

HONDURAS

16-20 NOV 2021

GUATEMALA

20 NOV-6 DEC 2021

MEXICO

6 DEC 2021 - 18 MAR 2022



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Tufted Jay, Barranca Rancho Liebre, Sinaloa. MEXICO.

## TEAM

<b>HONDURAS</b>	Bill Simpson with Andy Marshall
<b>GUATEMALA</b>	Bill Simpson with Andy Marshall & Graham Speight.
<b>MEXICO</b>	Bill Simpson with Andy Marshall 6 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec Graham Speight 6 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec Helen Simpson 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2022

## TRANSPORT ETC

**NATIONAL EXPRESS BUS** NOTTINGHAM- LHR T5 **£13.50 single outbound** and **£25.60 Return**.

**PRE-FLIGHT HOTEL** IBIS BUDGET LONDON HEATHROW T5 **£27.80**. A short shuttle bus ride from T5 (£6 each way!)  
This was a choice to start the trip relaxed at a very cheap price for an airport hotel at LHR.

## INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

**UK – MEXICO £736.27 pp rtn direct flights with BRITISH AIRWAYS.**

**15-NOV LHR 12.45 - 18.45 MEX.**

**18-MAR MEX 21.00 - 13.05 +1 LHR**

**MEXICO – HONDURAS – GUATEMALA – MEXICO £678.65**

**16-NOV MEX 08.30 – 11.00 SAP (SAN PEDRO SULA) AEROMEXICO**

**20-NOV SAP 17.30 – 18.30 GUA (GUATEMALA CITY) TAG**

**06-DEC GUA 17.35 – 19.50 MEX (MEXICO CITY) AEROMEXICO**

## MEXICAN INTERNAL FLIGHTS (1)

MEXICO CITY - LA PAZ **£136** one way pp inc 23KG baggage each.

**06-JAN MEX 11.05 - 12.37 LAP (LA PAZ 1 hr behind MEX) AEROMEXICO**

## MEXICAN INTERNAL FERRY (1)

**24 JAN LA PAZ 14.30-21.30 TOPOLOBAMPO c£54 one way pp including a snack bag!**

Dep 14.30 Arr 21.30.

## CAR RENTAL

### HONDURAS

Tour organised by Alexander Alvarez from pickup to drop off at San Pedro Sula Airport.

### GUATEMALA (1)

We hired a high clearance car for the three of us through Skyscanner/Europcar for 16 days for **c£706** with all insurances needed, but when we arrived there our car was not available and we had to take a normal saloon car at the same price. I think that as we had only reserved and not paid for the car that we basically got what was left. Anyway the car got us everywhere we needed to with the exception of some tracks at Sierra de los Cuchiantes and perhaps just with more undercarriage scrapings on the topes!

### MEXICO (3)

#### MEXICO CITY

We hired from Europcar direct at Mexico City Airport as the Europcar website wouldn't allow payment for some reason.

It cost **£1,071.89** for 30 days and again, although it was a nail, it got us to all the sites and was returned without any problems.

#### LA PAZ

We hired a car for two weeks from La Paz Auto Rental for **c £325**. The first car had a problem with the brakes but was swapped mid hire with no problems.

#### MAZATLAN

We hired a Renault Kwid from Europcar Mazatlan initially for 29 days for **£838** but then decided to extend till the end of the trip, another 17 days for a further **£903** which included a one way drop off-fee of c £400 in Mexico City.

The Europcar franchises were expensive but had no hidden charges and I had no problems either with, or returning, the 3 cars I rented from them. The drop off fee in Mexico City was very expensive but when compared to returning the car to Mazatlan was similar taking into account the fuel, extra hotels, return flight or bus and the extortionate road toll fees.

## BUS & TAXI

We caught a bus from Los Mochis to Mazatlan c£14 each and 6 hours and was very comfortable.

We also downloaded the **Didi app** which was superb for very cheap taxis around some towns and cities.



## GUIDES

### HONDURAS

**Alexander Alverado** Whatsapp +50433224082

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Website [www.honduranbirds.com](http://www.honduranbirds.com)

Alex was quick to reply to emails and Whatsapp messages and very good at organising all our target species at very short notice into the 5 days we had. Alex looked after us well and knew his birds and where best to look. A very professional and reliable guide. If you want a successful trip to Honduras then Alex is the man to talk to.

**Angel Fong** Whatsapp +50433289489

Website; [www.gobirdhonduras.com](http://www.gobirdhonduras.com)

Angel was contacted by Alex to look after us for the last 2 days in Honduras. Also very professional and knowledgeable, the enthusiastic Angel worked very hard to get us our remaining target species while also looking after us well.

**Both guides spoke excellent English and I would recommend them both as top guides for Honduras.**

### GUATEMALA

**Estaban Matias** Whatsapp +50253810540

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We contacted Esteban while in Guatemala via Whatsapp and he responded immediately. We organised a mornings birding in the Sierra de los Cuchaniantes area for some very tricky birds which Esteban knew very well. He organised us a 4x4 vehicle for the morning including the driver and he also came out to assist the night before in our search for nightbirds. We had a great time and saw all the main targets really well before the afternoon cloud descended.

**Josue De Leon** Whatsapp +50230688988

Website; [www.guatemalabirdingadventures.com](http://www.guatemalabirdingadventures.com)

We bumped into Josue while birding near Los Robles who helped us in our quest for Belted Flycatcher by organising another guide (**Hector**) for us for the next morning back near Santiago Atitlan. Josue leads Guatemala Birding Adventures and was very helpful and knowledgeable giving us a few tips for our last few days in Guatemala.

**Hector** Whatsapp +50251637669

Hector was contacted for us by Josue De Leon to arrange a mornings birding searching for Belted Flycatcher. We arranged the details with Hector via Whatsapp and he met us at our hotel in San Lucas Tolman at 5am and we drove to the site. We parked and met some locals who came along to search. They all put tremendous effort into trying to tease 1 or 2 birds into view and it took 2 hours to finally see one. Hector could have shown us lots more birds but unfortunately we had no more time.

### MEXICO

**Braulio Temich**

Contacted at the **Cabana Selva de los Colibries** at Adolfo Ruiz Cortines <https://goo.gl/maps/6DiUa55xZBCmjgdT8>

We had a morning and evening with Braulio who took us into the forest to the best places he knew for Tuxtla Quail-Dove and showed us good places to look for Long-tailed Sabrewing. He has an excellent knowledge of the forest and its birds.

**Alberto Martinez Fernandez** Whatsapp +529671429969

Website; [www.royalflycatcher.net](http://www.royalflycatcher.net)

We contacted Alberto while in San Cristobal de las Casas about a few tricky species. Alberto helped us at very short notice and got us absolutely spectacular views of Bearded Screech Owl and then, on Christmas Eve when he should have been with his family, guided us to Tapalapa and produced Black-throated Jays out of a desperately quiet forest. He also gave us some great tips which enabled us to finally see Bar-winged Oriole and a few other good species.

**Mark Stackhouse** Whatsapp +1(801)5185618

I contacted Mark about helping with the elusive Cinereous Owl and hopefully Eared Poorwill at La Noria. He replied quickly and a few days later we met at 4am at La Noria. Unfortunately the birds were not playing but Mark continued guiding till the early afternoon searching for other species and then offered to try again in the evening. We met before dusk to try again and eventually had unbelievable views of both species in an evening to remember thanks to Marks experience and tenacity. Mark is a professional guide based in San Blas, Nayarit and I would certainly recommend contacting him if you want a great guide for that area or indeed many other places in Mexico.

**Mario Alvarez** Whatsapp +528311262104

Email; [albertomariolara154@gmail.com](mailto:albertomariolara154@gmail.com)

I bumped into Mario in the evening at the Interpretive Ecological Centre at El Cielo just north of Gomez Farias where he lives. We quickly established that he may be able to show me Tawny-collared Nightjar and we exchanged Whatsapp numbers. We had a successful attempt at the nightjar at Gomez Farias and Mario said he could also show me Red-crowned Parrot so we arranged a mornings birding which was great. Mario is very knowledgeable about the birds in and around El Cielo...and there are a lot!

## BOOKS, MAPS, APPS & RECORDINGS ETC

### LITERATURE

- Birds of Central America**.....Vallely & Dyer. (Best guide to the region).  
**A guide to the Birds of Mexico & Northern Central America**.... Howell & Webb. (Essential but needs updating).  
**Where to watch birds in MEXICO**.....Howell (Compliments E-bird well).  
Internet Trip reports.  
**E-BIRD** for new and current information and sites.  
**MAPSME** to mark sites, hotels etc accurately, and to use as a Sat Nav.  
**SOUND RECORDINGS; XENO CANTO & BIRDS OF MEXICO MP3 CD by Boseman.**  
**APPS; MERLIN app for MEXICO.** (Superb app with lots of photos, range maps and calls & songs)  
**Sibley Guide to the birds of North America.** (Good, but awkward to use as a field guide in my opinion)

### TRIP IN GENERAL HONDURAS-GUATEMALA & MEXICO

The idea was to spend the winter in Mexico where the Covid entry rules lacked any kind of testing and we could guarantee entry. I then started looking at how to see all the birds of Mexico and it soon became apparent that some birds would be easier to see in Guatemala. It then seemed a good idea to add on Honduras as it had a few endemics and was very close.....

I then spent several weeks negotiating the minefield of Covid entry regulations for all the Countries...which in the end were not enforced anyway. I also knew that it was a far from ideal time for vocalisations and bird activity but thought that with the amount of time I had that most birds would be possible, and as it turned out most were.

The plan was to do Honduras first for the endemics and any bonus additional species and then head for Guatemala to mop up more and target as many of the southern Mexican specialities as possible before hitting Chiapas, Oaxaca and Guerrero. I wanted to do all the most "dangerous" places before Helen joined me in January but as it turned out we had no safety issues at all in these places and in the rest of Mexico and for the whole trip. The internet is rife with stories of doom for travellers in Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras and maybe we were just lucky but I can only say my experiences were great and I found the people very welcoming in all the countries and never felt threatened or unsafe at all. We also had no trouble with the Police in all 3 countries although some others we met had been stopped in Mexico City and asked for money for not indicating while changing lanes. The Guardia Nacional, Police and Military were often driving around in open personnel carriers/pickups with mounted machine guns and conducting, or just present at road checks but we had no problems and were always treated courteously.

The accommodation in all three countries was obviously usually cheaper when there were 3 of us sharing but for me and Helen in Mexico usually varied between £9 to £30 a room and only on a couple of occasions were we left with no option but to pay £40-£50 a night. We often used Google maps to find accommodation in the usually more remote places although a word of caution is that some places simply did not exist. Conversely, there are also quite a few hotels in Mexico not on the internet and we often cruised looking for places not on the map. Some places were a just a stopover at the side of the road and some were unexpected surprises such as La Paz BAHIA CALIFORNIA SUR, San Juan del Rio DURANGO, San Sebastian del Oeste JALISCO and Tepoztlan MORELOS which were all so different and stood out from all the other places.

The roads were usually in good order and the toll or cuota roads were fast but the cost depended on which state it ran through. Oaxaca, Chiapas and southern Veracruz were cheap for tolls (none in Baja California Sur) but northern Veracruz (south of Tampico) and Michoacan from Guadalajara to Mexico state were expensive being £10-£15 for as little as 20km.. This pushed us onto a lot more liebre roads which were free and often not that bad but time consuming. If on a shorter trip, especially in a car with a few sharing then take the Cuotas.

I started off thinking I'd have lots of time to slowly bird my way round the three countries spending lots of time in all the different regions and habitats. How wrong I was! The first seven weeks were a whirlwind extending across the three countries while trying to fit in everyone's differing targets. This involved driving long distances almost daily and with little sleep. The birding was very slow and difficult as there was little vocalisation going on in November to January, especially in the mountains. When Helen joined me in Mexico we slowed things down a bit for a few weeks in Baja California and until we hired the car in Mazatlan, Sinaloa. I then had a lot of birds, some very difficult, and large distances apart, to cram into the remaining 6.5 weeks whilst keeping the wife happy!

In the end, and ignoring the seabirds, Socorro, Clarion and Tres Marias Islands, I saw just about everything I wanted to see in Mexico with the exception of the following endemics /near endemics.

(Only 2 Regional endemics were missed; **Highland Guan & Red-throated Parakeet**).

1. **Bearded Wood-Partridge**.....Not a sniff..One of the toughest birds, needs someone to start a feeding station?  
(An introduced population of Bearded Wood partridges exists in the centre of Xalapa at [Parque Ecológico Cerro de Macuiltépetl](#) )
2. **Thick-billed Parrot**.....Easier at the nest sites in spring/summer.
3. **Maroon-fronted Parrot**.....Easier at the nest sites in spring/summer.
4. **Yucatan Nightjar**.....Regular in Yucatan/Belize in spring-summer (didn't go to Yucatan this time)
5. **White-fronted Swift**.....irregular, mainly in summer.
6. **Sinaloa Martin**.....irregular, mainly in spring/summer.
7. **Worthens Sparrow**.....Easier to fit in with Maroon-fronted Parrot

This is not meant to be a completely comprehensive trip report for every species. I/we had all been to Mexico before and were mainly targeting new species, and although I tried to keep up-to-date with my notes there will be a few omissions for the regularly seen species or those that I never identified 100% or just can't remember because I didn't always get time to do my notes every night.

As this is quite a large report I have tried to keep photos and notes to a minimum, limiting it to photos of birds I find of interest and the sightings and descriptions to the minimum of writing as it just takes so long to do.

**In the end the whole trip was a great way to spend the winter seeing lots of fantastic birds in great weather and at spectacular places with no hassle whatsoever.**



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## MONEY, VISAS, TIME ETC

VISA .....Not required .

EXCHANGE RATE .....£1=32 Honduran Lempira (L)

TIME .....6 hrs BEHIND GMT

SUNRISE 05.49 SUNSET 18.28

## ITINERARY & SITES VISITED

### 5 DAY TOUR.

US\$975 EACH for me and Andy including transport, hotels, food and drinks, guiding with Alex Alvarado and Angel Fong, and all park entrance fees. The tour went well and my only regret is that we didn't have longer.

