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Jamaica

Island Endemics I

13th to 18th February 2017 (6 days)

Trip Report



Jamaican Spindalis by David Howe

Trip report compiled by tour leader, Chris Sharpe



Tour Summary

Monday, 13 February: Our group met with our driver, Raymond, outside the Norman Manley International Airport, in Kingston, in mid-afternoon. After loading our bags on our Toyota Coaster bus, we were off, on our way to Green Castle Estate, our lodgings for the next five nights. A quick stop along the airport highway produced a single Cabot's Tern amongst a flock of Royals. The winding drive across the mountains took almost three hours and we arrived just as dusk was falling. Most of us had been travelling all day, so after dinner, we were glad to get to bed and drift off to sleep listening to the chorus of frogs and crickets.



Red-billed Streamertail by Don Roberson

had taken our fill, it was time for breakfast and our introductory talk by the estate owner and our local guide, Dwayne Swaby. Once this was over, we took a stroll down the Waterfall Trail with Dwayne. More showy endemics awaited, starting with Red-billed Streamertails: six males, as well as a female, on the nest! Rufous-tailed Flycatchers, Orangequits and White-chinned Thrushes were next, together with a suite of birds bearing the epithet "Jamaican": Vireo, Becard, Elaenia, Woodpecker and Tody. Yellow-shouldered Grassquit was our last endemic before lunch. A midday break gave us an opportunity to make the most of the estate's grounds or to enjoy the swimming pool. A short afternoon wander along the Woodpecker Trail was rather quiet, with glimpses of Ruddy Quail-Dove and the introduced Green-rumped Parrotlet. After dinner, we had a very short walk to find one bird: Jamaican Owl. It showed very well, on the edge of the tennis courts, and 40 minutes later, we were back at the estate house, studying a Northern Potoo on a dead snag less than a hundred feet away.

Wednesday, 15 February: An early start had us at the Ecclesdown Road for breakfast. Our first birds were Arrowhead Warblers and the extremely range-restricted Black-billed Streamertail, the latter displaying right next to our vehicle. We struggled not to spill our coffee as Black-billed Parrots were spotted just up the road, fabulously close views of four perched birds. The rest of the morning was spent walking up the road, taking advantage of the overlooks to scan for birds. We soon found Yellow-billed Parrots and Ring-tailed Pigeons, and caught glimpses of elusive Jamaican Crows. A fruiting tree attracted several White-eyed Thrushes, as well as a pair of Jamaican Becards, and a little further on, we



Jamaican Tody by Don Roberson



ran into Chestnut-bellied Cuckoos. We knew that once we left the road we would no longer have a chance to improve our views of the endemic crow, so we focussed our efforts on the bird. Sure enough, lower down and just before we left, we came across a pair that gave us very obliging views. Our chances of birding on the way back were scuppered by heavy rain; we managed to see Antillean Palm



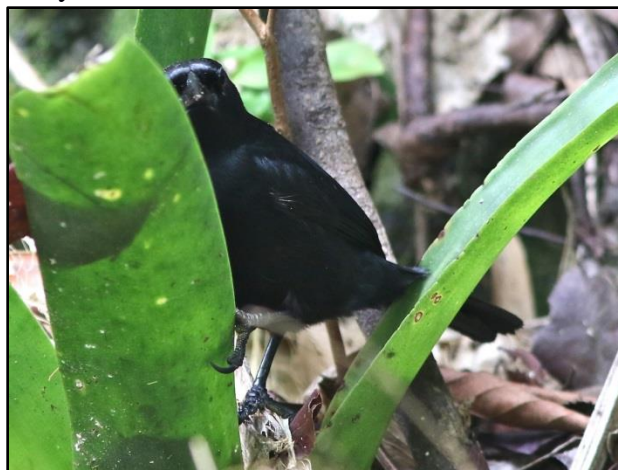
Ring-tailed Pigeon by Don Roberson

Swifts and to hear Yellow-breasted Crakes before the real downpour. Back at the estate, huge White-collared Swifts hawked insects low over the forest, doubtless taking advantage of the passing storm. The Northern Potoo was teed up on its favourite dead snag as we ate dinner.

showed characteristics of the Caribbean morph, and we were fortunate to have Don Roberson, author of the definitive paper on the subject, on hand to explain the differences. The 12 Acre Curve Trail proved to be rather quiet before lunch. After a short rest, several of us went back to one of the broad rides on the Cuckoo Trail to look for Caribbean Doves. Their drowsy songs filled the late afternoon and, after a short wait, we were able to see three. On their own excursion, Rita and Don found a Stolid Flycatcher.

