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Costa Rica

Cloud Forest & Quetzals

22nd May to 2nd June 2018 (12 days)

Trip Report



Resplendent Quetzal by Dušan Brinkhuizen

Trip report compiled by Tour Leader: Dušan Brinkhuizen

Top ten birds as voted for by participants:

1. Resplendent Quetzal
2. Three-wattled Bellbird
3. Spotted Wood Quail
4. Streak-chested Antpitta
5. Thicket Tinamou
6. Yellow-billed Cotinga
7. Golden-browed Chlorophonia
8. Lesser Ground Cuckoo
9. Fiery-billed Aracari
10. Great Curassow

Tour Summary

Our Costa Rica birding adventure started in the capital, San José, at Hotel Robledal. The garden of the hotel was really birdy, with neat species including Spot-breasted Oriole, Rufous-backed Wren, Hoffman's Woodpecker and nesting Ferruginous Pygmy Owls. It was also a nice introduction to some of the more common and widespread species like the vocal Melodious Blackbird, the numerous Great-tailed Grackle and our first of many Clay-colored Thrushes. A Cinnamon Hummingbird showed well at flowers while we were having breakfast! Our first road stop was in the area of Mata de Limon. The stunning Turquoise-browed Motmot was one of the first birds we got in our bins! A Lesser Ground Cuckoo called from the forested hillside and we tried for this elusive ground-dweller with some careful playback. We waited patiently and just as we were about to give up the cuckoo suddenly popped out in the open on a trunk. *It even started singing!* The extended views we got were amazing.



Spot-breasted Oriole by Neil Lamb

Other species that we got along the mangrove forest edge included Northern Scrub and Panamanian Flycatchers, Mangrove Warbler and a showy Banded Wren. At the Punta Morales ponds, we added a good number of shorebirds to our list. Gull-billed Tern, Wilson's Plover and Marbled Godwit were some of the scarcer ones that we picked out of the crowds. A fairly distant Western Sandpiper kept us busy for a moment but got identified as soon as it got closer. In the trees and scrub we got good looks at Lineated Woodpecker, White-lored Gnatcatcher and White-collared Seedeater, among others. A flock of Orange-chinned Parakeets showed well and included an aberrant all-yellow leucistic-type individual. The road between Juntas and Monteverde was productive. We enjoyed many great birds, including Keel-billed Toucan, Collared Aracari, Squirrel Cuckoo, Golden-olive Woodpecker and Lesson's Motmot. Passerines included Olive Sparrow, Rufous-and-white and Cabanis's Wrens, Rufous-capped Warbler and White-eared Ground Sparrow. The star bird of the afternoon was, without a doubt, a pair of Cabanis's Ground Sparrow: some roadside exploring in a coffee plantation resulted in the discovery of a new site for this local and sought-after endemic!



Lesser Ground Cuckoo by Merilyn Browne

The following morning started off with a bang: the first bird that we got in the scope was a male Three-wattled Bellbird right in front of our cabins! It was a fairly distant view, but securing this major target this early on in the tour was a relief. The amazing call helped in locating the bird, and at least two birds were heard vocalising in the valley below our hotel in Monteverde. The garden also produced some Grey-headed Chachalacas and White-eared Ground Sparrow. Pre-breakfast birding was done along the entry road of the nearby Santuario Ecológico. Here, a male Long-tailed Manakin played hard to get and only a few observers got a good view. Northern Barred and Olivaceous Woodcreepers were easier to get in the bins, and we also enjoyed our first Blue-throated Toucanet (a fairly recent split of Emerald Toucanet). After a good breakfast, we continued to the nearby Curi Cancha reserve. A male Bare-necked Umbrellabird had been reported here, so we were especially on the lookout for big black birds. Crested Guan and a male Collared (Orange-bellied) Trogon were found in the forest, but no sign of the umbrellabird. Bellbirds were vocalising from nearby, but it took some effort before we actually got a visual. Eventually, we watched no less than three male Three-wattled Bellbirds in a single scope view. *Amazing!* Other birds that we got to see from the viewpoint included Red-legged Honeycreeper, Scarlet-thighed Dacnis, Common Bush Tanager, Tooth-billed Tanager, Cabanis's Wren and Ruddy Pigeon.



Three-wattled Bellbird by Neil Lamb

Back inside the forest, we picked up species like Slaty Antwren, Plain Antvireo and Ochraceous Wren. We then specifically targeted Chiriqui Quail-Dove along a trail, but without much luck. However, some observers actually got very lucky with brief and good views of a secretive Highland Tinamou! At



White-throated Magpie-Jay by Meryl Brown

the Monteverde reserve, we enjoyed the hummingbird feeders after lunch. Six species showed up, namely Violet Sabrewing, Green-crowned Brilliant, Purple-throated Mountain-gem, Lesser Violetear, Green Hermit and Stripe-tailed Hummingbird. We did a little more birding in our hotel garden, which produced stunning views of White-throated Magpie-Jays, Keel-billed Toucan and Blue-throated Toucanet. Two Canivet's Emeralds at a flowering bush were a nice addition to our rapidly growing list. The rain picked up in the afternoon, but we nevertheless visited the Curi Cancha reserve again for another try at the umbrellabird. *Rain and umbrellas often go together!* Birding was challenging in the rain, but we did find a neat Grey-throated Leaf-tosser that showed nicely. Other species that we got to see well included White-necked Thrush, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Grey-crowned Yellowthroat and Smoky-brown Woodpecker.

Early the next morning, we tried again for Chiriqui Quail-Dove near Curi Cancha. This time we got lucky and a single adult walked on the trail in front of us. Even more spectacular was a

loud family group of Black-breasted Wood Quails that circled us, providing superb views of these shy forest-dwellers! We then visited the Monteverde reserve, famed for its healthy population of Resplendent Quetzals. It was a true quetzal bonanza this time of year, as we encountered pairs at three

different nesting sites. Views that we got of these iconic birds were just splendid! Bird activity in the reserve was really good and we added lots of exciting species, including Prong-billed Barbets, a superb flock of Azure-hooded Jays, Golden-browed Chlorophonia, Streak-breasted Treehunter, Black-faced Solitaire, Spotted Woodcreeper, Yellowish Flycatcher, Spotted Barbtail and Black-eared Warbler (also known as Costa Rican Warbler). A massive troop of Geoffroy's Spider Monkey moving through the forest canopy was a spectacular sight! After lunch, we travelled to the Gulf of Nicoya. The road to La Ensenada was productive, with Stripe-headed Sparrow, Yellow-headed and Northern Crested Caracaras, Bare-throated Tiger Heron and a pair of Double-striped Thick-knee. On the way we also stopped for a Yellow-naped Amazon which eventually turned out to be a pet. However, from the same spot we scoped a few genuinely wild birds perched in a nearby forest patch. Along the forest edge we had great bird activity and enjoyed nice views of species including Northern Bentbill, Long-tailed Manakin, Rose-throated Becard, Scrub Euphonia, Long-billed Gnatwren, Northern Beardless Tyrannulet, Streak-headed Woodcreeper, Barred Antshrike and a male Black-headed Trogon. After dusk, we went to search for Pacific Screech Owl, and with success: a calling bird was spotlighted nicely not that far from the lodge.



Prong-billed Barbet by Dušan Brinkhuizen

La Ensenada is usually the driest habitat of the tour, so we were a little surprised by the rain the following morning. A White-necked Puffbird was one of the first new birds that we found. A small flock of Woodstorks in flight was also a nice addition to the list. Near the lodge, we studied several *Myiarchus* flycatchers. Both Brown-crested and Nutting's Flycatchers were known to occur in the area,



Pacific Screech Owl by Marilyn Browne

but we had difficulties with their identification. In the end, the consensus was that most birds were Brown-crested Flycatchers. A Pacific Screech Owl at its day-roost was a nice bonus. At the nearby salt pans, a Grey Plover was our only new wader. We were unable to locate Mangrove Vireo but we did get a nice male Gartered Trogon. On our way out, Rachel spotted the bird of the day: a splendid Thicket Tinamou was walking in the forest but exposed in the open, and everybody got great views of this secretive species!

We had lunch at the Villa Lapas resort near Carara National Park and birded the hotel grounds in the afternoon. The trail was productive, with Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner, White-whiskered Puffbirds and Chestnut-backed Antbirds all seen really well. A Northern Royal Flycatcher was watched nicely at its nest. Long-billed Hermits showed well at the flowers in the garden, but also at their lek inside the forest. At the river we watched a pair of Muscovy Ducks, and a Fasciated Tiger Heron was another surprise here! After dusk we did some owling, but a snake found by Heather interrupted us. It was a Fer-de-lance, a

highly venomous species right on our doorstep! Coincidentally, we met a snake expert at the lodge earlier on so we asked him to help us to move it to the forest. He came quickly and picked up the viper

with his gear as we were all watching from a small distance. Believe it or not, the snake man had to be called in a second time as I had another snake in my room! This time it was a non-venomous Blunthead.

The early morning hours were spent inside the forest of nearby Carara National Park. The forest trail picked by Leo was a success, as we managed fantastic views of a Streak-chested Antpitta! Baird's and Black-throated Trogons and a Rufous Piha were other stunners that we got. At the bridge over the Rio Tarcoles, we watched Black-crowned Tityra and Red-winged Blackbird, plus a good number of massive American Crocodiles. Leo saw a female of the rare Yellow-billed Cotinga in flight but nobody else got on the bird in time. On top of the electricity post, we scoped a pair of Bat Falcons. After breakfast, we returned to Carara for more forest-interior birding. The trail was great and highlights included Red-capped Manakin, Black-hooded Antshrike, Black-faced Antthrush, Black-striped Woodcreeper, Bicolored Antbird, Dot-winged Antwren, Grey-chested Dove and White-whiskered Puffbird, among others. The mangrove edge near the town of Tarcoles was birdy, with great views of Mangrove Vireo, Olivaceous Piculet, Grey Hawk and Grey-headed Kite. Scarlet Macaws feeding close-up at a fruiting tree were a definite highlight. In the late afternoon, we checked the estuary sand bars and got plenty of Woodstorks, Ringed Kingfisher, Collared Plover and the hoped-for Lesser Nighthawk.



**White-whiskered Puffbird by
Marilyn Browne**

The following morning, our coffee ritual was interrupted by a fancy Fiery-billed Aracari in the garden!