#### Nov 16<sup>th</sup> transfer to El Rancho Hotel

Met by Alexander Alverado at San Pedro Sula airport and whisked away in our minibus to **Santa Cruz de Yojoa** to successfully look for **Honduran Emerald**. After several birds were watched closely we then drove on to stay at **La Casona in the Opatoro Highlands**.

#### Nov 17<sup>th</sup> birding Opatoro Highlands

After an early breakfast, we drove off to the **Opatoro-Guajiquiro highlands** featuring the highest elevation forest accessible by road in Honduras. Back after dark to La Casona.

#### Nov 18<sup>th</sup> transfer to La Tigra National Park

After some birding near the hotel, we then transferred to **Tegucigalpa** where we were transferred into the capable hands of Angel Fong. We tried a local site for Ocellated Quail and then went on to stay at the **Hotel Gloriales** arriving after dark.

#### Nov 19<sup>th</sup> La Tigra National Park

All day up at **La Tigra** along the roadside and trails there, leaving at 3pm for the **Parakeet roost at the South Korean Embassy** wall at dusk. No sign of the adult Red-throated Parakeet in the roost. Back to stay at the Hotel Gloriales

#### Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Looking for Ocellated Quail

Early morning was spent in the **hills above Tegucigalpa** looking for Ocellated Quail in the pine oak forest, before taking the long drive back to San Pedro Sula and flying to Guatemala City to meet Graham.

## SYSTEMATIC LIST

### NEW SPECIES NEW HONDURAN ENDEMIC (IOC WILDLIFE RECORDER IOC V11.2)

1. **Plain Chachalaca** (*Ortalis vetula*) 3, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> La Tigra.
2. **Lesser Nighthawk** (*Chordeiles acutipennis*) 6+ birds hawking above a petrol station at Marcala in the evening of Nov 16<sup>th</sup>. Managed to get a photo of one showing shorter and more blunt hand with the large white patch closer to the wing tip than Common Nighthawk.
3. **White-collared Swift** (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) Noted near La Casona.
4. **Vaux's Swift** (*Chaetura vauxi*) 10+, Opatoro Highlands.



5. **GREAT SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT** (*Panyptila sanctihieronymi*) 5, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands and 1, La Casona the day after.

6. **MEXICAN VIOLETEAR** (*Colibri thalassinus*) 4 seen and c 30 heard lekking, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, Opatoro Highlands. Also heard at La Tigra.



7. **RIVOLI'S HUMMINGBIRD** (*Eugenes fulgens*) 2+, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> La Tigra.  
8. **AMETHYST-THROATED MOUNTAINGEM** (**Amethyst-throated**) (*Lampornis amethystinus*) 2-3 roadside birds, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> La Tigra.  
9. **GREEN-THROATED MOUNTAINGEM** (*Lampornis viridipallens*) 2+, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands.



10. **GREEN-BREASTED MOUNTAINGEM** (*Lampornis sybillae*) 6+, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> La Tigra. Nice views of this Honduran near-endemic.



11. **SPARKLING-TAILED WOODSTAR** (*Tilmatura dupontii*) 1 male, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> La Tigra darting in and out of view but a spectacular bird!

12. **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** (*Archilochus colubris*) Female at the Opatoro Highlands.
13. **Canivet's Emerald (Salvin's)** (*Cynanthus canivetii salvini/osberti*) Female Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Santa Cruz de Yojoa.
14. **White-eared Hummingbird** (*Basilinna leucotis*) 3 in the Opatoro Highlands and 2 La Tigra.
15. **AZURE-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD (Azure-crowned)** (*Saucerottia cyanocephala cyanocephala*) 6+, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands and 2 more on 18<sup>th</sup>.
16. **Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** (Rufous-tailed) (*Amazilia tzacat*) 2 on Nov 16<sup>th</sup>



17. **HONDURAN EMERALD** (*Amazilia luciae*) 3+, Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Santa Cruz de Yojoa. Alex took us to his spot for this species where we watched them at feeders and at the side of the road. Fantastic views of all three birds which were thought to be all males.



18. **Groove-billed Ani** (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*) 8 noted Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.
19. **Lesser Roadrunner** (*Geococcyx velox*) 1 at the Opatoro Highlands.
20. **Inca Dove** (*Columbina inca*) 2, Tegucigalpa.
21. **White-winged Dove** (*Zenaida asiatica*) Several noted 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>.
22. **Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*) A few noted
23. **Great White Egret** (*Egretta alba*) A few noted.
24. **Black Vulture** (*Coragyps atratus*) Common, seen every day.
25. **Turkey Vulture** (*Cathartes aura*) Several noted on 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.
26. **White-tailed Kite** (*Elanus leucurus*) A roadside bird on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov.
27. **Broad-winged Hawk** (*Buteo platypterus*) 1 imm, La Tigra.
28. **Short-tailed Hawk** (*Buteo brachyurus*) 2+ birds noted.
29. **Red-tailed Hawk** (*Buteo jamaicensis*) 2 pale and 1 dark bird noted.
30. **Ferruginous Pygmy Owl** (Ridgway's) (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) 1 at night arriving at Hotel La Casona.



31. **FULVOUS OWL** (*Strix fulvescens*) 1, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands found by Alex during the afternoon after much searching. Superb views for over half an hour as the bird repositioned several times and was also harassed by a Barred Forest Falcon.



32. **Mountain Trogon** (*Trogon mexicanus*) Female at the Opatoro Highlands and a male at La Tigra.



33. **BLUE-THROATED MOTMOT** (*Aspatha gularis*) 1, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands.

34. **Turquoise-browed Motmot** (*Eumomota superciliosa*) 1 noted.



35. **EMERALD TOUCANET** (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus*) 8+, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands.

36. **Acorn Woodpecker** (*Acorn*) (*Melanerpes formicivorus*) Several at the Opatoro Highlands and La Tigra.

37. **Velasquez's Woodpecker** (*Velasquez's*) (*Melanerpes santacruzi santacruzi*) male, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> southern Honduras.  
Reading BOW all other ssp are in northern Honduras or on northern Honduran islands.

38. **Golden-olive Woodpecker** (*Golden-olive*) (*Colaptes rubiginosus*) 1, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> La Tigra.





39. **Northern Flicker (Guatemalan)** (*Colaptes auratus mexicanoides*) a pair, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Tegucigalpa.

40. **Crested Caracara (Northern)** (*Caracara plancus cheriway*) 3 birds noted.



41. **Barred Forest Falcon** (*Micrastur ruficollis*) A single bird irritating the Fulvous Owl at the Opatoro Highlands and another bird calling.

42. **Peregrine** (*Falco peregrinus*) 1, La Tigra Nov 19<sup>th</sup>.

43. **Orange-fronted Parakeet** (*Eupsittula canicularis*) A few noted on 18<sup>th</sup>.





44. **Pacific Parakeet** (*Psittacara rubritorquis*) 12 parakeets in to roost at the South Korean Embassy, Tegucigalpa. The photos were analysed by local experts with divided opinions. An excellent article by Oliver Komar strongly suggests that these birds were Pacific Parakeets due to the pale (as opposed to dark) grey orbital skin. <https://www.aba.org/themencode-pdf-viewer/?file=https://www.aba.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Identification-of-Parakeets.pdf#zoom=page-fit>



45. **Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser (Mexican)** (*Sclerurus mexicanus mexicanus*)  
 2 together, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> La Tigra  
 down to a few m in the forest gloom,  
 calling away and feeding.  
 They blended in well with the leaf litter  
 usually being detected by movement of the  
 leaves or if they decided to perch up on a low  
 branch to call.  
 Not an IOC split yet



46. **Spot-crowned Woodcreeper (Northern)** (*Lepidocolaptes affinis affinis/lignicida*) 1, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> La Tigra.
47. **Mountain Elaenia** (*Elaenia frantzii*) A few at the Opatoro Highlands.
48. **Yellowish Flycatcher** (*Empidonax flavescens*) 1, Opatoro Highlands.
49. **Great Kiskadee** (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) Several on Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.
50. **Tropical Kingbird** (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) Several noted.
51. **Western Kingbird** (*Tyrannus verticalis*) Noted on Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.
52. **Dusky-capped Flycatcher** (*lawrenceii* Group) (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) Noted at the Opatoro Highlands.
53. **Masked Tityra** (*Tityra semifasciata*) 1 at the Opatoro Highlands.
54. **Philadelphia Vireo** (*Vireo philadelphicus*) 1 Opatoro Highlands and 3 near Tegucigalpa.
55. **Yellow-throated Vireo** (*Vireo flavifrons*) Single birds seen at the Opatoro Highlands and near Tegucigalpa.



**Blue-headed Vireo**

56. **Blue-headed Vireo** (*Vireo solitarius*) single birds identified at the Opatoro Highlands, near Tegucigalpa (above) and El Tigre.



**Plumbeous Vireo (Central American)**

57. **Plumbeous Vireo (Central American)** (*Vireo plumbeus notius/montanus*) A single bird, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> in the Opatoro Highlands heard and identified by Alex and tape-lured over to us. Very difficult plumage-wise from Blue-headed Vireo (top photo) but note the paler, dingier-grey head and dull olive mantle and generally duller, more washed-out and less-contrasting underparts. I was glad that it responded to the tape confirming id!
58. **White-eyed Vireo** (*Vireo griseus*) 2 Nov 17<sup>th</sup> at the Opatoro Highlands.
59. **White-throated Magpie-jay** (*Calocitta formosa*) Noted on Nov 20<sup>th</sup>.
60. **Steller's Jay (Central American)** (*Cyanocitta stelleri*) 5, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> at the Opatoro Highlands



61. **BUSHY-CRESTED JAY** (*Cyanocorax melanocyaneus*) Common. 30+, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands and lots thereafter. Usually in roaming flocks and often around villages or parks.
62. **BLACK-CAPPED SWALLOW** (*Atticora pileata*) 10+, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands in a flock at the highest point.
63. **Swallow (American)** (*Hirundo rustica erythrogaster*) 1 noted on Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.
64. **Grass Wren (Grass)** (*Cistothorus platensis*) 3, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands.
65. **House Wren (Southern)** (*Troglodytes aedon*) 1 La Tigra.
66. **RUFIOUS-BROWED WREN** (*Troglodytes rufociliatus*) 1, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands.
67. **Grey Catbird** (*Dumetella carolinensis*) 1+ Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.
68. **Eastern Bluebird (Mexican)** (*Sialia sialis*) 2, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands.
69. **Brown-backed Solitaire** (*Myadestes occidentalis*) 1, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands.
70. **SLATE-COLORED SOLITAIRE** (*Myadestes unicolor*) 2 birds responding to tape, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands.



71. **RUFIOUS-COLLARED THRUSH** (*Turdus rufitorques*) 3, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands (above) and 1 near Hotel La Casona on 18<sup>th</sup>.



72. **Mountain Thrush** (*Turdus plebejus*) 1, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands.
73. **Olive Warbler** (*Peucedramus taeniatus*) 2, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, Opatoro Highlands.
74. **Lesser Goldfinch** (*Spinus psaltria*) Noted at the Opatoro Highlands.
75. **Black-headed Siskin** (*Spinus notatus*) Noted at the Opatoro Highlands.
76. **Common Bush Tanager** (Middle America) (*Chlorospingus flavopectus*) 2, Opatoro Highlands and also at La Tigra.
77. **Chestnut-capped Brushfinch** (Chestnut-capped) (*Arremon brunneinucha*) 3 birds at La Tigra.
78. **Rufous-collared Sparrow** (Rufous-collared) (*Zonotrichia capensis*) Noted.
79. **White-eared Ground Sparrow** (*Melospiza leucotis*) 1 at the Opatoro Highlands.



80. **PREVOST'S GROUND SPARROW** (*Melospiza biarcuata*) 2 Ads 1 juv, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands.



81. **White-naped Brushfinch** (Yellow-throated) (*Atlapetes albinucha*) 1, Opatoro Highlands and 2, La Tigra (above).

82. **Streak-backed Oriole** (*Icterus pustulatus*) Noted .
83. **Baltimore Oriole** (*Icterus galbula*) Several birds noted
84. **Spot-breasted Oriole** (*Icterus pectoralis*) 2 on Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.
85. **Black-vented Oriole** (*Icterus wagleri*) 2 Nov 18<sup>th</sup>
86. **Melodious Blackbird** (*Dives dives*) A few near Tegucigalpa.
87. **Great-tailed Grackle** (*Great-tailed*) (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) Common.
88. **Golden-winged Warbler** (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) 3+ at the Opatoro Highlands and an ad male at La Tigua.
89. **Blue-winged Warbler** (*Vermivora cyanoptera*) 1-2 at the Opatoro Highlands.
90. **Black-and-white Warbler** (*Mniotilta varia*) Several birds throughout, usually present in most mixed species flocks.
91. **Crescent-chested Warbler** (*Oreothlypis superciliosa*) Single birds at the Opatoro Highlands and La Tigua.
92. **Tennessee Warbler** (*Leiothlypis peregrina*) 5+ at the Opatoro Highlands and 2 La Tigua.
93. **Common Yellowthroat** (Eastern) (*Geothlypis trichas*) 1 at the Opatoro Highlands.
94. **Magnolia Warbler** (*Setophaga magnolia*) 1 at Santa Cruz de Yojoa.



95. **Grace's Warbler** (*Setophaga graciae*) 1+ Nov 18<sup>th</sup> at Hotel La Casona.



96. **Townsend's Warbler** (*Setophaga townsendi*) 6+ at the Opatoro Highlands (photo above) and a single male at La Tigua.



