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Worldwide Birding Adventures

## **Panama Darién Extension II**

*25th February to 3rd March 2017 (7 days)*

## **Best of Birding Panama II**

*3rd to 12th March 2017 (10 days)*

### **Trip Report**



Crested Eagle by Rich Lindie

**Trip report compiled by Tour Leader: Rich Lindie**



Grey-cheeked Nunlet by Rich Lindie

## Tour Summary

Kicking off from the capitol city, the first day of our Panamanian birding adventure would see us travelling all the way from the hustle and bustle of some of the city's busiest streets, through increasingly rural and even dilapidated areas, around the shores of Lake Bayano, in and out of the hills around Nusagandi, and eventually into the wide-open expanses of the Darién province. Needless to say, we made several stops along the way, and despite the total number of hours spent bus-bound, our first day's bird tally stood at well over one hundred species by nightfall! Highlight sightings on the list included great views of both Striped Cuckoo and Pied Water Tyrant near Lake Bayano; our only Bat Falcon of the trip (also at Lake Bayano); Brown-capped Tyrannulet, Mistletoe Tyrannulet, Rufous-winged Tanager, Scarlet-thighed Dacnis and Black-and-yellow Tanager at Nusagandi; Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle and Ornate Hawk-Eagle near Nusagandi; and a host of hummingbird species seen at feeders, including Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, Scaly-breasted Hummingbird, Violet-bellied Hummingbird, Sapphire-throated Hummingbird, Blue-chested Hummingbird and Snowy-bellied Hummingbird. We even picked up our first of several sloths sighted during the trip.

For our first morning in the Darién, we worked the forest around camp and along the access road, with great success. Not only that, we managed to do so in a very relaxed manor and with very little driving - no doubt much-appreciated after spending several hours on the road the previous day!

With so many trip birds added, it's hard to single out just a few highlights but species of special note include a Grey-cheeked Nunlet that couldn't have cooperated any better, a Black-bellied Wren that did much the same, a pair of Black-headed Tody-flycatchers, a pair of Spot-crowned Barbets, our first Plain-colored Tanagers, Cinnamon Becard, Double-banded Greytail,

Cinnamon Woodpecker, White-necked Puffbird, our only Chestnut-fronted Macaws of the trip, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, a singleton of the seemingly ever-present (by sound) Yellow-crowned







**Harpy Eagle by Rich Lindie**

Tyrannulet, Grey-lined Hawk and Savanna Hawk. For the afternoon, we spent a little time in the vicinity of the Chucunaque River, where we added Blue Cotinga, Black Antshrike, Mangrove Swallow and Olivaceous Piculet to our growing list.

Venturing much further from the lodge on our second day, to the Sinai area, we added yet another long list of new birds to the trip list, though the undoubted highlight of our morning was the Crested Eagle that we spent over an hour with. Watching her at leisure as she guarded and tended to her nest (despite the strong winds that threatened to blow her off her perch at times!), even those in the group who had seen this species before, couldn't deny that the experience was already firmly placed in the top few sightings of the trip! Other highlights of the morning, and by no means under-appreciated, included great views of a Semiplumbeous Hawk, our only Black-breasted Puffbird of the trip, a fine adult Laughing Caracara, flocks of Black-chested Jay, showy White-eared Conebills, Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher, male Golden-headed Manakins, our first Black-crowned Antbirds, a pair of Song Wrens, a well-studied Golden-green Woodpecker, a cooperative Rufous Mourner and also our first Red-rumped Woodpecker - all of which were seen along the trail to the eagle's nest, or along the access road from the highway.

In Sinai Village itself, we enjoyed a little shopping and a break for lunch, interrupted at one point for a Spot-breasted Woodpecker that came flying through the village hall! Post-lunch, we strolled along the riverfront on the edge of town, finding a wonderfully cooperative pair of Barred Puffbirds, and our first Red-billed Scythebill of the trip, whilst a late afternoon stroll around camp produced our first White-headed Wrens.

After waking up once again to breakfast with Pauraques, we set off to yet another area of the Darién, mostly with Dusky-backed Jacamar, Choco Sirystes, Orange-crowned Oriole and Black Oropendola in mind. Once there, and whilst searching for these targets - all of which we found without much trouble, we also had several other great sightings, including close-ups of a Grey-headed Kite, a





**Sapayoa by Rich Lindie**

handful of Crane Hawks, better (unbeatable) looks at Red-rumped Woodpecker, our only Red-throated Caracaras of the trip, perched Brown-hooded Parrots, a Streaked Xenops, Black Antshrike, a pair of Bare-crowned Antbirds, more White-headed Wrens, and our first Chestnut-backed Antbirds of the trip.

Our afternoon excursion, on the other hand, saw little in the way of a big list, but rather one big 'tick'. Indeed, a great big tick - Great Green Macaw! It may have taken a little more time than expected but what a show we had from a pair of these fantastic birds - another trip highlight!

Our final full day in the Darién had been preceded with so much anxiety and anticipation that it was with as much relief as elation that we were given the go-ahead to visit one of the Harpy Eagle nests near El Real. That said, knowing the young bird was no longer being attended to by the parents on a regular basis, and that it was very mobile, the sense of relief was only temporary. We also had several hours of travel (by bus, by boat, and on foot!) to endure. Fortunately, and with almost not a minute wasted, we found ourselves laying eyes on one of these incredible birds within only minutes of completing our journey! Videos and pictures taken by the hundreds, celebrations all round, and just as soon as we'd gathered our breath, it was time to turn around and retrace our steps. Nonetheless, a very successful day in the Darién (and a successful trip to Panama for some!). To top it all off, we somehow managed to bag unbeatable views of displaying Golden-collared Manakins, a Stripe-throated Wren, a Black-capped Pygmy Tyrant, Spectacled Parrotlet and a Crimson-bellied Woodpecker whilst rapidly covering the six hours of travel!

As many of the previous days had had a highlight species, it was fitting that our final day in the Darién saw us focusing on the enigmatic and unique Sapayoa. Being that it involved our second visit to the Nusagandi area, we were at least able to focus our attention on this species and just a few others.







**Rufous-crested Coquette by Rich Lindie**

Incredibly, it didn't take all that long for success to come, and we ended up spending a wonderful thirty minutes with one Sapayoa, allowing us plenty of time to find Sulphur-rumped Tanager and Blue-crowned Manakin. Some even managed a glimpse of Olive-backed Quail-Dove in the process! For those group members to whom we bid farewell that afternoon, things certainly ended on a high note, while the rest of us, along with a few additions, had the second leg of our journey to look forward to, as we gathered at the airport and made our way to Gamboa for the start of the main tour.

We started our exploration of the Canal area, the next morning, with a visit to the Rainforest Discovery Center access road, where it didn't take long for us to lay eyes on our first of many great birds, including Spotted Antbird, Scarlet-rumped Cacique, Slaty-tailed Trogon, Dot-winged Antwren, Moustached Antwren and Fasciated Antshrike. While a cup of coffee and a short visit to the Discovery Center itself produced great views of a delightful male Rufous-crested Coquette and a Pheasant Cuckoo! Shortly after, a stroll to the start of the pipeline track gave us views of a roosting Great Potoo (thanks to Brenda!) and our first of many Southern Bentbills.

After lunch, we enjoyed another stroll, this time along the old Gamboa Road, where Painted Bunting, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Thick-billed Seed Finch, Yellow-bellied Seedeater, Golden-fronted Greenlet, Lance-tailed Manakin and Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher put in appearances.

The next morning took us to new heights, as we climbed to the top of the Rainforest Discovery Center tower for a chance to scope out the canopy and some of its most colorful denizens. Listening all the while to the splendid dawn-chorus, we were soon jolted into action, when the first of many male Blue Cotingas put in an appearance, followed not long after by equally showy Scaled Pigeons, Red-legged Honeycreepers, Keel-billed Toucans and Purple-throated Fruitcrows, as well as a few sloths, to boot. Back down on the forest floor, and a few hundred meters along the pipeline track.

We then had our first of three encounters with the spectacular Ocellated Antbird, a pair of Rufous





**Collared Aracari by Rich Lindie**

Motmots, more Spotted Antbirds, Checker-throated Antwren, a pair of Olivaceous Flatbill, and a trio of Bicolored Antbirds.