Thursday, 16 February: The usual suite of speciality birds was around the estate house at dawn. By 07h30, we had had our fill and headed off to the reservoir with Dwayne. The Cuckoo Trail lived up to its name by providing us with good views of both Jamaican Lizard and Mangrove Cuckoos. The reservoir itself held a few dozen duck and some American Coots, one of which

Friday, 17 February: Our destination today was the road that cuts across the Blue Mountains, between the Blue Mountains Forest Reserve and the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park, the Hardwar Gap road. We were on a mission to see high-elevation specialities that are hard to find elsewhere, so we immediately began to walk the road, scanning the roadsides for Crested Quail-Dove, Jamaican Blackbird and Blue Mountain Vireo. A dove that turned out to be a Ring-tailed Pigeon got us excited, as did a couple of extremely elusive Jamaican Blackbirds that gave us tantalisingly brief looks as they flew from tree to tree. As we dodged the motorcycles, some birds did show well: Jamaican Pewee, Jamaican Lizard Cuckoo, Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo, Jamaican Tody and Arrowhead Warbler. But, perhaps because of the traffic, the forest became quiet early. We took the bus up to the pass and enjoyed the impressive views of Kingston and the Caribbean. Then it was back to work on the south side of the range. We were quickly rewarded with a rare sighting: a Jamaican Blackbird rummaging in a bromeliad on the ground, not fifteen feet away! The view was spectacular, the bird showing greenish, turquoise and violet gloss. After five minutes, the bird moved on and we did too. For a while, we played with an uncooperative Greater Antillean Elaenia, finding a nice Jamaican Elaenia in the



Jamaican Blackbird by Don Roberson





Northern Potoo by Dušan
Brinkhuizen

process. After that, it was time to eat lunch and head homeward. A stop at pools on the Green Castle Estate gave some of us a quick view of a Yellow-breasted Crane, which unexpectedly flushed as we moved to get a better view.

Saturday, 18 February: Two Jamaican Potoos sang in the pre-dawn at the estate house, heralding our final morning on the island. Some of us had decided to have a last look at the reservoir before breakfast. This proved to be a good choice, since we picked up several new species for the trip: Purple Gallinule, Sora, Killdeer and a Wilson's Snipe basking in the early-morning sun, as well as a Stolid Flycatcher. Others took the opportunity to look at Caribbean Doves. By 10h00, we had eaten breakfast and were departing the estate for Kingston International Airport once again.

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 (105 in total: 103 seen, 2 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2016. IOC World Bird List (v 6.4).

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

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl Anatidae

American Wigeon

Anas americana

(2) 1 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 1 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Blue-winged Teal

Anas discors

(2) 15 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 8 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Ring-necked Duck

Aythya collaris

(2) 14 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 14 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Ruddy Duck

Oxyura jamaicensis jamaicensis

(2) 8 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 8 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Grebes Podicipedidae

Pied-billed Grebe

Podilymbus podiceps antillarum

(2) 3 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 3 Green Castle Estate 18.2.



Ibises and Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae***American White Ibis***Eudocimus albus*

(1) 1 Kingston 13.2.

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns *Ardeidae***Yellow-crowned Night Heron***Nyctanassa violacea bancrofti*

(4) Up to 3 Green Castle Estate 15-18.2.

Green Heron*Butorides virescens*

(3) 1 en route 15.2, 1 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 3 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Western Cattle Egret*Bubulcus ibis*

(5) 10 en route 13.2, 3 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 30 en route 15.2, 2 Green Castle Estate 16.2, 10 en route 17.2 and en route 18.2.

