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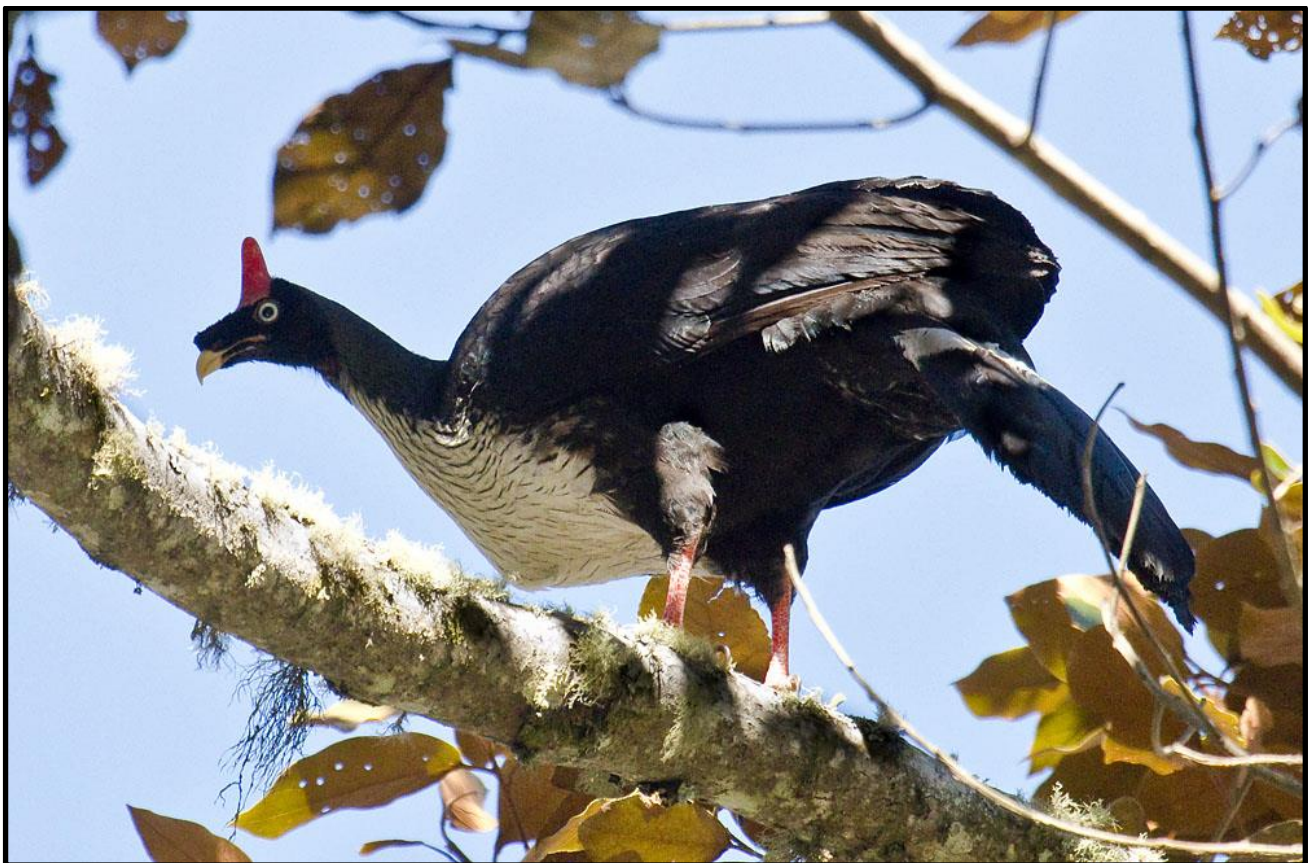
Worldwide Birding Adventures

Guatemala

Central American Specialities & Tikal Extension

6th to 21st January 2017 (16 days)

Trip Report



Horned Guan by Dušan Brinkhuizen

Trip report compiled by Tour Leader, Dušan Brinkhuizen



Top ten birds as voted for by participants:

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| 1. Horned Guan | 6. Resplendent Quetzal |
| 2. Pink-headed Warbler | 7. Ocellated Turkey |
| 3. Goldman's Warbler | 8. Ornate Hawk-eagle |
| 4. Pheasant Cuckoo | 9. Wine-throated Hummingbird |
| 5. Orange-breasted Falcon | 10. Azure-rumped Tanager |

Tour Summary

Guatemala is perhaps not the most popular birding destination in Central America yet, but it definitely should be up there! This fascinating country had so many things to offer, not just the excellent birding. The highland scenery with its spectacular volcanoes like San Pedro, the impressive lake Atitlan, the dry Motagua valley, the wet cloud-forest at Biotopo Quetzal, the historical town of Antigua Guatemala, the hot springs at Fuentes Georginas, just to mention a few, are some of the awesome sites that we visited. And, of course, not to forget the Mayan temples in the jungle region of Petén, even for the non-birder: a must!

Main Tour

We started our Central American Specialities tour in the Motagua valley north of the capital to look for a special suite of dry forest birds at a private farm named Talpetate. At dawn, we watched Lesser Nighthawks in the sky and waited for other species to get active. One of the first birds we got our eyes on was a splendid pair of Varied Bunting, a localised species in Guatemala. A nice



Lesser Roadrunner by Dušan Brinkhuizen

male Barred Antshrike showed up after some hide-and-seek. The elusive Lesser Ground Cuckoo was heard at fairly close range but it did not seem to be interested in our tape. A few targets like Stripe-headed Sparrow and Rufous-naped Wren were seen shortly in the higher parts of the farm before we took two squad cars downhill.

A few stops en route produced nice sightings of White-fronted Amazon, Orange-fronted Parakeet, Velasquez's Woodpecker and a perched Laughing Falcon. Targets, including White-lored Gnatcatcher, Nutting's Flycatcher and Plain-capped Starthroat, were fairly easily found. Karen spotted a superb Russet-crowned Motmot that we saw really well. The

equally stunning Turquoise-browed Motmot was a very welcome addition, too. Down at the river, we saw many Altamira Orioles and a single confirmed Streak-backed Oriole. Some of us got lucky with views of a male Elegant Trogon. A delicious local lunch prepared on charcoal in a superb setting on a hill overlooking the Motagua River was rather exceptional. The Lesser Roadrunner had eluded us in the morning and was a much-desired target bird. On our way back up, we worked hard for the roadrunner and it paid off big time: two superb Lesser Roadrunners came into our tape and showed themselves fantastically. One bird even went up in a tree to sing!

In the afternoon, we reached the beautiful wet cloud-forest of Biotopo Quetzal, a rather drastic habitat change compared to the nearby dry Motagua Valley. A claim of a Resplendent Quetzal got us excited at arrival, but our afternoon search was unsuccessful. We did find many other target birds, including Azure-hooded and Unicolored Jay, Violet Sabrewing, Green-throated Mountaingem, Spot-crowned Woodcreeper, Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser and a White-faced Quail-



dove for some. A flock of Chestnut-headed Oropendolas was a welcome addition, too.



Resplendent Quetzal by John Hopkins

In the early morning, we tried for the quetzal again but without success. A pair of White-faced Quail-dove foraging at our feet was a welcome catch-up and consolation. After a long search in the rain, we got tipped off by a nearby local guide that had just seen two quetzals at a fruiting tree. Within minutes, we got to the site and had Guatemala's national bird, the Resplendent Quetzal, perched right above our heads! We enjoyed a pair of this iconic species at close range for at least a full hour. We learned that the adult male was named "Hugo" and captured by researchers a few years before to be equipped with a GPS-tracker on its back. *We were wondering what the weird antenna-like streamer sticking out of its mantle was!* Along another forest trail, John spotted a superb Highland Guan moving around in a tree. At the same site, we also got excellent views of both Black-headed Nightingale-thrush and Slate-colored Solitaire!

After lunch, we travelled to picturesque Antigua Guatemala, where we stayed at a famous and beautiful historical hotel in the heart of the old town. In the evening, we had made arrangements for some night birding at Finca El Pilar which

was very successful. On our drive up, we trawled for Mexican Whip-poor-will and soon got close range spotlight views of this handsome nightjar. Higher up, at the pine forest, we almost immediately found a Fulvous Owl, which we saw fantastically.

The next morning, we had a splendid breakfast at El Pilar, at a viewpoint overlooking Antigua Guatemala and the active ash-blowing volcano Fuego. Bird activity during breakfast was great, with Grey Silky-flycatchers, Rufous-collared Thrushes, and Townsend's and Tennessee Warblers all over the place! Other birds that we enjoyed from the breakfast table included Bushy-crested Jay, Black-headed Siskin, Eastern Bluebird, Acorn Woodpecker, Azure-crowned Hummingbird, a single Hermit Warbler and an immature Orchard Oriole. Inside the forest, we lucked into a male Black Thrush that showed well after playback. We also got our first visual of Brown-backed Solitaire, a beautiful singer that was commonly heard during the morning. A responsive Blue-throated Motmot played hard to get in the forest canopy but we eventually got great scope views of this cracking near-endemic. A hike up to a clearing produced a male Wine-throated Hummingbird that was only observed shortly. In the lower part of the reserve, we visited the hummingbird feeders where we watched Berylline Hummingbird, Azure-crowned Hummingbird, Green-throated Mountaingem, Rivoli's (Magnificent) Hummingbird and our main target: Rufous Sabrewing.

Later in the morning, we travelled to the highlands of the Tecpán region. Our principal target here, the stunning Pink-



Blue-throated Motmot by John Hopkins



headed Warbler, was located quickly. A pair of this awesome near-endemic was watched at close range at a clearing. A fly-over accipiter got us very excited as it looked perfect for a White-breasted Hawk. However, careful study of the photos revealed that the bird was a very pale immature Sharp-



Pink-headed Warbler by Karen Halliday

shinned Hawk. Inside the forest, we watched our first Rufous-browed Wrens and we also lucked into a party of Black-throated Jays. John spotted a Hooded Grosbeak in the canopy, *a major target bird!* In the late afternoon, we arrived at our hotel in San Lucas Tolimán for a short but good night's rest. After dinner, we carefully discussed the intensity of the strenuous volcano hike planned for the next day. I was still recovering from an ankle injury and told the group I would go up very slowly, with crutches. This convinced others to join and eventually everybody but Becky went along. Becky preferred to stay in town for some quality sightseeing at San Lucas Tolimán.