For the afternoon, we returned to the Rainforest Discovery Center access road, where a magical encounter with a White-whiskered Puffbird and a few Great Tinamous were unbeatable highlights. Back on the main road, however, an even greater highlight for some, was our sighting of Yellow-breasted Crake at the Ammo Dump Ponds - a very unexpected bonus indeed!

Having focused more on the Yellow-breasted Crake the day before, we still had to settle our score with White-throated Crake, and so set out to the Ammo Dump Ponds once again, the following morning. Disappointed and empty-handed we were not, finding no less than three birds that were willing to put in an appearance, sometimes showing off all at the same time! It was then to the old Gamboa Road that we headed off, to spend the remainder of our time in the Gamboa area before leaving for the Miraflores locks and Albrook. The old Gamboa Road, this time the northern section, provided us with a few goodies, including Panamanian Flycatcher, Rufous-breasted Wren, Whooping Motmot and Black-striped Sparrow, whilst our time admiring the locks was spent in the company of Brown Pelicans, Magnificent Frigatebirds and Laughing Gulls.

For the following day, we made a day-trip up to Cerro Azul and surrounds, where exploration of the town's well-forested roads provided us with a host of foothill and highland species, including several that were new for the trip. Highlights of these included Isthmian Wren (pretty much the first bird of the day), Blue-black Grosbeak, a wonderfully cooperative Tooth-billed Tanager, Black-and-yellow Tanager, Emerald Tanager, Rufous-capped Warbler, White-ruffed Manakin, Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant, Mistletoe Tyrannulet and our only Black-striped Woodcreeper of the trip. A visit to couple of gardens containing hummingbird feeders, in addition, added such delights as Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer, Violet-capped Hummingbird, more Rufous-crested Coquette, and Violet-headed Hummingbird to our list.





**Shining Honeycreeper by Rich Lindie**

With a few more lowland-associated species still to find, we set off early the next morning for Metropolitan Park, where we spent a couple of hours strolling the wonderfully wide walkways. Among the several sightings we had, our encounters with a pair of very demonstrative Green Shrike-Vireos and a Rosy Thrush-Tanager were the most-appreciated, whilst appearances from several Barred Antshrikes, a couple of Dusky

Antbirds, a determined White-bellied Antbird, further male Lance-tailed Manakins, a Rufous-and-white Wren and a few Orange-billed Sparrows were also very welcome. Unfortunately, a Panamanian Tyrannulet showed to only a lucky few of us. Post breakfast, a stroll around the wetland near our accommodation saw the last of us (finally!) catching up with Grey-headed Chachalaca. Our afternoon, by contrast, found us at much higher and cooler climes, where a little birding on the edge of El Valle nabbed us only a White-lined Tanager for our efforts.

Our first morning in El Valle was, thankfully, much more successful than our first afternoon. The weather was also a lot more pleasant! Starting at a small patch of scrub within the town itself, we quickly picked up a Scrub Greenlet, before heading to the outskirts of town, where some habituated Dusky-faced Tanagers were a welcome treat. Following that, we continued out of town, to what we soon dubbed 'the dip', where an onslaught of new birds was picked up - mostly all within the same mixed-species flock! Among these, notable species include Broad-billed Motmot, Slaty Antwren, Plain Antvireo, Spot-crowned Antvireo, Spotted Woodcreeper, Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, Tawny-capped Euphonia, Bay Wren and a couple of gorgeous Golden-winged Warblers. Back in town, a little later in the morning, a walk through some drier forest provided us with great views of our first Lesson's Motmots and two spectacular Spectacled Owls!





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Our afternoon wasn't too shabby either, when a walk along the Cerro Gaital Trail turned up a flock of Black-faced Grosbeaks, a White-throated Spadebill, an Olive-striped Flycatcher, an inquisitive Spotted Barbtail, Green-crowned Brilliant, displaying Green Hermits, a perched Double-toothed Kite and a couple of Common Bush Tanagers, among a few other species. In addition, another visit to 'the dip' and some nearby flowering trees added Red-crowned Ant Tanager, Silver-throated Tanager and Myrtle Warbler to our burgeoning list.

A full morning's visit to Cerro Campana the next day didn't yield much of interest, barring a Northern Schiffornis and a change of scenery, as did our afternoon birding sessions back in El Valle, where a White Hawk in the Cara Iguana area, and Garden and White-tailed Emeralds at the base of Cerro Gaital were all we added to our list.

For our final day in the El Valle area, we decided to give the Las Zamias Trail a try, though the general lack of new species there had me thinking we'd had too much of a successful first day in the area! A Black-faced Antthrush spotted by some, and a seemingly oblivious Black-throated Trogon above the trail were, however, great consolation. A final visit to the Cerro Gaital area was also appreciated, as some had missed the White-tailed Emeralds the day before.

That evening, we transferred back to Panama City, where a detour through the glitzy part of town was welcomed by all.

With a little bit of spare time before our departing flights, we set off for Cerro Azul once more, hoping to grab a couple more special birds in the eleventh hour - in particular, Stripe-cheeked Woodpecker and Carmiol's Tanager. Amazingly, the tanager put up no fight, whilst we had to wait until the very last moments to see the woodpecker - a pair of which we found attending a nest, at the final spot we had decided to try! We also picked up Scarlet Tanager and Indigo Bunting for our lists, as well as a Blue-black Grosbeak (especially for those who mistakenly ignored the one that was sighted a few days prior!). A fine end to a great tour, and a great send-off for the group - one which I thoroughly enjoyed travelling with!





# Panama

## Annotated List of species recorded

List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

### Birds (386 in total)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2017. IOC World Bird List (v 7.1).

**Status codes:** **E** = Endemic, **NE** = Near-endemic, **I** = Introduced

**IUCN codes:** **CR** = Critically endangered, **EN** = Endangered, **VU** = Vulnerable, **EW** = Extinct in the Wild,

**NT** = Near Threatened, **DD** = Data Deficient, **LO** = Sighted by the Leader Only

**General codes:** **RDC** = Rainforest Discovery Center, **(LO)** = Sighted by one or both of the tour leaders only,

**(H)** = Heard only

#### Tinamous Tinamidae

**Great Tinamou (NT)**

*Tinamus major*

Great views of a handful - all along the road to the Rainforest Discovery Center.

**(H) Little Tinamou**

*Crypturellus soui*

Heard throughout the Darién.

#### Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl Anatidae

**Black-bellied Whistling Duck**

*Dendrocygna autumnalis*

A couple of sightings in the Darién, One sighting in the Canal area.

**Muscovy Duck**

*Cairina moschata*

Two sightings in the Darién.

**Blue-winged Teal**

*Anas discors*

Observed 1 day in total.

#### Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows Cracidae

**Grey-headed Chachalaca**

*Ortalis cinereiceps*

One sighting, for some, in the Darién, followed by several sightings throughout the main tour.

#### Storks Ciconiidae

**Wood Stork**

*Mycteria americana*

Several in the Darién, a handful in the Canal area.

#### Ibises and Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

**American White Ibis**

*Eudocimus albus ramobustorum*

Several sighted during our boat rides between Yaviza and El Real.

**Glossy Ibis**

*Plegadis falcinellus*

A few sighted during our drive to Panama City on the penultimate day of the main tour.



**Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae****Rufescent Tiger Heron***Tigrisoma lineatum lineatum*

A few sightings in the Canal area, including our first – at the Ammo Dump ponds.

**(LO) Fasciated Tiger Heron***Tigrisoma fasciatum salmoni*

En route to the Harpy Eagle site, near El Real.

**(H) Least Bittern***Ixobrychus exilis*

Heard during one of our visits to the Ammo Dump Ponds.

**Black-crowned Night Heron***Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli*

Several sighted during our morning boat ride between Yaviza and El Real, Darién.

**Yellow-crowned Night Heron***Nyctanassa violacea caliginis*

As with the above species.

**Green Heron***Butorides virescens virescens*

A few observed at the Old Gamboa Ponds.

**Striated Heron***Butorides striata striata*

Observed 1 day in total.

