



**Naturalist Journeys and Caligo Ventures
Galapagos Birding and Wildlife Tour
Species List – May 29 – June 5, 2017**

With note from Ecuador (Puembo/Antisana National Park 1 day-pre-trip)
Guides Carol Simon & Howard Topoff, with local experts and 18 participants

Galapagos Islands

Birds (40 species):

Anatidae: Ducks, Geese, and Swans (1)

White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis*— seen Tuesday on Floreana

Phoenicopteridae: Flamingos (1)

American Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber*— Several in brackish lagoon at Punta Cormorant, Floreana Island seen on Wed

Spheniscidae: Penguins (1)

Galapagos Penguin *Spheniscus mendiculus*— seen near Punta Cormorant Wed; Bartolome on Fri

Procellariidae: Petrels and Shearwaters (1)

Galapagos Shearwater *Puffinus subalaris*— Open water bird seen near San Cristobal Mon/ Espanola Tues/ Floreana Wed / South Plazas Sat

Hydrobatidae: Storm-Petrels (1)

Elliot's Storm Petrel *Oceanites gracilis*— Common throughout Galapagos, skittering across the water

Phaethontidae: Tropicbirds (1)

Red-billed Tropicbird *Phaethon aethereus*— Tues flying near Espanola/on nest off Champion Island near Florana Wed/ South Plazas Sat

Fregatidae: Frigatebirds (2)

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*— Seen toward beginning, San Cristobal, Sun/ following our boat on Mon / Off Espanola Tues / Floreana on Wednesday . Santa Cruz Thursday /off Bartolome Fri / North Seymour Sat / on the boat Sun

Great Frigatebird *Fregata minor*— on Punta Pitt off San Cristobal Monday / on North Seymour Sat

Sulidae: Gannets and Boobies (3)

Nazca Booby *Sula granti*— Seen on bridge of Letty Mon / on Espanola on Tues / on Floreana Wednesday / Sat on South Plazas

Blue-footed Booby *Sula nebouxii*— Common throughout Galapagos, Sun/Mon on San Cristobal; Tuesday on

Espanola; Wednesday

Red-footed Booby *Sula sula*— seen nesting next to trail and along cliff on San Cristobal Mon/

Pelecanidae: Pelicans (1)

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis*— Seen on most, if not all, Galapagos Islands, Sun, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat on Floreana/ Thursday on Bartolome and Black Tortuga (Santa Cruz) / Sat on Nth Seymour

Ardeidae: Herons and Egrets (4)

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*—One perched and preened on Floreana Island beach Wed / Black Tortuga on Fri

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*— seen at lagoon on Floreana Island Wednesday ./ highlands on Santa Cruz on Thursday

Green (Lava) Heron *Butorides virescens sundevalli*— on San Cristobal, Sun/Mon (same as Striated Heron) /Bartolome on Fri

Yellow-crowned Night Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*—Seen on Espanola Tues/ Floreana on Wed / Black Tortuga on Fri

Accipitridae: Hawks, Kites, and Eagles (1)

Galapagos Hawk *Buteo galapagoensis*—seen on Espanola Tues /

Haematopodidae: Oystercatchers (1)

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus*—on beach on San Cristobal Mon/ Bartolome on Fri /

Charadriidae: Plovers and Lapwings (1)

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*—near lagoon on Floreana Island Wednesday /

Scolopacidae: Sandpipers and Allies (3)

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*—Spotted by John on Monday on San Cristobal

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*—seen on Espanola Tues / lagoon at Floreana Wed /

Wandering Tattler *Tringa incana*— seen on Bartolome

Laridae: Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (3)

Swallow-tailed Gull *Creagrus furcatus*— Beautiful gull seen accompanying our yacht at night Mon; on Espanola Tues; on wall near tropicbird on Floreana Wed / Thurs / Friday / on Sat on South Plazas

Lava Gull *Leucophaeus fuliginosus*—(Rarest gull in the world) on San Cristobal Mon / Bartolome on Fri / Sat off North Seymour

Brown Noddy *Anous stolidus*—seen frequently along San Cristobal coast Mon/ on Floreana Wed / Black Tortuga on Fri / Sat on North Seymour

Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves (1)

Galapagos Dove *Zenaida galapagoensis*—Gorgeous bird seen on Espanola Island Tues; / seen on Santa Cruz Thursday /

Cuculidae: Cuckooes and Allies (1)

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*—seen on Floreana Wed / Santa Cruz on Thursday / Black Tortuga on Fri / Sun at Interpretive Center on San Cristobal

Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers (1)

Galapagos Flycatcher *Myiarchus magnirostris*— seen on Espanola on Tuesday; near lagoon on Floreana Wednesday / Thursday on Santa Cruz / Black Tortuga on Fri

Mimidae: Mockingbirds and Thrashers (4)

Galapagos Mockingbird *Mimus parvulus*—seen on Santa Cruz on Wednesday / Black Tortuga on Fri

Floreana Mockingbird *Mimus trifasciatus*—seen on Champion Island near Floreana Wednesday /

Espanola Mockingbird *Mimus macdonaldi*—seen on Espanola Tuesday;

San Cristobal Mockingbird *Mimus melanotis*—seen on San Cristobal Sunday first walk / on Mon / seen Sunday at Interpretive Center

Parulidae: New World Warblers (1)

Yellow (Galapagos Mangrove) Warbler *Setophaga petechia aureola*— (Common and tame throughout

Galapagos), seen on walk Sun/ beach at San Cristobal Monday / near trail on Espanola on Tuesday / in intertidal zone on Floreana Wednesday / on Santa Cruz with Giant Tortoises Thursday / Black Tortuga on Fri / seen Sat on Sth Plazas and Sun at Interpretive, and at the internet café in town

Thraupidae: Tanagers and Allies (7)

Green Warbler Finch *Certhidea olivacea*— see below

Gray Warbler Finch *Certhidea fusca*— based on range, we identified these as Gray Warbler Finches – even though they were greenish - seen on Espanola Tuesday / on Floreana near lagoon

Small Ground Finch *Geospiza fuliginosa*— called “Darwin Finch” by Ivan, seen on San Cristobal Sun / Seen on Espanola Tues / on Santa Cruz Thurs / Black Tortuga on Fri / Sat on Plazas / Sn at Interpretive Center

Large Ground Finch *Geospiza magnirostris*—Black Tortuga on Fri!

Common Cactus Finch *Geospiza scandens*— one feeding on Opuntia Cactus at Research Station on Santa Cruz Island

Medium Ground Finch *Geospiza fortis*— called “Darwin Finch” by Ivan, Seen on San Cristobal Sun/Mon

Large Cactus-Finch *Geospiza conirostris*—seen on Espanola Tues

Mammals and Other Wildlife (15 species):

Galapagos Fur Seal *Arctocephalus galapagoensis*—

Galapagos Sea Lion *Zalophus wollebaeki*—

Orca *Orcinus orca*—

Marine Iguana *Amblyrhynchus cristatus*—

Galapagos Land Iguana *Conolophus subcristatus*—

Lava Lizard *Microlophus* sp. —

Galapagos Racer - *Pseudalophs sp. (probably biserialis)* – the first seen by Carol and Howard in over 15 trips!

Galapagos Giant Tortoise *Geochelone nigra*—

Green Sea Turtle *Chelonia mydas*— Common near shore on most Galapagos Islands

Smoothtail Mobula *Mobula thurstoni*— Often seen in open seas jumping high out of water

Golden Cownose Ray *Rhinoptera steindachneri*— Seen underwater by snorkelers off Rabida Island

Sally Lightfoot Crab *Grapsus grapsus*—

Galapagos Sulphur Butterfly *Phoebis sennae marcellina*—

Monarch Butterfly *Danaus plexippus*— Seen in Galapagos and on mainland

Silver-spotted Fritillary *Agraulis vanilla galapagensis*—

Antisana/Puambo (pre-trip extension)

Birds (40 species):

Anatidae: Ducks, Geese, and Swans (1)

Andean Teal *Anas andium*—Antisana Ecological Reserve, Miga Lake

Podicipedidae: Grebes (1)

