out of the trees across the veranda viewing area at Asa Wright.

### **NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (2)**

**Common Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis*—At least half a dozen on our night excursion at the old US air force base.

**White-tailed Nightjar** *Hydrosalis cayennensis*—Also observed at the old US air force base on Trinidad and at night on the driveway and roosting in the rain during the day at Cuffie River Nature Retreat on Tobago.

### **POTOOS: Nyctibiidae (1)**

**Common Potoo** *Nyctibius griseus*—Two perched birds with excellent looks at the old US air force base.

### **OILBIRDS: Steatornithidae (1)**

**Oilbird** *Steatornis caripensis*—Most of us hiked the trail at Asa Wright down to the Oilbird cave and had nice looks at several roosting birds in the cave. The world's only nocturnal fruit-eating birds.

### **SWIFTS: Apodidae (3)**

**White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris*—Observed several times during the tour.

**Short-tailed Swift** *Chaetura brachyura*—The most common swift on Trinidad for us, also on Tobago.

**Fork-tailed Palm Swift** *Tachornis squamata*—Several were seen on at least two different days in Trinidad.

### **HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (13)**

**White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora*—Very common yet always fun to watch feeding and displaying.

**Rufous-breasted Hermit** *Glaucis hirsutus*—Our best looks were on Tobago at Cuffie River.

**Brown Violetear** *Colibri delphinae*—Observed daily at Asa Wright.

**White-tailed Goldenthrroat** *Polytmus guainumbi*—This hummingbird lives in the Nariva Swamp, and we had fleeting looks of one feeding in a field on yellow flowers.

**Ruby-topaz Hummingbird** *Chrysolampis mosquitus*—Voted one of the favorite birds of the trip, observed at several different locations. An amazingly beautiful bird, especially the males.

**Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis*—Almost as common as the Jacobins and just as fun to watch.

**Green-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax viridigula*—A good look of a perched bird at Caroni Swamp on the trail near the boat launch area.

**Tufted Coquette** *Lophornis ornatus*—Observed at Hacienda Jacana, Asa Wright, and our El Suzanne lunch stop. Mostly females but a few of us had looks at the colorful male.

**Long-billed Starthroat** *Heliomaster longirostris*—We had a perched male at Asa Wright on our first morning there.

**White-tailed Sabrewing** *Campylopterus ensipennis*—Observed at the feeders at Cuffie River and also at Main Ridge Forest Reserve. This very large hummingbird is only found on Tobago, not Trinidad.

**Copper-rumped Hummingbird** *Saucerottia tobaci*—Very common, observed on most days.

**White-chested Emerald** *Chrysuronia brevirostris*—Observed at Asa Wright and on our Yurette visit.

**Blue-chinned Sapphire** *Chlorestes notata*—Early arrivers saw him at the Pax feeders and also at Asa Wright and Yurette.

### **RAILS, CRAKES, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (3)**

**Gray-cowled Wood-Rail** *Aramides cajaneus*—Heard early one morning at Grand Riviere (several of us thought it was a

car alarm) and then later found by David and several of us behind the hotel.

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata*—Good looks of many on Tobago at the Bon Accord and Centre Street ponds.

**Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinica*—A family was seen sharing a frog at Hacienda Jacana in Trinidad and several were also observed on Tobago at the Bon Accord ponds.

### **LIMPKIN: Aramidae (1)**

**Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna*—We had several as we drove around the Nariva Swamp melon patch area.

### **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (3)**

**Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis*—We observed at least one every day of the tour. Very protective (and vocal) of their chicks and nest sites.

**Collared Plover** *Charadrius collaris*—We had a pair on a sandy spit of beach at the Nariva River mouth.

**Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus*—Several were on the Orange Valley mudflats and one was seen at the ponds at Bon Accord.

### **JACANAS: Jacanidae (1)**

**Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana*—Very common on the pond at Hacienda Jacana, as one would assume, and also seen at Nariva Swamp and Bon Accord.

### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (3)**

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*—We had a lone bird at the Orange Valley mudflats.

**Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*—Another lone bird on the rocks at Blue Waters Inn on Tobago.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** *Calidris pusilla*—A flock of around 10 birds flew by us at the Temple by the Sea.