**Western Cattle Egret***Bubulcus ibis*

Several sightings on both trip segments.

**Great Blue Heron***Ardea herodias*

A handful of sightings between both trip segments.

**Cocoi Heron***Ardea cocoi*

As with the species above.

**Great Egret***Ardea alba egretta*

Also seen on a handful of occasions, and on both trip segments.

**Tricolored Heron***Egretta tricolor ruficollis*

At least two sighted during our boat rides between Yaviza and El Real.

**Little Blue Heron***Egretta caerulea*

First sighted between Yaviza and El Real, subsequently frequently sighted in the Canal area.

**Snowy Egret***Egretta thula*

As with the species above.

**Pelicans Pelecanidae****Brown Pelican***Pelecanus occidentalis*

Several at the Miraflores Locks, followed by a few along the coast near Panama City.

**Frigatebirds Fregatidae****Magnificent Frigatebird***Fregata magnificens*

Observed daily during our time around the Canal and adjacent coastal areas.

**Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae****Neotropic Cormorant***Phalacrocorax brasilianus brasilianus*

A handful of scattered sightings, shared between both trip segments.

**Anhingas Anhingidae****Anhinga***Anhinga anhinga leucogaster*

A few sightings in both the Darién and Canal area.

**New World Vultures Cathartidae****Turkey Vulture***Cathartes aura*

Daily sightings.





**RBL Trip Report Panama II 2017****Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture***Cathartes burrovianus burrovianus*

Three sightings, over two days, in the Darién.

**Black Vulture***Coragyps atratus*

Daily sightings.

**King Vulture***Sarcoramphus papa*

A handful of sightings in the Darién.

**Osprey Pandionidae****Western Osprey***Pandion haliaetus carolinensis*

A handful sighted in the Canal area.

**Hawks, Eagles, and Kites Accipitridae****White-tailed Kite***Elanus leucurus*

Two sightings in the Darién.

**Grey-headed Kite***Leptodon cayanensis cayanensis*

One sighted in the Darién.

**Swallow-tailed Kite***Elanoides forficatus*

Several sightings on both the extension and the main tour.

**Crested Eagle (NT)***Morphnus guianensis*

An unforgettable encounter with a magnificent female on her nest!

**Harpy Eagle (NT)***Harpia harpyja*

For several of us, and for several reasons, our sighting of this iconic species was even more significant than that of the previous species, despite this species being easier to connect with.

Nothing like a bit of uncertainty to stir up the emotions!

**(H) Black Hawk-Eagle***Spizaetus tyrannus serus*

Heard and ignored during our search for the above species (showing just how focused we were!).

**Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle***Spizaetus melanoleucus*

One sighting during our first visit to the Nusagandi area.

**Ornate Hawk-Eagle (NT)***Spizaetus ornatus vicarius*

As with the above species.

**Double-toothed Kite***Harpagus bidentatus fasciatus*

Also sighted during our first drive to Nusagandi, though our best views were of a perched bird near Cerro Gaital.

**Plumbeous Kite***Ictinia plumbea*

Several sighted throughout the Darién.

**Snail Kite***Rostrhamus sociabilis sociabilis*

A couple of sightings in the Canal area.

**Crane Hawk***Geranospiza caerulescens*

A handful of fantastic sightings in the Darién.

**Common Black Hawk***Buteogallus anthracinus*

One observed for several minutes near the Great Green Macaw nest.

**Savanna Hawk***Buteogallus meridionalis*

Two sightings on the Canopy Camp property (during our first full day there).

**Roadside Hawk***Rupornis magnirostris*

Several in the Darién, one in Valle.

**White Hawk***Pseudastur albicollis costaricensis*

One sighting near Cara Iguana (El Valle del Anton).

**Semiplumbeous Hawk***Leucopternis semiplumbeus*

One (perched) seen during our walk to the Crested Eagle nest.



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**Grey-lined Hawk***Buteo nitidus blakei*

Two sightings in the Darién, including one along the Canop Camp access road.

**Broad-winged Hawk***Buteo platypterus platypterus*

One sighting in Valle del Anton.

**Short-tailed Hawk***Buteo brachyurus fuliginosus*

A few, scattered sightings shared between both trip segments.

**Swainson's Hawk***Buteo swainsoni*

One sighting, of a few individuals migrating, over the old Gamboa road.

**Zone-tailed Hawk***Buteo albonotatus*

A few sightings during our first two days in the Darién.

**Rails, Gallinules, and Coots Rallidae****White-throated Crake***Laterallus albigularis*

Great views of at least three individuals, at the Ammo Dump Ponds.

**(H) Grey-necked Wood Rail***Aramides cajaneus cajaneus*

Along the road to 'the dip' (El Valle del Anton).

**Yellow-breasted Crake***Porzana flaviventer flaviventer*

Another unforgettable encounter and a very unexpected bonus from one of our visits to the Ammo Dump Ponds.

**Purple Gallinule***Porphyrio martinica*

Several in the Canal area.

**Common Gallinule***Gallinula galeata*

As with the above species.

**Stilts and Avocets Recurvirostridae****Black-necked Stilt***Himantopus mexicanus mexicanus*

A handful in the canal near the airport.

**Plovers and Lapwings Charadriidae****Southern Lapwing***Vanellus chilensis cayennensis*

Several sightings on both trip segments.

**Jacanas Jacanidae****Wattled Jacana***Jacana jacana hypomelaena*

One sighting in the Darién, several sightings in the canal area.

**Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae****Greater Yellowlegs***Tringa melanoleuca*

Seen together with the species below (always a pleasing experience) near our hotel in Albook.

**Lesser Yellowlegs***Tringa flavipes*

See the species above.

**Solitary Sandpiper***Tringa solitaria*

Also sighted near our hotel in Albook.

**Willet***Tringa semipalmata*

Spotted from the highway during our drive from El Valle back to Panama City.

**Spotted Sandpiper***Actitis macularius*

A few sightings in the Darién.

**Least Sandpiper***Calidris minutilla*

A few near the airport, and at the wetland near our hotel in Albook.





**Pectoral Sandpiper***Calidris melanotos*

One individual at the wetland near our hotel in Albrook.

**Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers Laridae****Laughing Gull***Leucophaeus atricilla megalopterus*

Several around the Miraflores Locks.

**Large-billed Tern***Phaetusa simplex*

One sighted from the riverside restaurant at the Old Gamboa Resort – a significant sighting in Panama.

**Pigeons and Doves Columbidae****Rock Dove***Columba livia var. domestica***Scaled Pigeon***Patagioenas speciosa*

Great views of a few from the Discovery Center tower.

**Pale-vented Pigeon***Patagioenas cayennensis pallidicrissa*

Common around Panama City and the Canal area. A few sighted in the Darién.

**(H) Short-billed Pigeon***Patagioenas nigrirostris*

In several areas of the Darién.

**Ruddy Ground Dove***Columbina talpacoti rufipennis*

Sighted almost daily – on both legs.

**Blue Ground Dove***Claravis pretiosa*

A handful of sightings in the Darién.

**Olive-backed Quail-Dove***Leptotrygon veraguensis*

A brief encounter, and only for some, during our search for Sapayoa.

**White-tipped Dove***Leptotila verreauxi verreauxi*

Daily sightings in the Darién, followed by a few on the main tour (El Valle area).

**Grey-chested Dove***Leptotila cassinii*

A couple of sightings along the Rainforest Discovery Center access road.

**Cuckoos Cuculidae****Greater Ani***Crotophaga major*

Sighted on three days during the Darién extension.

**Smooth-billed Ani***Crotophaga ani*

Daily sightings in the Darién.

**Groove-billed Ani***Crotophaga sulcirostris*

Two sightings in the Darién.

**Striped Cuckoo***Tapera naevia*

Great views near Lake Bayano.

**Pheasant Cuckoo***Dromococcyx phasianellus*

Also seen well (near the Rainforest Discovery Center) – a trip highlight for at least a few of us!

**Squirrel Cuckoo***Piaya cayana thermophila*

Several sightings on both the extension and the main tour.