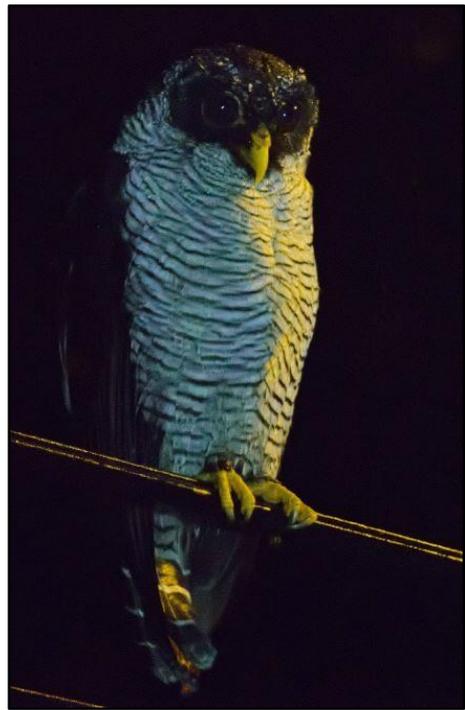
Scarlet Macaw by Marilyn Browne

A Slaty-tailed Trogon in the same tree was another welcome addition. After finishing our coffee, we continued to the Tarcoles River for our scheduled excursion into the extensive mangroves. A large boat was reserved for us and it proved to be excellent birding. The spectacular Boat-billed Heron was watched at close range, as well as Ringed and Green Kingfishers, Little Blue and Green Herons and Common Black Hawks. There was no sign of the sought-after Yellow-billed Cotinga, but Lia did spot a nice male Blue Ground Dove up in a tree. The endemic Mangrove Hummingbird was seen by most of us, but unfortunately, views were brief. We tried hard for this species for a couple of hours, but without further success. Nevertheless, it was a lovely boat trip. We travelled south for the rest of the day, heading to Esquinas Rainforest Lodge located in the Osa Peninsula area. In between a rainstorm, we got some new birds along Gamba road, including Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Thick-billed Seed Finch, Smooth-billed Ani and a confiding Isthmian Wren. The evening bird list had to be done with flashlights, as the heavy rains had caused some power-cuts in the neighbourhood.

Today we started early, at the bridge of Rio Rincon. It is the best-known site for Yellow-billed Cotinga in Costa Rica. Black-crowned and Masked Tityras kept us sharp but the cotinga was nowhere to be found. However, after a couple of hours of scanning, we finally got it: a superb male Yellow-billed Cotinga in the scope! Later on, in a fruiting tree further down the road, we watched more cotingas, including two males and a female. Other species that we got to see well included Riverside Wren, Black-hooded Antshrike, Slaty-tailed Trogon and two Bright-rumped Attilas. A Mangrove Hummingbird was briefly observed by some. A Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth was found in the mangroves, and in the bay we got to see some Common Bottlenose Dolphins. A road stop at Gamba turned out to be productive. A flowering tree attracted many White-necked Jacobins but also Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, Blue-throated Sapphire and a female Veraguan Mango! Brown-throated Parakeets showed really well in the nearby trees. The pasture here got us a male Ruddy-breasted Seedeater, Tropical Mockingbird, Red-breasted Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark and Northern Jacana. The tropical rains started after lunch, so we mainly did some birding from the porch. Apart from Charming and Violet-headed Hummingbirds, Long-billed Hermit and Band-tailed Barbthroat, not much else was seen in the garden.



Hoffman's Two-toed Sloth by Merilyn Browne



Black-and-white Owl by Merilyn Browne

Luckily, the weather improved later on and owling in the evening was a success, with close-up views of both Black-and-white Owl and Tropical Screech Owl!

The following morning at Esquinas Rainforest Lodge was epic. We started with a stunning male Great Curassow posing at the small pond while having a cup of coffee! Golden-naped Woodpeckers were present in the garden but views were a little brief and backlit. Our principal target for the day was the endemic and localised Black-cheeked Ant Tanager, only known to occur in the Osa Peninsula and Golfito area. We searched for this species along a forest trail but only briefly got to hear it. Later on, it was very briefly observed but again vanished in the understorey. Eye-ringed Flatbill and Rufous Mourner were birds in the forest that we did get to see. A Uniform Crake was seen exceptionally well on the trail and a male Orange-collared Manakin was surely another highlight. We also finally connected with Cocoa Woodcreeper. Suddenly, just as we were heading back for breakfast, a flock of three Black-cheeked Ant Tanagers moved through. *Bingo!* Everybody got on the birds quickly and the views that we got were great. Black-striped Sparrow foraging on the road was a nice catch-up and a White-tailed Kite overhead

was an unexpected bonus. After breakfast we birded the Gamba road, where we successfully targeted Golden-naped Woodpecker. This time we got prolonged scope views of a pair posing in a bare tree. Costa Rican Swifts and males of Spot-crowned Euphonias were other goodies that we added to the list. A dark-morph Short-tailed Hawk was picked up in flight and later on we also got the hoped-for King

Vulture soaring overhead. Back at the lodge we watched a female Great Curassow with her chick. It was time to go but yet there was another surprise to come: as we left the property, a cracking Collared Forest Falcon perched right next to the bus! The bird was trying to hunt a chachalaca but we interrupted the ambush. On our way out we got to see a skulky White-throated Crake at a swampy stream: a two crake day!

Pre-breakfast birding was done at the university campus of San Isidro de El General. The rare Turquoise Cotinga was our main target for the morning, and a female was located in a tree fairly soon. Scope views were nice but, unfortunately, the male never showed up. The birding on the campus was nice, with good views of Lesser Elaenia, Streaked Saltator, Garden Emerald, White-capped Parrot, Olivaceous Piculet, Blue Dacnis and Mistletoe Tyrannulet, among others. A couple of swifts



Collared Forest Falcon by Marilyn Browne

were foraging low overhead and one of them was clearly a Chestnut-collared Swift. However, another one turned out to be a Spot-fronted Swift! The diagnostic pale “headlights” were seen in the field but also came out well on the photos taken: a rare bird in Costa Rica. A colleague of Leo that lived nearby even came to twitch it! Back at breakfast, we enjoyed a stunning Speckled Tanager moving along with a little flock, and a fantastic Fiery-billed Aracari posed for a prolonged period in the telescope. Bosque del Tolomuco was an excellent birding stop on our way up into the Talamanca mountains. A good number of new species were seen, including Scaled Pigeon, Red-headed Barbet, Brown-capped Vireo and Silver-throated Tanager. New hummingbirds in the garden were Long-billed Starthroat, White-tailed Emerald and an obliging Scintillant Hummingbird foraging on the porterweed. La Georgina restaurant was another great stop, with Fiery-throated, Volcano and Admirable Hummingbirds right at our lunch table! The garden got us plenty of new species, including Acorn and Hairy Woodpecker,



Spotted Wood Quail by Neil Lamb

Large-footed Finch, Sooty Thrush and a stunning Flame-throated Warbler! We heavily targeted the *Zeledonia*, or Wrenthrush – a shy forest-dweller endemic to the region and placed in its own monotypic family. Fairly soon we got a vocal response, and a little later everybody got the skulking bird in view! Up at the antennas, we found the localised Volcano Junco with ease, and Black-cheeked Warbler and Timberline Wren also showed really nicely – all restricted-range targets. When we arrived at Hotel Savegre in the late afternoon, it was raining heavily. However, a family group of Spotted Wood Quail around Steve’s cabin kept the birding pumping!

The weather was nice the following morning, and we got several new species in the garden of Savegre, including the distinct Yellow-thighed Finch, the stunning Spangle-cheeked Tanager and a male Grey-tailed Mountaingem (a recent split of White-throated Mountaingem). An albino Rufous-collared

Sparrow was a nice surprise and got nicknamed “cotinga”. Some got lucky with views of Black-thighed Grosbeak. The Spotted Wood Quails were also still around the cabins. After breakfast, we birded the spectacular and pristine oak cloud-forest of the Roble trail above the hotel. We worked hard for the Silvery-throated Jays but there was no sign of this much sought-after species. We did hit some nice mixed-species flocks that got us some new ones, including Spot-crowned Woodcreeper, Collared Whitestart, Lineated Foliage-gleaner, Sooty-capped Bush Tanager, White-winged Tanager, Yellow-winged Vireo and Buffy Tuftedcheek. In the afternoon, we drove up to higher elevations to look for specialities and got a splendid pair of Black-and-yellow Phainoptilas! Owling at dusk up at Cerro de la Muerte was exciting, and a Dusky Nightjar was spotlighted briefly. To our great surprise, the rare and poorly-known Unspotted Saw-whet Owl called in response to tape, but the bird had lost its interest after subsequent bouts of careful tape playback.

Our last morning of the tour along Providencia road in Los Quetzales National Park was a real success. Only a few rare species were missing from our hit-list, so we started off with zero expectations. The first cracker was a singing Ochraceous Pewee that we scoped. At the same spot, we suddenly discovered a perched Costa Rican Pygmy Owl! It was scoped for a prolonged time and the views that we got were just superb. Icing on the cake was a splendid Silvery-throated Jay that showed up a little further down the road. *What a morning!* We had a nice lunch at the Paraiso Quetzal lodge, where we saw more Buffy Tuftedcheeks and Black-and-yellow Phainoptilas, among others. Heavy rain had started, but the many hummingbirds at the feeders entertained us for a while. In the Cartago Valley, we tried for the localised and endemic subspecies of Grass Wren. It was singing, but only briefly seen in the tall grass. A flyby Mourning Dove was probably our last new bird species of the trip.



Fiery-throated Hummingbird by
Merilyn Browne

Special thanks to our local guide Leo Garrigues. Merilyn Browne and Neil Lamb were kind to share their excellent bird photos of this fantastic trip!

Annotated List of species recorded

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

Birds (394 in total: 375 seen, 19 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2017. IOC World Bird List (v 7.2).

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

Great Tinamou (NT)

Tinamus major castaneiceps

(2) 1 heard Carara NP 27.5 and 1 heard Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Birds were heard well at several sites.

Highland Tinamou*Nothocercus bonapartei frantzii*

(1) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5.

A few lucky observers got to watch an adult on a forest trail.

Little Tinamou*Crypturellus soui modestus*

(2) 1 heard Juntas to Monteverde 23.5 and 1 heard Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Heard-only.

Thicket Tinamou*Crypturellus cinnamomeus praepes*

(3) 1 heard Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, 1 heard Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5 and Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5.

Fantastic views of an adult after having heard several in the Manzanillo area.

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl Anatidae**Black-bellied Whistling Duck***Dendrocygna autumnalis fulgens*

(8) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, en route 23.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and Gamba road 30.5.