97. **Hermit Warbler** (*Setophaga occidentalis*) 2 males at the Opatoro Highlands and 1 male La Tigra.
98. **GOLDEN-CHEEKED WARBLER** (*Setophaga chrysoparia*) 1+ male Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Opatoro Highlands and a pair (?) Nov 19<sup>th</sup> La Tigra.
99. **Black-throated Green Warbler** (*Setophaga virens*) 4+ noted in all.
100. **Wilson's Warbler** (*Cardellina pusilla*) Common.
101. **Painted Whitestart** (*Myioborus pictus*) Singles noted at the Opatoro Highlands and Hotel La Casona.
102. **Slate-throated Whitestart** (*Myioborus miniatus*) 3, Opatoro Highlands and 2 La Tigra.
103. **HEPATIC TANAGER** (*Piranga hepatica*) Female, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Hotel La Casona in the pines nearby.
104. **Summer Tanager** (*Piranga rubra*) Female Hotel La Casona.
105. **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) 2, Opatoro Highlands.
106. **Blue Bunting** (Middle America) (*Cyanocopsa parcellina*) A roadside male at Santa Cruz de Yojoa.
107. **Black-headed Saltator** (*Saltator atriceps*) 10+ Hotel La Casona.
108. **Yellow-faced Grassquit** (*Tiaris olivaceus*) 3+ Opatoro Highlands.
109. **CINNAMON-BELLIED FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa baritula*) 3 at the Opatoro Highlands.
110. **Yellow-winged Tanager** (*Thraupis abbas*) A few noted.

#### **NEW SPECIES HONDURAN ENDEMICS**

1. **GREAT SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT** (*Panyptila sanctihieronymi*)
2. **MEXICAN VIOLETEAR** (*Colibri thalassinus*)
3. **RIVOLI'S HUMMINGBIRD** (*Eugenes fulgens*)
4. **AMETHYST-THROATED MOUNTAINGEM (Amethyst-throated)** (*Lampornis amethystinus*)
5. **GREEN-THROATED MOUNTAINGEM** (*Lampornis viridipallens*)
6. **GREEN-BREASTED MOUNTAINGEM** (*Lampornis sybillae*)
7. **SPARKLING-TAILED WOODSTAR** (*Tilmatura dupontii*)
8. **AZURE-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD (Azure-crowned)** (*Saucerottia cyanocephala cyanocephala*)
9. **HONDURAN EMERALD (Amazilia luciae)**
10. **FULVOUS OWL** (*Strix fulvescens*)
11. **BLUE-THROATED MOTMOT** (*Aspatha gularis*)
12. **EMERALD TOUCANET** (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus*)
13. **BUSHY-CRESTED JAY** (*Cyanocorax melanocyaneus*)
14. **BLACK-CAPPED SWALLOW** (*Atticora pileata*)
15. **RUFOUS-BROWED WREN** (*Troglodytes rufociliatus*)
16. **SLATE-COLORED SOLITAIRE** (*Myadestes unicolor*)
17. **RUFOUS-COLLARED THRUSH** (*Turdus rufitorques*)
18. **PREVOST'S GROUND SPARROW** (*Melospiza biarcuata*)
19. **GOLDEN-CHEEKED WARBLER** (*Setophaga chrysoparia*)
20. **HEPATIC TANAGER** (*Piranga hepatica*)
21. **CINNAMON-BELLIED FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa baritula*)

#### **NEW SUB-SPECIES GROUPS OR POTENTIAL SPLITS**

1. **Northern Flicker (Guatemalan)** (*Colaptes auratus mexicanoides*)
2. **Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser (Mexican)** (*Sclerurus mexicanus mexicanus*)
3. **Spot-crowned Woodcreeper (Northern)** (*Lepidocolaptes affinis affinis/lignicida*)
4. **Plumbeous Vireo (Central American)** (*Vireo plumbeus notius/montanus*)
5. **Steller's Jay (Central American)** (*Cyanocitta stelleri*)

# GUATEMALA 20 NOV-6 DEC 2021

## MONEY, VISAS, TIME ETC

VISA .....Not required.

EXCHANGE RATE .....£1=10 Guatemalan Quetzales GTQ

TIME .....6 hrs BEHIND GMT

SUNRISE 05.56 SUNSET 18.14

## SITES VISITED

### GUATEMALA CITY AIRPORT HOTELS

**HOSTAL DONDE REGINA c£60** for 2 rooms for 3 of us for 1 night. Easy to walk to from the airport and across the road from the Europcar Rental yard. A great place, very quiet and fantastic value for money.....and they sell beer.

**NOVOHOSTAL B&B c £50** for a large room for 3 of us including breakfast. Close to the airport and Europcar rental yard.

### TIKAL

We booked the **JAGUAR INN c£148** for 3 nights for 3 of us. A great place right there in the Reserve. We read how expensive the restaurant was there so we took supplies in with us but it actually wasn't too bad in price but often not open. There was however a small and cheaper comedor just back along the road a few hundred metres. We drove in late in the dark past the closed ticket office into the park but were instructed at our hotel that we had to drive the 11 miles back to get our park entry tickets there when it opened at 6am the next morning. You can buy tickets from some banks and the ticket office at the entrance to the Park when open, but the banks were not open in Flores and when we arrived it was too late for the ticket office.

We walked the trails around the hotels and into the National Park with the best trail heading ENE from the Jaguar Inn marked as El Peten Airport on MAPSME. It's not a runway anymore and just looks like a normal trail through the scrubby forest.

Temple IV was where to look for Orange-breasted Falcons which were often on the top or round the back side of the temple nearly viewable from the small restaurant there.

We did some night birding around the hotel and trail into the Park and also down the Airport trail to the large pool near the end.

### TODOS SANTOS CUCHUMATAN

We stayed at the **HOTEL Y RESTAURANTE PUERTAS DEL CIELO** for c£10 each. We could park inside and it was close to food stalls etc. We birded a few places off the main road down to Todos Santos and along a road where Ross Gallardy had seen Unspotted Saw-Whet Owl in his trip report for March 2021. We also contacted a guide, Estaban Matias and arranged to collect him for a nights productive owling with an Unspotted Saw-Whet Owl & Mexican Whip-poor-will and then for the next morning in the Sierra de los Cuchaniantes National Park.

**SIERRA DE LOS CUCHANIANTES** We did a bit of a tour round here as we knew Estaban had the good birds staked out more or less and it would save us a lot of time. You can drive round the area on your own and in a saloon car for a lot of it but the road was deeply rutted and unsuitable for a 2x4 car in some parts so we made the right decision to use Estabans friends 4x4. Early morning till about midday was good before the cloud descended. Estaban was great at calling in Ocellated Quail and also had locations for Goldman's Warbler and Black-capped Siskin which were our main targets here.

### FUENTES GEORGINAS

We stayed the first night outside the park, just west of Zunil at **HOTEL Y RESTAURANTE RIGO Y BERNA** for £20 for the room. The food was good too and the local garage sold beers. Cheap n cheerful...

We also stayed 1 night at **FUENTES GEORGINAS £19** each in a 3 bed room with a hot thermal bath... brilliant!

Food and drinks can be bought on site also.

A steep trail heads up from the thermal pools to a ridge about a 40 minute straight walk away. From this ridge a path goes right to a mirador and left to carry on up the hill although it is more or less level for the first half mile or so. We birded all along both these trails where Black-throated Jay was present both days although difficult and only seen briefly by me. We saw Horned Guan from the car park just outside the entrance gate looking up to the ridge and this is as good a spot to bird from as any and we also saw several singing Wine-throated Hummingbirds back along the main road from this car park just past the first right hand bend. Fulvous Owl was easy at dawn around the hotel grounds and car parks.

### LOS TARRALES

We stayed at a hotel/restaurant c 6 miles south of the Los Tarrales turnoff for c£20 for all 3 of us. We then spent most of the next day birding around the Los Tarrales office buildings/settlement and also along the loop trail there. It is possible to organise a guided trek up the volcano for Horned Guan or anything else you might fancy. Unfortunately we made the mistake of not trying for Highland Guan here, probably the easiest place to see the species?

This is also supposed to be a good site for Bar-winged Oriole (not so easy in Mexico) and Blue-tailed Hummingbird which we didn't see but did become aware of a potential problem that exists in Guatemala with the **devillei** race of Berylline Hummingbirds and also possible hybrids of Berylline x Blue-tailed Hummingbirds.



## SANTIAGO DE ATITLAN

We negotiated 3 nights at the superb and perfectly located **POSADA DE SANTIAGO** for **€150**. Secure parking, close to town and Mirador Rey. A stone house with large outside kitchen allowed Andy to cook us something healthy for a change although there is a restaurant on site and also nearby too.

**MIRADOR REY** We did the trail heading into the valley which starts from just before the toilets at the Mirador car park on the main road here <https://goo.gl/maps/VMUGJPC6GHAWYGbm6> . It went down through dry, degraded farmed land and soon reached a viewpoint from where we soon found a group of 5 Azure-rumped Tanagers. This trail eventually came back up to the road but for our day was very poor. We also birded further along the main road from the Mirador past a stinking, burning rubbish tip where we saw a pair of displaying Sparkling-tailed Hummingbirds.

**TRAIL A** As the Mirador Rey trail was so poor we looked for another trail here; <https://goo.gl/maps/kD7s6i52Wfwsd3RYA> where we had lots more birds. This trail starts on the bend and continues for a mile or so up through good forest to a clearing and beyond. We saw several good species such as Blue-throated Motmot, Yellow-throated Nightingale-thrush and Blue-and-white Mockingbird.

**IMAP** This was our Slender-billed Sheartail site and we only saw them because a local asked us if we wanted to see the place where they roost which was a bush at the side of the trail. Rather than publish this spot I would recommend asking for a guide on site or organising a guide beforehand as it would be too easy to stand in the wrong place and either miss the birds or frighten them off. Our "guide" never asked for any payment but we gave him something for his help. Ask here <https://goo.gl/maps/KB8FzJt83oHBnQQv8> at the office where you should also get a cheap permit or at the food stalls 40m away on the trail.

**BELTED FLYCATCHER** We were also taken by a guide, Hector, arranged by Josue de Leon to a Belted Flycatcher site which was one of their confidential sites in agricultural land near Santiago de Atitlan. Some sites for this species seem to be disappearing so again it's not wise to make it public when there are other easier and more public sites.

## FINCA EL PILAR

Locked entrance gate here <https://goo.gl/maps/hJKsZs7QyafC46oW8> We couldn't stay here at the time so drove around Antigua Guatemala for 3 hours eventually finding the only "Hotel" with a vacancy. It was £7.50 each, all in one room and was surprisingly quiet once the hourly customers had finished.

The reserve opened at 7am and cost £6.50 each entry fee. We walked east past the swimming pools to the Hummer feeders at Comedor de Colibri for Rufous Sabrewing and continuing up the trail which was steep in places seeing Black-capped Swallows and Singing Quail. We also met a birder with a guide who had seen Bar-winged Oriole but none of us saw Highland Guan there.

## ITINERARY

**NOV 20<sup>TH</sup> Arrived at Guatemala City and Met Graham** at arrivals. We walked 10 minutes to the **Hostal Donde Regina**, dumped the bags and walked over to the Europcar Office to collect our car. The high-clearance car I had booked was unavailable till the next night so we had to take the only car left which, although a right nail actually did the job and got us everywhere, although it was too low for the majority of spine-thumping topes! Parked it up at our hotel and sampled a few of their beers before retiring to the comfortable rooms.

**21<sup>st</sup>** Away by 7am and drove to **The Jaguar Inn at Tikal arriving by 8pm**, having stopped off at Flores to pick up some supplies to take in. **Dumped the gear and out for an owling session returning by 11.30pm**. Knackered!

**22<sup>nd</sup>** Up at 4.20am and out for the nocturnal birds and took a slow drive back to the entrance gate to buy the permits at 6am. Returning to Tikal we split up a few times but I made my way to Temple IV where I made a long-awaited appointment with Orange-breasted Falcon. After a rest 12-2pm, **we all walked the "Airport runway" trail till and after dusk** when it started to rain heavily... just as a Pheasant Cuckoo and Yucatan Poorwills started to call and move about.....

**23<sup>rd</sup>** **Up late at 5am and down the Airport runway trail till 11am** being devoured by the ferocious mosquitoes there. Rain stopped play till 3pm then back out to **Temple IV and continued spotlighting till nearly 7pm**. Dinner and a few beers at the local Comedor.

**24<sup>th</sup>** **Up at 5am and drove south and west heading for Todos Santos but only got as far as Uspantan** due to the dire state of the roads. Found a Hotel for £10 each.

**25<sup>th</sup>** **Away by 6am driving to Todos Santos stopping a few times to stretch and bird a little**. Stopped at the Hotel Y Restaurante Puertas del Cielo in Todos Santos Cuchumatan. **Out birding the road at a few e-bird spots before going to collect Estaban Matias and doing some night birding till 9pm**. Dropped off Estaban back home and drove back for some meagre sleep.

**26<sup>th</sup>** Up at 4.45am and drove to Estabans home and the awaiting 4x4 driver. **Drove to Sierra de los Cuchaniantes and birded from 7am to 1pm** when the cloud rolled in reducing the visibility to a few metres. Returned to Todos Santos by late afternoon and had some rest, food and cleaned ourselves up.

**27<sup>th</sup>** Up at dawn and away to **Fuentes Georginas** booking in for the next night as it was full. **Walked the trail up past the thermal pools to the ridge at 2500 m asl and back in mostly misty conditions**. Drove out to the nearby Rigo Y Berna Hotel y Restaurante where we got a room for £20 and a good dinner for £2.50 each.. beers from the nearby petrol station.

**28<sup>th</sup>** Up and away by 4.50am to the **Fuentes Georgina gate car park by 5.15am where we soon saw Fulvous Owl and waited till light for a whole host of good birds including Horned Guan, Unicolored Jay and Wine-throated Hummingbird.** At 8.30am we walked slowly up to the ridge and along it both ways returning down by 4.30pm to take advantage of the hot thermal bath!

**29<sup>th</sup>** **Up to the ridge again alone at 6.30am** managing brief views of a few Black-throated Jays before descending to leave at 11am. **Drove on to Las Tarrales doing the entrance road in 4pm till dusk.** Drove back south for about 6 miles to a roadside hotel and restaurant for £20 for all of us in 2 rooms.

**30<sup>th</sup>** **Away by 5.30am to Los Tarrales** being charged 15\$ US each for a day pass. Spent the whole day birding the flower beds and trails there **leaving at dusk to drive on to Santiago Atitlan** to stay at Posada de Santiago for (after a lot of bargaining) \$65 US each for 3 nights for a superbly comfortable stone cottage with outdoor kitchen.