### **GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (10)**

**Laughing Gull** *Leucophaeus atricilla*—Spotted multiple times including at the Orange Valley mudflats, and on Tobago at Bon Accord, Fort James, and Little Tobago Island.

**Brown Noddy** *Anous stolidus*—Very nice to see these from Fort James and on the Little Tobago Island visit.

**Sooty Tern** *Onychoprion fuscatus*—A pair were seen flying from the top of Little Tobago Island.

**Bridled Tern** *Onychoprion anaethetus*—Also observed on Little Tobago Island, fishing in the surrounding waters.

**Yellow-billed Tern** *Sternula superciljaris*—An out of place bird flying over the canals at Nariva Swamp.

**Large-billed Tern** *Phaetusa simplex*—Great looks of one flying overhead at the Orange Valley mudflats.

**Roseate Tern** *Sterna dougallii*—Around 30 spotted off Fort James around the pier with several on Little Tobago Island.

**Royal Tern** *Thalasseus maximus*—Two birds were on the pier that was viewable from the Fort James overlook.

**Sandwich Tern** *Thalasseus sandvicensis*—We found a yellow billed Cayenne race bird on the pier at Little Tobago Island. A phone call by Jason Radix to his pal Marty Kenefick confirmed it. Nice to have friends in high places.

**Black Skimmer** *Rynchops niger*—We had 6 resting at the Nariva River mouth and one at the Orange Valley mudflats.

### **TROPICBIRDS: Phaethontidae (1)**

**Red-billed Tropicbird** *Phaethon aethereus*—We only had a few fly by us on Little Tobago Island as most were done nesting, but we did have one chick in a nest close to our lookout vantage point.

### **FRIGATEBIRDS: Fregatidae (1)**

**Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens*—Very common along the ocean and sea and too common at Grand Riviere as they like to dine on recently hatched baby sea turtles.

### **BOOBIES AND GANNETS: Sulidae (2)**

**Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster*—Several seen on the Little Tobago Island tour.

**Red-footed Booby** *Sula sula*—About a dozen on Little Tobago Island with all 3 races represented.

### **ANHINGAS: Anhingidae (1)**

**Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga*—Quite a few on Tobago at the Bon Accord and Centre Street ponds.

### **CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (1)**

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianum*—Observed at the Nariva River mouth, Orange Valley mudflats and Caroni Swamp.

### **PELICANS: Pelecanidae (1)**

**Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis*—Over 130 at the Orange River mudflats. Also seen at Grand Riviere and on Tobago from Fort James.

### **HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (12)**

**Pinnated Bittern** *Botaurus pinnatus*—A great spot from our moving bus by our guide David Ramlal of one in a field in the Caroni area. It took a while for everyone to see it slinking in the tall grass.

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias*—Not as common as one would think, only one seen at Fort James on Tobago.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*—Observed multiple times during the tour wherever water and fish were abundant.

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*—Quite common with the highest numbers (40+) in Caroni Swamp as they flew in to roost.

**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea*—Quite a few observations on at least 5 days. We had an immature molting into adult plumage on the Cuffie River near our lodge.

**Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor*—Also seen multiple times, including roosting in Caroni Swamp.

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*—Often seen along the roadsides with cattle and at the Tobago sewage ponds.

**Green Heron** *Butorides virescens*—Observed on Tobago at the Bon Accord and Centre Street ponds.

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striata*—Native to Trinidad and observed there at both Nariva and Caroni swamps.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*—We had a nice, perched heron at the Temple by the Sea and over a dozen at the Bon Accord and Centre Street ponds, including immature birds.

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea*—Highest numbers (10+) were at the Orange Valley mudflats and we saw single birds at a few other spots, including the Cuffie River near our lodge on Tobago.

**Boat-billed Heron** *Cochlearius cochlearius*—One partially hidden heron was seen at Nariva Swamp in the melon patch.

### **IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (1)**

**Scarlet Ibis** *Eudocimus ruber*—We had at least 6 at the Orange Valley mudflats and over 50 coming in to roost on our Caroni Swamp boat tour.

### **NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (2)**

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*—Too many to count on this tour – all on Trinidad with highest numbers at Grand Riviere.

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*—Also common, but not as common as Black Vultures. Interestingly, Tobago has no vultures, so both species were only observed on Trinidad.