Flocks were seen at various sites mostly near the coast.

Muscovy Duck*Cairina moschata*

(2) Villa Lapas 26.5, Villa Lapas 27.5 and Carara NP 27.5.

A couple of pairs were seen at rivers at two sites.

Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows Cracidae**Grey-headed Chachalaca***Ortalis cinereiceps*

(5) Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5, Gamba road 29.5, 1 heard Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5 and Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

Small numbers were seen at various sites.

Crested Guan*Penelope purpurascens aequatorialis*

(2) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Adults were seen well at two sites.

Black Guan (NT)*Chamaepetes unicolor*

(1) Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

An adult crossed the highway.

Great Curassow (VU)*Crax rubra rubra*

(1) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Fantastic close-up views at the lodge of a male and later on a female with chick.

New World Quail Odontophoridae**Spot-bellied Bobwhite***Colinus leucopogon*

(1) 1 heard Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5.

Heard-only in the early morning.

Black-breasted Wood Quail*Odontophorus leucolaemus*

(2) 1 heard Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5 and 3 Curi Cancha Reserve 25.5.

Superb views of a flock of three in the forest.

Spotted Wood Quail*Odontophorus guttatus*

(3) Up to 5 Hotel Savegre 31-2.6.

Birds showed extremely well on the lodge grounds for three consecutive days.

Storks Ciconiidae**Wood Stork***Mycteria americana*

(3) Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Small numbers were observed along the coast.

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

(7) Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Gamba road 29.5 and Gamba road 30.5.

Fairly common along the Pacific coast.

Roseate Spoonbill*Platalea ajaja*

(5) 2 Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Small numbers were observed at various sites.

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae**Fasciated Tiger Heron***Tigrisoma fasciatum salmoni*

(1) Villa Lapas 26.5.

A single adult type was photographed at a forest stream.

Bare-throated Tiger Heron*Tigrisoma mexicanum*

(6) en route 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Villa Lapas 27.5, Carara NP 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and Gamba road 29.5.

Fairly common along the Pacific coast.

Boat-billed Heron*Cochlearius cochlearius panamensis*

(1) Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

A few were observed in the mangroves at close range.

Black-crowned Night Heron*Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli*

(3) Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Recorded at a few sites.

Yellow-crowned Night Heron*Nyctanassa violacea bancrofti*

(1) Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5.

Scoped at the salt pans.

Green Heron*Butorides virescens virescens*

(7) 2 Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Gamba road 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Fairly common and widespread.

Western Cattle Egret*Bubulcus ibis*

(9) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, en route 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, en route 28.5, Gamba road 29.5, Gamba road 30.5 and Cartago Valley 2.6.

Common and widespread.

Great Egret*Ardea alba egretta*

(5) Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5, Salinas

northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and Gamba road 29.5.

Common and widespread.

Tricolored Heron

Egretta tricolor ruficollis

(3) Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Small numbers were observed.

Little Blue Heron

Egretta caerulea

(4) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Adults but also white juveniles.

Snowy Egret

Egretta thula thula

(6) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and Cartago Valley 2.6.

Fairly common and widespread.

Pelicans Pelecanidae

Brown Pelican

Pelecanus occidentalis carolinensis

(3) Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Fairly common along the coast.

Frigatebirds Fregatidae

Magnificent Frigatebird

Fregata magnificens

(5) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Commonly seen in flight along the coast.

Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae

Neotropic Cormorant

Phalacrocorax brasilianus brasilianus

(3) Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Small numbers were observed.

Anhingas Anhingidae

Anhinga

Anhinga anhinga leucogaster

(1) Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Seen well during our boat ride in the mangroves.

New World Vultures Cathartidae

Turkey Vulture

Cathartes aura ruficollis

(10) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Villa Lapas 26.5, Villa Lapas 27.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Gamba road 29.5, Gamba road 30.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5, San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5 and Hotel Savegre 1.6.

Common and widespread.

Black Vulture

Coragyps atratus

(10) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, en route 25.5, en route 26.5, Salinas

northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Gamba road 29.5, Gamba road 30.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5, San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5 and en route 2.6.

Common and widespread.

King Vulture

Sarcoramphus papa

(1) Gamba road 30.5.

Nice views of adults soaring above the forest.

Osprey Pandionidae

Western Osprey

Pandion haliaetus carolinensis

(1) Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5.

A single bird in flight.

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites Accipitridae

White-tailed Kite

Elanus leucurus majusculus

(1) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

An adult flying overhead.

Grey-headed Kite

Leptodon cayanensis cayanensis

(2) Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and 1 heard Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Great views of an adult in the Tarcoles mangroves.

Swallow-tailed Kite

Elanoides forficatus yetapa

(2) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

A couple of birds observed in flight.

Plumbeous Kite

Ictinia plumbea

(3) Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and Talari Lodge 31.5.

Small numbers were observed, mainly birds in flight.

Common Black Hawk

Buteogallus anthracinus bangsi

(4) Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Small numbers were seen in mangrove habitat.

Roadside Hawk

Rupornis magnirostris petulans

(4) Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, en route 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

A few birds were seen at various sites.

Grey Hawk

Buteo plagiatus

(4) Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and en route 28.5.

A few were seen, including nice scope views of adults.

Short-tailed Hawk

Buteo brachyurus fuliginosus

(1) Gamba road 30.5.

A dark-morph in flight.

Zone-tailed Hawk

Buteo albonotatus

(1) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5.

Seen by a few observers only.

Red-tailed Hawk

Buteo jamaicensis costaricensis

(2) Hotel Savegre 1.6 and en route 2.6.

Adults were observed on two occasions.

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

(2) 1 heard Gamba road 28.5 and Gamba road 30.5.

A rather secretive bird was observed along the roadside.

Grey-necked Wood Rail *Aramides cajaneus cajaneus*

(2) Estero Mata de Limón 23.5 and Gamba road 29.5.

Seen well at two sites.

Uniform Crake *Amaurolimnas concolor guatemalensis*

(1) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Good and multiple views of this shy crake in the forest.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica*

(2) Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Gamba road 30.5.

Observed at two sites.

Thick-knees *Burhinidae***Double-striped Thick-knee** *Burhinus bistriatus bistriatus*

(2) 4 Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5 and Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5.

Great views of adults at two sites.

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

(3) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5 and Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5.

Seen at ponds at a few coastal sites.

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

(4) Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, 1 heard Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Small numbers were observed.

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola cynosurae*

(3) Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Birds in non-breeding plumage.

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*

(5) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Small numbers were recorded.

Wilson's Plover *Charadrius wilsonia beldingi*

(1) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5.

An adult was scoped nicely.

Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris*

(2) Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Adults were seen at two sites in the Tarcoles area.

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

(4) Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, Gamba road 29.5 and Gamba road 30.5.

Small numbers were observed at wetlands.

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae

Short-billed Dowitcher

Limnodromus griseus griseus

(1) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5.

A single bird was scoped.

Marbled Godwit

Limosa fedoa fedoa

(1) 2 Punta Morales Ponds 23.5.

Two birds roosting among the Whimbrels.

Whimbrel

Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus

(4) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

A large flock was observed at Punta Morales.

Willet

Tringa semipalmata inornata

(3) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5 and Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5.

Small numbers were observed at various sites.

Spotted Sandpiper

Actitis macularius

(2) Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5 and Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5.

A few were observed in the salt pans.

Ruddy Turnstone

Arenaria interpres morinella

(3) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Small numbers at various sites.

Sanderling

Calidris alba rubida

(1) 2 Punta Morales Ponds 23.5.

Birds in non-breeding plumage.

Semipalmated Sandpiper (NT)

Calidris pusilla

(2) Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5 and Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5.

A few were picked out among the Western Sandpipers.

Western Sandpiper

Calidris mauri

(4) 3 Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5 and Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5.

Small flocks were scoped at various locations.

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers Laridae

Laughing Gull

Leucophaeus atricilla megalopterus

(2) 2 Punta Morales Ponds 23.5 and Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5.

Small numbers were observed.

Gull-billed Tern

Gelochelidon nilotica vanrossemi

(1) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5.

A single bird in non-breeding plumage.

Royal Tern

Thalasseus maximus maximus

(2) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

A large flock was present at Punta Morales.

Cabot's Tern

Thalasseus acufavidus acufavidus

(1) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5.

Small numbers present among the Royal Terns.

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

(5) Observed en route 23-26.5 and Cartago Valley 2.6.

A feral and introduced species commonly seen in towns.

Scaled Pigeon*Patagioenas speciosa*

(1) Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

A single adult was observed nicely.

Band-tailed Pigeon*Patagioenas fasciata crissalis*

(3) Antennas Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6, Hotel Savegre 2.6, Parada Empalme 2.6 and Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6.

Fairly common in the Cerro de la Muerte region.

Pale-vented Pigeon*Patagioenas cayennensis pallidicrissa*

(3) Observed Gamba road 28-30.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Seen at various lowland sites.

Red-billed Pigeon*Patagioenas flavirostris minima*

(5) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5 and Cartago Valley 2.6.

Fairly common in the northern Pacific and central valley.

Ruddy Pigeon (VU)*Patagioenas subvinacea subvinacea*

(4) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, 1 heard Monteverde Reserve 25.5, Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5 and Hotel Savegre 1.6.

Observed at a few sites in the mountains.

Short-billed Pigeon*Patagioenas nigrirostris*

(4) Villa Lapas 26.5, 1 heard Carara NP 27.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and 1 heard Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Fairly common by voice in Pacific lowland forest. Seen at two sites.

Inca Dove*Columbina inca*

(6) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and en route 28.5.

Fairly common in the drier habitats of the northwest and central valley.

Common Ground Dove*Columbina passerina neglecta*

(3) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5 and en route 28.5.

A couple were seen at various sites.

Ruddy Ground Dove*Columbina talpacoti rufipennis*

(7) Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Villa Lapas 27.5, Villa Lapas 28.5, en route 28.5, Gamba road 29.5, Gamba road 30.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Fairly common in the Pacific lowlands.

Blue Ground Dove*Claravis pretiosa*

(2) Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and 1 heard Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

A pair was nicely observed in the mangroves during the boat ride.

Ruddy Quail-Dove*Geotrygon montana montana*

(1) Carara NP 27.5.

A single bird was flushed from the trail.

White-tipped Dove*Leptotila verreauxi verreauxi*

(5) Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Gamba road 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest

Lodge 30.5.

Birds were seen at multiple sites.

Grey-chested Dove *Leptotila cassinii rufinucha*

(2) Carara NP 27.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Showing well in the forest at both sites.