**DEC 1<sup>st</sup>** **Mirador Rey down to c 11am.** We then drove on to **IMAP to look for Slender Sheartail** finally connecting just before dusk.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **Birded along the road and the trail (TRAIL A) a bit just before Mirador Rey and also further along the road beyond the mirador** until the trees started to disappear.

**3<sup>rd</sup>** **Up at dawn and straight to TRAIL A, walking up to the clearing and back by 10.30.** Drove on to Los Robles to look for Belted Flycatcher. Here we met Josue De Leon of [www.guatemalabirdingadventures.com](http://www.guatemalabirdingadventures.com) who lives there and told us that the area was not reliable for the flycatcher anymore as the habitat had been degraded. He did however arrange for us to hire Hector, a guide who could show us Belted Flycatcher the next morning. We then drove back to **San Lucas Tolman** and booked in to the Posada Los Volcanos for £9.50 each. Did an hour watching the Hummer feeders at the nearby Tolman Hotel seeing only hybrid looking Blue-tailed x Berylline or were they just the local race/ sp ? of Berylline ?

**4<sup>th</sup>** **Away by 5am with Hector our Guide for the morning.** We drove almost back to Todos Santos meeting some other locals and then we all started walking up through the coffee plantations in the dark to a non-descript area of scrubby trees. 2 hours later we all got great views of the **Belted Flycatcher.** After dinner we left for Antigua Guatemala via **Finca El Pilar.** Took 3 hrs to find a hotel, finally staying at one for £7.50 each all in one room.

**5<sup>th</sup>** **Away to Finca El Pilar** at 6.30 for the 7am opening. Walked the roads and trails inside spending a while at the Hummer feeders. Left at the 4pm closing time and **drove the short distance to Guatemala City to stay at the NOVOTEL B&B** where we were sprayed on arrival with sanitizer .....

**6<sup>th</sup>** **Breakfast included !** Then re-packed and returned the rental car and on to the airport for our **5.30pm flight to Mexico City.** With the hours delay we ended up arriving there at c 9.30pm. We then tried to organise a rental car at the airport as it proved impossible on the internet and we just managed to get it sorted by 11.30 pm. We had to knock them up at the Tokali T1 Hotel just before midnight but they let us in but only 2 beds for 3 of us!.. so I bunked with Graham while Andy snored the walls down.....

**SYSTEMATIC LIST**  
**NEW SPECIES**  
**(IOC WILDLIFE RECORDER IOC V11.2)**



1. **Great Tinamou** (*Tinamus major*) 1, Tikal.



2. **Blue-winged Teal** (*Spatula discors*) 12+ IMAP.
3. **Ring-necked Duck** (*Aythya collaris*) 20+ IMAP.
4. **Lesser Scaup** (*Aythya affinis*) 30+ IMAP.
5. **Plain Chachalaca** (*Ortalis vetula*) 1, Tikal.



6. **WHITE-BELLIED CHACHALACA** (*Ortalis leucogastra*) 1, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Los Tarrales where at least 30 the next day noisily moving around the grounds around the buildings and often allowing close approach.



7. **HORNED GUAN** (*Oreophasis derbianus*) 1 Ad' Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Fuentes Georginas from the car park by the entrance gate. Andy picked it up while we were all scanning the forest above the buildings at c 6.30am. It was perched out in the open for several minutes while we scoped it up giving great, although distant views, although unfortunately not through the camera lens! After a while it walked along the branch and then flew a short distance only to reappear a few minutes on another bare branch for a while before dropping down into the forest again. We spent the rest of the time at Fuentes listening out for it but none of us ever had another sniff of it.
8. **Singing Quail** (*Dactylortyx thoracicus*) a male at Finca El Pilar watched feeding noisily right by the trail.





9. **OCELLATED QUAIL** (*Cyrtonyx ocellatus*) A pair, Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Sierra de los Cuchaniantes came in from c 300m away to stand in the open calling several times giving great scope views.
10. **Ocellated Turkey** (*Meleagris ocellata*) 3 at Tikal in the grounds of the Jaguar Inn.
11. **Pauraque** (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) 1 at Tikal.
12. **Yucatan Poorwill** (*Nyctiphrynus yucatanicus*) 2-4 birds Tikal along the Airport runway trail.
13. **MEXICAN WHIP-POOR-WILL** (*Antrostomus arizonae*) 1-2, Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Todos Santos, and 1+ Fuentes Georginas.
14. **Vaux's Swift** (*Chaetura vauxi*) Hundreds noted at Los Tarrales and also around Santiago Atitlan.
15. **Stripe-throated Hermit** (*Phaethornis striigularis*) 1 at Tikal.
16. **Mexican Violetear** (*Colibri thalassinus*) Common at Fuentes Georginas.
17. **Purple-crowned Fairy** (*Heliodytes barroti*) 2 birds at Tikal.
18. **Green-breasted Mango** (Green-breasted) (*Anthracothorax prevostii*) 4+ at Los Tarrales.



19. **Rivoli's Hummingbird** (*Eugenes fulgens*) 1-2 birds at Fuentes Georginas.
20. **Amethyst-throated Mountaingem** (Amethyst-throated) (*Lampornis amethystinus*) 1 female at Fuentes Georginas.





21. **Green-throated Mountaingem** (*Lampornis viridipallens*) 2 females at Fuentes Georginas, 6 birds at the Mirador Rey area (above) and at least 3 at Finca El Pilar.
22. **GARNET-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Lamprolaima rhami*) 1, Fuentes Georginas was the only bird seen in Guatemala.
23. **Sparkling-tailed Woodstar** (*Tilmatura dupontii*) A displaying pair about a mile or so beyond Mirador Rey.



24. **SLENDER SHEARTAIL** (*Doricha enicura*) Female, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> IMAP. Just missed the male seen by Andy. The birds suddenly appeared at about 5.25pm on a twig near where we had been waiting for 45 minutes after being shown where to stand by a local. The male appeared first for a second or two and then disappeared into a nearby bush to roost and then just as me and Graham thought we had missed out this female appeared for a few more seconds on the same twig and then disappeared into the same bush.



25. **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** (*Archilochus colubris*) Regular from Nov 29<sup>th</sup> to Dec 4<sup>th</sup> with c 60+ Los Tarrales Nov 30<sup>th</sup> (above).



26. **Broad-tailed Hummingbird** (*Selasphorus platycercus*) Female at Sierra de los Cuchaniantes.



27. **WINE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Selasphorus ellioti*) 3 males, Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Fuentes Georginas along the entrance road c 300m before the entrance gate. Spectacular birds with a special Star Wars light sabre sounding call! Also another one located by call at Fuentes Georginas up on the ridge trail.

28. **Canivet's Emerald** (Canivet's) (*Cyananthus canivetii canivetii*) Ad male noted at Tikal.

**Canivet's Emerald** (Salvin's) (*Cyananthus canivetii salvini/osberti*) Male and female noted at Los Tarrales.

29. **White-eared Hummingbird** (*Basilinna leucotis*) Conspicuous, at least vocally in the highlands.



Rufous Sabrewing



Azure-crowned Hummingbird

30. **RUFIOUS SABREWING** (*Pampa rufa*) 1, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Finca El Pilar at the Comedor de Colibris (above left).

31. **Violet Sabrewing** (*Campylopterus hemileucurus*) Several birds Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Finca El Pilar at the Comedor de Colibris.





32. **Azure-crowned Hummingbird** (Azure-crowned) (*Saucerottia cyanocephala cyanocephala*) 2, Santiago Atitlan, 3 IMAP and common at Finca El Pilar where photod above right.



33. **Berylline Hummingbird** (**Southern**) (*Saucerottia beryllina devillei*) 2+, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> at Los Tarrales (top right and both below) and 3+ at the Tolman Hotel feeders (top left) Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.

These birds caused a lot of confusion with talk locally of Blue-tailed x Berylline Hummingbirds hybrids.

BOW states; *reports of hybridization in a small zone of sympatry in Guatemala and El Salvador seem to be unproven, and may be erroneously based on variable tail coloration of Berylline Hummingbird.*

and goes on to say ; *Race devillei considered "as distinct as many recognized hummingbird species", but violet-purple tail vs bronzier-brown tail (score 2) and all glittering-green underparts vs glittering-green breast with greyish-cinnamon belly (2) appear to be only significant points of difference; further research desirable.*

The birds we saw appeared to fit race devillei perfectly, although hybrids may look similar? if they exist in such numbers?



34. **Cinnamon Hummingbird (Mainland)** (*Amazilia rutila*) 15+ Los Tarrales.
35. **WHITE-BELLIED EMERALD** (*Chlorestes candida*) 1, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Los Tarrales.



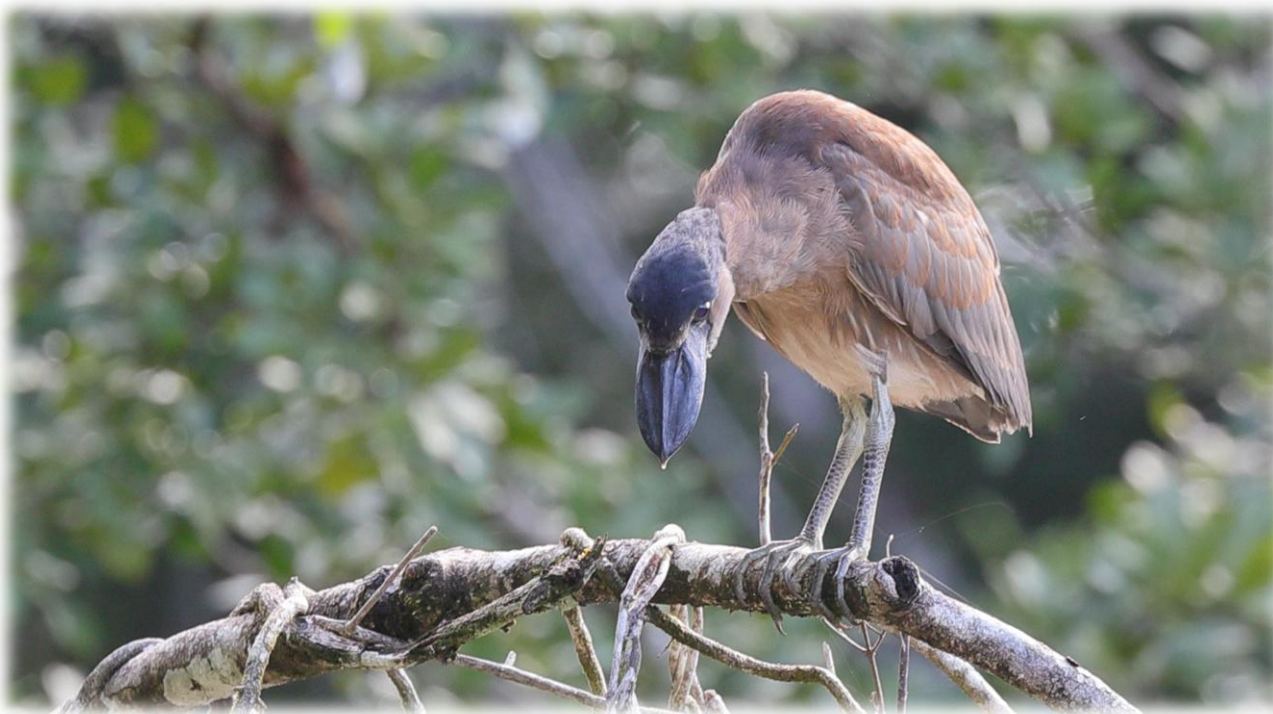
36. **Blue-throated Sapphire** (*Chlorestes eliciae*) 1-2 birds Nov 30<sup>th</sup> at Los Tarrales.



37. **PHEASANT CUCKOO** (*Dromococcyx phasianellus*) 1, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Tikal at the end of the Airport runway trail just beyond the pool at dusk. It was calling at dusk the previous night and very close but well hidden so I left it and found the others just as it started raining heavily. We came back in better weather at dawn the next morning and located the bird calling but this time out in full view at c 2-3m height. Great to finally see one!
38. **Squirrel Cuckoo** (Middle America) (*Piaya cayana thermophila*) Singles at Tikal and Los Tarrales.
39. **Band-tailed Pigeon** (Northern) (*Patagioenas fasciata fasciata/monilis*) Up to 30 a day at Fuentes Georginas.
40. **Red-billed Pigeon** (*Patagioenas flavirostris*) 5 birds noted at Los Tarrales.
41. **Inca Dove** (*Columbina inca*) A few around Guatemala City.
42. **White-tipped Dove** (White-tipped) (*Leptotila verreauxi*) 1, Los Tarrales.
43. **GREY-HEADED DOVE** (*Leptotila plumbeiceps*) 4 birds, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Tikal, watched closely from the Airport runway trail on the ground but better views when up at eye level in the trees.



- 44. **White-winged Dove** (*Zenaida asiatica*) Several birds Santiago Atitlan area.
- 45. **Russet-naped Wood Rail** (*Aramides albiventris*) 2 at Tikal opposite the Jaguar Inn.
- 46. **Common Gallinule** (American) (*Gallinula galeata*) 15+ IMAP.
- 47. **American Coot** (*Fulica americana*) 40+ IMAP.
- 48. **Least Grebe** (*Tachybaptus dominicus*) 1 Tikal at the Airport runway trail pool.
- 49. **Spotted Sandpiper** (*Actitis macularius*) 1, IMAP.



- 50. **Boat-billed Heron** (Northern) (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) 8+ Tikal at the Airport runway pool and mainly brown imm's.
- 51. **Green Heron** (Eastern) (*Butorides virescens virescens/bahamensis*) 1, IMAP.
- 52. **Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*) A few noted.
- 53. **Great White Egret** (American) (*Ardea alba egretta*) A few noted.
- 54. **Black Vulture** (*Coragyps atratus*) Common.
- 55. **Turkey Vulture** (Northern) (*Cathartes aura*) Common.
- 56. **Black Hawk-eagle** (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) 1, Mirador Rey.