**Owls Strigidae****(H) Vermiculated Screech Owl***Megascops vermiculatus*

Apparently heard in the Canopy Camp grounds.

**Black-and-white Owl***Strix nigrolineata*

One sighting near the Canopy Camp restaurant.

**(H) Crested Owl***Lophotrix cristata*

Heard from the Canopy Camp grounds.



**RBL Trip Report Panama II 2017****Spectacled Owl***Pulsatrix perspicillata*

Fantastic views (during the day) on the outskirts of Valle del Anton.

**(H) Central American Pygmy Owl***Glaucidium griseiceps*

Also heard from the Canopy Camp grounds!

**Potoos Nyctibiidae****Great Potoo***Nyctibius grandis grandis*

One individual, sighted on two days, near the RDC - thanks to Brenda.

**Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae****Pauraque***Nyctidromus albicollis*

Almost daily sightings around the Canopy Camp grounds (mostly during breakfast and dinner).

**Swifts Apodidae****White-collared Swift***Streptoprocne zonaris bouchellii*

Sighted during both trips to the Nusagandi area (Darién extension).

**Band-rumped Swift***Chaetura spinicaudus aetherodroma*

A few sightings in the Darién.

**Grey-rumped Swift***Chaetura cinereiventris phaeopygos*

A couple of sightings around El Valle.

**Short-tailed Swift***Chaetura brachyura brachyura*

A couple of individuals sighted from the RDC tower.

**Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift***Panyptila cayennensis*

Great views from the RDC tower.

**Hummingbirds Trochilidae****(H) White-tipped Sicklebill***Eutoxeres aquila salvini*

El Real, Darién.

**Rufous-breasted Hermit***Glaucis hirsutus hirsutus*

Two sightings of perched individuals in the Darién.

**Band-tailed Barbthroat***Threnetes ruckeri*

Good views of one, just before the Sapayoa was found.

**Green Hermit***Phaethornis guy coruscus*

Several sighted during the main tour, including males seen singing along the Cerro Gaital trail.

**Long-billed Hermit***Phaethornis longirostris cephalus*

A few males seen singing from favored perches during our time in the Canal area.

**Pale-bellied Hermit***Phaethornis anthophilus*

Seen coming to the Canopy Camp feeders on a few occasions.

**Stripe-throated Hermit***Phaethornis striigularis saturatus*

A few sighted in the Canal area and in El Valle.

**Scaly-breasted Hummingbird***Phaeochroa cuvierii*

Seen throughout the Darién, and at the RDC feeders.

**White-necked Jacobin***Florisuga mellivora mellivora*

Seen on several days, throughout the main tour.

**Black-throated Mango***Anthracothorax nigricollis*

Daily sightings in the Darién (mostly at the Canopy Camp feeders), and on a few occasions in El Valle.

**Violet-headed Hummingbird***Klais guimeti merrittii*

Great views in Cerro Azul, followed by further sightings in the El Valle area.





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<b>Rufous-crested Coquette</b>	<i>Lophornis delattrei lessoni</i>
Fantastic views at the RDC feeders, and in Cerro Azul.	
<b>Green Thorntail</b>	<i>Discosura conversii</i>
One sighting, and only for some, in El Valle.	
<b>Garden Emerald</b>	<i>Chlorostilbon assimilis</i>
Eventually found at flowering shrubs at the base of Cerro Gaital.	
<b>White-tailed Emerald</b>	<i>Elvira chionura</i>
Sighted on a few occasions at the same site as the above species.	
<b>Violet-capped Hummingbird</b>	<i>Goldmania violiceps</i>
A few sightings – on both visits to Cerro Azul.	
<b>Crowned Woodnymph</b>	<i>Thalurania colombica</i>
Sighted on several days during the main tour – often at feeders.	
<b>Violet-bellied Hummingbird</b>	<i>Juliamyia julie panamensis</i>
Great views, on several occasions, around Canopy Camp (mostly at Verbena flowers).	
<b>Sapphire-throated Hummingbird</b>	<i>Lepidopyga coeruleogularis</i>
Also seen several times around Canopy Camp.	
<b>Rufous-tailed Hummingbird</b>	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>
Several encounters, throughout both trip segments.	
<b>Blue-chested Hummingbird</b>	<i>Amazilia amabilis</i>
As with the above species.	
<b>Snowy-bellied Hummingbird</b>	<i>Amazilia edward</i>
As with the above two species, and also often at feeders.	
<b>Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer</b>	<i>Chalybura urochrysis</i>
Great views at feeders in Cerro Azul, and again in forest on the outskirts of El Valle.	
<b>Green-crowned Brilliant</b>	<i>Heliodoxa jacula</i>
One observation, at the top of Cerro Gaital.	
<b>Purple-crowned Fairy</b>	<i>Heliothryx barroti</i>
Sighted by one participant only, along the old Gamboa road.	
<b>Long-billed Starthroat</b>	<i>Helimaster longirostris longirostris</i>
Sighted at feeders, on the nest, and in forest in the Darién.	

**Trogon Trogonidae**

<b>Slaty-tailed Trogon</b>	<i>Trogon massena hoffmanni</i>
The most-regularly encountered trogon on the main tour.	
<b>Black-tailed Trogon</b>	<i>Trogon melanurus macroura</i>
The most-regularly encountered trogon on the Darién extension.	
<b>White-tailed Trogon</b>	<i>Trogon chionurus</i>
One observation – along the RDC access road.	
<b>Gartered Trogon</b>	<i>Trogon caligatus concinnus</i>
One sighting in Cerro Azul.	
<b>Black-throated Trogon</b>	<i>Trogon rufus tenellus</i>
A few close-up encounters in the Canal area.	
<b>(H) Collared Trogon</b>	<i>Trogon collaris</i>
Cerro Campana.	

**Kingfishers Alcedinidae**

<b>(LO) American Pygmy Kingfisher</b>	<i>Chloroceryle aenea aenea</i>
Near the first Black Oropendola colony we encountered.	
<b>Amazon Kingfisher</b>	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>
Three sightings in one day in the Darién.	



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**Ringed Kingfisher***Megaceryle torquata torquata*

A few scattered sightings – shared between both tours.

**Motmots Momotidae****Lesson's Motmot***Momotus lessonii lessonii*

Great views of a pair, just after we found the Spectacled Owls, in El Valle.

**Whooping Motmot***Momotus subrufescens subrufescens*

Great views along the La Laguna Trail (Old Gamboa Resort) and in Metropolitan Park.

**Rufous Motmot***Baryphthengus martii semirufus*

A handful of great sightings on the main tour.

**Broad-billed Motmot***Electron platyrhynchum minus*

Also seen well, notably around El Valle on a few occasions.

**Jacamars Galbulidae****Dusky-backed Jacamar***Brachygalba salmoni*

Successfully 'twitched' on our third full day in the Darién.

**(H) Rufous-tailed Jacamar***Galbula ruficauda melanogenia*

Heard in the Darién.

**(H) Great Jacamar***Jacamerops aureus penardi*

As with the above species.

**Puffbirds Bucconidae****White-necked Puffbird***Notharchus hyperrhynchus hyperrhynchus*

Fantastic views of a pair, along the Canopy Camp access road.

**Black-breasted Puffbird***Notharchus pectoralis*

Also seen well – during our drive to the Crested Eagle nest area (Sinai).

**Pied Puffbird***Notharchus tectus subtectus*

Two sightings during our time in the Darién.

**Barred Puffbird***Nystalus radiatus*

Great views, near Sinai, Darién.

**White-whiskered Puffbird***Malacoptila panamensis*

Incredible views of one (following very good views of others) along the RDC access road.

**Grey-cheeked Nunlet***Nonnula frontalis stulta*

Also seen incredibly close for several minutes – along the Canopy Camp access road.

**New World Barbets Capitonidae****Spot-crowned Barbet***Capito maculicoronatus*

Great views of a pair, twice, in the Canopy Camp grounds.

**Toucans Ramphastidae****Collared Aracari***Pteroglossus torquatus torquatus*

Several great sightings (even at feeders!), throughout the country.

**Keel-billed Toucan***Ramphastos sulfuratus brevicarinatus*

Sighted almost daily, throughout the country!