Chiriqui Quail-Dove *Zentrygon chiriquensis*

(2) 1 heard Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5 and Curi Cancha Reserve 25.5.

Great views of an adult walking on the trail.

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura turturilla*

(1) Cartago Valley 2.6.

A couple of birds in flight.

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica australis*

(8) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, en route 24.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Gamba road 28.5 and Cartago Valley 2.6.
Common and widespread.

Cuckoos Cuculidae

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*

(2) Gamba road 28.5 and Gamba road 29.5.

Replaces Groove-billed in the southwest.

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*

(4) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, en route 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Carara NP 27.5.
Fairly common in the Pacific lowlands.

Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia*

(1) 1 heard Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5.

Heard-only.

Lesser Ground Cuckoo *Morococcyx erythropygus erythropygus*

(1) Estero Mata de Limón 23.5.

Superb and prolonged views of a singing adult.

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana thermophila*

(5) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, 2 Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, 1 heard Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Villa Lapas 26.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Fairly common and widespread.

Owls Strigidae

Pacific Screech Owl *Megascops cooperi cooperi*

(2) 2 Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 25.5 and Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5.

Birds were seen well during daytime and at night.

Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba luctisonus*

(1) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5.

Two birds showed really well after dusk.

Black-and-white Owl *Strix nigrolineata*

(1) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5.

Fantastic views of an adult perched on a cable.

Costa Rican Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium costaricanum*

(1) Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6.

Close-up and prolonged scope views of an adult in the daytime.

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum ridgwayi*

(4) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, 1 heard Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5 and Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5.

Nesting in the garden of Hotel Robledal, were beautifully seen.

Unspotted Saw-whet Owl *Aegolius ridgwayi*

(1) heard Cerro de la Muerte 1.6.

Heard-only at close range by two observers.

Nightjars and Allies *Caprimulgidae*

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis littoralis*

(1) Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5.

Various birds in flight were seen before dusk.

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis albicollis*

(4) 1 heard Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 23.5, 1 heard Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, 1 heard Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5.

Showing well along the entry road to Esquinas.

Dusky Nightjar *Antrostomus saturatus*

(1) Cerro de la Muerte 1.6.

Brief but good views of an adult in the spotlight.

Swifts *Apodidae*

Spot-fronted Swift (DD) *Cypseloides cherriei*

(1) San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

A few immature-type birds were seen well and photographed.

American Black Swift *Cypseloides niger costaricensis*

(1) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5.

A probable Black Swift flew overhead at the hotel but identification uncertain.

Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila brunnitorques*

(3) Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Good views of adult birds flying with Spot-fronted Swifts.

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris bouchellii*

(1) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5 and Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5.

Showing nicely in the garden of Robledal.

Costa Rican Swift *Chaetura fumosa*

(1) Gamba road 30.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Small numbers were observed in the southwestern lowlands.

Hummingbirds *Trochilidae*

Band-tailed Barbthroat *Threnetes ruckeri ventosus*

(2) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Visiting the Heliconia flowers at the lodge.

Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy coruscus*

(1) Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

Briefly at the feeders.

Long-billed Hermit *Phaethornis longirostris cephalus*

(4) Villa Lapas 26.5 and observed Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 28-30.5.

See at a lek site at Villa Lapas. Common at the Heliconia flowers at Esquinas.

Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis saturatus*

(2) Carara NP 27.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5.

Seen at two sites.

Scaly-breasted Hummingbird *Phaeochroa cuvierii maculicauda*

(4) Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Carara NP 27.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Adults were observed at various sites.

Violet Sabrewing *Campylopterus hemileucurus mellitus*

(3) Monteverde Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5 and Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

Showing nicely at the feeders.

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora mellivora*

(2) Gamba road 29.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Up to 5 birds at a flowering tree at Gamba.

Lesser Violetear *Colibri cyanotus cabanidis*

(5) Monteverde Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5, Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5, La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6, Hotel Savegre 2.6 and Paraiso del Quetzal Lodge 2.6.

Fairly common at feeders in the mountains. A split of Green Violetear.

Veraguan Mango *Anthracothorax veraguensis*

(1) Gamba road 29.5.

A female of presumably this species was observed at a flowering tree.

Violet-headed Hummingbird *Klais guimeti merrittii*

(2) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Foraging on Blue Porterweed at the lodge.

Canivet's Emerald *Chlorostilbon canivetii salvini*

(2) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 24.5 and Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5.

Showing well at flowers in the garden of Hotel de Montaña.

Garden Emerald *Chlorostilbon assimilis*

(1) San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Briefly observed.

Fiery-throated Hummingbird *Panterpe insignis insignis*

(3) La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, 1 heard Cerro de la Muerte 1.6, Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6 and Paraiso del Quetzal Lodge 2.6.

Abundant at the upper feeders in the highlands of Talamanca.

White-tailed Emerald *Elvira chionura*

(1) Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

A single male was observed foraging on flowers.

Stripe-tailed Hummingbird *Eupherusa eximia egregia*

(3) Monteverde Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5 and Hotel Savegre 1.6.

Small numbers were seen at the feeders.

Blue-throated Sapphire *Hylocharis eliciae eliciae*

(1) Gamba road 29.5.

Showing well at a flowering tree.

Cinnamon Hummingbird *Amazilia rutila corallirostris*

(5) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Punta Morales Ponds 23.5,

Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5 and Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5.

Fairly common the drier habitats of the northwest coast and central valley.

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl tzacatl*

(4) Carara NP 27.5, Gamba road 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5 and Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

Birds were observed well at various sites.

Charming Hummingbird *Amazilia decora*

(2) Gamba road 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Common in the garden of Esquinas.

Mangrove Hummingbird (EN) *Amazilia boucardi*

(2) Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Brief views of this tricky endemic at two sites.

Blue-vented Hummingbird *Amazilia hoffmanni*

(3) Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5 and Carara NP 27.5.

A split of Steely-vented.

Purple-throated Mountaingem *Lampornis calolaemus calolaemus*

(3) Monteverde Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5 and Parada Empalme 2.6.

Showing well at the feeders.

Grey-tailed Mountaingem *Lampornis cinereicauda*

(2) Hotel Savegre 1.6 and Hotel Savegre 2.6.

A few birds were present in the hotel garden.

Green-crowned Brilliant *Heliodoxa jacula henryi*

(3) Monteverde Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5 and Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

Seen at feeders at two sites.

Admirable Hummingbird *Eugenes spectabilis*

(3) La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6, Hotel Savegre 2.6 and Paraiso del Quetzal Lodge 2.6.

A split of Magnificent Hummingbird. Fairly common at feeders in the Talamanca highlands.

Purple-crowned Fairy *Heliothryx barroti*

(1) Villa Lapas 26.5.

Brief views in the forest.

Long-billed Starthroat *Heliomaster longirostris longirostris*

(1) Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

A perched bird showed well at this site.

Volcano Hummingbird *Selasphorus flammula torridus*

(3) Observed Hotel Savegre 31-2.6, La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5 and Paraiso del Quetzal Lodge 2.6.

Fairly common in the Talamanca highlands.

Scintillant Hummingbird *Selasphorus scintilla*

(2) 2 Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5 and Parada Empalme 2.6.

Birds were seen well at two sites.

Trogon Trogonidae

Resplendent Quetzal (NT) *Pharomachrus mocinno costaricensis*

(2) Monteverde Reserve 25.5 and Hotel Savegre 2.6.

Several splendid males (but also females) were seen near their nesting sites.

Slaty-tailed Trogon *Trogon massena hoffmanni*

(2) Villa Lapas 28.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Observed well at two sites.

Black-headed Trogon

Trogon melanocephalus

(2) Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5 and 1 heard Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5.

Nice scope views of a male.

Baird's Trogon (NT)

Trogon bairdii

(3) Carara NP 27.5, 1 heard Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5 and 1 heard Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

A stunning male was scoped in the forest of Carara.

Gartered Trogon

Trogon caligatus sallaei

(3) Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Birds showing well at various sites.

Black-throated Trogon

Trogon rufus tenellus

(1) Carara NP 27.5.

A male in the forest.

Collared Trogon

Trogon collaris puella

(2) Hotel Savegre 1.6 and Hotel Savegre 2.6.

aurantiiventris:

(2) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5 and Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

Birds in the Monteverde area were of the subspecies *aurantiiventris* which is sometimes treated as a separate species: Orange-bellied Trogon.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Green Kingfisher

Chloroceryle americana septentrionalis

(4) Villa Lapas 26.5, Villa Lapas 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and Talari Lodge 31.5.

Singletons observed at multiple sites.

Amazon Kingfisher

Chloroceryle amazona

(1) Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

A single bird was seen from the bridge.

Ringed Kingfisher

Megaceryle torquata torquata

(4) Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and Gamba road 30.5.

Birds were observed well at various locations.

Motmots Momotidae

Lesson's Motmot

Momotus lessonii lessonii

(5) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Santuario Ecológico road, Monteverde 24.5, Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Curi Cancha Reserve 25.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5, 1 heard Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5 and 1 heard Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

Fairly common and widespread in Costa Rica.

Turquoise-browed Motmot

Eumomota superciliosa australis

(4) Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, en route 25.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5 and Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5.

Seen well at various sites along the northwest coast.

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

(2) 1 heard Villa Lapas 26.5 and 1 heard Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Heard-only.

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

(1) Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5.

An adult was scoped in the canopy.

White-whiskered Puffbird*Malacoptila panamensis panamensis*

(2) 2 Villa Lapas 26.5 and Carara NP 27.5.

Great views of birds in the forest.

New World Barbets *Capitonidae***Red-headed Barbet***Eubucco bourcierii salvini*

(1) Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

A female showing well at her nest site.

Toucan-Barbets *Semnornithidae***Prong-billed Barbet***Semnornis frantzii*

(1) 2 Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

A pair was watched for a prolonged time at close range.

Toucans *Ramphastidae***Blue-throated Toucanet***Aulacorhynchus caeruleogularis caeruleogularis*

(3) Santuario Ecológico road, Monteverde 24.5, Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5 and Hotel Savegre 2.6.

A split of Emerald Toucanet. Seen well at various sites.

Collared Aracari*Pteroglossus torquatus torquatus*

(1) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5.

Nice scope views of adults along the road.

Fiery-billed Aracari*Pteroglossus frantzii*

(3) Villa Lapas 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and Talari Lodge 31.5.

Birds were seen well at three different sites.

Keel-billed Toucan*Ramphastos sulfuratus brevicarinatus*

(3) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5 and Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5.

Fairly regular in the lower parts of the Monteverde area.

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

(5) Villa Lapas 27.5, Villa Lapas 28.5, Gamba road 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5 and 1 heard Talari Lodge 31.5.