- 57. **WHITE-BREASTED HAWK** (*Accipiter chionogaster*) 1, Nov 25<sup>th</sup> on the drive from Uzpantan to Todos Santos. By the time I got my camera out it had moved further away but these record shots still show the white underparts and underwing coverts.

58. **Roadside Hawk** (Northern) (*Rupornis magnirostris*) 2 on the drive to Los Tarrales.

59. **Grey Hawk** (*Buteo plagiatus*) 2 Los Tarrales.

60. **Broad-winged Hawk** (Northern) (*Buteo platypterus platypterus*) 1, Los Tarrales.

61. **Short-tailed Hawk** (*Buteo brachyurus*) 1+, Los Tarrales.

62. **Swainson's Hawk** (*Buteo swainsoni*) 1, Sierra de los Cuchaniantes.

63. **Zone-tailed Hawk** (*Buteo albonotatus*) 1-4 birds Los Tarrales.

64. **Red-tailed Hawk** (*Buteo jamaicensis*) 3-4 birds noted in southern Guatemala.



65. **Unspotted Saw-whet Owl** (*Aegolius ridgwayi*) 1, Nov 25<sup>th</sup> near Todos Santos.



66. **GUATEMALAN PYGMY OWL** (*Glaucidium cobanense*) 1, Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Fuentes Georginas, on the trail going up to and very near the ridge path junction. It stayed right near the top of one of the highest trees in the area calling for a while.



67. **WHISKERED SCREECH OWL** (*Megascops trichopsis*) 1 heard only Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Todos Santos and 1 seen Dec 4<sup>th</sup> near Santaigo Atitlan while walking up to the Belted Flycatcher site. It flew in to the tree right above us at dawn.



68. **MIDDLE AMERICAN SCREECH OWL** (*Megascops guatemalae*) 2 individuals seen, 1, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Tikal, (above right) at night and one found low down with the thermal monocular Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> in the morning (above left).



69. **Fulvous Owl** (*Strix fulvescens*) 2+, Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Fuentes Georginas car park half an hour before dawn.





70. **Mottled Owl** (Mottled) (*Strix virgata*) 1, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, Tikal in the car park outside the Jaguar Inn.

71. **Black-headed Trogon** (*Trogon melanocephalus*) 1 female at Tikal.



72. **Blue-throated Motmot** (*Aspatha gularis*) 1, c 200m in along TRAIL A and found with the thermal monocular.



73. **Lessons Motmot** (*Momotus lessonii*) 2 at Los Tarrales.



74. **Collared Aracari** (*Pteroglossus torquatus*) 4, Tikal (photo) and 2 at Los Tarrales.

75. **Acorn Woodpecker** (Acorn) (*Melanerpes formicivorus*) 1 near Mirador Rey.

76. **Velasquez's Woodpecker** (*Melanerpes santacruzi*) Common driving to Los Tarrales.

77. **Chestnut-colored Woodpecker** (*Celeus castaneus*) 2, Tikal.

78. **Pale-billed Woodpecker** (*Campephilus guatemalensis*) 2, Tikal.

79. **Crested Caracara** (Northern) (*Caracara plancus cheriway*) 2 near Los Tarrales.

80. *Laughing Falcon* (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) 1 heard Mirador Rey.

81. **American Kestrel** (Northern) (*Falco sparverius*) 3 Todos Santos area.



82. **ORANGE-BREADED FALCON** (*Falco deiroleucus*) Pair, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> and a male on 23<sup>rd</sup> Temple IV at Tikal. Resting on the top or rear of the Temple the birds often gave their presence away with their shrill calling. A good place to see them in flight was from the top of the walkway to Temple IV although you could perhaps see a bird perched on the top there but not on the rear face.

83. **Peregrine** (*Falco peregrinus*) 2 birds, Mirador Rey.

84. **Orange-chinned Parakeet** (*Brotogeris jugularis*) Common around Los Tarrales.

85. **Red-lored Amazon** (**Red-lored**) (*Amazona autumnalis autumnalis*) Several birds at Tikal. →

86. **PACIFIC PARAKEET** (*Psittacara strenuus*) 3, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> and 30+ Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Los Tarrales.

87. **Olivaceous Woodcreeper** (Greyish) (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) 2, Tikal.

88. **Wedge-billed Woodcreeper** (Northern) (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) 1, Tikal.

89. **Ivory-billed Woodcreeper** (*Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*) 1, Tikal.

90. **Spot-crowned Woodcreeper** (Northern) (*Lepidocolaptes affinis affinis/lignicida*) Single birds at Fuentes Georginas, Tarrales and 4 in the Mirador Rey area.

91. **Plain Xenops** (Northwestern) (*Xenops minutus*) 3 noted at Tikal.

92. **RUFIOUS-BREASTED SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis erythrothorax*) 1 seen and another calling, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Los Tarrales. A sneaky little critter!

93. **Plain Antvireo** (*Dysithamnus mentalis*) Male at Tikal.

94. **Barred Antshrike** (Barred) (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) 1, Tikal.

95. **Mountain Elaenia** (*Elaenia frantzii*) 2 birds noted at the TRAIL A site.



96. **GUATEMALAN TYRANNULET** (*Zimmerius vilissimus*) 2, Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Fuentes Georginas where another 2 birds the next day. Also 1 Mirador Rey. A quite different call to Mistletoe Tyrannulet and easy to pick up on once learned.

97. **Northern Bentbill** (*Oncostoma cinereigulare*) 1 at Los Tarrales.

98. **Common Tody-Flycatcher** (cinereum Group) (*Todirostrum cinereum*) 3 birds noted at Los Tarrales.

99. **Eye-ringed Flatbill** (*Rhynchocyclus brevirostris*) 2 at Tikal.

100. **Yellow-olive Flatbill** (Grey-headed)(*Tolmomyias sulphurescens cinereiceps*) 1, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tikal.



101. **BELTED FLYCATCHER** (*Xenotriccus callizonus*) 1, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at a site near Santiago Atitlan. The bird remained elusive and showed in flight between bushes a few times to the others but I didn't see it well enough till it responded to a Pygmy Owl call. Distinctive looking bird that showed well for a few minutes about mid morning in the end.

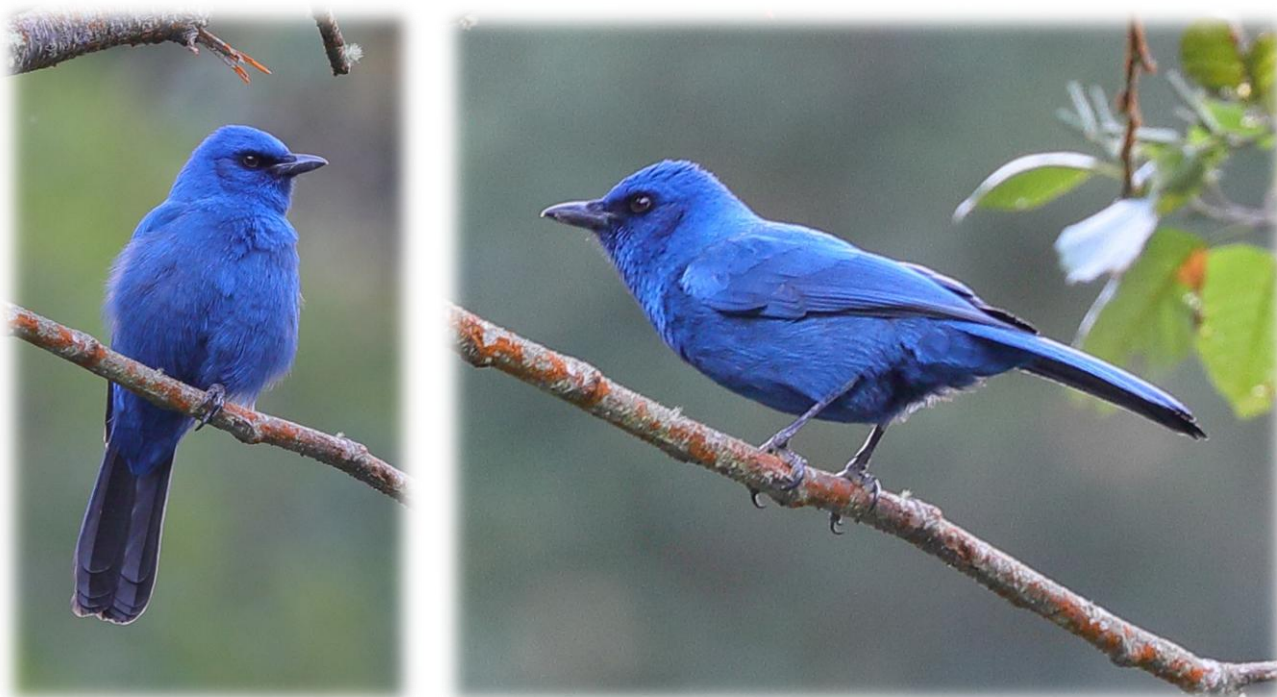


102. **Black Phoebe (Northern)** (*Sayornis nigricans*) A few noted around Todos Santos and Los Tarrales always along the streams.
103. **Greater Pewee** (*Contopus pertinax*) Noted.
104. **Buff-breasted Flycatcher** (*Empidonax fulvifrons*) 1+ on route to Todos Santos.
105. **Social Flycatcher** (*Myiozetetes similis*) A few around Lake Atitlan.
106. **Great Kiskadee** (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) A few noted.
107. **Boat-billed Flycatcher (Northern)** (*Megarynchus pitangua*) A few around Santiago Atitlan.
108. **Yucatan Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus yucatanensis*) 1 calling and another heard at Tikal down the Airport runway trail.
109. **Dusky-capped Flycatcher (lawrenceii Group)** (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) A few at Los Tarrales and 2 Santiago Atitlan.
110. **Brown-crested Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*) 2, Tikal and 2, Santiago Atitlan.
111. **Bright-rumped Attila (Northern)** (*Attila spadiceus*) 3 birds at Tikal.
112. **Red-capped Manakin** (*Ceratopipra mentalis*) Male at Tikal.



113. **Northern Royal Flycatcher** (*Onychorhynchus mexicanus*) 1 at Tikal.
114. **Sulphur-rumped Myiobius** (*Myiobius sulphureipygius*) 2, Tikal.
115. **Masked Tityra** (*Tityra semifasciata*) a few birds noted at Tikal to Los Tarrales.
116. *Northern Schiffornis (Northern)* (*Schiffornis veraepacis*) Heard only at Tikal.
117. **Rose-throated Becard** (*Pachyramphus aglaiae*) c8 Los Tarrales and male at Mirador Rey.
118. **Rufous-browed Peppershrike (Northern)** (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) 1, Finca El Pilar.
119. **Chestnut-sided Shrike-vireo** (*Vireolanius melitophrys*) 1, Finca El Pilar.
120. **Lesser Greenlet (Northern)** (*Pachysylvia decurtata*) 8+ Tikal.
121. **Philadelphia Vireo** (*Vireo philadelphicus*) 1, Tikal.
122. **Brown-capped Vireo (Northern)** (*Vireo leucophrys*) 3 birds in the Santiago Atitlan area.
123. **Hutton's Vireo** (*Vireo huttoni*) 2 birds noted at Fuentes Georginas.

124. **Yellow-throated Vireo** (*Vireo flavifrons*) Noted.
125. **Blue-headed Vireo** (*Vireo solitarius*) c6 birds seen in all in the Santiago Atitlan area.
126. **White-eyed Vireo** (White-eyed) (*Vireo griseus*) 2 Tikal.
127. **BLACK-THROATED JAY** (*Cyanolyca pumilo*) 2+, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Fuentes Georginas. A noisy flock passed through the bamboo along the top ridge trail with 2 seen flying across the path low down and 1 of those birds seen briefly in the bamboo before it passed across. The flock hung around the area calling occasionally but were not seen again. What was probably the same flock was heard only the day before.
128. **Bushy-crested Jay** (*Cyanocorax melanocyaneus*) 6-20 per day in the Mirador Rey area.
129. **Brown Jay** (*Psilorhynchus morio*) Noisy flocks often by the road and common at Tikal and Los Tarrales.
130. **White-throated Magpie-jay** (*Calocitta formosa*) A few noted.
131. **Steller's Jay** (Central American) (*Cyanocitta stelleri*) A few in the Todos Santos area and 2, Fuentes Georginas.



132. **UNICOLORED JAY** (*Aphelocoma unicolor*) 4, Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Fuentes Georginas from the entrance gate car park.
133. **Grey Silky-flycatcher** (*Ptiliogonys cinereus*) Common in the south.
134. **Violet-green Swallow** (*Tachycineta thalassina*) A few flocks noted in the south.
135. **Mangrove Swallow** (*Tachycineta albilinea*) Several noted Nov 24<sup>th</sup>.



136. **Black-capped Swallow** (*Atticora pileata*) c50+ Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at Finca El Pilar, in the valley beyond the Comedor de Colibris.
137. **Northern Rough-winged Swallow** (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*) Common.



138. **Swallow** (American) (*Hirundo rustica erythrogaster*) Common.
139. **American Bushtit** (Black-eared) (*Psaltriparus minimus*) 4+, Sierra de los Cuchaniantes.
140. **Band-backed Wren** (*Campylorhynchus zonatus*) 2, Finca El Pilar.
141. **Rufous-backed Wren** (*Campylorhynchus capistratus*) 4, Los Tarrales.
142. **Spot-breasted Wren** (*Pheugopedius maculipectus*) 2 birds Tikal.
143. **House Wren** (Southern) (*Troglodytes aedon*) 1+, Los Tarrales.
144. **Rufous-browed Wren** (*Troglodytes rufociliatus*) 2 singles at Fuentes Georginas.
145. **Grey-breasted Wood Wren** (Central American) (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) 2, Fuentes Georginas and 1, Trail A near Mirador Rey.
146. **Brown Creeper** (**Guatemalan**) (*Certhia americana pernigra*) 1, Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Sierra de los Cuchaniantes.
147. **Grey Catbird** (*Dumetella carolinensis*) Noted.
148. **Tropical Mockingbird** (Tropical) (*Mimus gilvus*) 1, Tikal.
149. **BLUE-AND-WHITE MOCKINGBIRD** (*Melanotis hypoleucus*) A singing adult, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> Fuentes Georginas along the ridge trail towards the mirador and the same bird again the next day.  
1, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> along TRAIL A and just beyond the large clearing, although this bird would not respond to playback.
150. **Eastern Bluebird** (Mexican) (*Sialia sialis*) 4 birds Sierra de los Cuchaniantes.
151. **Brown-backed Solitaire** (*Myadestes occidentalis*) Common in the Santaigo Atitlan area.
152. **Wood Thrush** (*Hylocichla mustelina*) Common at Tikal.