The next morning, we started very early with a rough boat ride over the impressive Atitlan lake to reach the foot of the San Pedro volcano. After arranging two local guides and porters, we started our epic hike up the steep volcano track. At dawn, we heard a Great Horned Owl calling as we went - *a promising start!* The birding on the way up was fairly slow, with only a few mixed-species flocks along the way. We knew that seeing the legendary Horned Guan was far from guaranteed but we all agreed to at least reach the proper habitat for it. It took us several hours of climbing through degraded habitat before we reached the tall epiphyte-rich pristine forest. To our enormous surprise (*and relief!*), we almost immediately hit the jackpot: two Horned Guans up in a fruiting tree! One of them "froze" and allowed us to have extraordinary scope views of this beast for almost an hour. It was a major accomplishment by all of us, and a true mega bird - *what a blast!* We took our time on the way back down as well, and got great views of birds like Flame-colored Tanager, Crescent-chested Warbler, Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush and a lovely pair of Rusty Sparrow. A few people also got lucky with close-up views of a secretive Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo. *What a day!*

The next morning, we visited a dry canyon outside Panajachel. The rare Belted Flycatcher was our main target here, but after a couple of hours of searching, we only succeeded in hearing it. Many great birds were seen well, including Northern Tufted Flycatcher, Paltry Tyrannulet, Yellowish Flycatcher, Painted Redstart, Lincoln's Sparrow, Velasquez's Woodpecker and a crisp male Painted Bunting! At Lake Atitlan itself, we watched water birds, including Blue-winged Teal, Lesser Scaup, American Coot, Green Heron and a Little Blue Heron. A large flock of foraging swallows produced Violet-green Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow and Vaux's Swift. In town, we were invited by local birder, Clive Rainey, to watch the bird feeders in his garden. Here we successfully watched Black-vented Oriole, Rufous-collared Sparrow, Inca Dove,



Painted Bunting by Karen Halliday



Indigo Bunting, Baltimore Oriole and many more splendid Painted Buntings at close range! In the afternoon, we travelled to our next awesome destination: Los Tarrales.



Prevo's Ground Sparrow by John Hopkins

Los Tarrales is a well-established eco-farm on the lower Pacific slope of the Atitlan volcano, and is famous for its birdwatching. It was incredibly birdy when we arrived at the site for lunch. Targets such as Pacific Parakeet, White-bellied Chachalaca, Lesson's Motmot, Cinnamon Hummingbird and the stunning White-throated Magpie-jay were quite easily found on the grounds! A walk in the afternoon produced great views of Prevost's Ground Sparrow, Grey Hawk, Orange-billed Nightingale-thrush, Yellow-winged Tanager and Black-headed Saltator, among others. A Tody Motmot responded vocally and while looking for it, Valerie spotted a Thicket Tinamou sneaking over the forest floor! Another highlight of the afternoon was a Mottled Owl on day roost, spotted by our expert local guide.

In the early morning, we first targeted Yellow-naped Amazon in order to get better views of this vulnerable species. Our plan worked out and very

soon we had superb scope views of this awesome parrot perched in a flowering tree. Two Spot-breasted Orioles were watched side by side with the slightly larger Altamira Orioles in a single tree. Bat Falcon, Golden-olive Woodpecker and Gartered Trogon were welcome sightings as well. Our next target was the Rufous-breasted Spinetail, which we saw surprisingly well, especially given that the day before, it had been eluding us. Another splendid addition was a male Long-tailed Manakin, which we watched in the bamboo for quite a while. Along another trail, we played hide-and-seek with a skulky Ruddy Foliage-gleaner; while a superb Green Shrike-vireo was showier in the forest canopy. A Tody Motmot was heard at the same site as previously, but this time we got the little gem in the scope! A Thicket Tinamou was tactically flushed out by our local guide and seen by everybody. A "pygmy-owl-mobbing-tape" in the late afternoon attracted a spectacular number of migrant warblers, including Magnolia, Black-throated Green and Blue-winged Warbler. An alarming Yellow-breasted Chat was seen just before dusk. Then we went to look for Black-and-white Owl and heard it calling in the distance. Approaching the owl didn't work, but did produce a Pauraque. On our way back, we were rewarded with a singing Northern Potoo in the scope, a real stunner!

The next morning, we visited Finca Los Andes in search of the localised Cabanis's Tanager (also often named Azure-rumped Tanager). This major target bird is typically found in the higher parts of the reserve, so we drove up and later continued hiking up the southern slope of the Atitlan volcano to get to the proper cloud-forest habitat. Apart from a few new birds, like Hairy Woodpecker,



Spotted Nightingale-thrush by John Hopkins



Golden-crowned Warbler and Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner, the birding uphill was quite slow. A splendid adult male Resplendent Quetzal was a highly unexpected treat. A Tody Motmot was another surprise, and near where the bird was perched we noticed some more understorey activity:



Blue-crowned Chlorophonia by John Hopkins

an antswarm! Patiently, we scanned the forest floor and soon we got a cracking Spotted Nightingale-thrush in view, *our fourth species of nightingale-thrush seen during the tour!* The stunning Fan-tailed Warbler was a welcome addition to the party as well. At some point, the nightingale-thrush started foraging on the trail, right in the open – *superb!* Other species that we saw well at the feeding frenzy were Swainson's Thrush and Ovenbird.

At the tanager viewpoint, we waited only for a few minutes before it was bingo: a couple of Cabanis's Tanagers perched in the canopy. Everybody got brief but proper tickable views. Later on, we waited at a nearby fruiting tree

and got even better views of the tanager, with at least five birds foraging at close range. Along the way back down, we stopped at another fruiting tree, which produced excellent views of the attractive Blue-crowned Chlorophonia at eye-level. A huge bonus here was a female Emerald-chinned Hummingbird foraging on flowers! At the hacienda, we had a lovely lunch while watching Blue-tailed Hummingbird and Long-billed Starthroat visiting the feeders. Black Hawk-eagle and Yellow-breasted Chat were neat garden birds that we got.

Our Guatemala adventure continued with a longish drive to the western highlands. A special day trip was organised to an awesome new site: the scenic highland plateau of the Todos Santos Cuchumatán mountain range. Our main target here was the cracking Goldman's Warbler, a regional endemic with an extremely localised distribution. The species is a fairly recent split from the Yellow-rumped Warbler-complex (*data suggests an even stronger split than Audubon's vs. Myrtle*), and is a very attractive bird. In the small highland town of Chiabal, we met up with our local guides and switched transport to 4x4 pickup trucks. It was a very scenic ride up the mountain and at the top, the habitat changed to spectacular alpine-like grasslands, with scattered patches of native pine forests. This was the spot for the Goldman's Warbler. Within a few minutes after getting out of the car, we located a pair and the views we had were simply superb. *What a handsome warbler that is!* As with many highland sites, the species diversity was rather low. However, apart from more Goldman's Warblers, we did enjoy quite a few new and unique species for Guatemala, including Golden-crowned Kinglet, Red Crossbill, Brown Creeper, Yellow-eyed Junco and a splendid male Olive Warbler – *a great day again!*



Goldman's Warbler by Dušan Brinkhuizen

Fuentes Georginas, with its famous hot springs, was the next birding site that we visited. It was possibly the best montane forest birding of the trip, even though very few targets were left to search



for. One of the reasons for great birding here was the fact that some species were more habituated to human presence, *when compared to the birds at the other sites we visited*. For example, Brown-backed Solitaires and Ruddy-capped Nightingale-thrushes were super easy to observe and typical skulkers like Rufous-browed Wren and Golden-browed Warbler were often foraging out in the open.



Brown-backed Solitaire by John Hopkins

We also upgraded our views of species like Black-capped Swallow, Chestnut-capped Brush-finch, Blue-throated Motmot and Wine-throated Hummingbird, which we all saw fantastically. New species included stunners like Garnet-throated Hummingbird, Sparkling-tailed Woodstar and Mountain Thrush. Scope views of a singing male Mountain Trogon were also neat. Our search for Black-capped Siskin in a secondary forest patch lower down yielded great views of both Blue-and-white Mockingbird and Chestnut-sided Shrike-vireo, but no sign of the siskin. On our last morning at Fuentes Georginas, just as we were leaving for Antigua Guatemala, we spotted a pair of Black-capped Siskin in a fruiting tree right from the parking lot – *a true last-minute bird!*

Finca Filadelfia, just outside Antigua Guatemala, was birded on our final morning of the main tour. White-breasted Hawk and Guatemalan Pygmy-Owl were among our most desired targets, but we knew these rare birds were going to be a long shot. Birding was nice and easy, as we upgraded sightings of several species, including Steller's Jay and Cabanis's Wren (*the latter being a real skulker*). Mountain Elaenia and Hepatic Tanager were new species and so was a Hermit Thrush – *a rare migrant that got our local leader, Dani, excited*. We searched for Grace's Warbler without success, but got great views of Olive Warbler and Hermit Warbler instead. A Plumbeous Vireo was the last new species seen on the main tour.

Tikal extension

Our days in the tropical lowland forests of the Petén region were simply fantastic. The Mayan temples at both Tikal and the lesser-known Yaxha were absolutely breathtaking. Apart from being a keen birder, our local guide, Miguel, was an expert on Mayan archaeology - *a real bonus!*

We started birding along the entrance road to the Yaxha temples. It was quite overwhelming, since many of the species we saw were new to the trip. Birds that kept us busy included Plain Chachalaca, Olive-throated Parakeet, Black-headed Trogon, Long-billed Gnatwren, the secretive Northern Bentbill and Green-backed Sparrow. We also saw quite a few new hummers, including Wedge-tailed Sabrewing, White-necked Jacobin, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird and a crisp male Canivet's Emerald, spotted by Karen. At the magnificent Yaxha temples, we practically had the complex to ourselves. Canopy activity produced stunners like Ivory-billed Woodcreeper, Bright-rumped Attila, Montezuma Oropendola,



Wine-throated Hummingbird by Dušan Brinkhuizen



the tiny Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet and a single Philadelphia Vireo. Watching a group of Yucatán Black Howler Monkeys passing through was fantastic. A White-necked Puffbird on an exposed branch and a female Slaty-tailed Trogon in the midstorey were welcome additions too. A Kentucky



Ornate Hawk-Eagle by John Hopkins

Warbler, a much-desired target for some, was taped out of the understorey successfully. Our number one bird for the day, without a doubt, was an impressive female Ornate Hawk-Eagle, which we watched in the canopy at close range for several minutes! Close up views of both Rufous-tailed Jacamar and White-whiskered Puffbird on our way back were neat. A pair of Ocellated Turkey that suddenly showed up on a forest trail was truly magical!

Birding around our hotel in Tikal National Park was great. In the early morning, we successfully targeted Great Curassow at a rice feeding station (*kitchen left-overs from the rangers*). Views that we got of this large and stunning cracid (*especially the female*) were just amazing! A fruiting “Christmas” tree nearby attracted an amazing set of birds, including Keel-billed Toucan, Collared Aracari, Plain Chachalaca, Brown Jay, Red-lored Amazon, Gartered Trogon, Yellow-winged Tanager, Masked Tityra, Melodious Blackbird, and the scarce Short-billed Pigeon. Geoffroy's Spider Monkeys were well represented in the same tree, feeding on the same fruits. At a small pond, we watched Rufous-naped Wood Rails at close range and also successfully taped in a pair of Couch's Kingbird. In the dense secondary habitat of the old airport track nearby, we found many of our targets, including a few Yucatan specialities. A large mixed-species flock produced many goodies, including Black-throated Shrike-tanager, Eye-ringed Flatbill, Grey-collared Becard, Plain Xenops, Rose-throated Becard, Chestnut-colored Woodpecker, Black-cowled Oriole and a male Golden-winged Warbler.