### **OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)**

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*—We had one fishing at the Nariva River mouth and another at the Orange Valley mudflats. Probably young birds who often do not migrate north in their first year.

### **HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (12)**

**Pearl Kite** *Gampsonyx swainsonii*—Great looks at one flying and then perching near us at the Aripo Livestock Station.

**Swallow-tailed Kite** *Elanoides forficatus*—Had over 10 one day soaring near Asa Wright and another 2 from the bus.  
**Ornate Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus ornatus*—Heard calling and observed soaring from a distance near Asa Wright.  
**Snail Kite** *Rostrhanus sociabilis*—An immature perched on a wire near Manzanilla Beach. Per Marty Kenefick, who was with us when it happened, there are typically only 3-4 records of this bird a year on Trinidad.  
**Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea*—We had 3 birds all in the same area near Waller Field on Trinidad.  
**Long-winged Harrier** *Circus buffoni*—At least two were observed flying over the melon fields in Nariva Swamp.  
**Common Black Hawk** *Buteogallus anthracinus*—Single birds spotted at Nariva Swamp and Asa Wright.  
**Savanna Hawk** *Buteogallus meridionalis*—Nice looks of several perched birds near the Nariva Swamp river mouth.  
**Great Black Hawk** *Buteogallus urubitinga*—Rick spotted this big boy (or girl) fly in and perch on the Cuffie River trails.  
**Gray-lined Hawk** *Buteo nitidus*—Several observations of soaring birds during the tour on Trinidad.  
**Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus*—Also observed soaring on at least 3 of our days on Trinidad.  
**Zone-tailed Hawk** *Buteo albonotatus*—This hawk looks remarkably like a Turkey Vulture in flight, even mimicking its dihedral flight pattern. Observed at Pax Guest House, Manzanilla Beach, and the melon fields at Nariva Swamp.

### **OWLS: Strigidae (3)**

**Tropical Screech-Owl** *Megascops choliba*—A pair were perched in the mangroves near the Caroni Swamp boat launch.  
**Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum*—We had one in view in the late afternoon being mobbed by small birds at Hacienda Jacana and heard several others.  
**Mottled Owl** *Strix virgata*—Heard calling at the old US airport base with quick glimpses of a pair as they flew across the road in response to the guides calls.

### **TROGONS: Trogonidae (3)**

**Green-backed Trogon** *Trogon viridis*—Observed at Hacienda Jacana, Caroni Swamp, and Asa Wright.  
**Guianan Trogon** *Trogon violaceus*—Spotted them at Hacienda Jacana, Brasso Seco, and Asa Wright.  
**Collared Trogon** *Trogon collaris*—Observed at Asa Wright several times and also at Morne Bleu.

### **MOTMOTS: Momotidae (1)**

**Trinidad Motmot (E)** *Momotus bahamensis*—Multiple birds seen every day on Tobago, not as common on Trinidad.

### **KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (3)**

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata*—A great look at a perched bird on a wire near Manzanilla Beach.  
**American Pygmy Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle aenea*—Lester Nanan did an amazing job finding this petit bird in the mangrove roots for us, and we all got excellent looks and some nice pictures by Aubrey.  
**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana*—Found by Rick on the Cuffie River below the lodge, about one hour before departure time! Later seen by Chuck & Ruth as well.

### **JACAMARS: Galbulidae (1)**

**Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda*—Only two observed on Trinidad but at least a dozen on Tobago, including a pair close enough for cell phone pictures at Adventure Farm and another pair feeding chicks at a nest at Cuffie River.

### **TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (1)**

**Channel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos vitellinus*—Around and heard calling on Trinidad, but only observed 2 or 3 times.

### **WOODPECKERS: Picidae (4)**

**Red-crowned Woodpecker** *Melanerpes rubricapillus*—Good looks on Tobago at Cuffie River and Adventure Farm.  
**Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos*—A pair were observed feeding at Hacienda Jacana.  
**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus*—Observed near the Aripo Research Station and the Trin City golf course.

**Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus*—Several sightings on Trinidad and also on Tobago at the Main Ridge Forest Preserve where we had our best looks.

#### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (2)**

**Yellow-headed Caracara** *Daptrius chimachima*—Observed multiple times in Trinidad.

**Bat Falcon** *Falco rufigularis*—We had one perched in a tree near Waller Field on Trinidad.

#### **PARROTS: Psittacidae (3)**

**Orange-winged Parrot** *Amazona amazonica*—The most common parrot on both islands, observed every day.

**Green-rumped Parrotlet** *Forpus passerinus*—We saw a few of these little guys at least 3 times on Trinidad.

**Red-bellied Macaw** *Orthopsittaca manilatus*—There were a pair nesting at Hacienda Jacana.

#### **ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae (5)**

**Black-crested Antshrike** *Sakesphorus canadensis*—Observed on 5 different days on Trinidad.

**Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus*—Some really good looks on multiple days on both islands, often calling also.

**White-flanked Antwren** *Myrmotherula axillaris*—Observed only once in the Caroni Swamp area.

**White-fringed Antwren** *Formicivora grisea*—Seen on Tobago at Cuffie River.

**Silvered Antbird** *Sclateria naevia*—Very nice look at a young bird among the mangroves in the Nariva Swamp – Bush Bush area.

#### **OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (8)**

**Gray-throated Leaf-tosser** *Sclerurus albigularis*—Heard calling and had very fleeting looks at Lalaja Road on Trinidad.

**Plain-brown Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla fuliginosa*—We had one at Morne Bleu.

**Cocoa Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus susurrans*—Multiple looks on both islands and a very persistent caller as well.

**Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus*—We had one at Caroni Swamp.

**Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans*—One spotted at the Asa Wright Nature Centre.

**Yellow-chinned Spinetail** *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*—A pair were at the pond at the Trin City golf course.

**Pale-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis albescens*—Observed near Caroni Swamp.

**Stripe-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis cinnamomea*—Located one at Asa Wright and another on Tobago at Main Ridge.

#### **MANAKINS: Pipridae (3)**

**Blue-backed Manakin** *Chiroxiphia pareola*—Several were seen on the trails in the Main Ridge Forest Preserve, Tobago.

**White-bearded Manakin** *Manacus manacus*—Our best looks were of several displaying males at the trails at Asa Wright.

**Golden-headed Manakin** *Ceratopipra erythrocephala*—We had a red-footed female at our roadside stop by Waller Field.

#### **COTINGAS: Cotingidae (1)**

**Bearded Bellbird** *Procnias averano*—Great views of several birds on the trails at Asa Wright. Loudly calling also.

#### **TITYRAS AND BECARDS: Tityridae (2)**

**Black-tailed Tityra** *Tityra cayana*—Viewed at Asa Wright off the veranda.

**White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus*—Also found at Asa Wright.

#### **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (22)**

**Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus*—Spotted at Grand Riviere and on Tobago at Adventure Farm. Rick also found a nest hanging from a vine at Mountain Ridge Forest Preserve.

**Slaty-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon superciliaris*—Spotted at Lalaja Road on Trinidad.

**Ochre-lored Flycatcher** *Tolmomyias flaviventris*—Located at Caroni Swamp and also Waller Field.

**Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum*—Observed at several Trinidad locations.  
**Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster*—At Hacienda Jacana and Cuffie River.  
**Euler's Flycatcher** *Lathrotriccus euleri*—Found at Morne Bleu and Grand Riviere on Trinidad.  
**Northern Tropical Pewee** *Contopus bogotensis*—On Lalaja Road and Morne Bleu.  
**Fuscous Flycatcher** *Cnemotriccus fuscatus*—A nice find at Cuffie River during one of our hikes there.  
**Northern Scrub-Flycatcher** *Sublegatus arenarum*—Spotted on our Caroni Swamp tour.  
**White-headed Marsh-Tyrant** *Arundinicola leucocephala*—A very striking looking bird spotted along the roads at Nariva Swamp, Morne Bleu, and at the Trin City golf course pond.  
**Pied Water-Tyrant** *Fluvicola pica*—Observed multiple times on Trinidad.  
**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer*—Spotted at Asa Wright.  
**Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus*—Another good find at Cuffie River.  
**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*—Fairly common, observed on multiple days on Trinidad, often calling.  
**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua*—We had one at El Suzanne during lunch.  
**Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus*—Spotted at Manzanilla Beach and Asa Wright.  
**Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus*—Observed multiple times with nesting birds at Cuffie River.  
**Variiegated Flycatcher** *Empidonomus varius*—We had one identified by David on Lalaja Road. Long tail helps with i.d.  
**Sulphury Flycatcher** *Tyrannopsis sulphurea*—Spotted in the Orange Valley area.  
**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus*—Very common, observed almost every day.  
**Gray Kingbird** *Tyrannus dominicensis*—At Nariva Swamp and several on Tobago, including a nesting pair at Cuffie River.  
**Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savana*—Scoped bird looks of perched birds at Aripo and Nariva Swamp.