Great Blue Heron*Ardea herodias occidentalis*

(1) 1 en route 15.2.

Great Egret*Ardea alba egretta*

(3) 5 en route 15.2, 1 en route 17.2 and 1 en route 18.2.

Tricolored Heron*Egretta tricolor ruficollis*

(1) 1 en route 15.2.

Little Blue Heron*Egretta caerulea*

(2) 3 en route 15.2, 1 Green Castle Estate 18.2 and 1 en route 18.2.

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

(3) 3 Kingston 13.2, 1 Annotto Bay 17.2 and 3 en route 18.2.

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

(4) 1 Kingston 13.2, 3 Green Castle Estate 15.2, 3 en route 15.2, 1 Annotto Bay 17.2 and 1 en route 18.2.

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

Observed every day: 6 days in total.

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

(4) 1 Kingston 13.2 and up to 2 Green Castle Estate 14-16.2.

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites *Accipitridae***Red-tailed Hawk***Buteo jamaicensis jamaicensis*

(3) 3 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 3 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 1 Hardwar Gap 17.2.

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots *Rallidae***Sora***Porzana carolina*

(1) 1 giving an unobstructed view at the reservoir at Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Yellow-breasted Crake*Porzana flaviventer gossii*

(2) 2 heard Green Castle Estate 15.2 and 1 briefly flushed +2 heard Green Castle Estate 17.2, all at



Twin Sister Pools.

Purple Gallinule*Porphyrio martinica*

(1) 1 at the reservoir at Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Common Gallinule*Gallinula galeata cerceris*

(2) 5 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 9 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

American Coot*Fulica americana americana*

(2) 13 (including a white-shielded “Caribbean Coot”) Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 19 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

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

(2) 4 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 4 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

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

(2) 3 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 2 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

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

(1) 1 basking in the early-morning sun at the reservoir at Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Spotted Sandpiper*Actitis macularius*

(3) 1 en route 15.2, 1 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 1 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Ruddy Turnstone*Arenaria interpres morinella*

(1) 10 Annotto Bay 17.2.

Sanderling*Calidris alba*

(1) 2 Annotto Bay 17.2.

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

(3) 6 Kingston 13.2, 1 Annotto Bay 17.2 and 1 Kingston 18.2.

Royal Tern*Thalasseus maximus maximus*

(4) 40 Kingston 13.2, 5 en route 15.2, 11 Annotto Bay 17.2 and 5 Kingston 18.2.

Cabot's Tern*Thalasseus acufavidus acufavidus*

(1) 1 Kingston 13.2. A single amongst a flock of Royal Terns just after we left the airport Cabot's.

Pigeons and Doves *Columbidae***Rock Dove***Columba livia var. domestica*

Observed 1 day in total.

White-crowned Pigeon (NT)*Patagioenas leucocephala*

(5) 2 en route 13.2, 15 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 15 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 10 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 10 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Ring-tailed Pigeon (E, VU)*Patagioenas caribaea*

(2) 7 Ecclesdown Road 15.2 and 3 Hardwar Gap 17.2.

Eurasian Collared Dove*Streptopelia decaocto decaocto*

(1) 10 en route to Green Castle Estate on the afternoon of our arrival 13.2.

Common Ground Dove*Columbina passerina jamaicensis*

(2) 1 Kingston 13.2 and 6 en route 15.2.



Ruddy Quail-Dove

(2) 2 Ecclesdown Road 15.2 and 1 Green Castle Estate 16.2.

*Geotrygon montana montana***Caribbean Dove**(3) Up to 3 Green Castle Estate 16-18.2, best observed in the afternoon. Some really nice looks at what is quite an attractive *Leptotila*.*Leptotila jamaicensis jamaicensis***Mourning Dove**

(4) 1 Kingston 13.2, 2 heard Green Castle Estate 14.2, 5 heard Green Castle Estate 16.2 and en route 18.2.

*Zenaida macroura macroura***Zenaida Dove**

(4) 3 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 3 en route 15.2 and up to 5 Green Castle Estate 16-18.2.