Yucatan Flycatcher and the stunning Grey-throated Chat were Yucatan endemics we got to see well, but we were unable to locate the tricky Rose-throated Tanager. Some of the skulkers we watched in the dense tangles included Stub-tailed Spadebill, Red-throated Ant Tanager, Mangrove Vireo and cracking males of Red-capped Manakin. Our ultimate highlight here must have been the Pheasant Cuckoo spotted by John. We flushed the bird in the sub-canopy, where it perched for a prolonged time in the open. On our way back, we encountered the bird again but this time on the forest floor, making very weird mechanic sounds while behaving like a hovercraft! Our theory for the bird's amazing behaviour was the “beater effect” – *an attempt to flush its prey by moving around*. At a small pond, we watched a couple of Boat-billed Herons and Morelet's Crocodile, a regional endemic. Owling after dusk produced both Yucatan Poorwill and Middle American Screech Owl, but they remained heard-only.



Orange-breasted Falcon by John Hopkins



The rainforest birding at the temples of Tikal was superb. The iconic Orange-breasted Falcon was easily found at the main temple square, where we watched a female for a prolonged time in the scope. The male flew in later and we could see it was significantly smaller. The Ocellated Turkeys and White-nosed Coatis walking around in the main square were rather tame, but still fun to watch. In the forest, we ran into understory birds like Northern Schiffornis, Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, Olive-backed Euphonia, and boreal migrants such as Wood Thrush (common), Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Hooded Warbler and Chestnut-sided Warbler. A pair of Pale-billed Woodpecker was watched beautifully while they were working on a large dead tree trunk. A Mayan Antthrush was tactically taped in and we watched this awesome ground-dweller for a few minutes in full view!

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Annotated List of species recorded

Note: Number in brackets () indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded.

List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

Birds (357 in total: 336 seen, 21 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2015. IOC World Bird List (v 6.1).

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

Tinamous Tinamidae

Thicket Tinamou

Crypturellus cinnamomeus

(1) 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1.

cinnamomeus:

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

Great views of this species were obtained on two consecutive days at the plantations of Los Tarrales.

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl Anatidae

Blue-winged Teal

Anas discors



(3) Lago de Atitlan 10.1, Lago de Atitlan 11.1 and 2 en route 18.1.

Several small flocks of this boreal migrant were seen.

Lesser Scaup

Aythya affinis

(1) Lago de Atitlan 11.1.

A small flock was observed on the lake near Panajachel.

Guan, Chachalaca, and Curassows Cracidae

Plain Chachalaca

Ortalis vetula vetula

(4) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

The birds at Talpetate were only seen swiftly. In Tikal, we had great looks at Plain Chachalaca feeding on a fruiting tree.

White-bellied Chachalaca

Ortalis leucogastra

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1.

This near-endemic was seen well in the gardens of Los Tarrales.

Crested Guan

Penelope purpurascens purpurascens

(2) 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

A single bird was watched along a forest trail at Las Tarrales.

Highland Guan (VU)

Penelopina nigra

(7) Ranchitos del Quetzal 8.1, Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, 1 heard Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1, 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and 1 heard Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

First (and probably best) seen in the midstory of cloud-forest near Ranchitos del Quetzal.

Frequently heard during the tour with some subsequent visual observations (typically brief) for some.

Horned Guan (EN)

Oreophasis derbianus

(1) 2 Volcano San Pedro 10.1.

Extraordinary looks at a pair of this epic species. One individual "froze" in a fruiting tree and was watched for a prolonged time. Scope views were just mind-blowing. The birds were found in primary forest about two-thirds up the Volcano San Pedro trail.

Great Curassow (VU)

Crax rubra rubra

(2) 3 Tikal National Park 19.1 and 3 Tikal National Park 20.1.

We got cracking views of three (one male and two females) while the birds were feeding on kitchen



left-over's of the Tikal ranger station. Another three birds were seen crossing the old airport track at Tikal.

New World Quail *Odontophoridae*

Buffy-crowned Wood Partridge

Dendrortyx leucophrys leucophrys

(1) 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

Heard well at Fuentes Georginas. Some participants saw this species well at Cayala park (Guatemala City) during a pre-tour excursion on 6 January.

Singing Quail

Dactylortyx thoracicus sharpei

(1) 1 heard Panajachel 11.1.

This species was heard nicely in the canyon outside Panajachel.

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies *Phasianidae*

Ocellated Turkey (NT)

Meleagris ocellata

(3) 2 Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and 5 Tikal National Park 20.1.

A pair of this stunning species was first seen along a forest trail at Yaxha. Subsequent sightings were made at the temples of Tikal where birds were remarkably tame!

Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns *Ardeidae*

Boat-billed Heron

Cochlearius cochlearius ridgwayi

(1) Tikal National Park 19.1.

A few were seen at a small pond along the old airstrip in Tikal.

Green Heron

Butorides virescens virescens

(2) 4 Lago de Atitlan 11.1 and en route 13.1.

Birds were seen well in lakeside vegetation at San Lucas Tolimán.

Western Cattle Egret

Bubulcus ibis

(5) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, en route 8.1, en route 11.1, en route 13.1 and en route 18.1.

A common species seen on various days, often en route.

Great Blue Heron

Ardea herodias herodias

(2) Lago de Atitlan 10.1 and Lago de Atitlan 11.1.

Seen on two consecutive days at Lago de Atitlan.

Great Egret

Ardea alba egretta

(4) Lago de Atitlan 10.1, Lago de Atitlan 11.1, en route 13.1 and en route 18.1.



A fairly common species during the tour seen at various sites.

Little Blue Heron*Egretta caerulea*

(4) Lago de Atitlan 11.1, en route 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

Our first was seen at Lago de Atitlan. Subsequent sightings were en route and near the parking at Tikal.

Snowy Egret*Egretta thula thula*

(1) Lago de Atitlan 11.1.

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

(14) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, en route 8.1, Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Panajachel 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Chiabal, Todos Santos Cuchumatán 14.1, Todos Santos Cuchumatán Regional Park 14.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1, Finca Filadelfia 17.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A common (and often abundant) species seen on all days of the tour.

Black Vulture*Coragyps atratus*

(14) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, en route 8.1, Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Panajachel 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Chiabal, Todos Santos Cuchumatán 14.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1, Finca Filadelfia 17.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

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Hawks, Eagles, and Kites Accipitridae**Black Hawk-Eagle***Spizaetus tyrannus serus*

(1) Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

A nice fly-over of a calling adult in the garden of the hacienda.

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

(2) Yaxha National Park 18.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1.

A stunning adult female perched in the canopy at the temples of Yaxha.

Sharp-shinned Hawk*Accipiter striatus velox*

(1) Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1.

A very pale juvenile was seen in flight and identified afterwards on the basis of the photographs



taken. We were hoping for the rare White-breasted Hawk but could not confirm this species during the tour with certainty.

Roadside Hawk*Rupornis magnirostris griseocauda*

(2) Tikal National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A few singletons were seen at Tikal.

Grey Hawk*Buteo plagiatus*

(4) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1 and en route 18.1.

Birds were seen well at Los Tarrales in flight and a perched bird was seen at close range from the vehicle.

Short-tailed Hawk*Buteo brachyurus fuliginosus*

(3) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

Birds in flight were seen at several sites during the tour.

Red-tailed Hawk*Buteo jamaicensis kemsiesi*

(8) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Panajachel 11.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A commonly seen *Buteo* during the tour, mainly in the highlands.

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots Rallidae**Rufous-naped Wood Rail***Aramides albiventris albiventris*

(2) 3 Tikal National Park 19.1 and 2 Tikal National Park 20.1.

A recent split from Grey-necked Wood Rail *A. cajaneus*. A few tame birds were seen nicely at a pond near our hotel.

American Coot*Fulica americana americana*

(3) Lago de Atitlan 10.1, Lago de Atitlan 11.1 and en route 20.1.

Our largest numbers of this species were seen at Lago de Atitlan.

Limpkin Aramidae**Limpkin***Aramus guarauna dolosus*

(1) Tikal National Park 19.1.

A single bird was observed at Tikal.



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

(1) en route 18.1.

Black-necked Stilts were seen en route on a roadside pond between Yaxha and Tikal.

Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae***Killdeer***Charadrius vociferus vociferus*

(1) en route 18.1.

Seen en route at a roadside pond between Yaxha and Tikal.

Jacanas *Jacanidae***Northern Jacana***Jacana spinosa*

(2) en route 18.1 and en route 20.1.

Seen en route at various ponds in the Petén region.

Sandpipers and Allies *Scolopacidae***Wilson's Snipe***Gallinago delicata*

(1) en route 18.1.

Seen en route at a roadside pond between Yaxha and Tikal.

Solitary Sandpiper*Tringa solitaria*

(1) en route 18.1.

Seen en route at a roadside pond between Yaxha and Tikal.

Spotted Sandpiper*Actitis macularius*

(1) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1.

A single bird was seen along the shore of the Motagua river.

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

(3) Lago de Atitlan 11.1, en route 18.1 and en route 20.1.

The only gull for the trip with observations at various sites including Atitlan lake.

Pigeons and Doves *Columbidae***Rock Dove***Columba livia livia*

(4) en route 9.1, San Lucas Tolimán 11.1, en route 13.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A common feral species seen in the towns and en route.

Band-tailed Pigeon

Patagioenas fasciata fasciata

(5) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Panajachel 11.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

A commonly seen pigeon in the highlands.

Red-billed Pigeon

Patagioenas flavirostris flavirostris

(4) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1 and Yaxha National Park 18.1.

Fairly common at the lowland sites that we visited.

Short-billed Pigeon

Patagioenas nigrirostris

(1) Tikal National Park 20.1.

A couple were observed foraging in a fruiting tree near the ranger station.

Inca Dove

Columbina inca

(3) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, San Lucas Tolimán 11.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A few of this small and distinctly long-tailed doves were observed.

Common Ground Dove

Columbina passerina pallescens

(2) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1 and Panajachel 11.1.

Common in the arid habitats.

Ruddy Ground Dove

Columbina talpacoti rufipennis

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A few were seen near the entrance of Yaxha.

Blue Ground Dove

Claravis pretiosa

(1) Tikal National Park 20.1.

A single male was taped in along the old airport track in Tikal.

Ruddy Quail-Dove

Geotrygon montana montana

(2) Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

Singletons were swiftly observed on forest trails in the Petén region.

White-tipped Dove

Leptotila verreauxi

(1) Tikal National Park 20.1.

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(6) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1, 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, 1 heard Finca Filadelfia 17.1 and Yaxha National Park 18.1.



A common and widespread species in Guatemala.

White-faced Quail-Dove*Zentrygon albifacies*

(2) Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1 and Biotopo del Quetzal 8.1.

Fantastic views of two adults foraging in the rain at Biotopo del Quetzal.

White-winged Dove*Zenaida asiatica asiatica*

(2) San Lucas Tolimán 11.1 and 1 heard Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A fairly common species but only a few were noticed during the tour.

Cuckoos Cuculidae

Groove-billed Ani*Crotophaga sulcirostris*

(4) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and en route 18.1.

A common and easily recognised species seen at several sites.

Pheasant Cuckoo*Dromococcyx phasianellus*

(1) Tikal National Park 20.1.

Incredible and prolonged looks at a perched bird in the subcanopy along the old airport track in Tikal. Later on presumably the same bird was observed on the forest floor where it was moving around like a hovercraft producing incredible cool sounds!