**Yellow-throated Toucan (VU)***Ramphastos ambiguus swainsonii*

Observed on about half the days of both tours combined.

**Woodpeckers Picidae****Olivaceous Piculet***Picumnus olivaceus flavotinctus*

A few great views during our time in the Darién.



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<b>Black-cheeked Woodpecker</b>	<i>Melanerpes pucherani</i>
Several sightings in the Darién, followed by a few in the Canal area, and in Cerro Azul.	
<b>Red-crowned Woodpecker</b>	<i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>
Sighted almost daily, throughout the country.	
<b>Red-rumped Woodpecker</b>	<i>Veniliornis kirkii</i>
A few good sightings in the Darién.	
<b>Stripe-cheeked Woodpecker</b>	<i>Piculus collopterus</i>
One of the highlights of the trip was finally catching up with this species, a pair of which was seen attending a nest in Cerro Azul, right on the eleventh hour!	
<b>Golden-green Woodpecker</b>	<i>Piculus chrysocloros xanthochlorus</i>
A (very) extended sighting of this species during our second day in the Darién.	
<b>Spot-breasted Woodpecker</b>	<i>Colaptes punctigula ujhelyii</i>
A chance encounter with one during our lunch-break/shopping spree in Sinai, Darién.	
<b>Cinnamon Woodpecker</b>	<i>Celeus loricatus</i>
A few fantastic sightings during the Darién extension.	
<b>Lineated Woodpecker</b>	<i>Dryocopus lineatus lineatus</i>
Two sighting in the Darién, another in the Canal area.	
<b>Crimson-bellied Woodpecker</b>	<i>Campephilus haematogaster splendens</i>
Great views of this very special bird during our walk to the Harpy Eagle site.	
<b>Crimson-crested Woodpecker</b>	<i>Campephilus melanoleucos malherbii</i>
A handful of sightings spread between the two trip segments.	

**Falcons and Caracaras Falconidae**

<b>Red-throated Caracara</b>	<i>Ibycter americanus</i>
One sighting in the Darién.	
<b>Yellow-headed Caracara</b>	<i>Milvago chimachima cordata</i>
Sighted almost daily throughout the trip.	
<b>Laughing Falcon</b>	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>
Two sightings near Sinai, Darién.	
<b>(H) Slaty-backed Forest Falcon</b>	<i>Micrastur mirandollei</i>
Heard, pre-dawn, from the Canopy Camp grounds.	
<b>American Kestrel</b>	<i>Falco sparverius sparverius</i>
Sighted on four days during the Darién extension.	
<b>Bat Falcon</b>	<i>Falco ruficularis petoensis</i>
One sighting of a single individual perched on a bridge near Lake Bayano.	

**African & New World Parrots Psittacidae**

<b>Orange-chinned Parakeet</b>	<i>Brotogeris jugularis jugularis</i>
Near-daily sightings throughout the country.	
<b>Brown-hooded Parrot</b>	<i>Pyrilia haematotis</i>
Several sightings - in the Darién and in the Canal area.	
<b>Blue-headed Parrot</b>	<i>Pionus menstruus rubrigularis</i>
Also sighted on several occasions – throughout the country.	
<b>Red-lored Amazon</b>	<i>Amazona autumnalis salvini</i>
Regular observations in the Darién and in the Canal area.	
<b>Southern Mealy Amazon (NT)</b>	<i>Amazona farinosa</i>
Near-daily sightings during our time in the Darién.	
<b>Spectacled Parrotlet</b>	<i>Forpus conspicillatus conspicillatus</i>
Successfully 'twitched' at a gas station near Yaviza, Darién.	





**Blue-and-yellow Macaw***Ara ararauna*

A pair seen briefly on our third morning in the Darién.

**Great Green Macaw (EN)***Ara ambiguus ambiguus*

Another unforgettable sighting from our time in the Darién!

**Chestnut-fronted Macaw***Ara severus*

Great views of a pair, in the Canopy Camp grounds.

**Broadbills *Eurylaimidae*****Sapayoa***Sapayoa aenigma*

The undoubted highlight of the final day of our Darién extension was admiring one of these special birds for a prolonged period near Nusagandi.

**Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers *Furnariidae*****Double-banded Greytail***Xenerpestes minlosi*

Good looks at this species along the Canopy Camp access road, followed by another two days later.

**Spotted Barbtail***Premnoplex brunnescens*

One sighting at the top of Cerro Gaital.

**Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner***Automolus ochrolaemus*

One sighting in forest near Nusagandi.

**Plain Xenops***Xenops minutus*

Observed 1 day in total.

**Streaked Xenops***Xenops rutilans*

Several sightings during the main tour.

**Plain-brown Woodcreeper***Dendrocincla fuliginosa ridgwayi*

One sighting in the Darién, a few in the Canal area.

**Ruddy Woodcreeper***Dendrocincla homochroa*

A very brief sighting of one along the pipeline track.

**Wedge-billed Woodcreeper***Glyphorhynchus spirurus*

Good looks at a few during our time in the El Valle area.

**Northern Barred Woodcreeper***Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*

A few sightings around the pipeline track and RDC access road.

**Cocoa Woodcreeper***Xiphorhynchus susurrans*

The most-commonly encountered woodcreeper throughout the country.

**Black-striped Woodcreeper***Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus*

Sighted on one day only – during our first visit to Cerro Azul.

**Spotted Woodcreeper***Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*

Great views, of possibly the same individual, on two days – near Cerro Gaital.

**Streak-headed Woodcreeper***Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*

Daily sightings during our time in the eastern Darién.

**Red-billed Scythebill***Campylorhamphus trochilirostris brevipennis*

A couple of sightings in the Darién, including one near Sinai village.

**Antbirds *Thamnophilidae*****Fasciated Antshrike***Cymbilaimus lineatus fasciatus*

A few seen very well in the Canal area.

**Great Antshrike***Taraba major*

One watched through the scope along the Canopy Camp access road.



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<b>Barred Antshrike</b>	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>
First seen in our Panama City hotel grounds.	
<b>Black Antshrike</b>	<i>Thamnophilus nigriceps</i>
Two very satisfactory sightings during our time in the Darién!	
<b>Black-crowned Antshrike</b>	<i>Thamnophilus atrinucha atrinucha</i>
Several sightings – in the Darién and in the Canal area.	
<b>Plain Antvireo</b>	<i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i>
Repeated views of a pair during one of our mornings in 'the dip', El Valle.	
<b>Spot-crowned Antvireo</b>	<i>Dysithamnus puncticeps</i>
Great views of at least one individual associating with the same flock as the species above.	
<b>Checker-throated Antwren</b>	<i>Epinecrophylla fulviventris</i>
Also seen in the same bird party as the above two species, as well as on a few occasions in the Canal area.	
<b>Moustached Antwren</b>	<i>Myrmotherula ignota ignota</i>
A couple of sightings along the pipeline track.	
<b>White-flanked Antwren</b>	<i>Myrmotherula axillaris albigula</i>
Sightings in both the Darién and Canal area.	
<b>Slaty Antwren</b>	<i>Myrmotherula schisticolor schisticolor</i>
One of several species seen in the large mixed party we bumped into on our first morning in the El Valle area.	
<b>Rufous-winged Antwren</b>	<i>Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus exiguus</i>
Just the one decent sighting – near the Harpy Eagle sighting.	
<b>Dot-winged Antwren</b>	<i>Microrhopias quixensis</i>
Several sightings in the Canal area.	
<b>Dusky Antbird</b>	<i>Cercomacra tyrannina</i>
Good views of a few individuals (mostly females) in Metropolitan Park.	
<b>Bare-crowned Antbird</b>	<i>Gymnocichla nudiceps</i>
Two pairs sighted during our time in the Darién.	
<b>White-bellied Antbird</b>	<i>Myrmeciza longipes panamensis</i>
Eventually found, and seen very well, in Metropolitan Park.	
<b>Chestnut-backed Antbird</b>	<i>Myrmeciza exsul</i>
A handful of sightings in total, split between both trip segments.	
<b>Bicolored Antbird</b>	<i>Gymnopathys bicolor</i>
Fantastic close-ups along pipeline track.	
<b>Spotted Antbird</b>	<i>Hylophylax naevioides</i>
Several great encounters in the Canal area.	
<b>Ocellated Antbird</b>	<i>Phaenostictus mcleannani</i>
One of the stars of Pipeline Road, and disappoint it did not!	