*Zenaida aurita zenaida***White-winged Dove**

(5) 2 en route 13.2, 5 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 6 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 4 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 5 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

*Zenaida asiatica asiatica***Cuckoos Cuculidae****Smooth-billed Ani**

(4) 1 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 3 Green Castle Estate 15.2, 5 Green Castle Estate 17.2 and 5 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

*Crotophaga ani***Mangrove Cuckoo**

(1) 1 Green Castle Estate 16.2. A good look at a bird in the canopy along the Cuckoo Trail.

*Coccyzus minor***Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo (E)**

(2) 2 Ecclesdown Road 15.2 and 1 Hardwar Gap 17.2. Some very good looks in the end.

*Coccyzus pluvialis***Jamaican Lizard Cuckoo (E)**

(3) Up to 2 Green Castle Estate 16-18.2 and 1 Hardwar Gap 17.2. Our best views along the Cuckoo Trail at Green Castle Estate.

*Coccyzus vetula***Barn-Owls Tytonidae****Western Barn Owl**

(2) 1 Green Castle Estate 14.2 and 1 en route 15.2.

*Tyto alba furcata***Owls Strigidae****Jamaican Owl (E)**

(2) 1 Green Castle Estate 14.2 (one spotlighted at the edge of the tennis courts) and 1 heard Green Castle Estate 18.2.

*Pseudoscops grammicus***Potoos Nyctibiidae****Northern Potoo**

(3) 1 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 1 Green Castle Estate 15.2 and 1+1 heard Green Castle Estate 18.2. There are not many lodges at which one can watch Northern Potoo from the dinner table!

*Nyctibius jamaicensis jamaicensis***Swifts Apodidae****White-collared Swift**

(3) Up to 100 Green Castle Estate 15-17.2. Wonderfully close looks at these huge aerial insectivores.

*Streptoprocne zonaris pallidifrons***Antillean Palm Swift (NE)**

(1) 1 Green Castle Estate 15.2 and 12 Annotto Bay 15.2.

*Tachornis phoenicobia phoenicobia***Hummingbirds Trochilidae**

Jamaican Mango (E)*Anthracothorax mango*

(3) Up to 5 Green Castle Estate 14-16.2.

Red-billed Streamertail (E)*Trochilus polytmus*

(4) 8 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 6 Green Castle Estate 16.2, 10 Hardwar Gap 17.2 and 3 Green Castle Estate 18.2. A permanent fixture at the gate to Green Castle Estate House, we saw six males as well as a female on the nest our first morning; unbeatable opportunities for study and photography.

Black-billed Streamertail (E)*Trochilus scitulus*

(1) 7 Ecclesdown Road 15.2. Very close studies of territorial males, with attendant females.

Vervain Hummingbird (NE)*Mellisuga minima minima*

(4) 10 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 5 Green Castle Estate 16.2, 3 Hardwar Gap 17.2 and 4 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae**Belted Kingfisher***Megaceryle alcyon*

(3) 1 en route 15.2, 1 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 1 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Todies Todidae**Jamaican Tody (E)***Todus todus*

(2) 3 Green Castle Estate 14.2 and 2 Green Castle Estate 16.2. Fabulous!

Woodpeckers Picidae**Jamaican Woodpecker (E)***Melanerpes radiolatus*

(5) 1+7 heard Green Castle Estate 14.2, 6 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 4 Green Castle Estate 16.2, 4 Hardwar Gap 17.2 and 2 Green Castle Estate 18.2. The only resident woodpecker, common and widespread.

Falcons and Caracaras Falconidae**American Kestrel***Falco sparverius*(6) 3 Kingston 13.2, up to 2 Green Castle Estate 14-16.2, 4 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 4 en route 15.2, 2 Hardwar Gap 17.2 and 2 en route 18.2. Subspecies *sparverioides*, also found on Bahamas and Cuba.**Merlin***Falco columbarius*

(2) 1 Ecclesdown Road 15.2 and 1 Hardwar Gap 17.2 (spectacular sight of a stooping bird).

African & New World Parrots Psittacidae**Black-billed Amazon (E, VU)***Amazona agilis*

(1) 4 Ecclesdown Road 15.2. Unexpectedly close views of four perched birds.