Lesser Ground Cuckoo*Morococcyx erythropygus erythropygus*

(1) 1 heard Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1.

Heard well at several sites at Talpetate. This difficult to observe species was seemingly not interested in our tape.

Lesser Roadrunner*Geococcyx velox*

(1) 2 Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1.

Superb looks at a pair on our way out. The birds responded well to our playback, hence the close-up looks of this impressive ground-dwelling species. One individual went up in a tree while it sang. A spectacular sighting!

Squirrel Cuckoo*Piaya cayana thermophila*

(7) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, 1 heard Panajachel 11.1, 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, 1 heard Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A common and distinct species seen in various habitats during the tour.



Owls Strigidae**Middle American Screech Owl***Megascops guatemalae guatemalae*

(1) 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1.

Heard fantastically. We were super close to getting the bird in the spotlight but after an hour of hide-and-seek we gave up.

Great Horned Owl*Bubo virginianus mesembrinus*

(1) 1 heard Volcano San Pedro 10.1.

A bird was calling nicely pre-dawn as we were climbing up the volcano.

Fulvous Owl*Strix fulvescens*

(2) Finca El Pilar 8.1 and 3+1 heard Fuentes Georginas 15.1.

In the pine forest at El Pilar we got superb spotlight views of a singing adult. More birds were recorded at Fuentes Georginas but since we had such good looks at El Pilar we did not have to chase them.

Mottled Owl*Strix virgata centralis*

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1 and 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

We very much enjoyed scope views of a bird on a day-roost in the bamboo.

Black-and-white Owl*Strix nigrolineata*

(1) 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

We chased a calling bird with the spotlights but did not succeed in seeing it (seemingly no response to our tape).

Guatemalan Pygmy Owl*Glaucidium cobanense*

(1) 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

A single bird was heard only at the cabins at dawn.

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl*Glaucidium brasilianum ridgwayi*

(4) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and 1 heard Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

Seen well at Talpetate but also during our pre-tour excursion to Cayala park (Guatemala City).

Potoos Nyctibiidae**Northern Potoo***Nyctibius jamaicensis mexicanus*

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

Superb views of a singing bird in the spotlight!



Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae**Lesser Nighthawk***Chordeiles acutipennis littoralis*

(2) 6 Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

At dawn we saw quite a few birds foraging high in the sky at Talpetate.

Pauraque*Nyctidromus albicollis*

(2) 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1 and 1 heard en route 20.1.

albicollis:

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

A common and widespread species in the lowlands.

Yucatan Poorwill*Nyctiphrynus yucatanicus*

(2) 1 heard Tikal National Park 18.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1.

We tried hard for this species on two consecutive days at the old airport track but only got vocal responses.

Mexican Whip-poor-will*Antrostomus arizonae chiapensis*

(1) Finca El Pilar 8.1.

Superb close-up views of a perched bird on our way up to the Fulvous Owl!

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

(2) Tikal National Park 11.1 and Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 16.1.

Only a few of these huge swifts were seen during the tour.

Vaux's Swift*Chaetura vauxi richmondi*

(5) San Lucas Tolimán 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, en route 16.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

We had our best views of this species at Hotel Tolimán while we watched several at eye level from the balcony.

White-throated Swift*Aeronautes saxatalis nigrior*

(1) Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

A few were recorded in the upper parts of the reserve.

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

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.



A single was seen foraging on flowers.

Wedge-tailed Sabrewing*Campylopterus pampa*

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

We had good views of this species (including perched) on our way into Yaxha.

Rufous Sabrewing*Campylopterus rufus*

(1) Finca El Pilar 9.1.

Small numbers of this localised species were seen at the feeders in the lower parts of Finca El Pilar.

Violet Sabrewing*Campylopterus hemileucurus hemileucurus*

(3) 2 Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1, Ranchitos del Quetzal 8.1, Biotopo del Quetzal 8.1 and Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

Great views of this attractive large hummer at feeders at several sites.

White-necked Jacobin*Florisuga mellivora mellivora*

(3) Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

Several birds, including adult males, were seen during our Tikal extension.

Mexican Violetear*Colibri thalassinus thalassinus*

(4) 1 heard Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

Green Violetear has recently been split into two species: 1) Mexican Violetear and 2) Lesser Violetear *Colibri cyanotus*. The birds we saw in the highlands were Mexican Violetears.

Green-breasted Mango*Anthracothorax prevostii prevostii*

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and Yaxha National Park 18.1.

Only a few individuals were recorded during the tour.

Emerald-chinned Hummingbird*Abeillia abeillei abeillei*

(1) Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

A single female was seen nicely feeding on small flowers on our way back down the slope of the Atitlan volcano.

Canivet's Emerald*Chlorostilbon canivetii canivetii*

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A single male was seen nicely foraging on flowers on our way to the temples of Yaxha.

Cinnamon Hummingbird*Amazilia rutila corallirostris*

(3) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, Tikal National Park 11.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

Seen at several sites during the tour but most commonly seen in the gardens of Los Tarrales.

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird*Amazilia tzacatl tzacatl*

(3) Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

Quite a few were seen during the Tikal extension in the Petén region.

White-bellied Emerald

Amazilia candida

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

pacifica:

(3) Yaxha National Park 18.1, 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

We got good views of this species at Los Tarrales and during the Tikal extension.

Azure-crowned Hummingbird

Amazilia cyanocephala cyanocephala

(3) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A commonly seen *Amazilia* in the highlands. At Finca El Pilar they were coming to the feeders.

Blue-tailed Hummingbird

Amazilia cyanura guatemalae

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

Very similar to Berylline Hummingbird but with a distinct blue tail. Seen well at both sites. At Hacienda Los Andes the species was coming to the feeders.

Berylline Hummingbird

Amazilia beryllina devillei

(3) Finca El Pilar 9.1, San Lucas Tolimán 11.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

Seen at various sites. A common species at the feeders of El Pilar.

Amethyst-throated Mountaingem

Lampornis amethystinus salvini

(1) 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 15.1.

A hummer with a very distinct flight call eluded us at Fuentes Georginas, where it was heard frequently.

Green-throated Mountaingem

Lampornis viridipallens

(1) Fuentes Georginas 15.1.

viridipallens:

(3) 2 Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1, Ranchitos del Quetzal 8.1 and Finca El Pilar 9.1.

A regional endemic seen well at various sites. At Ranchitos del Quetzal and at El Pilar birds were visiting the feeders.

White-eared Hummingbird

Basilinna leucotis leucotis

(5) Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Panajachel 11.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A fairly common species in the highlands that eluded some of us during the first few days. Luckily everybody was able to connect with it later on.

Garnet-throated Hummingbird

Lamprolaima rhami



(2) Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

First, we watched a perched female at close range that didn't stay long enough for everybody to see it. Luckily on our last morning at Fuentes Georginas, we watched a superb male feeding in a flowering tree.

Rivoli's Hummingbird

Eugenes fulgens

(3) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

Also named Magnificent Hummingbird. We had great views of this species at several sites in the highlands.

Purple-crowned Fairy

Heliothryx barroti

(1) Tikal National Park 20.1.

A single bird was seen at a flowering tree at the car parking of Tikal.

Plain-capped Starthroat

Heliomaster constantii leocadiae

(1) 3 Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1.

Several of this dry forest speciality were seen at Talpetate.

Long-billed Starthroat

Heliomaster longirostris pallidiceps

(4) Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

At Hacienda Los Andes we watched a bird coming to the feeder.

Sparkling-tailed Woodstar

Tilmatura dupontii

(1) Fuentes Georginas 15.1.

A single immature male was watched at close range near the cabins on two separate occasions.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Archilochus colubris

(7) Volcano San Pedro 10.1, San Lucas Tolimán 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A common boreal migrant that was seen at various sites during the tour.

Wine-throated Hummingbird

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(3) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

Our first sighting of a male at El Pilar was brief. At Fuentes Georginas we had incredible close-up views of singing males.

Broad-tailed Hummingbird

Selasphorus platycercus

(1) 2 adult ♂ Chiabal, Todos Santos Cuchumatán 14.1.

Birds were seen at the agricultural fields while we were searching for the Black-capped Siskin.



Trogons Trogonidae**Resplendent Quetzal (NT)***Pharomachrus mocinno mocinno*

(3) 1 heard Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1, 2 Ranchitos del Quetzal 8.1 and Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

A pair of this iconic species was watched for a prolonged time at a fruiting tree at Ranchitos. To our surprise another stunning adult male was located in the cloud-forest at Los Andes.

Slaty-tailed Trogon*Trogon massena massena*

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A perched female was watched in the forest midstory.

Black-headed Trogon*Trogon melanocephalus*

(3) Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

Our first sighting of this species was near the entrance of Yaxha, where we taped in a pair successfully.

Gartered Trogon*Trogon caligatus sallaei*

(3) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

Birds were seen well at Los Tarrales. We also had a few sightings during the Tikal extension.

Elegant Trogon*Trogon elegans elegans*

(1) 1 adult ♂ Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1.

A male was swiftly seen in the dry forest along the river by a few observers only.

Mountain Trogon*Trogon mexicanus mexicanus*

(3) 1 heard Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

At the cabins at Fuentes Georginas, we got excellent scope views of a singing male.

Collared Trogon*Trogon collaris puella*

(1) Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1.

While searching for the quetzal we did find a Collared Trogon in the forest.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae**Belted Kingfisher***Megasceryle alcyon*

(1) Tikal National Park 19.1.

A single bird was seen at Lago Petén Itzá on our way to Tikal.

Motmots Momotidae**Tody Motmot***Hylomanes momotula momotula*

(3) 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and Los Andes Reserve 13.1.



This tiny sought-after motmot was seen twice. Once in the bamboo at Los Tarrales and another at a bird-party attending an antswarm in the forest at Los Andes.

Blue-throated Motmot*Aspatha gularis*

(3) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

This superb regional speciality was first seen at El Pilar where it took some time to get decent scope views. An even more cooperative bird was seen at the parking at Fuentes Georginas.

Russet-crowned Motmot*Momotus mexicanus castaneiceps*

(1) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1.

This dry forest speciality was observed beautifully at Talpetate.

Lesson's Motmot*Momotus lessonii*

(1) Tikal National Park 19.1.

lessonii:

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

The English name of this species got recently changed from Blue-diademed to Lesson's Motmot. A handsome and rather common bird at Los Tarrales.

Turquoise-browed Motmot*Eumomota superciliosa vanrossemi*

(2) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1 and 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

This splendid motmot was seen a couple of times at Talpetate.

Jacamars Galbulidae**Rufous-tailed Jacamar***Galbula ruficauda melanogenia*

(2) Yaxha National Park 18.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 20.1.

We got excellent views of this species along the trail to the temples.

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

(1) 1 adult Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A single adult was seen in the canopy perched on an exposed branch.

White-whiskered Puffbird*Malacoptila panamensis inornata*

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

Superb views of perched birds at the same spot as the Rufous-tailed Jacamar.

Toucans Ramphastidae

Emerald Toucanet*Aulacorhynchus prasinus virescens*

(7) 2 Biotopo del Quetzal 8.1, Finca El Pilar 9.1, 1 heard Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 15.1, 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and 1 heard Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

We had several encounters with this species in the highlands. At Biotopo del Quetzal we watched a pair feeding on berries at eye-level.