Silvery Grebe *Podiceps occipitalis*—Antisana Ecological Reserve, Miga Lake

Threskiornithidae: Ibis and Spoonbills (1)

Black-faced Ibis *Theristicus melanopis*—Paramo area, Antisana National Park

Cathartidae: New World Vultures (3)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*—Even more common than Turkey Vultures near the quarry

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*—

Andean Condor *Vultur gryphus*—A number seen well at Antisana Ecological Reserve;

Accipitridae: Hawks, Kites, and Eagles (2)

Sharp-shinned (Plain-breasted) Hawk *Accipiter striatus*—seen near Quarry

Variable Hawk *Geranoaetus polyosoma*—in Paramo zone, Antisana Ecological Reserve

Rallidae: Rails and Allies (1)

Slate-colored (Andean) Coot *Fulica ardesiaca*— Miga Lake, Antisana Ecological Reserve

Charadriidae: Plovers and Lapwings (1)

Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens*—Many seen in paramo zone, Antisana Ecological Reserve

Laridae: Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (1)

Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus*—Miga Lake, Antisana Ecological Reserve

Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves (1)

Black-winged Ground-Dove *Metriopelia melanoptera*—Antisana Ecological Reserve

Trochilidae: Hummingbirds (6)

Lesser (Green) Violetear *Colibri cyanotus*— at Tambo Condor,

Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans*— at Tambo Condor, Puembo Birding Garden B & B

Ecuadorian Hillstar *Oreotrochilus chimborazo*—Antisana Ecological Reserve

Black-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia victoriae*—Puembo Birding Garden B & B and at Tambor Condor restaurant

Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina*— highland hummer, near quarry

Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis*—Stunning copper-colored bird, Tambor Condor

Giant Hummingbird *Patagona gigas*—Puembo Birding Garden, Tambor Condor

Falconidae: Falcons and Caracaras (2)

Carunculated Caracara *Phalcoboenus carunculatus*—Several feeding on ground in Paramo zone, Antisana Ecological Reserve

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*—flying in Paramo zone, Antisana Ecological Reserve

Grallariidae: Antpittas (1)

Tawny Antpitta *Grallaria quitensis*—Antisano National Park, near toilets

Furnariidae: Woodcreepers and Ovenbirds (3)

Chestnut-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes albidiventris*—Antisana Ecological Reserve

Stout-billed Cinclodes *Cinclodes excelsior*—Antisana Ecological Reserve

Andean Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura andicola*— near bridge half-way back from Miga Lake

Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers (1)

Brown-backed Chat Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor*— Antisano National Park, near quarry

Hirundinidae: Swallows and Martins (1)

Brown-bellied Swallow *Orochelidon murina*—Antisana National Park

Troglodytidae: Wrens (1)

Sedge Wren *Cistothorus platensis*—Antisana National Park in paramo zone (heard only)

Turdidae: Thrushes (1)

Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater*—Common large dark thrush at Puembo Birding Garden B & B, near quarry

Motacillidae: Pipits and Wagtails (1)

Paramo Pipit *Anthus bogotensis*—Several seen, true to its name, in Paramo zone of Antisana National Park

Parulidae: New World Warblers (1)

Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanocephalus*— near quarry

Thraupidae: Tanagers and Allies (7)

Blue-and-yellow Tanager *Pipraeidea bonariensis*—Great looks at Puembo Birding Garden B & B

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*—Common in, Quito, and Puembo areas

Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum*— near quarry

Black Flowerpiercer *Diglossa humeralis*— Tambo Condor

Plumbeous Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus unicolor*—Antisana Ecological Reserve

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola*—Puembo Birding Garden B & B

Plain-colored Seedeater *Catamenia inornata*—Antisana Ecological Reserve

Emberizidae: New World Sparrows (2)

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*—Puembo, Tambor Condor

Yellow-breasted Brushfinch *Atlapetes latinuchus*—

Icteridae: Orioles and Blackbirds (1)

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*—Puembo Birding Garden B & B

Mammals (2 species):

Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis*—In semi-forested areas on Santa Cruz and San Christobal Island

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*—Several in river valleys of Antisana Ecological Reserve