Fairly common in the southwestern lowlands. This race is sometimes called Chestnut-mandibled Toucan.

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

(2) Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Great views of these tiny woodpeckers at two locations.

Acorn Woodpecker*Melanerpes formicivorus striatipectus*

(3) Observed Hotel Savegre 31-2.6, La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5 and Parada Empalme 2.6.
Common in the Savegre region.

Golden-naped Woodpecker*Melanerpes chrysauchen*

(2) 1 heard Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Gamba road 30.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.
Our best views were along Gamba road where a pair was scoped.

Red-crowned Woodpecker*Melanerpes rubricapillus rubricapillus*

(3) Gamba road 28.5, Gamba road 29.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5
and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.
Fairly common in the southwestern lowlands.

Hoffmann's Woodpecker*Melanerpes hoffmannii*

(6) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Punta
Morales Ponds 23.5, Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5,
Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, observed Villa Lapas 26-28.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5
and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Fairly common along the northern Pacific coast and in the central valley.

Smoky-brown Woodpecker*Leuconotopicus fumigatus sanguinolentus*

(2) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5 and Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

Birds were observed at two sites.

Hairy Woodpecker*Leuconotopicus villosus extimus*

(2) La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5 and Hotel Savegre 1.6.

Close-up views in the garden of La Georgina.

Rufous-winged Woodpecker*Piculus simplex*

(1) 1 heard Gamba road 30.5.

Calling but not showing.

Golden-olive Woodpecker*Colaptes rubiginosus yucatanensis*

(2) 2 Juntas to Monteverde 23.5 and 1 heard Santuario Ecológico road, Monteverde 24.5.

Seen well on our way to Monteverde.

Lineated Woodpecker*Dryocopus lineatus lineatus*

(2) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5 and Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5.

Seen well at two sites.

Pale-billed Woodpecker*Campephilus guatemalensis guatemalensis*

(1) Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5.

Photographed by a single observer.

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

(8) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, en route 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5,
Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, en
route 29.5 and en route 30.5.

Fairly common along the northern Pacific coast.

Yellow-headed Caracara*Milvago chimachima cordata*

(5) Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 26.5,
Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Small numbers were observed at different sites.

Laughing Falcon*Herpetotheres cachinnans cachinnans*

(1) 1 heard Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 25.5.

Calling at dusk.

Collared Forest Falcon*Micrastur semitorquatus naso*

(1) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Superb views from the bus of a bird trying to hunt chachalacas.

Bat Falcon*Falco ruficularis petoensis*

(1) 2 Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5.

A pair perched in the top of an electricity mast.

African & New World Parrots Psittacidae**Orange-chinned Parakeet***Brotogeris jugularis jugularis*

(7) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Gamba road 30.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Fairly common and widespread. An aberrant yellow individual was photographed.

Brown-hooded Parrot*Pyrilia haematotis haematotis*

(2) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Flocks of birds in flight.

White-crowned Parrot*Pionus senilis*

(4) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Nice perch views in San Isidro.

White-fronted Amazon*Amazona albifrons nana*

(3) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5 and Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5.

Regular flying by at Hotel Montaña.

Red-lored Amazon*Amazona autumnalis salvini*

(2) Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

In the mangroves.

Yellow-naped Amazon (VU)*Amazona auropalliata auropalliata*

(5) 2 en route 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Various sightings along the northwest coast.

Northern Mealy Amazon (NT)*Amazona guatemalae virenticeps*

(1) Villa Lapas 26.5.

Birds perched up in the canopy.

Sulphur-winged Parakeet*Pyrrhura hoffmanni hoffmanni*

(3) Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6 and Hotel Savegre 2.6.

Fairly common around the hotel.

Orange-fronted Parakeet*Eupsittula canicularis canicularis*

(1) Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5.

A pair in flight.

Brown-throated Parakeet*Eupsittula pertinax ocularis*

(2) Gamba road 29.5 and Gamba road 30.5.

A small flock was seen well.

Scarlet Macaw*Ara macao macao*

(4) Villa Lapas 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Carara NP 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Fairly common in the Tarcoles area where seen really well.

Finsch's Parakeet*Psittacara finschi*

(4) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5 and Cartago Valley 2.6.

Birds were observed at various sites.

Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers *Furnariidae***Pale-breasted Spinetail***Synallaxis albescens latitabunda*

(2) Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and Gamba road 30.5.

Good views along Gamba road.

Slaty Spinetail*Synallaxis brachyura nigrifumosa*

(1) 1 heard Gamba road 28.5.

Heard-only.

Red-faced Spinetail*Cranioleuca erythroptus rufigenis*

(2) Monteverde Reserve 25.5 and Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

Showing well in the canopy.

Spotted Barbtail*Premnoplex brunnescens brunneicauda*

(1) Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

A single bird showed really well.

Ruddy Treerunner*Margarornis rubiginosus rubiginosus*

(2) Hotel Savegre 1.6, Parada Empalme 2.6 and Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6.

Fairly common in the mixed-species flocks.

Buffy Tuftedcheek*Pseudocolaptes lawrencii*

(3) 1 heard La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6 and Paraiso del Quetzal Lodge 2.6.

A couple of birds were seen with mixed-species flocks.

Lineated Foliage-gleaner*Syndactyla subalaris lineata*

(1) Hotel Savegre 1.6.

Birds were observed in the forest along El Roble trail.

Streak-breasted Treehunter*Thripadectes rufobrunneus*

(1) Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

Showing nicely in the forest.

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner*Automolus ochrolaemus exsertus*

(1) Villa Lapas 26.5.

Seen well in the forest behind the hotel.

Grey-throated Leaf-tosser (NT)*Sclerurus albigularis canigularis*

(1) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5.

A bird was watched flipping leaves in the rain.

Plain Xenops*Xenops minutus ridgwayi*

(4) Villa Lapas 26.5, Carara NP 27.5, Gamba road 30.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Seen at various sites often with mixed-species flocks.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper*Sittasomus griseicapillus sylvioides*

(1) Santuario Ecológico road, Monteverde 24.5 and Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5.

Seen well on a number of occasions.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper*Glyphorynchus spirurus pectoralis*

(1) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

A colour-banded individual in the forest.

Northern Barred Woodcreeper*Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae hesperius*

(3) Santuario Ecológico road, Monteverde 24.5, 1 heard Carara NP 27.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Showing nicely at the Santuario Ecológico road.

Cocoa Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus susurrans costaricensis*

(5) 1 heard Santuario Ecológico road, Monteverde 24.5, 1 heard Carara NP 27.5, 1 heard Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, 1 heard Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Heard often but finally seen well at Esquinas.

Black-striped Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus eximius*

(2) Carara NP 27.5 and 1 heard Gamba road 30.5.

Seen well in the forest.

Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius punctigula*

(1) Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

Seen a couple of times here.

Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii compressus*

(5) Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, 1 heard Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, 1 heard Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Villa Lapas 27.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Fairly common in the Pacific lowlands.

Spot-crowned Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes affinis neglectus*

(3) La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6 and 1 heard Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6.

Fairly common in the mixed-species flocks.

Antbirds *Thamnophilidae*

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus intermedius*

(3) Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and 1 heard Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Males showing well at two sites.

Black-hooded Antshrike *Thamnophilus bridgesi*

(3) Carara NP 27.5, 2 Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Great views on a number of occasions.

Plain Antwren *Dysithamnus mentalis septentrionalis*

(1) 2 Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5.

In the forest midstorey.

Slaty Antwren *Myrmotherula schisticolor schisticolor*

(2) 2 Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5 and 2 Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

Moving along in the midstorey with mixed-species flocks.

Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhoppias quixensis virgatus*

(2) Carara NP 27.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Seen well on a number of occasions.

Dusky Antbird *Cercomacra tyrannina crepera*

(1) 1 heard Villa Lapas 26.5.

Heard-only.

Chestnut-backed Antbird *Myrmeciza exsul occidentalis*

(3) 2 Villa Lapas 26.5, Carara NP 27.5 and 1 heard Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Showing exceptionally well at an insect feeding frenzy.

Zeledon's Antbird *Myrmeciza zeledoni zeledoni*

(1) 1 heard Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

Heard-only.

Bicolored Antbird

Gymnopithys bicolor olivascens

(1) Carara NP 27.5.

Showing well with ants.

Antthrushes Formicariidae

Black-faced Antthrush

Formicarius analis hoffmanni

(2) Carara NP 27.5 and 1 heard Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Observed well by few people only.

Antpittas Grallariidae

Streak-chested Antpitta

Hylopezus perspicillatus lizanoi

(1) Carara NP 27.5.

Excellent views of a bird hopping on the forest floor.

Tapaculos Rhinocryptidae

Silvery-fronted Tapaculo

Scytalopus argentifrons argentifrons

(2) 1 heard Monteverde Reserve 25.5 and Hotel Savegre 1.6.

Great views of an adult skulking along El Roble trail.

Tyrant Flycatchers Tyrannidae

Greenish Elaenia

Myiopagis viridicata accola

(2) Carara NP 27.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Singletons were observed at two sites.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia

Elaenia flavogaster subpagana

(5) Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, 1 heard Gamba road 28.5, 1 heard Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Observed on a number of occasions.

Lesser Elaenia

Elaenia chiriquensis chiriquensis

(1) San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

A single bird was recorded.

Mountain Elaenia

Elaenia frantzii frantzii

(3) Monteverde Reserve 25.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6, Hotel Savegre 2.6 and Parada Empalme 2.6.

Not uncommon in the highlands.

Northern Beardless Tyrannulet

Camptostoma imberbe

(1) Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5.

A singleton was watched in the dry forest.

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet

Camptostoma obsoletum flaviventre

(2) 1 heard Villa Lapas 26.5 and 1 heard San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Heard-only.

Torrent Tyrannulet

Serpophaga cinerea grisea

(1) Hotel Savegre 2.6.

Seen by few observers at the bridge of the hotel.

Yellow Tyrannulet

Capsiempis flaveola semiflava

(2) 2 Gamba road 30.5 and 1 heard San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Showing nicely after playback.

Mistletoe Tyrannulet

Zimmerius parvus

(6) 1 heard Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, 1 heard Monteverde Reserve 25.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge

30.5, San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6, Parada Empalme 2.6 and Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6.

A split of Paltry Tyrannulet. Widespread and common by voice. Seen well on a number of occasions.

Olive-striped Flycatcher

Mionectes olivaceus olivaceus

(1) 1 heard Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

Heard-only.

Northern Scrub Flycatcher

Sublegatus arenarum arenarum

(4) Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Seen well a couple of times in the mangroves.