Collared Aracari*Pteroglossus torquatus erythrozonus*

(5) 3 Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

Multiple encounters and good views of this species in the lowlands. Many were feeding on the fruiting tree near the guard station of Tikal.

Keel-billed Toucan*Ramphastos sulfuratus sulfuratus*

(3) Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

Several views of this spectacular toucan during our Tikal extension.

Woodpeckers Picidae**Acorn Woodpecker***Melanerpes formicivorus lineatus*

(3) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A few of these fancy woodpeckers were seen in the highlands.

Velasquez's Woodpecker*Melanerpes santacruzi*

(3) 1 heard Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 20.1.

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(6) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, Ranchitos del Quetzal 8.1, Finca El Pilar 9.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Panajachel 11.1 and 1 heard Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A recent split from Golden-fronted Woodpecker. A common *Melanerpes* throughout Guatemala.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*Sphyrapicus varius*

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A single boreal migrant was observed at the guard station of Yaxha.

Hairy Woodpecker*Picoides villosus sanctorum*

(3) Los Andes Reserve 13.1, 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and 1 heard Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

We got good views of a bird in the canopy at Los Andes. The smaller subspecies *sanctorum* is distinctly browner than the nominate race.



Smoky-brown Woodpecker*Picoides fumigatus sanguinolentus*

(3) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

We had multiple sightings of this species in the lowland areas.

Golden-olive Woodpecker*Colaptes rubiginosus yucatanensis*

(3) 1 heard Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and Yaxha National Park 18.1.

One was seen well at Los Tarrales. We also saw one in a mixed-species flock at Yaxha.

Northern Flicker*Colaptes auratus mexicanoides*

(3) 1 heard Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1, 3 Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and 1 heard Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A pair of this distinct race *mexicanoides*, "Guatemalan Flicker", was watched nicely at Fuentes Georginas.

Chestnut-colored Woodpecker*Celeus castaneus*

(1) Tikal National Park 19.1.

At Tikal we had nice views of this handsome *Celeus*.

Lineated Woodpecker*Dryocopus lineatus similis*

(3) 1 heard Tikal National Park 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and Yaxha National Park 18.1.

This widespread species was seen at the lowland sites visited.

Pale-billed Woodpecker*Campephilus guatemalensis guatemalensis*

(2) Tikal National Park 19.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 20.1.

Superb and prolonged eye-level views of a pair working a trunk inside the forest at Tikal.

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae***Northern Crested Caracara***Caracara cheriway*

(2) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1 and en route 13.1.

Only a few of this widespread species were seen.

Laughing Falcon*Herpetotheres cachinnans cachinnans*

(5) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 20.1.

We got several nice perch views of this handsome raptor.

Barred Forest Falcon*Micrastur ruficollis guerilla*

(1) 1 heard Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1.

A single bird was heard in the late afternoon while searching for the quetzal.

American Kestrel*Falco sparverius tropicalis*

(5) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, en route 11.1, en route 13.1, Chiabal, Todos Santos Cuchumatán



14.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A fairly common species during the tour.

Bat Falcon

Falco rufigularis petoensis

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1.

Good scope views of a bird perched atop the canopy at Los Tarrales.

Orange-breasted Falcon (NT)

Falco deiroleucus

(1) 2 Tikal National Park 19.1.

Fantastic prolonged views at this iconic Tikal species at the main temple square. A pair was presumably nesting atop one of these temples.

Peregrine Falcon

Falco peregrinus anatum

(1) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1.

A single bird was seen in flight.

African & New World Parrots Psittacidae

Barred Parakeet

Bolborhynchus lineola lineola

(2) 1 heard Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1 and 1 heard Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

Flocks were heard flying over on several occasions.

Orange-chinned Parakeet

Brotogeris jugularis jugularis

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

A few perched birds were watched at Los Tarrales.

Brown-hooded Parrot

Pyrilia haematotis haematotis

(1) Tikal National Park 19.1.

Only swift observations of flyover birds.

White-crowned Parrot

Pionus senilis

(2) Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

Several observations of this species including a few perched individuals watched at the start of the old airport track.

White-fronted Amazon

Amazona albifrons

(2) Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 19.1.

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(1) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1.

Great views of this species at Talpetate. Also seen nicely at Tikal.

Red-lored Amazon

Amazona autumnalis autumnalis



(2) Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

Great close-up views of a pair at a fruiting tree near the ranger station.

Yellow-naped Amazon (VU)

Amazona auropalliata auropalliata

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

Superb scope views of this target bird at Los Tarrales.

Olive-throated Parakeet (NT)

Eupsittula nana astec

(2) Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

Great views of this species on our way to Yaxha and at the parking of Tikal.

Orange-fronted Parakeet

Eupsittula canicularis canicularis

(3) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

Great scope views of this species at Talpetate. Also seen at Los Tarrales.

Pacific Parakeet

Psittacara strenuus

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

A common and noisy species at Los Tarrales, often seen in large flocks.

Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers *Furnariidae*

Rufous-breasted Spinetail

Synallaxis erythrothorax pacifica

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

Very nice looks of a bird skulking in palm fronds.

Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner

Anabacerthia variegaticeps variegaticeps

(1) Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

Two birds were seen in a mixed-species flock on our walk up to the tanager site.

Ruddy Foliage-gleaner

Automolus rubiginosus veraepacis

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

A single responsive bird was seen well along a forest trail. Connecting with this bird was not an easy task.

Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser

Sclerurus mexicanus mexicanus

(1) Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1.

A single bird showed up only once after playback and some managed to get a good look at it.

Plain Xenops

Xenops minutus mexicanus

(2) Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

Several were seen in mixed-species flocks.

Tawny-winged Woodcreeper

Dendrocincla anabatina anabatina



(1) 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1.

To our surprise, this species remained heard-only at Tikal.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper

Sittasomus griseicapillus gracileus

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

Good views of this species along the entrance road to Yaxha.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper

Glyphorhynchus spirurus pectoralis

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

Good views of this species along the entrance road to Yaxha.

Ivory-billed Woodcreeper

Xiphorhynchus flavigaster eburneirostris

(3) 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1.

Great looks at a bird at Yaxha.

Spotted Woodcreeper

Xiphorhynchus erythropygius parvus

(1) Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1.

Birds were observed with a mixed-species flock inside the forest.

Spot-crowned Woodcreeper

Lepidocolaptes affinis affinis

(4) Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, 1 heard Los Andes Reserve 13.1 and Fuentes Georginas 15.1.

A fairly common species in the highlands seen at various sites.

Antbirds *Thamnophilidae*

Barred Antshrike

Thamnophilus doliatus intermedius

(3) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 20.1.

A male was seen nicely on our first morning of the tour at Talpetate.

Antthrushes *Formicariidae*

Mayan Antthrush

Formicarius moniliger pallidus

(1) Tikal National Park 19.1.

Excellent looks of an adult walking on the forest floor for several minutes.

Tyrant Flycatchers *Tyrannidae*

Greenish Elaenia

Myiopagis viridicata placens



(4) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

Several were seen at the lowland sites visited.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia

Elaenia flavogaster subpagana

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

Only seen at Los Tarrales.

Mountain Elaenia

Elaenia frantzii ultima

(1) Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A single bird was observed well in the higher parts of Finca Filadelfia.

Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet

Ornithion semiflavum

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

Great looks of this tiny flycatcher in the subcanopy at Yaxha.

Northern Beardless Tyrannulet

Camptostoma imberbe

(3) 1 heard Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 20.1.

Heard at several lowland sites during the trip.

Paltry Tyrannulet

Zimmerius vilissimus

(7) 2 heard Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1, 1 heard Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Panajachel 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

Common by voice but hard to see in the canopy. Many were able to connect with this species in the end.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher

Mionectes oleagineus assimilis

(2) Tikal National Park 19.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 20.1.

A bird was seen well in the understory at Tikal.

Sepia-capped Flycatcher

Leptopogon amaurocephalus pileatus

(1) Tikal National Park 19.1.

A bird was seen in the midstory on our way to the temples. Several more were heard.

Northern Bentbill

Oncostoma cinereigulare

(4) 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 20.1.

Great looks of this secretive bird along the entrance road to Yaxha. Common by voice in lowland forests.



Common Tody-Flycatcher*Todirostrum cinereum finitimum*

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

This common and widespread species was only seen at Los Tarrales.

Eye-ringed Flatbill*Rhynchocyclus brevirostris brevirostris*

(1) Tikal National Park 19.1.

Nice views of this distinct flycatcher at Tikal.

Yellow-olive Flatbill*Tolmomyias sulphurescens cinereiceps*

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

At first called out as bentbill but soon properly identified.

Stub-tailed Spadebill*Platyrinchus cancrominus*

(3) 1 heard Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

Our best views of this fast-moving understory dweller were along the old airport track. Some even managed to get a decent photograph!

Belted Flycatcher (NT)*Xenotriccus callizonus*

(1) 1 heard Panajachel 11.1.

A single bird responded vocally for a while but after a lot of "working" at several sites, we did not see it.

Black Phoebe*Sayornis nigricans aquaticus*

(1) en route 13.1.

Only a single sighting of this widespread species.

Northern Tufted Flycatcher*Mitrephanes phaeocercus phaeocercus*

(4) 1 heard Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1, Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1, Panajachel 11.1 and 1 heard Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

Nice views of this distinct species, especially at Rincon Suizo and Panajachel.

Greater Pewee*Contopus pertinax minor*

(7) Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1, Finca El Pilar 9.1, 1 heard Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Panajachel 11.1, 1 heard Los Andes Reserve 13.1, 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 15.1, 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A commonly encountered species in the highlands.

Tropical Pewee*Contopus cinereus brachytarsus*

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

Several were seen at Los Tarrales.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher*Empidonax flaviventris*

(4) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A fairly common boreal migrant seen at several sites in the lowlands.

Least Flycatcher

Empidonax minimus

(3) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 19.1.

A fairly common boreal migrant seen at several sites in the lowlands.

Hammond's Flycatcher

Empidonax hammondi

(3) Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A fairly common "empid" in the highlands.

Pine Flycatcher

Empidonax affinis vigensis

(1) Fuentes Georginas 15.1.

A single bird was swiftly seen in the canopy and identified on the basis of photographs taken.

Yellowish Flycatcher

Empidonax flavescens salvini

(4) Biotopo del Quetzal 8.1, Ranchitos del Quetzal 8.1, Panajachel 11.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A fairly common and distinct "empid" in the highlands.

Vermilion Flycatcher

Pyrocephalus rubinus blatteus

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A bird was also seen at the airport in Flores.

Social Flycatcher

Myiozetetes similis texensis

(6) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Panajachel 11.1, en route 13.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A common and widespread species.

Great Kiskadee

Pitangus sulphuratus guatemalensis

(4) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, en route 13.1 and Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A common and widespread species.

Boat-billed Flycatcher

Megarynchus pitangua

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1 and en route 13.1.

deserticola:

(1) 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1.

Several were recorded at lowland sites visited.

Tropical Kingbird

Tyrannus melancholicus satrapa



(4) San Lucas Tolimán 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, en route 13.1 and Yaxha National Park 18.1.

Surprisingly not too many of this common and widespread species were seen.