153. **YELLOW-THROATED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH** (*Catharus dryas*)  
1 seen and another heard only, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> about 300m along TRAIL A near Mirador Rey.
154. **Swainson's Thrush** (*Catharus ustulatus*) 1, TRAIL A, near Mirador Rey.
155. **Rufous-collared Thrush** (*Turdus rufitorques*) 3+ Sierra de los Cuchaniantes. 1, Fuentes Georginas.
156. **Clay-colored Thrush** (*Turdus grayi*) Noted.
157. **Olive Warbler** (*Peucedramus taeniatus*) 1, Sierra de los Cuchaniantes.
158. **Lesser Goldfinch** (*Spinus psaltria*) 4 in the Todos Santos area and several in the Mirador Rey area.

159. **Pine Siskin (Chiapas)** (*Spinus pinus perplexus*) 5 birds, mostly juv's Sierra de los Cuchaniantes.



160. **BLACK-CAPPED SISKIN** (*Spinus atriceps*) 3 birds Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Sierra de los Cuchaniantes.  
The birds were quite vocal but also quite elusive amongst the hillside pine trees.

161. **Black-headed Siskin** (*Spinus notatus*) 2 near Todos Santos and several Mirador Rey.

162. **Elegant Euphonia** (*Chlorophonia elegantissima*) 8+, TRAIL A near Mirador Rey.

163. **Yellow-throated Euphonia** (*Euphonia hirundinacea*) 3, Fuentes Georginas.

164. **Olive-backed Euphonia** (*Euphonia gouldi*) 5+, Tikal.

165. **Common Bush Tanager** (Middle America) (*Chlorospingus flavopectus*) Common in small groups in the highlands.

166. **Green-backed Sparrow** (*Arremonops chloronotus*) 1, Tikal.

167. **Chestnut-capped Brushfinch** (Chestnut-capped) (*Arremon brunneinucha*) 4 birds TRAIL A near Mirador Rey.



168. **Yellow-eyed Junco (Guatemalan)** (*Junco phaeonotus alticola*) 4 birds in the Todos Santos area.

169. **Rufous-collared Sparrow** (Rufous-collared) (*Zonotrichia capensis*) Several noted in the Todos Santos area, towards Fuentes Georginas area and Mirador Rey.





170. **Savannah Sparrow (Savannah)** (*Passerculus sandwichensis wetmori*) 2, Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Sierra de los Cuchaniantes.

171. **White-eared Ground Sparrow (Grey-crowned)** (*Melospiza leucotis occipitalis*) 1, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> TRAIL A near Mirador Rey.



172. **RUSTY SPARROW** (*Aimophila rufescens*) Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Mirador Rey.

173. **Spotted Towhee (Rocky Mts.)** (*Pipilo maculatus*) 1, Sierra de los Cuchaniantes.

174. **White-naped Brushfinch (yellow-throated)** (*Atalapha albinucha*)  
1+ Fuentes Georginas.

175. **Yellow-breasted Chat** (*Icteria virens*) 1, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Los Tarrales.

176. **Eastern Meadowlark (Eastern)** (*Sturnella magna*)  
3, Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Sierra de los Cuchaniantes (photo right).

177. **Montezuma Oropendola** (*Psarocolius montezuma*)  
Several at Tikal.

178. **Baltimore Oriole** (*Icterus galbula*)  
A few at Finca El Pilar.

179. **Spot-breasted Oriole** (*Icterus pectoralis*)  
Ad at Los Tarrales.

180. **Black-vented Oriole** (*Icterus wagleri*)  
2+ at the Tolman Hotel.



181. **Orchard Oriole** (*Icterus spurius*) 15+, Los Tarrales and several noted at Mirador Rey.
182. **Bronzed Cowbird** (*Molothrus aeneus*) 1 Santiago Atitlan area.
183. **Melodious Blackbird** (*Dives dives*) Common at Tikal and Los Tarrales.
184. **Great-tailed Grackle** (Great-tailed) (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) Very common throughout.
185. **Ovenbird** (*Seiurus aurocapilla*) 3, Tikal.
186. **Worm-eating Warbler** (*Helmitheros vermivorum*) 1, TRAIL A near Mirador Rey.
187. **Golden-winged Warbler** (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) Singles at Tikal and Mirador Rey.
188. **Black-and-white Warbler** (*Mniotilta varia*) Regularly noted usually in mixed species flocks.
189. **Crescent-chested Warbler** (*Oreothlypis superciliosa*) Fairly common in the Highland sites.
190. **Tennessee Warbler** (*Leiothlypis peregrina*) A few at Los Tarrales.
191. **Nashville Warbler** (Eastern) (*Leiothlypis ruficapilla ruficapilla*) A few at TRAIL A, Mirador Rey and the Belted Flycatcher site.
192. **Kentucky Warbler** (*Geothlypis formosa*) 1 at Tikal.
193. **Common Yellowthroat** (*Geothlypis trichas*) 1, IMAP.
194. **Hooded Warbler** (*Setophaga citrina*) 2 males at Tikal.
195. **American Redstart** (*Setophaga ruticilla*) Several noted at Tikal.
196. **Magnolia Warbler** (*Setophaga magnolia*) 4 at Tikal and several at Los Tarrales.
197. **Yellow Warbler** (*Setophaga aestiva*) 1, Tikal.
198. **Chestnut-sided Warbler** (*Setophaga pensylvanica*) 1, Tikal.
199. **Myrtle Warbler** (*Setophaga coronata*) Several noted.



200. **GOLDMAN'S WARBLER** (*Setophaga goldmani*) 5+, Nov 26 Sierra de los Cuchaniantes. Spectacular views of both sexes.



- 201. **Townsend's Warbler** (*Setophaga townsendi*) Common in the Highlands.
- 202. **Hermit Warbler** (*Setophaga occidentalis*) Male at Fuentes Georginas and 2 males at TRAIL A near Mirador Rey.
- 203. **Black-throated Green Warbler** (*Setophaga virens*) 2, Fuentes Georginas and a male at TRAIL A near Mirador Rey.
- 204. **Golden-browed Warbler** (*Basileuterus belli*) Frequently seen at Fuentes Georginas and Mirador Rey.
- 205. **Wilson's Warbler** (*Cardellina pusilla*) Common in the southern Highlands.



- 206. **PINK-HEADED WARBLER** (*Cardellina versicolor*) 1, Nov 25<sup>th</sup> near Todos Santos and 2, Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Sierra de los Cuchaniantes while out with Estaban (photo above) very close but unfortunately in the dense mist. 4, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Fuentes Georginas on the ridge trail.
- 207. **Slate-throated Whitestart** (*Myioborus miniatus*) Several at Fuentes Georginas and along TRAIL A near Mirador Rey.
- 208. **Summer Tanager** (*Piranga rubra*) yellow birds at Tikal and 2 at Los Tarrales.
- 209. **Western Tanager** (*Piranga ludoviciana*) 4 at Finca El Pilar.

- 210. **White-winged Tanager** (*Piranga leucoptera*) Male at Los Tarrales.
- 211. **Red-throated Ant Tanager** (Salvin's) (*Habia fuscicauda*) 4 birds at Tikal.
- 212. **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) c10 birds noted in all, all in the Santiago Atitlan area.
- 213. **Grey-throated Chat** (*Granatellus sallaei*) Noted at Tikal.
- 214. **Indigo Bunting** (*Passerina cyanea*) A few noted.
- 215. **Painted Bunting** (Western) (*Passerina ciris pallidior*) Males at Los Tarrales and at Santiago Atitlan.
- 216. **Red-legged Honeycreeper** (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) 100+ Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Mirador Rey moving through the valley there in flocks.
- 217. **Black-headed Saltator** (*Saltator atriceps*) 3, Los Tarrales.



- 218. **BLACK-THROATED SHRIKE-TANAGER** (*Lanio aurantius*)  
2 males and 1 female and another heard only, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> and another male Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Tikal. Surely the premier site for this bird!
- 219. **Morelet's Seedeater** (*Sporophila moreletii*) 3, Los Tarrales.
- 220. **Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer** (*Diglossa baritula*) A few noted at Sierra de los Cuchaniantes and 6+ at Fuentes Georginas.



- 221. **AZURE-RUMPED TANAGER** (*Poecilostreptus cabanisi*) 5, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Mirador Rey trail from the fenced viewpoint along the trail down from the Mirador car park. The birds were in view for c 3-4 minutes but never came that close.
- 222. **Blue-grey Tanager** (Blue-grey) (*Thraupis episcopus*) 3+, Los Tarrales.
- 223. **Yellow-winged Tanager** (*Thraupis abbas*) 6+ Los Tarrales and a few on TRAIL A near Mirador Rey.



## MAMMALS



**Grey Fox** (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) 1 at Tikal.



**White-Nosed Coati** (*Nasua narica*) groups of up to 10 individuals at Tikal and Fuentes Geoginas (photo above right).

## NEW SPECIES

1. **WHITE-BELLIED CHACHALACA** (*Ortalis leucogastra*)
2. **HORNED GUAN** (*Oreophasis derbianus*)
3. **OCELLATED QUAIL** (*Cyrtonyx ocellatus*)
4. **MEXICAN WHIP-POOR-WILL** (*Antrostomus arizonae*)
5. **GARNET-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Lamprolaima rhami*)
6. **SLENDER SHEARTAIL** (*Doricha enicura*)
7. **WINE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Selasphorus ellioti*)
8. **RUFOUS SABREWING** (*Pampa rufa*)
9. **WHITE-BELLIED EMERALD** (*Chlorestes candida*)
10. **PHEASANT CUCKOO** (*Dromococcyx phasianellus*)
11. **GREY-HEADED DOVE** (*Leptotila plumbeiceps*)
12. **WHITE-BREASTED HAWK** (*Accipiter chionogaster*)
13. **GUATEMALAN PYGMY OWL** (*Glaucidium cobanense*)
14. **WHISKERED SCREECH OWL** (*Megascops trichopsis*)
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29. **BLACK-THROATED SHRIKE-TANAGER** (*Lanio aurantius*)
30. **AZURE-RUMPED TANAGER** (*Poecilostreptus cabanisi*)

## NEW SUB-SPECIES GROUPS OR POTENTIAL SPLITS

1. **Berylline Hummingbird** (**Southern**) (*Saucerottia beryllina devillei*)
2. **Red-lore Amazon** (**Red-lore**) (*Amazona autumnalis autumnalis*)
3. **Brown Creeper** (**Guatemalan**) (*Certhia americana pernigra*)
4. **Pine Siskin** (**Chiapas**) (*Spinus pinus perplexus*)
5. **Yellow-eyed Junco** (**Guatemalan**) (*Junco phaeonotus alticola*)
6. **Savannah Sparrow** (**Savannah**) (*Passerculus sandwichensis wetmori*)
7. **White-eared Ground Sparrow** (**Grey-crowned**) (*Melospiza leucotis occipitalis*)

# MEXICO 6 DEC 2021 - 18 MAR 2022

## MONEY, VISAS, TIME ETC

**VISA** .....Not required.  
**EXCHANGE RATE** .....£1=28 Mexican Pesos MXN.  
**TIME** .....4 Time zones in Mexico but we were only affected by two;  
Baha California Sur & Sinaloa -7 hrs behind GMT  
All other States visited -6 hrs behind GMT

## MEXICAN STATES BIRDED

GUERRERO OAXACA VERACRUZ CHIAPAS BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR SINALOA DURANGO NAYARIT JALISCO  
MICOACAN MORELOS STATE OF MEXICO MEXICO CITY TAMAULIPAS SAN LUIS POTISI



## ITINERARY

**DEC 7<sup>th</sup> 2021** Drove from Mexico City 10hrs south to Paraiso in the Sierra de Atoyac **GUERRERO 9.2 Howell**.

Stayed in **Hotel Paraiso 250MXN each** along here but not sure of exact location <https://goo.gl/maps/VqdcXfBrtDNDLZzc9>

Last 2 hrs of light birding north to Nuevo Delhi.

**08** Dawn till mid afternoon to and beyond **Puerto Gallo**. Small shop and safe parking here; <https://goo.gl/maps/SMkXjg7PSjzbLR3s7> (c15km north of Nuevo Delhi). Late afternoon till dusk at Nuevo Delhi.

**09** Dawn at **Nuevo Delhi** at large Inga tree being used by **Short-crested Coquette** here; <https://goo.gl/maps/JBa2yQEzba1oYK5f7> till 9am then birded way down to leave by 12 noon. Rest of day driving east and found a roadside Hotel for **170MXN each**.

**10** Continued east at dawn to **Parque Nacional Huatulco, OAXACA** Checked into **OYO Hotel Posada San Vicente, La Crucecita for c250MXN each**. Sorted gear out then out for food and in the field by 4pm. Birded into the dark till 8pm.

"Oaxaca" **Screech Owl**. <https://goo.gl/maps/cTyP2XGBeQKa1q6W9> this is where we saw 2 birds, although there were obviously more birds in the general area. Also **Buff-collared Nightjar** here.

**11** Dawn driving/birding the road to **Café Pluma Hidalgo** <https://goo.gl/maps/WM8sto3GE7kbqse28>

Lunch and birding there noon till late afternoon and returned at dusk for night birding. Stayed at **Finca San Gabriel c600 MXN each**.

**12** **Route 175 north to Oaxaca City** starting at dawn at **El Mirador and La Solidaridad 11.9 Howell**. Checked into **Hotel Posada Los Arcos 360 MXN each** and drove north up the 175 to **La Cumbre (east of the 175)** to do some fruitless owling.

**13** Dawn to dusk at **Teotitlan del Valle 11.2 Howell** birding from the town to the start of the oak forest and back.