**Antthrushes *Formicariidae***

<b>Black-faced Antthrush</b>	<i>Formicarius analis</i>
One brief sighting near the start of pipeline track, another along the Las Zamias track (El Valle).	

**Tyrant Flycatchers *Tyrannidae***

<b>(H) Sooty-headed Tyrannulet</b>	<i>Phyllomyias griseiceps</i>
Heard once in the Darién.	
<b>Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet</b>	<i>Tyrannulus elatus</i>
A couple of sightings along the Canopy Camp access road.	
<b>Yellow-bellied Elaenia</b>	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>
A few sightings in the Darién, followed by more in the El Valle area.	



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<b>Lesser Elaenia</b>	<i>Elaenia chiriquensis chiriquensis</i>
Sightings at a few locations, including Panama City and Cerro Campana.	
<b>Brown-capped Tyrannulet</b>	<i>Ornithion brunneicapillus</i>
First sighted near Nusagandi.	
<b>Mouse-colored Tyrannulet</b>	<i>Phaeomyias murina eremonoma</i>
A handful on Cerro Campana.	
<b>Yellow Tyrannulet</b>	<i>Capsiempis flaveola semiflava</i>
Good views along the old Gamboa road.	
<b>Mistletoe Tyrannulet</b>	<i>Zimmerius parvus</i>
Nusagandi, Cerro Azul and the El Valle area.	
<b>Panamanian Tyrannulet</b>	<i>Phylloscartes flavovirens</i>
One brief sighting in Metropolitan Park.	
<b>Olive-striped Flycatcher</b>	<i>Mionectes olivaceus</i>
First sighted, and seen very well, at the base of the Cerro Gaital trail.	
<b>Ochre-bellied Flycatcher</b>	<i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>
A few sightings in the Darién and a couple in the Canal area.	
<b>Black-capped Pygmy Tyrant</b>	<i>Myiornis atricapillus</i>
Great views of one during our trudge to the Harpy.	
<b>Southern Bentbill</b>	<i>Oncostoma olivaceum</i>
A couple of sightings in the Darién, and several in the Canal area.	
<b>Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant</b>	<i>Lophotriccus pileatus luteiventris</i>
Great views of one on our first visit to Cerro Azul.	
<b>Common Tody-Flycatcher</b>	<i>Todirostrum cinereum wetmorei</i>
Several sightings in the grounds of our Panama City hotel, among a few others in the Canal area.	
<b>Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher</b>	<i>Todirostrum nigriceps</i>
Sighted in the Canopy Camp grounds and in the Canal area.	
<b>Olivaceous Flatbill</b>	<i>Rhynchocyclus olivaceus bardus</i>
Great views of a pair, along pipeline track.	
<b>Yellow-olive Flatbill</b>	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens flavoolivaceus</i>
Two sightings in the Canal area.	
<b>Yellow-margined Flatbill</b>	<i>Tolmomyias flavotectus</i>
A few sightings in the Darién.	
<b>White-throated Spadebill</b>	<i>Platyrinchus mystaceus neglectus</i>
Great views of one during our descent from Cerro Gaital.	
<b>Black Phoebe</b>	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>
One sighting – from the bridge below Cerro Azul.	
<b>Yellow-bellied Flycatcher</b>	<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>
Good views of one along the Canopy Camp access road.	
<b>Pied Water Tyrant</b>	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>
Eventually seen well on the shores of Lake Bayano.	
<b>Long-tailed Tyrant</b>	<i>Colonia colonus leuconota</i>
Several sightings in the Darién.	
<b>Piratic Flycatcher</b>	<i>Legatus leucophaeus leucophaeus</i>
Daily sightings of a pair in the Canopy Camp grounds, followed by a couple more in the Canal area.	
<b>Rusty-margined Flycatcher</b>	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis hellmayri</i>
A couple of sightings in the Darién, and just as many in the Canal area.	
<b>Social Flycatcher</b>	<i>Myiozetetes similis columbianus</i>
Several in the Darién, a few in the Canal area.	





**RBL Trip Report Panama II 2017****Grey-capped Flycatcher**

One sighting in the Canal area.

**Great Kiskadee**

A few sightings, scattered throughout the country but mostly in the Canal area.

**Lesser Kiskadee**

One sighting in the Canal area.

**Streaked Flycatcher**

Sighted throughout the country.

**Boat-billed Flycatcher**

A few sightings in the Darién, a couple in the Canal area.

**Tropical Kingbird**

Daily sightings.

**Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**

A couple of sightings in the Darién, another in the Canal area.

**Fork-tailed Flycatcher**

Sighted on three days during our time in the Darién.

**Rufous Mourner**

One sighting during our walk to the Crested Eagle nest.

**Choco Sirystes**

Great views of at least one pair in the Darién.

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher**

A couple sighted during our first visit to Cerro Azul.

**Panamanian Flycatcher**

One sighting along the old Gamboa road, another in El Valle.

**Great Crested Flycatcher**

Sighted in the Darién and in the RDC-pipeline track area.

**Bright-rumped Attila**

One sighting near the Great Green Macaw nest, another near the RDC.

*Myiozetetes granadensis*

*Pitangus sulphuratus guatemalensis*

*Philohydor lictor panamensis*

*Myiodynastes maculatus*

*Megarynchus pitangua mexicanus*

*Tyrannus melancholicus satrapa*

*Tyrannus forficatus*

*Tyrannus savana monachus*

*Rhytipterna holerythra*

*Sirystes albogriseus*

*Myiarchus tuberculifer*

*Myiarchus panamensis panamensis*

*Myiarchus crinitus*

*Attila spadiceus*

**Cotingas Cotingidae****Blue Cotinga**

A female in the Darién, and several lovely males from the RDC tower.

**Purple-throated Fruiterow**

Also sighted in the Darién and from the RDC tower.

*Cotinga nattererii*

*Querula purpurata*

**Manakins Pipridae****Lance-tailed Manakin**

First sighted along the old Gamboa road, and then in Metropolitan Park.

**White-ruffed Manakin**

Cerro Azul and Cerro Gaital.

**Blue-crowned Manakin**

Great close-ups from a restaurant along the road to Nusagandi.

**Golden-collared Manakin**

Several sightings of both males and females – in the Darién, and in the Canal area.

**Red-capped Manakin**

Striking males along the Nusagandi road and near the RDC.

**Golden-headed Manakin**

A couple of great looks during the Darién extension.

*Chiroxiphia lanceolata*

*Corapipo altera*

*Lepidothrix coronata*

*Manacus vitellinus*

*Ceratopipra mentalis*

*Ceratopipra erythrocephala erythrocephala*



**Tityras, Becards Tityridae**

<b>(LO) Northern Royal Flycatcher</b> Darién.	<i>Onychorhynchus mexicanus mexicanus</i>
<b>Sulphur-rumped Myiobius</b> In 'the dip', near El Valle.	<i>Myiobius sulphureipygius</i>
<b>Black-tailed Myiobius</b> One sighting along the old Gamboa road.	<i>Myiobius atricaudus atricaudus</i>
<b>Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher</b> One sighting in the Darién, another along pipeline track.	<i>Terenotriccus erythrurus fulvularis</i>
<b>Black-crowned Tityra</b> Several sightings in the Darién, a couple in the Canal area.	<i>Tityra inquisitor</i>
<b>Masked Tityra</b> As with the species above.	<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>
<b>Northern Schiffornis</b> One sighting/encounter on Cerro Campana.	<i>Schiffornis veraepacis</i>
<b>Cinnamon Becard</b> A few sightings in the Darién.	<i>Pachyramphus cinnamomeus</i>