#### **VIREOS: Vireonidae (4)**

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis*—Decent looks at Manzanilla, Caroni Swamp and Asa Wright.  
**Scrub Greenlet** *Hylophilus flavipes*—Spotted on Tobago at Centre Street ponds and Cuffie River.  
**Golden-fronted Greenlet** *Pachysylvia aurantiifrons*—Several observations on Trinidad.  
**Chivi Vireo** *Vireo chivi*—At Asa Wright, Cuffie River and also on Little Tobago island.

#### **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (4)**

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*—Observed several times on Trinidad.  
**Caribbean Martin** *Progne dominicensis*—Fairly common on Tobago.  
**Gray-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea*—Observed on several days on Trinidad.  
**White-winged Swallow** *Tachycineta albiventer*—Spotted on both islands on multiple days.

#### **GNATCATCHERS AND GNATWRENS: Polioptilidae (1)**

**Long-billed Gnatwren** *Ramphocaenus melanurus*—Observed at least twice on Trinidad.

#### **WRENS: Troglodytidae (2)**

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*—Very common on both islands.  
**Rufous-breasted Wren** *Pheugopedius rutilus*—Heard singing often with several looks on Trinidad and at Main Ridge.

#### **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (1)**

**Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus*—Very common, observed almost every day on both islands.

#### **THRUSHES: Turdidae (3)**

**Cocoa Thrush** *Turdus fumigatus*—Observed several times, including at Asa Wright.  
**White-necked Thrush** *Turdus albicollis*—Spotted in the rain on Tobago at the Main Ridge Forest Preserve.  
**Spectacled Thrush** *Turdus nudigenis*—Observed multiple times on both islands. We even had a fledgling on Little Tobago Island that Chuck somehow spotted in the leaf litter.

### **FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (2)**

**Trinidad Euphonia** *Euphonia trinitatis*—Identified at Asa Wright off the veranda.

**Violaceous Euphonia** *Euphonia violacea*—Fairly common, observed multiple times on both islands.

### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (8)**

**Red-breasted Meadowlark** *Leistes militaris*—Several seen in the fields at Aripo.

**Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus*—Spotted multiple times on Trinidad and also on Little Tobago Island.

**Yellow-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus cela*—We had multiple birds at Hacienda Jacana.

**Yellow Oriole** *Icterus nigrogularis*—What a beauty, spotted several times on Trinidad.

**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis*—Had looks on Tobago at Cuffie River and Adventure Farm.

**Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus*—A few flew by us at Nariva Swamp.

**Carib Grackle** *Quiscalus lugubris*—Very common on both islands.

**Yellow-hooded Blackbird** *Chrysomus icterocephalus*—Spotted at Aripo, Nariva Swamp and the Trin City GC.

### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (2)**

**Tropical Parula** *Setophaga pitiayumi*—Spotted at Asa Wright and Las Lapas.

**Golden-crowned Warbler** *Basileuterus culicivorus*—We had one in view at Morne Bleu.

### **CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (1)**

**Red-crowned Ant-Tanager** *Habia rubica*—Also spotted at Morne Bleu

### **TANAGERS: Thraupidae (18)**

**White-shouldered Tanager** *Loriotus luctuosus*—On Monte Video Road in Grand Riviere.

**White-lined Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufus*—Pretty common bird with males and females at multiple spots.

**Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo*—One of the favorites and also quite common.

**Blue-gray Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus*—Very common as well.

**Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum*—Speaking of common this bird was seen almost every day.

**Turquoise Tanager** *Tangara mexicana*—Observed at Manzanilla, Asa Wright, and Grand Riviere.

**Bay-headed Tanager** *Tangara gyrola*—Spotted on one day at Asa Wright from the veranda.

**Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis*—Also seen at Asa Wright but Rick missed his lifer 😞.

**Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana*—Observed at several locations in Trinidad, both males and females.