Yellow-billed Amazon (E, VU)*Amazona collaria*

(1) 30 Ecclesdown Road 15.2. Flocks in the valley.

Green-rumped Parrotlet (I)*Forpus passerinus viridissimus*

(1) 1+3 heard Green Castle Estate 14.2. Introduced from South America.

Olive-throated Parakeet (NT)*Eupsittula nana nana*

(5) Up to 10 Green Castle Estate 14-18.2 and 10 Ecclesdown Road 15.2.

Tyrant Flycatchers Tyrannidae**Jamaican Elaenia (E)***Myiopagis cotta*

(2) 1 Green Castle Estate 14.2 and 1 Hardwar Gap 17.2. Nice looks at an endearing Jamaican endemic.



Greater Antillean Elaenia (NE)*Elaenia fallax fallax*

(1) 1 heard Hardwar Gap 17.2. Despite a valiant effort, refused to come in.

Jamaican Pewee (E)*Contopus pallidus*

(1) 12 Hardwar Gap 17.2 (common here).

Loggerhead Kingbird*Tyrannus caudifasciatus jamaicensis*

(6) 2 Kingston 13.2, up to 6 Green Castle Estate 14-16.2, 8 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 6 en route 15.2, 2 Hardwar Gap 17.2 and 6 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Sad Flycatcher (E)*Myiarchus barbirostris*

(3) 6 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 4 Ecclesdown Road 15.2 and 4 Green Castle Estate 16.2. Really good looks, often alongside the following species, at Green Castle Estate.

Rufous-tailed Flycatcher (E)*Myiarchus validus*

(5) 4 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 2 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 2 Green Castle Estate 16.2, 1 Hardwar Gap 17.2 and 1 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Stolid Flycatcher (NE)*Myiarchus stolidus*

(2) 1 Green Castle Estate (in an old cocoa plantation) 16.2 and 1 Green Castle Estate 18.2 (at the reservoir).

Tityras, Becards Tityridae**Jamaican Becard (E)***Pachyrampus niger*

(4) 1 ♂ Green Castle Estate 14.2, 1 ♀ Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 1 ♀ Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 1 ♀ Hardwar Gap 17.2. Most often seen in pairs.

Vireos Vireonidae**Jamaican Vireo (E)***Vireo modestus*

(5) 1 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 3 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 4 Green Castle Estate 16.2, 6 Hardwar Gap 17.2 and 3 heard Green Castle Estate 18.2. Common and widespread.

Blue Mountain Vireo (E, NT)*Vireo osburni*

(1) 3 Hardwar Gap 17.2. Uncommon, secretive and hard to see, it has suffered from deforestation within its small range.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae**Jamaican Crow (E)***Corvus jamaicensis*

(1) 2 Ecclesdown Road 15.2. Persistence gave us great views of a pair.

Swallows Hirundinidae**Cave Swallow***Petrochelidon fulva poeciloma*

(1) 10 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Mockingbirds and Thrashers Mimidae**Northern Mockingbird***Mimus polyglottos orpheus*

Observed 6 days in total.

Thrushes and Allies Turdidae**Rufous-throated Solitaire (NE)***Myadestes genibarbis solitarius*

(2) 10 heard Ecclesdown Road 15.2 and 6 heard Hardwar Gap 17.2.

White-eyed Thrush (E)*Turdus jamaicensis*

(3) 3 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 2 Hardwar Gap 17.2 and 3 Green Castle Estate 18.2. Our first looks



were our best, with several birds feeding in a roadside fruiting tree.

White-chinned Thrush (E)*Turdus aurantius*

(4) 3 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 6 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 3 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 9 Hardwar Gap 17.2. Common and widespread.

Finches, Euphonias Fringillidae**Jamaican Euphonia (E)***Euphonia jamaica*

(3) 2 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 2 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 6 Hardwar Gap 17.2. Not the most colourful of Euphonias.

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

(1) 2 Green Castle Estate 16.2.

Worm-eating Warbler*Helmitheros vermivorum*

(2) 1 Green Castle Estate 14.2 and 1 Ecclesdown Road 15.2.