**Vireos Vireonidae**

<b>Green Shrike-Vireo</b> Eventually seen, and unexpectedly well, in Metropolitan Park – well deserved!	<i>Vireolanius pulchellus viridiceps</i>
<b>Yellow-throated Vireo</b> A single sighting from the Canopy Camp grounds, and a few more in the Canal area.	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>
<b>Red-eyed Vireo</b> Almost daily sightings around El Valle.	<i>Vireo olivaceus olivaceus</i>
<b>Yellow-green Vireo</b> A few sightings around El Valle.	<i>Vireo flavoviridis flavoviridis</i>
<b>Golden-fronted Greenlet</b> Sighted near the RDC, and on Cerro Campana.	<i>Hylophilus aurantiifrons aurantiifrons</i>
<b>Scrub Greenlet</b> Good looks at a singing individual in El Valle town.	<i>Hylophilus flavipes</i>
<b>Lesser Greenlet</b> A handful in total, with a couple in the Darién and a few in the Canal area.	<i>Hylophilus decurtatus</i>

**Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae**

<b>Black-chested Jay</b> A few sighted in the Darién, followed by daily sightings in and around El Valle.	<i>Cyanocorax affinis zeledoni</i>
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**Swallows Hirundinidae**

<b>Mangrove Swallow</b> Several sightings in the Darién and Canal area.	<i>Tachycineta albilinea</i>
<b>Grey-breasted Martin</b> Almost daily sightings at low elevations.	<i>Progne chalybea chalybea</i>
<b>Northern Rough-winged Swallow</b> One sighting in the canal area.	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>
<b>Southern Rough-winged Swallow</b> A handful of sightings shared between the Darién and Canal area.	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>
<b>Barn Swallow</b> As with the species above.	<i>Hirundo rustica erythrogaster</i>



**Donacobius Donacobiidae****Black-capped Donacobius***Donacobius atricapilla brachypterus*

A couple of sightings during our boat rides between Yaviza and El Real, (Darién).

**Wrens Troglodytidae****White-headed Wren***Campylorhynchus albobrunneus*

A few great sightings in the Darién.

**Black-bellied Wren***Pheugopedius fasciatoventris*

Great views in the Darién and in the Canal area.

**Rufous-breasted Wren***Pheugopedius rutilus hyperythrus*

Three sightings in the Canal area.

**Rufous-and-white Wren***Thryophilus rufalbus castanonotus*

Great views of one - in Metropolitan Park.

**Canebrake Wren***Cantorchilus zeledoni*

A pair of wrens, looking and sounding exactly like this species, were seen very well at the Ammo Dump Ponds. The only problem is that current information on this recently split species would suggest this is well out of range. This may indicate a gap in the knowledge of the species, or even that the split was overzealous! Watch this space for an update.

**Isthmian Wren***Cantorchilus elutus*

A singing bird seen very well on Cerro Azul.

**Buff-breasted Wren***Cantorchilus leucotis*

Observed 1 day in total.

**Bay Wren***Cantorchilus nigricapillus*

Heard on a few occasions in the Darién, eventually seen around El Valle.

**Stripe-throated Wren***Cantorchilus leucopogon*

One sighting near the Harpy Eagle site.

**House Wren***Troglodytes aedon*

Almost daily sightings, throughout the country.

**White-breasted Wood Wren***Henicorhina leucosticta*

A couple of sightings around El Valle.

**Grey-breasted Wood Wren***Henicorhina leucophrys*

At least on pair sighted – Cerro Campana.

**(H) Southern Nightingale-Wren***Microcerculus marginatus luscini*

The Canal area and Cerro Azul.

**Song Wren***Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus*

Good views of a singing pair near Sinai, Darién.

**Gnatcatchers Polioptilidae****Tawny-faced Gnatwren***Microbates cinereiventris*

One sighting near Nusagandi (during our second visit), and another on Cerro Azul.

**Long-billed Gnatwren***Ramphocaenus melanurus*

Good views of at least one, along the La Laguna Trail, Old Gamboa Resort.

**Tropical Gnatcatcher***Poliophtila plumbea*

Several sightings throughout the country.

**Mockingbirds and Thrashers Mimidae****Grey Catbird***Dumetella carolinensis*

Cerro Campana.

**Tropical Mockingbird***Mimus gilvus tolimensis*

Also sighted on several occasions, throughout the country.





**Thrushes and Allies *Turdidae*****Swainson's Thrush***Catharus ustulatus*

One sighting during our first visit to Cerro Azul.

**Clay-colored Thrush***Turdus grayi casius*

Commonly sighted throughout both trip segments.

**Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*****House Sparrow***Passer domesticus domesticus*

A few sighted along the main road through the Darién.

**Finches, Euphonias *Fringillidae*****Lesser Goldfinch***Spinus psaltria colombianus*

Cerro Azul and Cerro Campana.

**Yellow-crowned Euphonia***Euphonia luteicapilla*

Several sightings throughout the country.

**Thick-billed Euphonia***Euphonia lanirostris crassirostris*

Sighted almost daily, throughout the country.

**Fulvous-vented Euphonia***Euphonia fulvicrissa fulvicrissa*

Several sightings spread between the Darién and Canal area.

**Tawny-capped Euphonia***Euphonia anneae*

Great views of few around El Valle.

**New World Warblers *Parulidae*****(LO) Worm-eating Warbler***Helmitheros vermivorum*

Near the Albrook Inn.

**Louisiana Waterthrush***Parkesia motacilla*

One sighting in El Valle.

**Northern Waterthrush***Parkesia noveboracensis*

A handful of sightings spread between the Darién and Canal area.

**Golden-winged Warbler (NT)***Vermivora chrysoptera*

Wonderful sightings of a few males - all around El Valle.

**Black-and-white Warbler***Mniotilta varia*

Sightings on Cerro Azul and around El Valle.

**Prothonotary Warbler***Protonotaria citrea*

A handful of sightings in the Darién.

**Tennessee Warbler***Leiothlypis peregrina*

Several, scattered sightings.

**Mourning Warbler***Geothlypis philadelphia*

Sighted almost daily, in and around El Valle.

**American Redstart***Setophaga ruticilla*

One sighting on Cerro Azul.

**Bay-breasted Warbler***Setophaga castanea*

Sighted at almost all sites visited, including the Darién, the Canal area and El Valle.

**American Yellow Warbler***Setophaga aestiva aestiva*

Several in the Darién, a couple in the west-central valleys.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler***Setophaga pensylvanica*

Several sightings during the main tour.

**Myrtle Warbler***Setophaga coronata hooveri*

One watched through the scope, near El Valle.



**RBL Trip Report Panama II 2017****Rufous-capped Warbler***Basileuterus rufifrons*

Near-daily sightings at higher elevations in the west.

**Canada Warbler***Cardellina canadensis*

A couple of sightings in the west.

**Troupials and Allies Icteridae****Red-breasted Blackbird***Sturnella militaris*

One sighting in the Darién.

**Chestnut-headed Oropendola***Psarocolius wagleri ridgwayi*

Sighted throughout the country, except in the Canal area.

**Crested Oropendola***Psarocolius decumanus melanterus*

A few sightings in the Darién.

**Black Oropendola***Psarocolius guatimozinus*

A few sightings, after significant effort initially, in the Darién.

**Yellow-rumped Cacique***Cacicus cela vitellinus*

Daily sightings in the Darién.

**Scarlet-rumped Cacique***Cacicus microrhynchus*

Eventually seen well along the RDC access road.

**Yellow-backed Oriole***Icterus chrysater giraudii*

A few sightings throughout the lowlands.

**Baltimore Oriole***Icterus galbula*

Daily sightings in the Darién, followed by a couple more - west of the Canal.

**Orchard Oriole***Icterus spurius*

A handful in the Darién.

**Orange-crowned Oriole***Icterus auricapillus*

Great views during our third morning in the Darién.

**Giant Cowbird***Molothrus oryzivorus*

A brief sighting in the Darién, followed by excellent views near El Valle.

**Shiny Cowbird***Molothrus bonariensis cabanisii*

A few in the Darién, a couple in the Canal area.

**Great-tailed Grackle***Quiscalus mexicanus peruvianus*

Daily sightings during the main tour, a handful in the Darién.

**Bananaquit Coerebidae****Bananaquit***Coereba flaveola*

Sighted almost daily.