**Purple Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes caeruleus*—Multiple sightings on Trinidad.

**Red-legged Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes cyaneus*—Also observed multiple times on Trinidad.

**Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza*—Great looks at Asa Wright and Grand Riviere.

**Bicolored Conebill** *Conirostrum bicolor*—Observed at both Nariva Swamp and Caroni Swamp, also Orange Valley.

**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola*—Spotted at the Temple by the Sea and the Trin City golf course.

**Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina*—Called “Johnny Jumper” by the locals, very common on both islands.

**Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola*—A very common but fun little guy to observe amongst the flowers and feeders.

**Black-faced Grassquit** *Melanospiza bicolor*—Spotted on Tobago at Cuffie River and the Centre Street ponds.

**Olive-gray Saltator** *Saltator olivascens*—Spotted in at least 3 locations on Trinidad.

### **MAMMALS (5)**

**Northeastern Silky Anteater** *Cyclopes didactylus*—Lester Nanan spotted a sleepy little guy curled up in a ball on our Caroni Swamp tour.

**Red-rumped Agouti** *Dasyprocta leporina*—Observed under the feeders at Asa Wright.

**Red-tailed Squirrel** *Sciurus granatensis*—Observed several times during the tour.



**Guianan Red Howler-Monkey** *Alouatta macconnelli*—We never got looks at them but heard them a few times on Trinidad.

**Proboscis Bat** *Rhynchonycteris naso* —About a dozen were observed roosting in the shade of a tree overhanging the water during the Caroni Swamp tour.

### **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (15)**

**Bronze Anole** *Anolis aeneus*—Paul spotted one at Asa Wright. Did I mention Paul has a doctorate in herpetology?

**Grenada Tree Anole (also known as Richard's Anole)** *Anolis richardii*—Another nice spot by Paul at Asa Wright. One was also in the living room at Cuffie River hiding behind the sofa. It is a very large anole.

**Variiegated Gecko** *Gonatodes ceciliae*—Observed on our night walk at Asa Wright.

**Spiny Tree Lizard** *Plica caribeanus*—We got a nice picture of one on a wall below the Asa Wright feeders.

**Trinidad Ameiva** *Ameiva atrigularis*—Observed multiple times at Asa Wright.

**Green Iguana** *Iguana iguana*—Also observed several times during the tour in trees. Mary somehow found a bright green juvenile in the verbena at Hacienda Jacana.

**Cryptic Golden Tegu** *Tupinambis cryptus*—Spotted by Rick and Paul at Asa Wright near the feeders and trail edges.

**Spectacled Caiman** *Caiman crocodilus*—At the pond at Hacienda Jacana and also seen in Caroni Swamp.

**Cane Toad** *Rhinella marina*—These very large toads were spotted at Hacienda Jacana and Asa Wright.

**Three-lined Ground Snake** *Atractus trilineatus*—We rescued this very small snake from the pool at Hacienda Jacana.

**Yellow-bellied Puffing Snake** *Spilotes sulphureus*—We were on the road in Trinidad near Waller Field and our bus driver Paul slammed on his brakes so he wouldn't run this 5-foot snake over. Paul grabbed it and we got some nice pictures before letting it go. It puffs up its yellow throat to intimidate predators and is pretty aggressive but non-venomous.

**Common Tree Boa** *Corallus hortulanus cookii*—Lester spotted several hanging lazily in the mangroves during the Caroni Swamp tour.

**Boa Constrictor** *Boa constrictor*—We all walked over a well camouflaged one on the trail to the Oilbird cave at Asa Wright until our guide who was last in line spotted it. Rick tried to catch it but the snake would have none of that as it struck aggressively. Luckily Rick was slightly quicker and decided a picture was the better option.

**Rattle-voiced Frog** *Hypsiboas crepitans*—Calling at night at Asa Wright then spotted perched near a fountain.

**Leatherback Turtle** *Dermochelys coriacea*—We had both nesting females (at least 5) and hatchlings that we protected from Black Vultures and Magnificent Frigatebirds during our stay at Grand Riviere.