Northern Bentbill

Oncostoma cinereigulare

(3) Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, 1 heard Carara NP 27.5 and 1 heard Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Nice views of this species along the road to La Ensenada.

Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant

Lophotriccus pileatus luteiventris

(1) Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

Calling from the canopy.

Slaty-headed Tody-Flycatcher

Poecilatriccus sylvia schistaceiceps

(1) Carara NP 27.5.

Observed in dense tangle of the midstorey.

Common Tody-Flycatcher

Todirostrum cinereum wetmorei

(7) Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5, observed Villa Lapas 26-28.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Gamba road 28.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5, Talari Lodge 31.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Fairly common and widespread.

Eye-ringed Flatbill

Rhynchocyclus brevirostris brevirostris

(1) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

A single bird was seen perched in the midstorey.

Yellow-olive Flatbill

Tolmomyias sulphurescens cinereiceps

(6) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, 1 heard Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Carara NP 27.5, 1 heard Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Widespread and common by voice. Seen well on a number of occasions.

Stub-tailed Spadebill

Platyrrinchus cancrinus

(1) 1 heard Carara NP 27.5.

Heard-only.

White-throated Spadebill

Platyrrinchus mystaceus neglectus

(1) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5.

Showing well in the forest undergrowth.

Black Phoebe

Sayornis nigricans amnicola

(1) Talari Lodge 31.5.

At the river.

Northern Tufted Flycatcher

Mitrephanes phaeocercus aurantiiventris

(3) 2 Monteverde Reserve 25.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6 and Hotel Savegre 2.6.

Seen well on a number of occasions.

Olive-sided Flycatcher (NT)

Contopus cooperi

(2) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5 and Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

A late boreal migrant.

Ochraceous Pewee

Contopus ochraceus

(1) Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6.

Excellent scope views of a singing adult.

Tropical Pewee

Contopus cinereus rhizophorus

(2) Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Gamba road 28.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

A few birds were observed.

Yellowish Flycatcher

Empidonax flavescens flavescens

(4) Monteverde Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6 and Hotel Savegre 2.6.

Good views on a number of occasions.

Black-capped Flycatcher

Empidonax atriceps

(2) Hotel Savegre 1.6 and Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6.

Seen at a few sites in the Talamanca highlands.

Piratic Flycatcher

Legatus leucophaius leucophaius

(6) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, up to 1 Villa Lapas 26-28.5, Carara NP 27.5, Gamba road 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Fairly common in the Pacific lowlands.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher

Myiozetetes cayanensis

(1) Gamba road 28.5.

Local in Costa Rica. Birds were vocalising.

Social Flycatcher

Myiozetetes similis columbianus

(9) en route 23.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, en route 25.5, observed Villa Lapas 26-28.5, observed Gamba road 28-30.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5, Talari Lodge 31.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Common and widespread.

Grey-capped Flycatcher

Myiozetetes granadensis granadensis

(6) Observed Villa Lapas 26-28.5, Gamba road 28.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5 and Talari Lodge 31.5.

Fairly common in the Pacific lowlands.

Great Kiskadee

Pitangus sulphuratus guatemalensis

(11) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, observed Villa Lapas 26-28.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Gamba road 29.5, Gamba road 30.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5, Talari Lodge 31.5, San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5 and Cartago Valley 2.6.

Common and widespread.

Golden-bellied Flycatcher

Myiodynastes hemichrysus

(1) Hotel Savegre 1.6.

Showing well inside the forest.

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher

Myiodynastes luteiventris

(1) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5.

A probable migrant.

Streaked Flycatcher

Myiodynastes maculatus difficilis

(6) Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5, Villa Lapas 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Villa Lapas 28.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Fairly common in the Pacific lowlands.

Boat-billed Flycatcher

Megarynchus pitangua mexicanus

(5) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, en route 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Observed a number of times.

Tropical Kingbird

Tyrannus melancholicus satrapa

(12) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, en route 23.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5, en route 25.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, observed Gamba road 28-30.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, Villa Lapas 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5, Talari Lodge 31.5, San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6 and Parada Empalme 2.6.

Common and widespread.

Rufous Mourner

Rhytipterna holerythra holerythra

(1) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Observed in the forest.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher

Myiarchus tuberculifer nigricapillus

(2) Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Seen in mangrove edge habitat.

Panamanian Flycatcher

Myiarchus panamensis panamensis

(4) Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, 1 heard Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

A couple of birds were observed in the mangroves.

Nutting's Flycatcher

Myiarchus nuttingi nuttingi

(1) Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5.

Probably this species was involved. Very similar to Brown-crested Flycatcher.

Brown-crested Flycatcher

Myiarchus tyrannulus brachyurus

(4) Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, 1 heard Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Fairly common in the area but very similar to Nutting's.

Bright-rumped Attila

Attila spadiceus citreopyga

(4) 1 heard Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, 2 Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Seen really well at Rio Rincon.

Cotingas Cotingidae

Turquoise Cotinga (VU)

Cotinga ridgwayi

(1) San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

A female was scoped for a prolonged time.

Three-wattled Bellbird (VU)

Procnias tricarunculatus

(2) 4 Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5 and 1 heard Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

Up to three adult males were watched in the canopy in full display! Recorded at various sites in the Monteverde area.

Rufous Piha

Lipaugus unirufus unirufus

(1) Carara NP 27.5.

A single bird in the canopy.

Yellow-billed Cotinga (EN)

Carpodectes antoniae

(1) Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Males and females were seen in the canopy and at a fruiting tree.

Manakins Pipridae

Long-tailed Manakin

Chiroxiphia linearis

(4) 1 heard Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Santuario Ecológico road, Monteverde 24.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5 and 1 heard Villa Lapas 26.5.

Males showed really well near La Ensenada.

Orange-collared Manakin

Manacus aurantiacus

(1) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

A male and a female showed nicely in the forest understory.

Red-capped Manakin

Ceratopipra mentalis ignifera

(1) Carara NP 27.5.

A male on territory was scoped for a prolonged time.

Tityras, Becards Tityridae

Northern Royal Flycatcher

Onychorhynchus mexicanus mexicanus

(1) Villa Lapas 26.5.

Nice views of a nesting bird in the forest behind the hotel.

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher

Terenotriccus erythrurus fulvicularis

(1) Carara NP 27.5.

Seen well in the forest midstorey.

Black-crowned Tityra

Tityra inquisitor fraserii

(4) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Birds were seen at various locations.

Masked Tityra

Tityra semifasciata costaricensis

(7) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and Gamba road 30.5.

Fairly common and widespread.

Barred Becard

Pachyramphus versicolor costaricensis

(2) Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5 and Hotel Savegre 1.6.

Seen well at two sites in the highlands.

Cinnamon Becard

Pachyramphus cinnamomeus fulvidior

(2) 1 heard Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and 2 Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

A pair was observed from the boat.

White-winged Becard

Pachyramphus polychopterus similis

(3) Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Carara NP 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and 1 heard Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Seen well on a number of occasions.

Rose-throated Becard

Pachyramphus aglaiae latirostris

(2) Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5 and Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5.

Fairly common in the Manzanillo dry forest.

Vireos Vireonidae

Rufous-browed Peppershrike

Cyclarhis gujanensis subflavescens

(5) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles

Estuary 28.5 and Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

Fairly common by voice. Seen well on a number of occasions.

Green Shrike-Vireo

Vireolanius pulchellus verticalis

(1) 1 heard Carara NP 27.5.

Singing from the canopy.

Mangrove Vireo

Vireo pallens nicoyensis

(2) Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Showing well in the mangroves close to town.

Yellow-winged Vireo

Vireo carmioli

(3) La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6 and Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6.

Fairly common in the mixed-species flocks.

Brown-capped Vireo

Vireo leucophrys chiriquensis

(1) Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

Observed well in the canopy.

Yellow-green Vireo

Vireo flavoviridis flavoviridis

(4) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5 and Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5.

Fairly common in the drier Pacific lowlands.

Tawny-crowned Greenlet

Hylophilus ochraceiceps pacificus

(2) 1 heard Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5 and Carara NP 27.5.

Seen in the forest with a mixed-species flock.

Lesser Greenlet

Hylophilus decurtatus decurtatus

(8) 1 heard Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5, 1 heard Villa Lapas 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, 1 heard Carara NP 27.5, 1 heard Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, 1 heard Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Fairly common and widespread.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae

Azure-hooded Jay

Cyanolyca cucullata cucullata

(1) 6 Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

Fantastic views of up to 6 birds inside the reserve.

Silvery-throated Jay

Cyanolyca argentigula argentigula

(1) Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6.

A single adult was seen well along the road.

Brown Jay

Psilorhinus morio morio

(3) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5 and Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5.

Fairly common and widespread.

White-throated Magpie-Jay

Calocitta formosa pompata

(4) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 25.5 and Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5.

This striking species was seen at various sites including the breakfast table of La Ensenada.

Silky-flycatchers Ptiliogonatidae

Black-and-yellow Phainoptila

Phainoptila melanoxantha melanoxantha

(2) Cerro de la Muerte 1.6, Parada Empalme 2.6 and Paraiso del Quetzal Lodge 2.6.

Multiple pairs were observed in the Talamanca highlands.

Long-tailed Silky-flycatcher*Ptiliogonys caudatus*

(3) Observed Hotel Savegre 31-2.6, Parada Empalme 2.6, Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6 and Paraiso del Quetzal Lodge 2.6.

Fairly common in the Talamanca highlands.

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

(5) Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Seen well at various sites along the coast.

Grey-breasted Martin*Progne chalybea chalybea*

(6) Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, en route 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, en route 30.5, San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5 and Cartago Valley 2.6.

Seen at a number of sites.

Blue-and-white Swallow*Notiochelidon cyanoleuca cyanoleuca*

(10) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5, en route 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, en route 30.5, San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5, La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6, Hotel Savegre 2.6 and Parada Empalme 2.6.

Common and widespread.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis decolor*

(2) en route 28.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Small numbers were observed.

Wrens *Troglodytidae***Rufous-backed Wren***Campylorhynchus capistratus capistratus*

(5) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Villa Lapas 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Fairly common in the drier Pacific lowlands and central valley.

Grass Wren*Cistothorus platensis lucidus*

(1) Cartago Valley 2.6.

A singing bird was briefly observed in the tall and dense grass.

Black-bellied Wren*Pheugopedius fasciatoventris melanogaster*

(2) 1 heard Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Seen well at Esquinas.

Rufous-breasted Wren*Pheugopedius rutilus hyperythrus*

(2) Carara NP 27.5 and 1 heard San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Showing nicely at Carara.