- 14 Dawn to noon at **Teotitlan del Valle** again then up to **Cerro San Felipe, La Cumbre (west of the 175)** **11.5 Howell** birding the accommodation clearing and then driving the terrible track up to c 200m before **Corral de Piedra 3200m** by dusk and until 8pm.
- 15 **Monte Alban 11.1 Howell** 7am-noon walking the access road from the first barrier up to the ruins and back and also a trail heading south from near the barrier and parallel with the access road. We left Oaxaca City and then drove north along **route 175 to km 79-80 at La Esperanza 11.7 Howell**. Continued on to stay at **Valle Nacional for 650 MXN/ room for 3**.
- 16 Dawn at **Plan de las Flores turn off at c km50 on the 175**, and then the rest of the day at **La Esperanza km 79-80**.
- 17 **Slow drive back to Oaxaca City for Graham's flight to Mexico City and home**. Dead for birding. Stayed in Oaxaca overnight.
- 18 Goodbye to Graham and left Oaxaca City at 6am driving back north up Route 175. Stopped at **km 108 for Hooded Yellowthroat** driving on to **Adolfo Ruiz Cortines, VERACRUZ** and arriving at 5pm.  
Checked in for 2 nights at the **Cabana Selva de los Colibris**; <https://goo.gl/maps/4sBmrjPG1ZPGRbZx5>  
They called over the **Guide Braulio Temich** for us and we booked him for the next day (600 MXN for the day).
- 19 All day out with Braulio for **Tuxtla Quail-dove** and **Long-tailed Sabrewing** walking the roads and trails inside the forest.
- 20 Raining so drove on to the **Nava's Wren** site on the east side of **Selva El Ocote, on the track to Armando Zabadua, CHIAPAS** <https://goo.gl/maps/9mkyGHdanuoUJp6u5>  
Raining hard so left for **Tuxtla Gutierrez** and checked into the **Palapa Palace Hotel 690 MXN/ Double room**.
- 21 Dawn at the **Nava's Wren** site again, and again raining but connected quickly.  
Back for breakfast and then out to **Sumidero Canyon 12.1 Howell** from 11.30am-5.30pm.
- 22 **Sumidero Canyon** 7am till c10am walking the road in and the cycle track. Drove on to **San Cristobal de las Casas** and booked in at the **Hotel El Buen Samaritano for 1500 MXN room for 3 nights**. Booked the **guide Alberto Martinez Fernandez** for 23-24<sup>th</sup>. We then went up to **Microondas Huitepec**, parked here <https://goo.gl/maps/9Pxz2jUic3R9RDuo9> and walked up for a dusk owling session.
- 23 **Montetik Park** 8am-12 noon but very quiet. Back again with Alberto at night for spectacular views of **Bearded Screech Owl**.
- 24 Away at 4.45am and collected Alberto and drove 3.5 hrs west to Tuxtla Gutierrez and then north to park and walk the road north at **Cerro Tapalapa** <https://goo.gl/maps/FRfCa1YW5jhZ7qB28> 8.30am-1pm then back via **Sumidero Canyon** to **San Cristobal de las Casas**.
- 25 **Sumidero Canyon** at the last Mirador for **Bar-winged Oriole** finally. We then carried on south to the **Arriaga foothills 12.2 Howell**. Birded the quiet libre Route 90 with lots of birds. Brief look late evening at Puerto Arista but what a dump that was, so returned to stay at the **Hotel Maria Eugenia** in Arriaga. Not the cheapest but everywhere else was closed.
- 26 Back up to the **hills above Arriaga** at 6am for more roadside birding then drove on to bird the road from **Puerto Arriaga to Boca del Cielo**. **We then decided to twitch Blue-tailed Hummingbird** somewhere in eastern Chiapas. Andy found a reliable spot at **Benito Juarez Plan near Tapachula** so we aimed for there arriving up a very steep and poor road at 4pm.  
Eventually found some and left at 5.30pm heading back west to stay in a roadside Hotel near Mastepec.
- 27 Left early and drove via the **Arriaga foothills again till 11.30** before driving back to the Palapa Palace, Tuxtla Gutierrez.  
Out at 4.30pm looking for roosting parakeets nearby.
- 28 Away at 4am to **Tapalapa** till 2pm where we had a terrible day.  
Drove back for dinner and to watch the roosting **Green Parakeets at the Marriott Hotel in Tuxtla Gutierrez**.
- 29 Slow morning packing and **took Andy to Tuxtla Airport**.  
Drove on to **OAXACA** and to **Tolistoque Ojo de Agua** <https://goo.gl/maps/8vfw4K1sJE4LWiDo7> arriving 3.30pm and birding the access track till dusk. Stayed at the **Oassiss Hotel 450 MXN/ room** c 30km back along the main road.
- 30 **Tolistoque Ojo De Agua 7-10am** then drove west to Pluma Hidalgo via **Hagia Sofia Botanical Park for Mexican Hermit**.  
Overnight in **Pluma Hidalgo at the Hotel Reyes 400MXN** <https://goo.gl/maps/odwXdMfqnz8Aph9i9>.  
Tried unsuccessfully for Eared Poorwill again near Café Pluma Hidalgo after dusk.
- 31 Up at 6am and drove north to the **175 stopping at El Mirador again** walking the road and track below the restaurant there.  
**Drove on to Oaxaca City** and then east to stay at the **Hostal Lasse 250 MXN/night dorm** <https://goo.gl/maps/jHovja3MZfGaKHh88> for a dorm room to myself. Excellent place, and only c7 miles west of Yagul.
- JAN 1<sup>st</sup> 2022** **Yagul from dawn till 8.45 am** birding the entrance road to the Ruins road barrier.  
**New Years Day** so closed (at the time I was there) but this didn't matter as **Beautiful Hummingbird** was easy before the barrier.  
Drove on north yet again up **Route 175 to stay at Valle Nacional 400 MXN**.

- 02** Left before dawn to be at the **Sumichrast's Wren site at Santa Maria Jacatepec** <https://goo.gl/maps/Euz6rFcw2T3rMbf87> by first light. Then drove on north up the 175 into **VERACRUZ** and onto the **180 via Alvarado** and **Playa Juan Angel** but the wind had blown up into a gale blowing sand off the whole coastal strip and sending sand for miles inland and reducing visibility to a few metres. Drove on to a **roadside Hotel at Casitas**.
- 03** Drove onto **Tecolutla 10.1 Howell** by dawn birding the inland marsh dyke area there till 10.30. Drove south to **Playa Juan Angel** again this time in better weather for **Veracruz Wren** <https://goo.gl/maps/jvEbSkUy3zDy31Zb9> Drove on to **Coatepec** to stay at the **Hotel Angelina Carolina 366 MXN/ night**.
- 04** Up and away before dawn a few miles south east to **La Isleta Grande** walking this track <https://goo.gl/maps/erhikmsvtfUyveWm6> and the general area for most of the day.
- 05** **Parque El Haya, Xalapa** parking here near the security gate <https://goo.gl/maps/A6crjKESt36y7eCR6> from dawn till 8.45am. **Drove back to Mexico City** to the **We Hotel £42** by T1 MEX CITY AIRPORT. Took the car back to Europcar and **went to meet Helen** at 6.30pm.
- 06** Early morning flight from MEX CITY to **LA PAZ, BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR** Shared taxi to **La Concha Hotel previously booked for £192 for 4 nights** rest and recuperation!
- 07** Walked up the road and back in the morning and into town at night.
- 08-09** Walked up into the scrubby hills NE from the Hotel in the morning and into town at night. Hired car 09/01
- 10** Drove 4hrs north to the **Hotel Miramar OYO, 700 MXN** at **Loreto**. Out 4pm for a coastal walk till dark in strong onshore winds.
- 11** The arranged boatman never appeared so we walked the coast south from Loreto harbour till 1pm. Afternoon at **Nopolo** walking round the holiday homes checking the plants and Hummer feeders.
- 12** **Left Loreto early driving the coastal road via Mulege to Guerrero Negro** to book **2 nights at Malarrimo Hotel Restaurante Bar 1450 MXN** where we could book on a **Grey Whale-watching tour for tomorrow for 950 MXN each**. Out to the sagebrush flats for the evening.
- 13** **Grey Whale Tour 8am -noon**. Fantastic close views of the whales breaching and mating. Drove back south to the **Hotel Hacienda, Mulege 650 MXN/ room**. Walked the river east till dusk.
- 14** Early am around **Mulege lighthouse estuary**. **Drove back to La Paz** to stay in the **Bahia La Paz 410 MXN**.
- 15** Off early to **El Triunfo**, a short distance from **San Antonio de la Sierra**. No Cabanas available at Cabanas El Triunfo so directed to the **Villa La Forezza for 1000 MXN/ night** <https://goo.gl/maps/UZ1VDMeKb1e1JANA6> which had self-contained rooms and were cheaper and better. Drove to **San Antonio de la Sierra km 22 till dusk**. <https://goo.gl/maps/UcvqgqxvDscsopt29> walking to km 25.
- 16** **San Antonio de la Sierra** from dawn to 3pm. **Walked from c km 25 to the Victoria track and then up to the top at the derelict hut** <https://goo.gl/maps/TujBCoNC34arFxZ6A> **Dry riverbed at El Triunfo** <https://goo.gl/maps/QReKJoP4p1DmdLCd7> **at dusk for Elf Owls**.
- 17** **San Antonio de la Sierra km 22 arroyo for 1.5hrs** before returning to **km11 for an hour**. Drove on to the east coast but the brakes were failing so had to take the **car back to La Paz** where we swapped the car immediately but stayed in La Paz.
- 18** Drove down the east coast **from La Paz to San Jose del Cabo** but most of the land inaccessible due to expensive looking American holiday homes. Booked into the **Hotel Plaza Los Arcos 900 MXN/night**. Evening walk to bird the **trail along the west side of the estero**.
- 19** **San Jose del Cabo am** at the derelict Wildlife Centre then took a **slow drive north back to La Paz** as there was nowhere reasonably priced to stay. Checked into the **Hotel Hacienda Bougambillia for 4 nights at 770 MXN/ night**.
- 20-23** **Based in La Paz**. 20<sup>th</sup> - Booked ferry to Topolobampo and walked **Playa El Tecolote and mangroves** on the way back.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Whale Shark** snorkelling trip. **22<sup>nd</sup>-Tecolote beach** again. **23<sup>rd</sup> - San Antonio de la Sierra dawn till noon** and returned car.
- 24** Didi taxi La Paz to Pichilique for the **2.30pm ferry to Topolobampo, SINALOA. 1290 MXN** each arriving 21.30pm. A very quiet ferry crossing with almost no birds in strong winds. Taxi to the **Tortuga Hostal for 2 nights 600 MXN/night**.
- 25** **Topolobampo**, dawn walk north to an old quarry area for **Rufous-winged Sparrow** <https://goo.gl/maps/GqM8JaMy9aP3vBbR8>
- 26** **Topolobampo**, pre-dawn walk north for **Five-striped Sparrow** <https://goo.gl/maps/fQcdutTw4zskicLC8> Back and packed by 10am then taxi to Los Mochis bus station where we caught an Elite Select bus, 6hrs to **Mazatlan 390 MXN each**. Another Didi taxi to the **Hotel Margaritas checked in for 4 nights 2800 MXN**.



**27 Mazatlan.** Walked 5 miles north to **Punta Carita** looking for **Black Turnstones** unsuccessfully and returned via Didi taxi for 40 MXN.

**28-29 Mazatlan** **28<sup>th</sup>** - **Punta Carita** in the afternoon till dusk. **29<sup>th</sup>** Walked to **Playa Punta del Sabalo am for 5 Black Turnstones.**

**30** Collected the pre-arranged car from Europcar at 09.30.  
**Drove Route 40 via Copala and Cabanas Chara Pinta (no one about) to El Palmito at km 202.**  
 Booked in at the well located **Hotel Rancho Bonito for 4 nights 2700 MXN** at **El Palmito** taking the self-contained cabin with log fire.

**31** Away at dawn walking to the old **Barranca Rancho Liebre** trail **5.6 Howell**, starting at c km 200.5 for c 4km to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and more spectacular viewpoint and back. Collected Helen from the Hotel and drove up the new dusty track to **Cabanas Chara Pinta** for some owling at dusk.

**FEB 01 Cabanas Chara Pinta** and the trails around there till 2pm returning 2 hrs later and birding beyond dusk.

**02 Fantastic last day!** Walked the **Barranca Rancho Liebre** trail again but made our way quickly to the first large gorge viewpoint where it all got better! Located an **Aztec Thrush** by call and just as I got onto it with my bins an **Eared Quetzal** started calling very close by. Great views of both from 9.30-11am when we peeled ourselves away and carried on walking to the main (2<sup>nd</sup>) viewpoint another mile away. Here I heard and then saw both species (individuals ?) again.

**03** Raining! Started driving to El Salto **DURANGO** at 6.30am through the spectacular mountain scenery in constant rain and then snow. Tried the drive to **El Salto tip** but too muddy and steep after the all the rain so carried onto the next site finding a great place to stay nearby at **San Juan del Rio** in the **Hotel Rinconada Plaza 250 MXN/ night.**  
 Back 30km to the **dried lake at Miguel Hidalgo** <https://goo.gl/maps/PtczAji5zCyfyRBBG8> till dusk.

**04** Dawn till 2pm at the **dried up lake at Miguel Hidalgo** driving the dusty tracks.

**05** Away at 8.45am driving the liebre route 40 back to El Salto, stopping at the **km 28 Mirador for Mexican Jays.** Tried the **El Salto rubbish tip 3.30-5pm** but no Sierra Madre Sparrows so decided to stay in El Salto. The hotels here were either full or crap so had to stay in the overpriced **Hotel Laguna 900 MXN/ night** and freezing cold.

**06 El Salto tip again**, but as the storm clouds cleared and the sun came out so did all the birds, including **3 Sierra Madre Sparrows.** Away from the hotel by 10.45am and drove back down route 40 via **Copala, SINALOA** for lunch and **km 211 for more Tufted Jays.** Stayed in **Concordia** at the **Hotel Rancho Vieja 550 MXN.** Back up the road for a few km towards dusk.