Black-and-white Warbler*Mniotilta varia*

(3) 4 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 1 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 5 Hardwar Gap 17.2.

Swainson's Warbler*Limnothlypis swainsonii*

(1) 1 Green Castle Estate 17.2. Uncommon on Jamaica.

Common Yellowthroat*Geothlypis trichas trichas*

(1) 4 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Arrowhead Warbler (E)*Setophaga pharetra*

(2) 3 Ecclesdown Road 15.2 and 5 Hardwar Gap 17.2. Repeated views of this natty endemic.

American Redstart*Setophaga ruticilla*

(5) 6 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 8 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 10 Green Castle Estate 16.2, 9 Hardwar Gap 17.2 and 3 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Cape May Warbler*Setophaga tigrina*

(3) 2 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 2 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 1 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Northern Parula*Setophaga americana*

(5) 3 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 5 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 10 Green Castle Estate 16.2, 3 Hardwar Gap 17.2 and 1 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Black-throated Blue Warbler*Setophaga caerulescens*

(5) 2 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 2 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 2 Green Castle Estate 16.2, 3 Hardwar Gap 17.2 and 3 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Prairie Warbler*Setophaga discolor discolor*

(3) 1 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 3 Green Castle Estate 16.2 and 1 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Black-throated Green Warbler*Setophaga virens*

(1) 1 Hardwar Gap 17.2.

Troupials and Allies Icteridae**Jamaican Oriole (NE)***Icterus leucopteryx leucopteryx*

(5) 8 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 4 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 5 Green Castle Estate 16.2, 1 Hardwar Gap 17.2 and 2 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Jamaican Blackbird (N, EN)*Nesopsar nigerrimus*

(1) 4 Hardwar Gap 17.2. This species has a well-deserved reputation for being hard to observe, so our prolonged point-blank views of a bird foraging on a bromeliad on the ground can be considered exceptional. Two apparent pairs in all.



Shiny Cowbird*Molothrus bonariensis minimus*

(1) 1 Green Castle Estate 14.2.

Greater Antillean Grackle (NE)*Quiscalus niger crassirostris*

(6) 20 Kingston 13.2, 20 Green Castle Estate 14.2, up to 30 Green Castle Estate 16-18.2 and en route 18.2.

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

(5) 30+20 heard Green Castle Estate 14.2, 15+20 heard Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 30+20 heard Green Castle Estate 16.2, 43 Hardwar Gap 17.2, 20 Green Castle Estate 18.2 and en route 18.2.

Tanagers and Allies Thraupidae**Yellow-faced Grassquit***Tiaris olivaceus olivaceus*

(4) 1 ♂ Green Castle Estate 14.2, 3 Green Castle Estate 16.2, 8 Hardwar Gap 17.2 and 5 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Black-faced Grassquit*Tiaris bicolor marchii*

(2) 2 Hardwar Gap 17.2 and 1 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Yellow-shouldered Grassquit (E)*Loxipasser anoxanthus*

(2) 2 Green Castle Estate 14.2 and 2 Green Castle Estate 16.2. Some good looks at birds in the sun.

Greater Antillean Bullfinch (NE)*Loxigilla violacea ruficollis*

(1) 2 Ecclesdown Road 15.2. Fleeting views.

Orangequit (E)*Euneornis campestris*

(5) 8 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 10 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 5 Green Castle Estate 16.2, 8 Hardwar Gap 17.2 and 2 Green Castle Estate 18.2.

Jamaican Spindalis (E)*Spindalis nigricephala*(5) 5 Green Castle Estate 14.2, 4 Ecclesdown Road 15.2, 4 Green Castle Estate 16.2, 12 Hardwar Gap 17.2 and 3 Green Castle Estate 18.2. The largest *Spindalis*.**Cardinals and Allies Cardinalidae****Summer Tanager***Piranga rubra*

(1) 1 Green Castle Estate 14.2.

Mammals (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**Mongoose Herpestidae****Small Asian Mongoose (I)***Herpestes javanicus*

(3) 1 en route 13.2, 2 en route 15.2 and 3 Green Castle Estate 16.2.



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