Banded Wren*Thryophilus pleurostictus ravus*

(3) Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, 1 heard Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 25.5 and Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5.

Seen well on a number of occasions in dry forest.

Rufous-and-white Wren*Thryophilus rufalbus castanonotus*

(3) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, 1 heard Curi Cancha Reserve 25.5 and 1 heard Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

Fairly common in the Monteverde area.

Cabanis's Wren*Cantorchilus modestus*

(3) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5 and 1 heard Carara NP 27.5.

Fairly common by voice and seen on a number of occasions.

Isthmian Wren *Cantorchilus elutus*

(3) Up to 1 Gamba road 28-30.5.

Nice scope views along Gamba road.

Riverside Wren *Cantorchilus semibadius*

(4) Villa Lapas 26.5, Carara NP 27.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Fairly common in the humid Pacific lowlands forests.

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon intermedius*

(9) Monteverde Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5, observed Villa Lapas 26-28.5, Gamba road 29.5, Gamba road 30.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5, Talari Lodge 31.5 and Cartago Valley 2.6.

Common and widespread.

Ochraceous Wren *Troglodytes ochraceus ochraceus*

(3) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5 and Hotel Savegre 1.6.

Seen on a number of occasions in the highlands.

Timberline Wren *Thryorchilus browni*

(3) Antennas Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, Cerro de la Muerte 1.6 and 1 heard Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6.

Seen well at high elevations in the Talamaca mountains.

Grey-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys collina*

(5) 1 heard Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5, 1 heard Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6, Hotel Savegre 2.6 and 1 heard Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6.

Fairly common by voice. Seen well at Savegre.

Southern Nightingale-Wren *Microcerculus marginatus luscini*

(4) 1 heard Villa Lapas 26.5, Carara NP 27.5, 1 heard Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Seen in the forest understorey of Esquinas. Sometimes named Scaly-breasted Wren.

Gnatcatchers *Poliophtilidae*

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus rufiventris*

(2) Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5 and 1 heard Carara NP 27.5.

Seen well near La Ensenada.

White-lored Gnatcatcher *Poliophtila albiloris albiloris*

(1) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5.

Showing well in a tree next to the ponds.

Tropical Gnatcatcher *Poliophtila plumbea superciliaris*

(4) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, 1 heard Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Fairly common and widespread.

Mockingbirds and Thrashers *Mimidae*

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus tolimensis*

(2) en route 28.5 and Gamba road 29.5.

Small numbers were observed in the Golfito region.

Thrushes and Allies *Turdidae***Black-faced Solitaire***Myadestes melanops*

(3) Monteverde Reserve 25.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6 and 1 heard Hotel Savegre 2.6.

Seen well on a number of occasions.

Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush*Catharus gracilirostris gracilirostris*

(3) Antennas Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, Cerro de la Muerte 1.6 and Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6.

Fairly common at higher elevations of Cerro de la Muerte.

Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush*Catharus aurantirostris costaricensis*

(3) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Santuario Ecológico road, Monteverde 24.5 and 1 heard Talari Lodge 31.5.

Good views on a number of occasions.

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush*Catharus fuscater hellmayri*

(2) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 24.5 and Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

Seen well in the forest.

Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush*Catharus frantzii frantzii*

(3) Observed Hotel Savegre 31-2.6.

Common in the hotel garden.

Sooty Thrush*Turdus nigrescens*

(3) Antennas Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, Hotel Savegre 31.5, La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, Cerro de la Muerte 1.6 and Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6.

Common at higher elevations of Cerro de la Muerte.

Mountain Thrush*Turdus plebejus plebejus*

(1) Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

A single adult was seen from the hanging bridge.

Clay-colored Thrush*Turdus grayi casius*

(12) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Santuario Ecológico road, Monteverde 24.5, Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Curi Cancha Reserve 25.5, Monteverde Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, observed Villa Lapas 26-28.5, observed Villa Lapas 26-26.5, en route 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Carara NP 27.5, Gamba road 28.5, Gamba road 29.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5, Talari Lodge 31.5, Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5, San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6, Hotel Savegre 2.6 and Paraiso del Quetzal Lodge 2.6.

Common and widespread.

White-throated Thrush*Turdus assimilis cnephosus*

(2) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5 and Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

Seen nicely at various sites.

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

(6) en route 23.5, en route 24.5, observed en route 23-23.5, en route 28.5, en route 30.5, San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5 and en route 2.6.

Introduced. Commonly seen in towns.

Finches, Euphonias *Fringillidae***Scrub Euphonia***Euphonia affinis affinis*

(4) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, 1 heard Manzanillo--La

Ensenada Lodge 26.5 and 1 heard Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5.

Seen well in dry forest habitat.

Yellow-crowned Euphonia

Euphonia luteicapilla

(3) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Scoped a couple of times.

Thick-billed Euphonia

Euphonia lanirostris crassirostris

(2) Gamba road 28.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Small numbers were observed.

Yellow-throated Euphonia

Euphonia hirundinacea gnatho

(6) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, 1 heard Villa Lapas 26.5, Carara NP 27.5 and en route 28.5.

Fairly common and widespread.

Elegant Euphonia

Euphonia elegantissima vincens

(2) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5 and Hotel Savegre 1.6.

Males and females were observed.

Spot-crowned Euphonia

Euphonia imitans

(2) Carara NP 27.5 and Gamba road 30.5.

Males showing well in low vegetation along Gamba road.

Golden-browed Chlorophonia

Chlorophonia callophrys

(2) Monteverde Reserve 25.5 and 1 heard Hotel Savegre 1.6.

Fantastic views of a male feeding on berries in the forest.

New World Warblers Parulidae

Flame-throated Warbler

Oreothlypis gutturalis

(3) La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6 and Hotel Savegre 2.6.

Seen well on a number of occasions in the Talamanca highlands.

Grey-crowned Yellowthroat

Geothlypis poliocephala icterotis

(2) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5 and Cartago Valley 2.6.

Good views at two sites.

Tropical Parula

Setophaga pitiayumi inornata

(2) Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5 and Hotel Savegre 2.6.

Showing well in the garden of Tolomuco.

Mangrove Warbler

Setophaga petechia xanthotera

(4) Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Salinas northwest of la Ensenada lodge 26.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Fairly common in the mangroves along the Pacific coast.

Buff-rumped Warbler

Myiothlypis fulvicauda veraguensis

(4) Villa Lapas 26.5, Villa Lapas 27.5, Carara NP 27.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Nesting at Villa Lapas.

Rufous-capped Warbler

Basileuterus rufifrons delatirii

(2) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5 and 1 heard Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5.

Seen nicely on our way to Monteverde.

Black-cheeked Warbler

Basileuterus melanogenys melanogenys

(2) Antennas Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, Cerro de la Muerte 1.6 and Hotel Savegre 1.6.

Great views in scrub near the antennas.

Golden-crowned Warbler

Basileuterus culicivorus godmani

(2) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5 and Curi Cancha Reserve 25.5.

Fairly common in the reserve.

Black-eared Warbler

Basileuterus melanotis

(1) Monteverde Reserve 25.5.

Also called Costa Rican Warbler. Various were seen within the reserve.

Slate-throated Whitestart

Myioborus miniatus comptus

(3) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5 and Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

Fairly common in lower montane forest.

Collared Whitestart

Myioborus torquatus

(3) La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6 and Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6.

Fairly common in the mixed-species flocks at higher elevations.

Family uncertain *Incertae Sedis* 2

Wrenthrush

Zeledonia coronata

(2) La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5 and Hotel Savegre 1.6.

A singing bird was observed nicely at La Georgina.

Troupials and Allies *Icteridae*

Eastern Meadowlark

Sturnella magna alticola

(4) Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, en route 25.5, Gamba road 29.5 and Cartago Valley 2.6.

Small numbers were observed in open habitats.

Red-breasted Blackbird

Sturnella militaris

(2) Gamba road 29.5 and Gamba road 30.5.

A few were present in the fields along Gamba road.

Chestnut-headed Oropendola

Psarocolius wagleri ridgwayi

(1) 1 heard Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5.

Heard-only.

Montezuma Oropendola

Psarocolius montezuma

(3) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5 and en route 28.5.

Seen briefly on a number of occasions.

Scarlet-rumped Cacique

Cacicus microrhynchus microrhynchus

(2) 1 heard Rio Rincon bridge 29.5 and 1 heard Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Heard-only.

Streak-backed Oriole

Icterus pustulatus sclateri

(4) 2 Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Manzanillo--La

Ensenada Lodge 26.5 and Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5.

Showing well at La Ensenada.

Spot-breasted Oriole

Icterus pectoralis espinachi

(4) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge

25.5 and Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5.

Resident in the garden of Hotel Robledal.

Red-winged Blackbird

Agelaius phoeniceus richmondi

(1) Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5.

A male was watched from the bridge.

Bronzed Cowbird

Molothrus aeneus aeneus

(5) Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5 and observed Gamba road 28-30.5.

Fairly common and widespread.

Melodious Blackbird*Dives dives*

(8) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and observed Gamba road 28-30.5.

Common and widespread.

Great-tailed Grackle*Quiscalus mexicanus peruvianus*

(11) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, observed Villa Lapas 26-28.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, observed Gamba road 28-30.5, Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5 and Cartago Valley 2.6.

Abundant.

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

(6) Monteverde Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5, Gamba road 28.5, Gamba road 29.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Fairly common and widespread.

Buntings, Sparrows and Allies Emberizidae**Rufous-collared Sparrow***Zonotrichia capensis costaricensis*

(5) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5, Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5, observed Hotel Savegre 31-2.6, La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, Cartago Valley 2.6 and Paraiso del Quetzal Lodge 2.6.

Fairly common and widespread at higher elevations.

Volcano Junco*Junco vulcani*

(1) Antennas Cerro de la Muerte 31.5.

Seen well at the highest point of the road.

Stripe-headed Sparrow*Peucaea ruficauda ruficauda*

(3) Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5 and Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 26.5.

Fairly common in the area of La Ensenada. Also seen by a single observer at Hotel de Montaña Monteverde.

Cabanis's Ground Sparrow*Melozone cabanisi*

(1) 2 Juntas to Monteverde 23.5.

Endemic. A pair was unexpectedly discovered at a coffee plantation en route to Monteverde.

White-eared Ground Sparrow*Melozone leucotis leucotis*

(2) 2 Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5 and Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5.

Seen well on a number of occasions in the Monteverde region.

Olive Sparrow*Arremonops rufivirgatus superciliosus*

(2) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5 and Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5.

A few were observed in drier habitats.