Couch's Kingbird

Tyrannus couchii

(1) 2 adult Tikal National Park 19.1.

A pair was seen well near the parking of Tikal. The birds were vocalising and responded well to tape thereby fully confirming their identities.

Western Kingbird

Tyrannus verticalis

(2) Panajachel 11.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

This migrant was only seen twice and also heard on both occasions.

Yucatan Flycatcher

Myiarchus yucatanensis navai

(1) Tikal National Park 19.1.

A single vocalising bird was seen well along the old airport track in Tikal.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher

Myiarchus tuberculifer lawrenceii

(5) 1 heard Volcano San Pedro 10.1, 1 heard Panajachel 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Finca Filadelfia 17.1 and 1 heard Yaxha National Park 18.1.

Several of this widespread *Myiarchus* were recorded.

Nutting's Flycatcher

Myiarchus nuttingi nuttingi

(1) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1.

A common and responsive bird at Talpetate where we played the tape in order to confirm their id.

Great Crested Flycatcher

Myiarchus crinitus

(4) 1 heard Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A fairly common boreal migrant seen at lowland sites.

Brown-crested Flycatcher

Myiarchus tyrannulus cooperi

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

This *Myiarchus* was only recorded with certainty at Los Tarrales.

Bright-rumped Attila

Attila spadiceus flammulatus

(3) 1 heard Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 19.1.

We got several nice views of this species during the Tikal extension.

Manakins Pipridae

White-collared Manakin

Manacus candei



(2) 1 heard Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

We heard several males but only got to see the dull female with her pinkish legs.

Long-tailed Manakin

Chiroxiphia linearis

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

An adult male of this spectacular manakin was observed very well in a bamboo patch.

Red-capped Manakin

Dixiphia mentalis mentalis

(2) Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

Several sightings of spectacular males along the old airport track.

Tityras, Becards Tityridae

Northern Royal Flycatcher

Onychorhynchus mexicanus mexicanus

(1) 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1.

A bird was heard well but did not come into tape playback.

Masked Tityra

Tityra semifasciata personata

(5) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

We had several sightings of this distinct species at the various lowland sites.

Northern Schiffornis

Schiffornis veraepacis veraepacis

(2) 2 Tikal National Park 19.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 20.1.

Great views of a bird that flew in to our tape. Fairly common by voice in mature forest.

Grey-collared Becard

Pachyramphus major matudai

(1) Tikal National Park 19.1.

A male was seen well in a mixed-species flock at the start of the old airport track.

Rose-throated Becard

Pachyramphus aglaiae hypophaeus

(4) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A fairly common becard seen at various sites during the trip.

Vireos Vireonidae

Rufous-browed Peppershrike

Cyclarhis gujanensis flaviventris

(5) 1 heard Volcano San Pedro 10.1, 1 heard Panajachel 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, 1 heard Los Andes Reserve 13.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 20.1.

Heard at many sites but seen at Los Tarrales.



Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo*Vireolanius melitophrys quercinus*

(3) Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and 1 heard Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A bird skulking in the understory was shortly seen by few along the trail up to the volcano. Luckily everybody was able to watch this handsome near-endemic at a roadside forest patch near Fuentes Georginas.

Green Shrike-Vireo*Vireolanius pulchellus pulchellus*

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

A superb adult came into tape and showed well.

White-eyed Vireo*Vireo griseus griseus*

(2) Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A common boreal migrant to the lowlands of Petén.

Mangrove Vireo*Vireo pallens semiflavus*

(3) 1 heard Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 20.1.

We got good views of this species along the old airport track.

Yellow-throated Vireo*Vireo flavifrons*

(3) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A fairly common boreal migrant seen at the lowland sites.

Plumbeous Vireo*Vireo plumbeus montanus*

(1) Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A single bird of the race *montanus* was observed and photographed at Finca Filadelfia.

Blue-headed Vireo*Vireo solitarius solitarius*

(6) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Panajachel 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A common boreal migrant in mixed-species flocks, especially at the highland sites.

Warbling Vireo*Vireo gilvus*

(4) Panajachel 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1 and Fuentes Georginas 15.1.

Quite a few of this boreal migrant were seen at various sites.

Brown-capped Vireo*Vireo leucophrys strenuus*

(1) Volcano San Pedro 10.1.

A single bird was watched in a mixed-species flock along the trail up the volcano.

Philadelphia Vireo*Vireo philadelphicus*

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

Only a single confirmed sighting of this boreal migrant at Yaxha. Also photographed.

Tawny-crowned Greenlet

Hylophilus ochraceiceps ochraceiceps

(1) 1 heard Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A fairly common species at Tikal but heard-only.

Lesser Greenlet

Hylophilus decurtatus decurtatus

(3) Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A common canopy species seen daily during the Tikal extension.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae

Azure-hooded Jay

Cyanolyca cucullata guatemalae

(1) 3 adult Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1.

A small flock of this distinct species was watched at Ranchitos del Quetzal.

Black-throated Jay

Cyanolyca pumilo

(1) 3 Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1.

A small party was watched along a forest trail. A juvenile bird was cooperative for the photo.

Bushy-crested Jay

Cyanocorax melanocyaneus melanocyaneus

(4) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

This handsome regional endemic was recorded at several sites. A large flock was seen at Volcano San Pedro.

Brown Jay

Psilorhinus morio morio

(3) Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A common and noisy jay seen during our Tikal extension.

White-throated Magpie-Jay

Calocitta formosa azurea

(3) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and en route 13.1.

A spectacular long-tailed jay that we saw well at Los Tarrales.

Steller's Jay

Cyanocitta stelleri coronata

(2) Todos Santos Cuchumatán Regional Park 14.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

Our best views of this species were at Finca Filadelfia.

Unicolored Jay

Aphelocoma unicolor unicolor

(3) 5 Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1, Ranchitos del Quetzal 8.1 and Fuentes Georginas 15.1.

Great views of this species at both sites. At Ranchitos birds were coming to a feeder.



Silky-flycatchers *Ptiliagonatidae***Grey Silky-flycatcher***Ptiliagonys cinereus molybdophanes*

(5) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and 1 heard Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A fancy and distinct species placed in its own family. We saw them (often in small flocks) at various sites in the highlands.

Swallows *Hirundinidae***Mangrove Swallow***Tachycineta albilinea*

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

Small numbers of this white-rumped swallow were seen during our visit to the Yaxha temples.

Violet-green Swallow*Tachycineta thalassina thalassina*

(2) San Lucas Tolimán 11.1 and Chiabal, Todos Santos Cuchumatán 14.1.

A scarce boreal migrant to the highlands. At San Lucas Tolimán seen in a large mixed-flock of swallows and swifts from the balcony at our hotel.

Grey-breasted Martin*Progne chalybea chalybea*

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A few were seen at Yaxha.

Black-capped Swallow*Notiochelidon pileata*

(4) Panajachel 11.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A regional endemic seen at several sites in the highlands. We got nice eye-level views of this species at Fuentes Georginas where birds were nesting at the cabins.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow*Stelgidopteryx serripennis stuarti*

(5) San Lucas Tolimán 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 19.1.

A common swallow in Guatemala seen at several sites.

Barn Swallow*Hirundo rustica erythrogaster*

(1) San Lucas Tolimán 11.1.

A small flock was watched at the lakeside.

Kinglets *Regulidae***Golden-crowned Kinglet***Regulus satrapa clarus*

(1) 3 adult Todos Santos Cuchumatán Regional Park 14.1.



A very localised species in Guatemala. We got great views of this species in the pine forests of the highland plateau of Todos Santos Cuchumatán Regional Park.

Wrens Troglodytidae

Band-backed Wren

Campylorhynchus zonatus restrictus

(4) 1 heard Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1, 1 heard Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Panajachel 11.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A fairly common and conspicuous large wren seen at various sites in the highlands.

Rufous-backed Wren

Campylorhynchus capistratus

(1) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1.

castaneus:

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

A beautiful wren seen at two lowland sites.

Spot-breasted Wren

Pheugopedius maculipectus

(2) Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 19.1.

umbrinus:

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and 1 heard Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

Great views of this species, especially at Yaxha where an excited pair was watched at close range.

Cabanis's Wren

Cantorchilus modestus modestus

(3) 1 heard Volcano San Pedro 10.1, 1 heard Panajachel 11.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A recent split from Plain Wren. Heard at several sites but not seen until our visit to Finca Filadelfia.

Carolina Wren

Thryothorus ludovicianus albinucha

(1) 1 heard Tikal National Park 20.1.

A single bird was heard singing and responded intensely to our tape. Unfortunately, we were unable to connect with this bird visually.

House Wren

Troglodytes aedon intermedius

(5) Ranchitos del Quetzal 8.1, San Lucas Tolimán 11.1, 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and 1 heard Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A common and widespread species seen at several sites.

Rufous-browed Wren

Troglodytes rufociliatus rufociliatus

(4) Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

A regional endemic seen at various highland sites. At Fuentes Georginas birds were foraging in the



open at the cabins.

White-bellied Wren*Uropsila leucogastra brachyura*

(1) 1 heard Tikal National Park 20.1.

The species' distinct song was heard along the old airport track. Unfortunately, birds were not responding to tape.

White-breasted Wood Wren*Henicorhina leucosticta smithei*

(3) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, 1 heard Yaxha National Park 18.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 20.1.

A common wood-wren in the lowlands seen well at Los Tarrales.

Grey-breasted Wood Wren*Henicorhina leucophrys capitalis*

(6) 1 heard Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1, Ranchitos del Quetzal 8.1, 1 heard Finca El Pilar 9.1, 1 heard Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1 and 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

A common wood-wren in the highlands seen at various sites.

Gnatcatchers *Poliophtidae***Long-billed Gnatwren***Ramphocaenus melanurus ardeleo*

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A bird was seen well in dense tangle along the entrance road to Yaxha.

Blue-grey Gnatcatcher*Poliophtila caerulea deppei*

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A few of this boreal migrant were recorded in the lowlands.

White-lored Gnatcatcher*Poliophtila albiloris albiloris*

(1) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1.

In Guatemala restricted to the dry valley of Motagua, where fairly common.

Treecreepers *Certhiidae***Brown Creeper***Certhia americana pernigra*

(1) Todos Santos Cuchumatán Regional Park 14.1.

A bird was seen well in the pine forests of the higher parts of the mountain.

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

(3) Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.



A common boreal migrant in the Petén region.

Tropical Mockingbird*Mimus gilvus gracilis*

(2) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1 and Panajachel 11.1.

Only seen at two dry forest sites.

Blue-and-white Mockingbird*Melanotis hypoleucus*

(6) 1 heard Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1, 1 heard Finca El Pilar 9.1, 1 heard Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Panajachel 11.1, 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 15.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and 1 heard Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A stunning regional endemic heard at several sites in the highlands but only seen well at Panajachel and near Fuentes Georginas.

Thrushes and Allies *Turdidae*

Eastern Bluebird*Sialia sialis guatemalae*

(4) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Panajachel 11.1, Chiabal, Todos Santos Cuchumatán 14.1 and Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

Several of these beautiful birds in winter-plumage were seen at various highland sites.