**Buntings, Sparrows and Allies Emberizidae****Black-striped Sparrow***Arremonops conirostris*

Good views along the old Gamboa road and on Cerro Campana.

**Orange-billed Sparrow***Arremon aurantirostris*

Two sightings in Metropolitan Park.

**Common Bush Tanager***Chlorospingus flavopectus*

One sighting near the top of Cerro Gaital.

**Tanagers and Allies Thraupidae****Dusky-faced Tanager***Mitrospingus cassinii*

A couple of great looks, in El Valle.

**Grey-headed Tanager***Eucometis penicillata*

Great close-ups along the RDC access road.



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<b>White-shouldered Tanager</b> Several, scattered sightings.	<i>Tachyphonus luctuosus</i>
<b>Tawny-crested Tanager</b> Several sightings - along the Nusagandi road and the El Valle area.	<i>Tachyphonus delatrii</i>
<b>White-lined Tanager</b> Metropolitan Park.	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>
<b>Crimson-backed Tanager</b> Sighted on most days.	<i>Ramphocelus dimidiatus</i>
<b>Lemon-rumped Tanager</b> Sighted along the road to Nusagandi, in the Canal area, and around El Valle.	<i>Ramphocelus icteronotus</i>
<b>Blue-grey Tanager</b> Near-daily sightings.	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>
<b>Palm Tanager</b> As with the above species, until we crossed the Canal.	<i>Thraupis palmarum atripennis</i>
<b>Plain-colored Tanager</b> Also sighted almost daily.	<i>Tangara inornata</i>
<b>Emerald Tanager</b> Good looks during our first visit to Cerro Azul.	<i>Tangara florida</i>
<b>Silver-throated Tanager</b> A few good sightings in the El Valle area.	<i>Tangara icterocephala</i>
<b>(LO) Speckled Tanager</b> Cerro Azul.	<i>Tangara guttata eusticta</i>
<b>Bay-headed Tanager</b> Several sightings spread between all of the higher elevation sites visited during the main tour.	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>
<b>Rufous-winged Tanager</b> A handful sighted during our first visit to the Nusagandi area.	<i>Tangara lavinia</i>
<b>Golden-hooded Tanager</b> Several sightings throughout the country.	<i>Tangara larvata</i>
<b>Scarlet-thighed Dacnis</b> Two sightings during our first visit to the Nusagandi area.	<i>Dacnis venusta</i>
<b>Blue Dacnis</b> Several in the Darién, a couple in the RDC area.	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>
<b>Shining Honeycreeper</b> A handful of sightings split between both tours, best of which was at feeders in Cerro Azul.	<i>Cyanerpes lucidus isthmicus</i>
<b>Red-legged Honeycreeper</b> Several great views during our time in the Canal area and further west.	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus carneipes</i>
<b>Green Honeycreeper</b> Sightings along the Nusagandi road and on Cerro Azul.	<i>Chlorophanes spiza argutus</i>
<b>Sulphur-rumped Tanager</b> Eventually tracked down, for great views, along the Nusagandi road.	<i>Heterospingus rubrifrons</i>
<b>Black-and-yellow Tanager</b> Sightings along the Nusagandi road and around Cerro Azul.	<i>Chrysothlypis chrysomelas</i>
<b>White-eared Conebill</b> Good looks at a few in the Sinai area, (Darién).	<i>Conirostrum leucogenys panamense</i>
<b>Saffron Finch</b> A handful seen during our first drive through the Albrook area.	<i>Sicalis flaveola flaveola</i>
<b>Buff-throated Saltator</b> A couple of sightings in the Canal area, followed by several west of the Canal.	<i>Saltator maximus</i>
<b>Streaked Saltator</b> Sighted at handful of sites, including Lake Bayano and the Ammo Dump Ponds.	<i>Saltator striatipectus</i>

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<b>Blue-black Grassquit</b> A few flocks in the Darién.	<i>Volatinia jacarina splendens</i>
<b>Variable Seedeater</b> Common in the Canal area.	<i>Sporophila corvina</i>
<b>Yellow-bellied Seedeater</b> A handful sighted along the old Gamboa road.	<i>Sporophila nigricollis nigricollis</i>
<b>Thick-billed Seed Finch</b> Also seen along the old Gamboa road, as well as in Metropolitan Park.	<i>Oryzoborus funereus</i>
<b>Yellow-faced Grassquit</b> Several – along the Nusagandi road and west of the Canal.	<i>Tiaris olivacea</i>
<b>Rosy Thrush-Tanager</b> Eventually tracked down in Metropolitan Park.	<i>Rhodinocichla rosea eximia</i>

**Cardinals and Allies *Cardinalidae***

<b>Tooth-billed Tanager</b> Great views during both visits to Cerro Azul.	<i>Piranga lutea testacea</i>
<b>Summer Tanager</b> Several sightings, including one of a male perched very close to the above species (in Cerro Azul).	<i>Piranga rubra rubra</i>
<b>Scarlet Tanager</b> One sighting in the last few moments of our second visit to Cerro Azul.	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>
<b>Red-crowned Ant Tanager</b> One sighting at 'the dip', El Valle.	<i>Habia rubica vinacea</i>
<b>Red-throated Ant Tanager</b> Several sightings during the main tour.	<i>Habia fuscicauda</i>
<b>Carmioli's Tanager</b> Surprisingly, just one decent sighting between two trips to Cerro Azul.	<i>Chlorothraupis carmioli</i>
<b>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</b> Seen by all during our time in the Canal area, sighted only by myself in the Darién.	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>
<b>Black-faced Grosbeak</b> A small flock at the base of Cerro Gaital.	<i>Caryothraustes poliogaster scapularis</i>
<b>Blue-black Grosbeak</b> Three sightings, two of which were on Cerro Azul, including only one where everyone looked!	<i>Cyanocompsa cyanoides</i>
<b>Indigo Bunting</b> One sighting during our second visit to Cerro Azul.	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>
<b>Painted Bunting (NT)</b> One sighting along the old Gamboa road.	<i>Passerina ciris pallidior</i>

**Mammals (16 in total)****Opossums *Didelphidae***

<b>Black-eared Opossum</b> One sighting in the Darién.	<i>Didelphis marsupialis</i>
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**Two-toed Sloths *Bradypodidae***

<b>Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth</b> A handful of great sightings, spread throughout the country.	<i>Bradypus vaiegatus</i>
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**Three-toed Sloths *Megalonychidae*****Hoffman's Two-toed Sloth***Choloepus hoffmanni*

A few sightings, east of the Canal.

**Marmosets and Allies *Callithrichidae*****Geoffroy's Tamarin***Saguinus geoffroyi*

Near-daily sightings in the Darién.

**New World Monkeys *Cebidae*****White-throated Capuchin***Cebus capucinus*

A few sightings in the Canal area.

**Howler, Spider and Woolly Monkeys *Atelidae*****Mantled Howler Monkey***Alouatta palliata*

Heard or seen almost every day in the Darién and around the Canal.

**Rabbits and Hares *Leporidae*****Tapeti***Sylvilagus brasiliensis*

One sighting in the Canal area.

**Agoutis *Dasyproctidae*****Central American Agouti***Dasyprocta punctata*

Near-daily sightings in the Canal area.

**Night Monkeys *Aotidae*****Panaman Night Monkey***Aotus zonalis*

One sighting in Gamboa.

**Squirrels *Sciuridae*****Central American Dwarf Squirrel***Microsciurus alfari*

Two sightings in the Canal area.

**Red-tailed Squirrel***Sciurus granatensis*

A handful of sightings, spread between the Darién and the Canal area.

**Variegated Squirrel***Sciurus variegatoides*

Several sightings in the Canal area.

**Weasels, Skunks, Otters *Mustelidae*****(LO) Tayra***Eira barbara*

Canopy Camp.

**Raccoons and Relatives *Procyonidae*****White-nosed Coati***Nasua narica*

A couple of sightings in the Canal area.

**Deer *Cervidae*****White-tailed Deer***Odocoileus virginianus*

One sighting near the Miraflores Locks.

**New World Leaf-nosed Bats *Phyllostomidae*****Tent-making Bat***Uroderma bilobatum*

Gamboa Resort.