Black-striped Sparrow*Arremonops conirostris striaticeps*

(3) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5 and Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

Showing well at Esquinas.

Orange-billed Sparrow*Arremon aurantirostris aurantirostris*

(4) Villa Lapas 26.5, Villa Lapas 27.5, Carara NP 27.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Fairly common but secretive in the humid Pacific lowlands.

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch *Arremon brunneinucha elsae*

(2) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5 and Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

Seen well at two sites.

Large-footed Finch *Pezopetes capitalis*

(1) La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5.

Fairly common at La Georgina.

White-naped Brushfinch *Atlapetes albinucha parvirostris*

(1) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5 and Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5.

Seen nicely on a number of occasions.

Yellow-thighed Finch *Pselliophorus tibialis*

(3) Observed Hotel Savegre 31-2.6 and Parada Empalme 2.6.

Fairly common around Hotel Savegre.

Common Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavopectus regionalis*

(4) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5, Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5 and Parada Empalme 2.6.

Fairly common at mid-elevation montane forests.

Sooty-capped Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus pileatus*

(2) Cerro de la Muerte 1.6, Hotel Savegre 1.6, Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6 and Paraiso del Quetzal Lodge 2.6.

Fairly common in the mixed-species flocks of the Talamanca highlands.

Tanagers and Allies *Thraupidae*

Grey-headed Tanager *Eucometis penicillata stictothorax*

(2) Villa Lapas 26.5 and Carara NP 27.5.

Seen well in the forest by few observers.

White-shouldered Tanager *Tachyphonus luctuosus nitidissimus*

(2) Carara NP 27.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5.

With mixed-species flocks.

Cherrie's Tanager *Ramphocelus costaricensis*

(6) Observed Villa Lapas 26-28.5, Gamba road 28.5, Gamba road 29.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5, Talari Lodge 31.5, Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Common in the Pacific lowlands.

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus cana*

(12) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Estero Mata de Limón 23.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5, observed Villa Lapas 26-28.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, observed Gamba road 28-30.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5, Talari Lodge 31.5, Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5, San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6 and Hotel Savegre 2.6.

Common and widespread.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum atripennis*

(6) Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5, Villa Lapas 27.5, Villa Lapas 28.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Common and widespread.

Silver-throated Tanager*Tangara icterocephala frantzii*

(4) 1 heard Curi Cancha Reserve 25.5, Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5, observed Hotel Savegre 31-2.6 and Parada Empalme 2.6.

Seen well at various hotel feeders.

Speckled Tanager*Tangara guttata eusticta*

(1) Talari Lodge 31.5.

Great views of a bird from the balcony.

Golden-hooded Tanager*Tangara larvata franciscae*

(3) Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5, Gamba road 30.5 and Talari Lodge 31.5. Small numbers were observed in the Pacific lowlands.

Spangle-checked Tanager*Tangara dowii*

(2) Hotel Savegre 1.6 and Parada Empalme 2.6.

Nice views of this species at Savegre.

Scarlet-thighed Dacnis*Dacnis venusta venusta*

(1) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5.

Males and females were observed in the forest.

Blue Dacnis*Dacnis cayana callaina*

(3) Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Gamba road 30.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Small numbers were observed.

Red-legged Honeycreeper*Cyanerpes cyaneus carneipes*

(4) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5 and Talari Lodge 31.5.

Fairly common in the Pacific lowlands.

Green Honeycreeper*Chlorophanes spiza argutus*

(1) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

A male was observed in the canopy.

Slaty Flowerpiercer*Diglossa plumbea*

(3) Antennas Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, observed Hotel Savegre 31-2.6, La Georgina, Cerro de la Muerte 31.5, Parada Empalme 2.6, Providencia road, Cerro de la Muerte 2.6 and Paraiso del Quetzal Lodge 2.6.

Fairly common in the Talamanca mountains.

Buff-throated Saltator*Saltator maximus intermedius*

(7) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Villa Lapas 26.5, Villa Lapas 27.5, Gamba road 28.5, Gamba road 29.5, Rio Rincon bridge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

Fairly common and widespread.

Greyish Saltator*Saltator coerulescens brevicaudus*

(4) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5 and Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5.

Small numbers were observed.

Streaked Saltator*Saltator striatipectus furax*

(1) San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.

A single bird was scoped.

Blue-black Grassquit*Volatinia jacarina splendens*

(2) Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5 and Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 26.5.

Fairly common in the region.

Variable Seedeater*Sporophila corvina hoffmanni*

(6) Villa Lapas 26.5, Villa Lapas 27.5, Carara NP 27.5, Gamba road 28.5, Gamba road 29.5, Esquinas

Rainforest Lodge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5 and San Isidro de El General - Minae 31.5.
Fairly common in open habitats of the Pacific lowlands.

White-collared Seedeater *Sporophila torqueola moreletii*

(4) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 25.5, Road between La Irma and La Ensenada 26.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

Good numbers were seen on the way to La Ensenada.

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater *Sporophila minuta centralis*

(1) Gamba road 29.5.

A male showed well along Gamba road.

Thick-billed Seed Finch *Oryzoborus funereus ochrogyne*

(3) Observed Gamba road 28-30.5.

Various males and females were observed.

Yellow-faced Grassquit *Tiaris olivaceus pusillus*

(6) Juntas to Monteverde 23.5, Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 24.5, Hotel de Montaña Monteverde 25.5, Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6 and Cartago Valley 2.6.

Fairly common and widespread.

Cardinals and Allies *Cardinalidae*

Flame-colored Tanager *Piranga bidentata citrea*

(3) Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5, observed Hotel Savegre 31-2.6 and Parada Empalme 2.6.
Common at the feeders of Hotel Savegre.

Tooth-billed Tanager *Piranga lutea testacea*

(1) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5.

A pair was seen in the reserve.

White-winged Tanager *Piranga leucoptera latifasciata*

(1) Hotel Savegre 1.6.

In the canopy along El Roble trail.

Red-crowned Ant Tanager *Habia rubica vinacea*

(1) 1 heard Villa Lapas 26.5.

Heard-only.

Black-cheeked Ant Tanager (EN) *Habia atrimaxillaris*

(1) 3 Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Endemic. Great views of this very local species in the forest understorey near the lodge.

Black-thighed Grosbeak *Pheucticus tibialis*

(1) Hotel Savegre 1.6.

Birds were observed in the hotel garden.

Blue-black Grosbeak *Cyanocompsa cyanooides caerulescens*

(2) 1 heard Carara NP 27.5 and 1 heard Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Singing birds were heard at a few sites.

Mammals (16 in total: 16 seen)

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Opossums *Didelphidae*

Black-eared Opossum

Didelphis marsupialis

(1) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5.

Seen after dusk in a palm plantation.

Two-toed Sloths *Megalonychidae*

Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth

Choloepus hoffmanni

(1) Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Scoped in the mangrove forest.

True Anteaters *Myrmecophagidae*

Northern Tamandua

Tamandua mexicana

(1) en route 28.5.

Seen by a single observer.

New World monkeys *Cebidae*

White-throated Capuchin

Cebus capucinus imitator

(3) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5, Carara NP 27.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Small numbers seen at various sites.

Howler, Spider, and Woolly Monkeys *Atelidae*

Mantled Howler Monkey

Alouatta palliata palliata

(5) 7 en route 23.5, 1 heard Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Monteverde Reserve 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 25.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5 and 1 heard Carara NP 27.5.

Common by voice but also seen nicely at various locations.

Geoffroy's Spider Monkey

Ateles geoffroyi

(2) Monteverde Reserve 25.5 and Carara NP 27.5.

A spectacular troop moved through the forest inside the Monteverde reserve.

Rabbits, Hares *Leporidae*

Eastern Cottontail

Sylvilagus floridanus

(1) Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 25.5.

Spotlighted after dusk.

Agoutis *Dasyproctidae*

Central American Agouti

Dasyprocta punctata

(6) Curi Cancha Reserve 24.5, Curi Cancha Reserve 25.5, Carara NP 27.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5 and Talari Lodge 31.5.

Fairly common and widespread.

Squirrels *Sciuridae*

Red-tailed Squirrel

Sciurus granatensis

(4) Monteverde Reserve 24.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5, Hotel Savegre 1.6 and Hotel Savegre 2.6.

Fairly common and widespread.

Variegated Squirrel

Sciurus variegatoides

(6) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 22.5, Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Carara NP 27.5, Villa Lapas 28.5 and Fortuna--Bosque del Tolomuco 31.5.

Seen well at various sites. Black morphs were also observed.

Raccoons and relatives *Procyonidae*

White-nosed Coati

Nasua narica

(2) Monteverde Reserve 24.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Up close at the Monteverde feeders.

Crab-eating Raccoon

Procyon cancrivorus

(1) Estero Mata de Limón 23.5.

Brief views of probably this species.

Oceanic Dolphins *Delphinidae*

Common Bottlenose Dolphin

Tursiops truncatus

(1) Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Most likely this species was involved. A couple were watched in the bay.

Sac-winged or Sheath-tailed Bats *Emballonuridae*

Northern Ghost Bat

Diclidurus albus

(1) Carara NP 27.5.

On a day roost in the forest.

Proboscis Bat

Rhynchonycteris naso

(1) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Roosting at the lodge.

Greater Sac-winged Bat

Saccopteryx bilineata

(2) Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Most likely this species was involved. Roosting at the lodge.

Amphibians

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True toads *Bufonidae*

Cane Toad

Rhinella marina

(2) Villa Lapas 26.5 and Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 30.5.

Poison dart frogs *Dendrobatidae*

Green and Black Poison Frog

Dendrobates auratus

(1) Villa Lapas 27.5 and Carara NP 27.5.

Reptiles

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Iguanas Iguanidae

Common Basilisk

Basiliscus basiliscus basiliscus

(5) Observed Villa Lapas 26-28.5, Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 29.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Oaxacan Spinytail Iguana

Ctenosaura quinquecarinata

(4) Punta Morales Ponds 23.5, Manzanillo--La Ensenada Lodge 26.5, Villa Lapas 26.5, Carara NP 27.5 and Villa Lapas 28.5.

Green Iguana

Iguana iguana

(2) Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5 and Rio Rincon bridge 29.5.

Geckos Gekkonidae

Common House Gecko

Hemidactylus frenatus

(4) Alajuela--Hotel Robledal 23.5, Carara NP 27.5, Villa Lapas 28.5 and Esquinas Rainforest Lodge 30.5.

Crocodiles and relatives Crocodylidae

American Crocodile

Crocodylus acutus

(2) Tarcoles Crocodile Bridge 27.5 and Rio Tarcoles Estuary 28.5.

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