Brown-backed Solitaire*Myadestes occidentalis oberholseri*

(6) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, 1 heard Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and 1 heard Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A superb singer that was heard commonly in the highland forests. Birds were especially easy to see at Fuentes Georginas.

Slate-colored Solitaire*Myadestes unicolor unicolor*

(1) 2 adult Ranchitos del Quetzal 8.1.

A bird flew in to our tape playback and showed nicely.

Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush*Catharus aurantirostris bangsi*

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

Several birds were seen foraging on the forest trails.

Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush*Catharus frantzii alticola*

(4) 1 heard Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

Our best views of this species were at Fuentes Georginas where birds were surprisingly tame.

Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush*Catharus mexicanus cantator*

(2) 1 heard Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1 and 1 Ranchitos del Quetzal 8.1.



Great views of this small attractive thrush near Ranchitos.

Spotted Nightingale-Thrush*Catharus dryas dryas*

(1) 3 adult Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

At least three birds were seen attending an antswarm. Views that we got of this shy species were exceptional.

Swainson's Thrush*Catharus ustulatus*

(3) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1 and Tikal National Park 19.1.

A few of this boreal migrant were seen.

Hermit Thrush*Catharus guttatus*

(1) 1 Finca Filadelfia 17.1 (photographed).

A rare boreal migrant to Guatemala. A single bird was observed and photographed at Finca Filadelfia.

Wood Thrush (NT)*Hylocichla mustelina*

(3) Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A surprisingly common boreal migrant to the lowlands of the Petén region.

Black Thrush*Turdus infuscatus*

(1) 2 Finca El Pilar 9.1.

A male was successfully taped in at El Pilar.

Mountain Thrush*Turdus plebejus differens*

(1) Fuentes Georginas 15.1.

Several birds were seen at Fuentes Georginas.

Clay-colored Thrush*Turdus grayi*

(3) Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

megas:

(5) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, 1 heard Ranchitos del Quetzal 8.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

A common and widespread species in Guatemala, especially in the lowlands.

White-throated Thrush*Turdus assimilis rubicundus*

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

At Los Tarrales seen in a Cecropia tree.

Rufous-collared Thrush*Turdus rufitorques*

(5) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Chiabal, Todos Santos Cuchamatán 14.1, Todos Santos Cuchamatán Regional Park 14.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and Fuentes Georginas 16.1.



This handsome thrush was seen at various sites in the highlands.

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus domesticus

(6) en route 8.1, 1 heard en route 9.1, Lago de Atitlan 10.1, San Lucas Tolimán 11.1, Chiabal, Todos Santos Cuchumatán 14.1 and Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

A common introduced resident seen typically in urban habitat such as towns and cities.

Olive Warbler *Peucedramidae*

Olive Warbler

Peucedramus taeniatus taeniatus

(2) Todos Santos Cuchumatán Regional Park 14.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A distinct warbler placed in its own monotypic family. Stunning males were seen in pine trees at both sites.

Finches, Euphonias *Fringillidae*

Hooded Grosbeak

Hesperiphona abeillei cobanensis

(1) Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1.

A female was briefly observed on an exposed branch in the canopy.

Red Crossbill

Loxia curvirostra mesamericana

(1) 1 adult Todos Santos Cuchumatán Regional Park 14.1.

A loud calling male was seen well in flight at the highland plateau.

Lesser Goldfinch

Spinus psaltria colombianus

(1) Panajachel 11.1.

Only observed at this site.

Pine Siskin

Spinus pinus perplexus

(1) 6 Chiabal, Todos Santos Cuchumatán 14.1 (grey morph).

A small flock of the grey morph was observed while searching for the Black-capped Siskin.

Black-capped Siskin

Spinus atriceps

(1) Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

A regional endemic that we connected with last minute at the parking lot of Fuentes Georginas.

Black-headed Siskin

Spinus notatus notatus

(3) Finca El Pilar 9.1, 1 heard Volcano San Pedro 10.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A fairly common species in the highlands seen at several locations.



Scrub Euphonia*Euphonia affinis affinis*

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

Singletons were recorded in the canopy at Los Tarrales.

Yellow-throated Euphonia*Euphonia hirundinacea hirundinacea*

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A few sightings of this species in the lowlands.

Elegant Euphonia*Euphonia elegantissima elegantissima*

(2) 1 heard Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1 and Fuentes Georginas 15.1.

Birds in the canopy were heard calling and a pair was very briefly observed at Fuentes Georginas.

Olive-backed Euphonia*Euphonia gouldi gouldi*

(2) Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 19.1.

A fairly common euphonia in the Petén region. A male was watched at close range feeding on berries.

Blue-crowned Chlorophonia*Chlorophonia occipitalis*

(1) Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

Superb views of birds foraging in a fruiting tree (at eye-level) on our way down the slope.

New World Warblers Parulidae**Ovenbird***Seiurus aurocapilla aurocapilla*

(2) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1 and Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

Surprisingly few of this boreal migrant were noted.

Worm-eating Warbler*Helmitheros vermivorum*

(3) Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A regular boreal migrant to Guatemala. A few were seen, often accompanying mixed-species flocks.

Louisiana Waterthrush*Parkesia motacilla*

(1) Biotopo del Quetzal 8.1 and Ranchitos del Quetzal 8.1.

We got nice views of this boreal migrant while searching for the quetzal.

Northern Waterthrush*Parkesia noveboracensis*

(2) Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A common boreal migrant to Guatemala. A few were observed at Tikal.

Golden-winged Warbler (NT)*Vermivora chrysoptera*

(2) Tikal National Park 19.1 and 2 Tikal National Park 20.1.



A scarce boreal migrant to Guatemala. We had great looks at a male near the old airport track.

Blue-winged Warbler*Vermivora cyanoptera*

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and Yaxha National Park 18.1.

Only a few of this boreal migrant were recorded.

Black-and-white Warbler*Mniotilta varia*

(9) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Panajachel 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Finca Filadelfia 17.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A common boreal migrant seen at many of the sites visited.

Crescent-chested Warbler*Oreothlypis superciliosa superciliosa*

(2) Volcano San Pedro 10.1 and Fuentes Georginas 15.1.

A resident warbler seen beautifully along the trail up the volcano.

Tennessee Warbler*Leiothlypis peregrina*

(8) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, San Lucas Tolimán 11.1, Panajachel 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A very common boreal migrant to Guatemala. The species was abundant, especially in the highlands, where large numbers of this species were observed.

Nashville Warbler*Leiothlypis ruficapilla ruficapilla*

(2) Volcano San Pedro 10.1 and Panajachel 11.1.

A scarce boreal migrant to Guatemala that we observed at two sites.

Grey-crowned Yellowthroat*Geothlypis poliocephala palpebralis*

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A male was observed in the reeds at Lago Petén Itzá on our way to Tikal.

MacGillivray's Warbler*Geothlypis tolmiei monticola*

(2) Panajachel 11.1 and 1 heard Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A fairly common but skulky boreal migrant to Guatemala that was seen well at Panajachel.

Kentucky Warbler*Geothlypis formosa*

(3) Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A fairly common boreal migrant seen in the understory of humid lowland forest in the Petén region.

Common Yellowthroat*Geothlypis trichas*

(2) Finca Filadelfia 17.1 and Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A boreal migrant that was recorded at two sites only.



Hooded Warbler*Setophaga citrina*

(3) Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A regular boreal migrant seen in lowland forest of the Petén region.

American Redstart*Setophaga ruticilla*

(4) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A common boreal migrant seen at various sites in the lowlands.

Northern Parula*Setophaga americana*

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

This boreal migrant was only seen at Yaxha.

Tropical Parula*Setophaga pitayumi inornata*

(1) 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1.

A bird was heard singing in the canopy but was not seen.

Magnolia Warbler*Setophaga magnolia*

(6) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, 1 heard Finca Filadelfia 17.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A common boreal migrant to Guatemala observed at various locations.

American Yellow Warbler*Setophaga aestiva aestiva*

(3) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1, Panajachel 11.1 and Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A few sightings only of this regular boreal migrant.

Chestnut-sided Warbler*Setophaga pensylvanica*

(1) Tikal National Park 19.1.

A single immature bird was observed in the understory near "El Mundo Perdido" in Tikal.

Audubon's Warbler*Setophaga auduboni auduboni*

(3) Chiabal, Todos Santos Cuchumatán 14.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

A scarce boreal migrant that we saw in small numbers at both sites in the western highlands.

Goldman's Warbler*Setophaga goldmani*

(1) 6 adult Todos Santos Cuchumatán Regional Park 14.1.

A stunning regional endemic with an extremely localised distribution. Goldman's Warbler is a fairly recent split from the Yellow-rumped Warbler-complex (data suggest an even stronger split than Audubon's vs. Myrtle). Several pairs were beautifully seen in the pine trees at the highland plateau of Todos Santos Cuchumatán Regional Park.

Yellow-throated Warbler*Setophaga dominica*

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

A rare boreal migrant to Los Tarrales where a single bird was seen and photographed.

Townsend's Warbler

Setophaga townsendi

(6) Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1, Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Todos Santos Cuchumatán Regional Park 14.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A common boreal migrant in the highlands. We enjoyed watching many of these attractive warblers.

Hermit Warbler

Setophaga occidentalis

(2) Finca El Pilar 9.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A scarce boreal migrant to Guatemala. An immature bird was photographed at El Pilar. A crisp adult male was watched at Finca Filadelfia.

Black-throated Green Warbler

Setophaga virens

(3) Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A fairly common boreal migrant to Guatemala observed at various sites.

Fan-tailed Warbler

Basileuterus lachrymosus lachrymosus

(1) Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

Two of these striking warblers were watched attending an antswarm in the forest.

Rufous-capped Warbler

Basileuterus rufifrons rufifrons

(2) Panajachel 11.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

This handsome warbler was only recorded at two sites.

Golden-browed Warbler

Basileuterus belli scitulus

(3) Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

A Central American speciality seen beautifully, especially at Fuentes Georginas.

Golden-crowned Warbler

Basileuterus culicivorus culicivorus

(2) Los Andes Reserve 13.1 and Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A pair moving through the understory was observed in the forest at Los Andes.

Wilson's Warbler

Cardellina pusilla pusilla

(11) Ranchitos del Quetzal 8.1, Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1, Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Panajachel 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Todos Santos Cuchumatán Regional Park 14.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1, Finca Filadelfia 17.1 and Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A very common boreal migrant in Guatemala seen on most days of the tour.



Pink-headed Warbler*Cardellina versicolor*

(1) Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1.

A stunning regional endemic seen fantastically in the highlands of Tecpán.

Painted Whitestart*Myioborus pictus guatemalae*

(1) 1 adult Panajachel 11.1.

A single adult was observed in the canyon at Panajachel.

Slate-throated Whitestart*Myioborus miniatus hellmayri*

(6) Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1, Biotopo del Quetzal 8.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1 and Fuentes Georginas 15.1.

A handsome and common warbler seen at various sites in the highlands.

Family uncertain Incertae Sedis 2**Yellow-breasted Chat***Icteria virens*

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

We saw this distinct but shy boreal migrant at two localities.

Troupials and Allies Icteridae**Eastern Meadowlark***Sturnella magna mexicana*

(1) Todos Santos Cuchumatán Regional Park 14.1.

Several were seen during our drive in the highlands of Todos Santos Cuchumatán.

Yellow-billed Cacique*Amblycercus holosericeus holosericeus*

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

A single bird skulking in dense vegetation was observed briefly.

Chestnut-headed Oropendola*Psarocolius wagleri wagleri*

(1) 14 Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1.

A nice flock of this species was observed in the late afternoon at Ranchitos del Quetzal.

Montezuma Oropendola*Psarocolius montezuma*

(3) Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A common and attractive species seen in the tropical lowland forests visited during the Tikal extension.

Altamira Oriole*Icterus gularis gigas*

(2) 10 Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

A large bright oriole seen well at two locations. A large flock was seen in a flowering tree at the Rio



Motagua.

Streak-backed Oriole*Icterus pustulatus maximus*

(1) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1.

A single bird was seen well but briefly.

Baltimore Oriole*Icterus galbula*

(7) Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, San Lucas Tolimán 11.1, Panajachel 11.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Finca Filadelfia 17.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 19.1.

A very common boreal migrant to Guatemala. Large numbers were present at Los Tarrales.

Spot-breasted Oriole*Icterus pectoralis guttulatus*

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

We had great views of a pair in a large tree and direct comparisons with Altamira Oriole.

Black-vented Oriole*Icterus wagleri wagleri*

(2) San Lucas Tolimán 11.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

Our best views of this distinct oriole were in the little garden of Clive who invited us to watch his bird feeders.

Black-cowled Oriole*Icterus prothemelas prothemelas*

(1) Tikal National Park 19.1.

An immature-type bird was observed in a large mixed-species flock.

Orchard Oriole*Icterus spurius spurius*

(4) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, San Lucas Tolimán 11.1 and Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

A fairly common boreal migrant to Guatemala. This small oriole was seen at various sites with close-up views at El Pilar and San Lucas Tolimán.

Melodious Blackbird*Dives dives*

(8) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 15.1, 1 heard Fuentes Georginas 16.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A loud and commonly observed species of blackbird in Guatemala.

Great-tailed Grackle*Quiscalus mexicanus mexicanus*

(10) Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1, Ranchitos del Quetzal 8.1, Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1, Finca El Pilar 9.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, San Lucas Tolimán 11.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, en route 16.1, Finca Filadelfia 17.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National



Park 20.1.

An abundant species seen on most days of the tour.

Buntings, Sparrows and Allies *Emberizidae*

Lincoln's Sparrow

Melospiza lincolnii

(2) Panajachel 11.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A scarce boreal migrant seen at two localities.

Rufous-collared Sparrow

Zonotrichia capensis septentrionalis

(5) San Lucas Tolimán 11.1, Todos Santos Cuchumatán Regional Park 14.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A fairly common resident observed at various sites in the highlands.

Yellow-eyed Junco

Junco phaeonotus alticola

(1) Todos Santos Cuchumatán Regional Park 14.1.

A scarce resident in the western highlands seen only on the highland plateau of Todos Santos Cuchumatán.

Stripe-headed Sparrow

Peucaea ruficauda connectens

(1) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1.

This distinct dry forest species was observed only at Talpetate.

Rusty Sparrow

Aimophila rufescens pyrgitoides

(2) Volcano San Pedro 10.1 and Panajachel 11.1.

We got great views of a pair on the lower slopes of the volcano. It took a while before they came out but the waiting was well worth it.

Spotted Towhee

Pipilo maculatus repetens

(1) 2 adult Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

This attractive species was seen at a secondary forest patch below the hot springs.

Prevost's Ground Sparrow

Melospiza biarcuata biarcuata

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1 and 1 heard Panajachel 11.1.

We had superb looks at this target bird along a forest trail at Los Tarrales.

White-eared Ground Sparrow

Melospiza leucotis occipitalis

(1) 1 heard Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

One of the target birds that eluded us during the tour. It came in very close and was possibly seen by some participants.

Green-backed Sparrow

Arremonops chloronotus chloronotus



(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

We got great views of this species along the entrance road to Yaxha.

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch

Arremon brunneinucha macrourus

(4) Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1, Panajachel 11.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

We saw several in the highlands with especially great views at Fuentes Georginas.

White-naped Brushfinch

Atlapetes albinucha griseipectus

(1) Fuentes Georginas 15.1.

We had great views of this species at the parking lot in the early morning.

Common Bush Tanager

Chlorospingus flavopectus postocularis

(6) Ranchitos del Quetzal 7.1, Ranchitos del Quetzal 8.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and Fuentes Georginas 16.1.

A common species in mixed-species flocks in cloud-forests of the highlands.

Tanagers and Allies *Thraupidae*

Black-throated Shrike-Tanager

Lanio aurantius

(1) Tikal National Park 19.1.

We had superb and prolonged views of a pair in a large mixed-species flock at Tikal.

Blue-grey Tanager

Thraupis episcopus cana

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and San Lucas Tolimán 11.1.

A fairly common bird at Los Tarrales.

Yellow-winged Tanager

Thraupis abbas

(4) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, San Lucas Tolimán 11.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A fairly common tanager seen at various lowland sites.

Cabanis's Tanager (EN)

Tangara cabanisi

(1) 5 Los Andes Reserve 13.1.

A regional endemic and major target bird. Also called Azure-rumped Tanager. Up to five were seen at a fruiting tree in the higher parts of the reserve. Views were excellent.

Red-legged Honeycreeper

Cyanerpes cyaneus carneipes

(7) Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Panajachel 11.1, Los Andes Reserve 13.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.



A striking and fairly common species in mixed-species flocks in the lower areas.

Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer*Diglossa baritula montana*

(5) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

The only flowerpiercer occurring in Guatemala. Males and females were observed at various sites in the highlands, especially at bushes with lots of flowers.

White-collared Seedeater*Sporophila torqueola moreletii*

(3) Panajachel 11.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A few distinct males of this species were seen during the tour.

Yellow-faced Grassquit*Tiaris olivaceus pusillus*

(1) 1 heard Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A bird was heard singing in secondary habitat on our way to Yaxha.

Cardinals and Allies *Cardinalidae*

Flame-colored Tanager*Piranga bidentata sanguinolenta*

(1) Volcano San Pedro 10.1.

We had superb looks at both male and female of this large and striking *Piranga* while they were foraging near the forest floor.

Hepatic Tanager*Piranga hepatica albifacies*

(1) 1 ♂ Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A single male was seen and photographed in the higher parts of the Finca.

Summer Tanager*Piranga rubra rubra*

(6) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A fairly common boreal migrant, especially in the lowlands.

Western Tanager*Piranga ludoviciana*

(6) Finca El Pilar 9.1, Volcano San Pedro 10.1, San Lucas Tolimán 11.1, Panajachel 11.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.

A fairly common boreal migrant seen at various sites in the highlands. The species was especially common at Fuentes Georginas where several were watched eating berries.

White-winged Tanager*Piranga leucoptera leucoptera*

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

We had nice views of this bright tanager at Los Tarrales.



Red-throated Ant Tanager*Habia fuscicauda*

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

insularis:

(2) Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

We had good views of small flocks of this noisy species while they were moving through the forest understory.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak*Pheucticus ludovicianus*

(4) Volcano San Pedro 10.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, San Lucas Tolimán 11.1, Panajachel 11.1 and Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A fairly common boreal migrant to Guatemala.

Grey-throated Chat*Granatellus sallaei boucardi*

(2) 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A stunning target bird that we visually connected with on the last day at Tikal. Superb views of a male and a lovely song!

Black-headed Saltator*Saltator atriceps atriceps*

(3) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

An attractive saltator seen various times in the lowlands.

Greyish Saltator*Saltator coerulescens*

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

hesperis:

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A fairly common bird at Los Tarrales.

Blue Bunting*Cyanocompsa parellina parellina*

(3) 1 heard Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A couple of birds were observed along forest trails during the Tikal extension.

Blue Grosbeak*Passerina caerulea chiapensis*

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1.

This species was only observed at this site.

Indigo Bunting*Passerina cyanea*

(4) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Finca Filadelfia 17.1 and Tikal National Park 19.1.

A boreal migrant to Guatemala with large numbers seen along a trail at Los Tarrales.

Varied Bunting*Passerina versicolor*

(1) Talpetate, Rio Motagua 7.1.

A very local species in Guatemala. We had good views of this species at the dry forest of Talpetate. One of the first birds of the trip!

Painted Bunting (NT)

Passerina ciris pallidior

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, San Lucas Tolimán 11.1 and Panajachel 11.1.

A superb male was first spotted in the dry canyon at Panajachel. In Clive's garden, we watched several stunning males (and females) at his feeder.

Mammals (11 in total: 11 seen)

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

Howler, Spider, and Woolly Monkeys *Atelidae*

Yucatán Black Howler Monkey

Alouatta pigra

(3) Yaxha National Park 18.1, 1 heard Tikal National Park 19.1 and 1 heard Tikal National Park 20.1.

A commonly heard monkey seen beautifully at Yaxha.

Geoffroy's Spider Monkey

Ateles geoffroyi yucatanensis

(3) Yaxha National Park 18.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

The commonest primate at Tikal with daily sightings during our extension.

Agoutis *Dasyproctidae*

Central American Agouti

Dasyprocta punctata

(4) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1, Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1, Tikal National Park 19.1 and Tikal National Park 20.1.

A common species often seen crossing the trails at the lowland sites visited.

Squirrels *Sciuridae*

Deppe's Squirrel

Sciurus deppei

(4) Rincon Suizo, Tecpán 9.1, Finca El Pilar 9.1, Fuentes Georginas 15.1, Fuentes Georginas 16.1 and Finca Filadelfia 17.1.



The commonest species of squirrel during the tour seen at various sites in the highlands.

Variegated Squirrel*Sciurus variegatoides*

(1) Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

This species was only seen at Los Tarrales.

Yucatan Squirrel*Sciurus yucatanensis*

(1) Tikal National Park 20.1.

A Yucatan speciality that reaches the Tikal area.

Wolves, Coyote, Foxes, Jackals Canidae**Grey Fox***Urocyon cinereoargenteus*

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

We had beautiful close-up views of this mammal at the entrance to the temples.

Skunks Mephitidae**Southern Spotted Skunk***Spilogale angustifrons*

(3) Up to 1 Fuentes Georginas 14-16.1.

A striking black-and-white patterned mammal that was hiding in the kitchen of Fuentes Georginas.

It was extremely elusive but in the end, everybody got to see it.

Racoons and relatives Procyonidae**White-nosed Coati***Nasua narica*

(2) Fuentes Georginas 15.1 and Tikal National Park 19.1.

The ones at Tikal were remarkably tame and habituated to the presence of tourists.

Deer Cervidae**Central American Red Brocket***Mazama temama*

(1) Yaxha National Park 18.1.

A single adult was seen crossing the road on our way from Yaxha to Tikal.

White-tailed Deer*Odocoileus virginianus*

(2) Los Tarrales Reserve 11.1 and Los Tarrales Reserve 12.1.

Several were observed at Los Tarrales including an adorable Bambi!



Reptiles (1 in total: 1 seen)

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

Crocodiles and relatives *Crocodylidae*

Morelet's Crocodile

Crocodylus moreletii

(1) Tikal National Park 19.1.

A regional endemic that was seen at a small pond along the old airport track.

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