**07 Panuco Rd 5.5 Howell** from dawn to 10.30am then back and drove onto **San Blas, NAYARIT** booking into the **Hotel Posada del Rey 800 MXN/ night**, very comfortable and convenient but still close to the centre of San Blas.

**08 Singayta Road, 6.1h Howell** 7-9.30am when the car packed up for 20 minutes just while watching singing **Elegant Quails.** Quick walk around **El Chacalilla** but crap there so back to San Blas for lunch.  
 Out again to **Peso Island 6.1b Howell** (30 pesos return boat now) flushing **Grayson's Thrush** upon landing. Walked across to the beach.

**09 San Blas Mangroves** all day looking for West Mexican Mangrove Vireo... fruitless.

**10 San Blas Mangroves** am then drove up to **La Noria** and booked a cabin at **Rancho La Noria 2000 MXN/ 2 nights.**  
 Out for 4 hrs at dusk with nothing calling at all....dead!

**11** Out at 4am down to the quarry and up beyond the cabins but still nothing. Drove into **Tepic** to suss out the Aztec Rail site there at the **Parque Ecologico Metroolitano** and spent the afternoon walking up **Cerro de la Cruz.** **Back to La Noria** and out above the cabins till 7.30pm and then every few hours but still nothing calling.

**12** Out at 5am walking as far as possible above the cabins before dawn. **Drove on to Tepic** to stay in the **EH Ejecutivo Urban Hotel for 4 nights 3000 MXN.** Tried again at the **Parque Ecologico Metroolitano** till dusk for Aztec Rails but nothing.

**13** Organised owling trip with **Mark Stackhouse** for 15<sup>th</sup> which was very easy. **Parque Ecologico Metroolitano** 7.30-11am and 5pm till dusk... still no Aztec Rails....

**14 Parque Ecologico Metroolitano** <https://goo.gl/maps/gbop4hEP4AymQ1oeA> at dawn at a different site scoring some cheeky views of **Aztec Rail at last.** Took a short walk up **Cerro de la Cruz.** Met **Dan Pointon, Paul Ellis, John Pegden and Bernie Bar** at our hotel at night but their booking wasn't accepted by the desk staff ?!  
 Had some grub and beers nearby and arranged to meet them at 3am for the drive to La Noria owling with Mark Stackhouse.

**15** Up at 3am with Dan & Co following up to **La Noria where we met Mark at 4am** and started owling. None were seen but Cinereous were heard. **Birded around La Noria and down the road** and Mark kindly offered to try again in the evening. Back up to **La Noria at 5pm** and the weather was noticeably warmer. **Started at an Eared Poorwill site connecting straight away** and then up owling seeing a nice **Whiskered Screech Owl** and then the **stars of the show 2 Cinereous Owls c 12m away.. a great night indeed!**

- 16 Lie in!! Up slowly and went back to **San Blas** booking in for **2 nights in the Hotel Posada del Rey** again. No Birding today!
- 17 Drove to a **Mexican Hermit site** nearby along a very bad track for a 2x4 car in the morning.
- 18 Finally found a **West Mexican Mangrove Vireo** along the same road north out of San Blas 7-8am. Drove on to get to **San Sebastian del Oeste, JALISCO** to book the **Hotel del Pozo 800 MXN/ night for 2 nights**.
- 19 Away to **La Bufa** at dawn driving the steep and cobbled road/track to c 2km before the top as the car engine started to puff steam out from overheating. Soon had point blank views of **Long-tailed Wood-partridge** and back down the hill at 11am.
- 20 Walked round the town am then drove east to stay at the **Hotel Villa Montecarlo, Chapala 1500 MXN/ night** as there was nowhere else cheaper ... very expensive round here!
- 21 Away at dawn back to Bosco Greenheads e-bird site for **Black-backed Oriole** at **Ajjic** till 10am, then drove east to **Morelia, MICHOACAN** stay at the **Posada Bella Vista, 740/night for 2 nights**.
- 22 Away early driving to **Paso Ancho 8am-noon**, walked the village looking for **Lucifer Hummingbird** and **Black-chested Sparrow**. Back to collect Helen in Morelia then on to **Arocutin Bridge** <https://goo.gl/maps/HSUBz6xKceTL8d6X8> for **Black-pollled Yellowthroat** in the evening.
- 23 Drove on east and found a town mid-distance between the next few sites and it turned out to be one of our favourites. We stayed in **Tepoztlan, MORELOS** at the **Posada El Paraiso 1000MXN/night**. Expensive, but a well-placed base for 5 nights.
- 24 Birded 2 recommended sites near **Nepantla, STATE OF MEXICO** for Pileated Flycatcher but nothing all day although I did find a responsive **Botteri's Sparrow** <https://goo.gl/maps/QKnTyGbvHbQMSm9e7> there, the only one I saw.
- 25 **Parque Las Miravalles, MEXICO CITY** am till 1pm then back to sort out the payment for the car rental extension in Cuernavaca.
- 26 Dawn NE of Tepoztlan at **El Texcal**. Headed east along track starting here <https://goo.gl/maps/opkHxg18gjoMZx5u5> Saw 3 **Pileated Flycatchers** from here and in the next 300m.
- 27 All morning at the **Lagunas de Zempoala** looking for Hooded Grosbeaks but nothing doing. Flat tyre on way back.
- 28 Early visit to get the tyre repaired and car cleaned inside and out for 180 MXN. Drove east to stay at **Orizaba** (roadside stop in rain).
- MAR 01** Drove on early to **VERACRUZ** finally stay just SW of **Coatepec** at **Hotel Coyopolan Xico, 585/ night**. Birded the roadside west of Xico till dusk.
- 02 Out early to **Iglesia El Zapotal** up in the mountains walking a short trail off road. Also tried 5km further on. An evening visit to **Parque El Haya at Xalapa**.
- 03 Tried a few hours at **Parque El Haya** again, but still no Hooded Grosbeaks, but a few **Audubon's Orioles singing**. Drove on NE making a last minute random stop on route at **Monte Gordo** at **Mariana's Restaurante** where we had a great chicken dinner as a male **Ochre Oriole** fed in the flowering tree next to us... perfect! Then onto **Tecolutla** again to find the **Hotel Posada Margarita 250 MXN** <https://goo.gl/maps/4T6b1FstZsVn3r3h7>
- 04 Drove on in the morning to **Gomez Farias, TAMAULIPAS. 4.4 Howell** Booked a cabin for 3 nights at the **Villa de las Flores there for 2700 MXN** and took a short walk looking for Tawny-collared Nightjar at 8pm.
- 05 Up before dawn and drove slowly to the **Interpretive Centre for El Cielo, parked up and birded up to Alta Cima and back, c 20km**. On the way back down I was very lucky to meet **Mario Alvarez**. He was guiding then but offered an attempt for **Tawny-collared Nightjar** that evening at 7pm which I took up. Glad I did as we heard one and saw it in flight. He also offered a few other good birds if I wanted for the next morning so we made arrangements to meet at 5am tomorrow.
- 06 **Met Mario at 5am** in the square at 5am looking for Stygian Owl and also briefly crossing paths with Ross Gallardy. Me and Mario then tried some other nightjar spots and then as dawn broke looked for a few other local birds including **Red-crowned Parrot** and **Altamira Yellowthroat**. Mario knows where there are a lot of species in this area! Tried again for the nightjar at dusk but it only called once and that was it. **Gomez Farias town square at 9.45pm for the Stygian Owl**.
- 07 Away early heading for **El Naranjo, SAN LUIS POTISI. 4.5 Howell**. Booked into the **Hotel del Valle 550 MXN** and drove back to check out the **El Salto Hydro-electric Station Waterfall** area and also west along the road but the weather was too windy for birding.
- 08 Dawn along the **road from El Meco to the Hydro-electric Station again scanning for parrots** from the road, which surprisingly paid off mid-morning with an adult **Yellow-headed Parrot** flying down the valley. Collected Helen and drove south back to **Tecolutla** and the **Hotel Posada Margarita 250 MXN**



09 Last chance for Bearded Wood-partridge (and failed!) staying at **Las Vigas de Ramirez, VERACRUZ** at the **Hotel Las Margaritas 550MXN/ night** although some very small rooms were only 350MXN/ night.

Abandoned the wife in the mist at the hotel and went for a walk along the road heading north out of **Cruz Blanco** till dark.

10 am and pm walking along the road north of **Cruz Blanco** from the hairpin here <https://goo.gl/maps/TT1Z5jBoLd3xqqsH9> to the hairpin here <https://goo.gl/maps/kRQBx1YKoMvkrUQ8> The first hairpin was excellent for birding as was the roadside along the huge canyon which opened up a few hundred metres east of there.

11 Early morning along the road running north out of **Las Vigas de Ramirez** but very windy and lots of people on the road and tracks. We then decided to spend the last 5 days back at Tepoztlan **MORELOS** as there was a good chance of the final likely new ssp, Eastern Grey-collared Becard..... oh and the wife liked it there too... This time stayed at the excellent **Posada Guayacan 1000 mxn/night**.

12-13 Walked from the Posada to **Meztitlan Rd Scout Camp** which was locked shut. When some Scouts came along to open it up they allowed me to bird the campground and I soon stumbled onto the public **trail to San Juan Tlacotenco** . Not long after walking up this trail I found a nice **Eastern Grey-collared Becard**. <https://goo.gl/maps/gnKrcSus2AaLEQxa6> 13<sup>th</sup> Tepoztlan town.

14-15 **Parque Las Miravalles, MEXICO CITY** just to look for **Sierra Madre Sparrows** am only. 15<sup>th</sup> Tepoztlan town.

16 Got a slow leak puncture fixed then drove slowly to Mexico City, booking 2 nights at the **Hostal Cuquita where I paid US\$80 for 2 nights until 5pm on the last day**.

We had the whole place to ourselves and it was very close to the airport T1 and also shops and San Juan de Aragon park.

17- 18 **San Juan de Aragon Park**. 18<sup>th</sup> am **San Juan de Aragon Park**. 9.15pm **flight home**.

#### SYSTEMATIC LIST

**NEW SPECIES NEW MEXICAN ENDEMICS**

(IOC WILDLIFE RECORDER IOC V11.2)

States abbreviated to first 3 letters

**GUERRERO OAXACA VERACRUZ CHIAPAS BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR SINALOA DURANGO NAYARIT JALISCO  
MICHOACAN MORELOS STATE OF MEXICO MEXICO CITY TAMAULIPAS SAN LUIS POTISI**

1. *Thicket Tinamou (Eastern) Crypturellus cinnamomeus* Several heard only, south of Gomez Farias TAM out with Mario Alvarez.
2. **Black-bellied Whistling Duck** (Northern) (*Dendrocygna autumnalis fulgens*) 100+ Tepic at Parque Ecologico Metroplitano.
3. **Fulvous Whistling Duck** (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) A few at Tepic at Parque Ecologico Metroplitano.
4. **Brent Goose** (Black Brant) (*Branta bernicla nigricans*) c100, Guerrero Negro, BAJ on the coastal reserve flats.

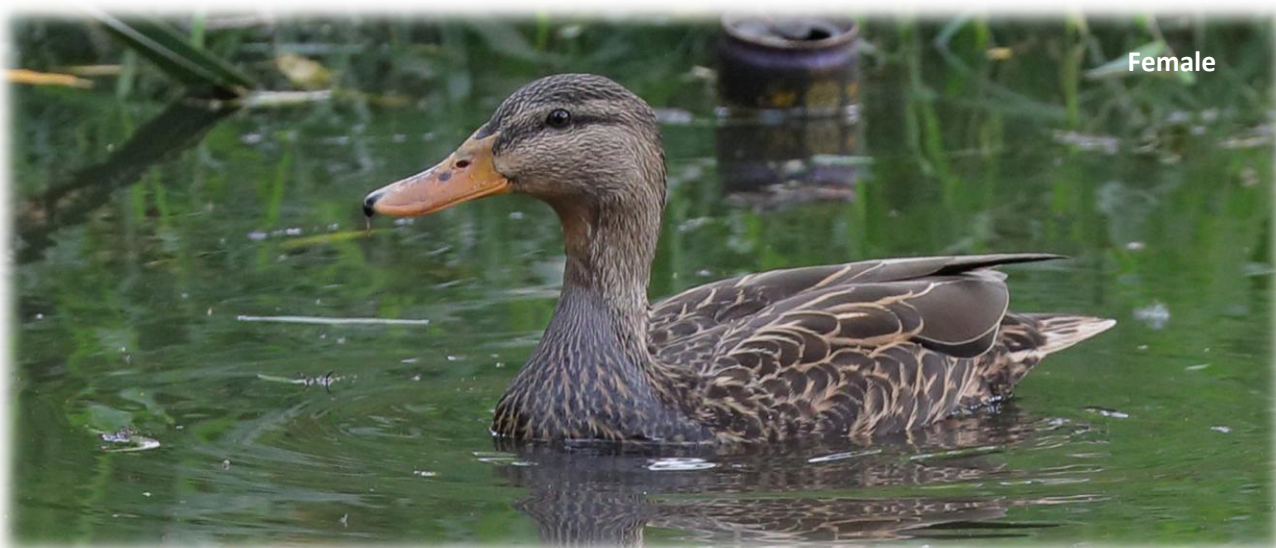


5. **ROSS'S GOOSE** (*Anser rossii*) 20+, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Miguel Hidalgo, feeding in the grassy fields along the western edge of the dried lake track along with at least 800 Snow Geese. Easy to pick out when scoped up on the deck just with the short stature and bill shape.

6. **Snow Goose** (*Anser caerulescens*) c800 Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Miguel Hidalgo, in grassy fields where I had seen a flock of 100 birds the night before. Mostly white phase birds with c 10 Blue phase birds and lots of immatures. Also with c 20 Ross's Geese.
7. **Muscovy Duck** (*Cairina moschata*) c6+, Mar 6<sup>th</sup> near Gomez Farias.
8. **Cinnamon Teal** (*Spatula cyanoptera*) Noted throughout Mexico in small numbers. Largest group was 30+ at San Jose del Cabo.
9. **Blue-winged Teal** (*Spatula discors*) Small number noted throughout Mexico.
10. **Shoveler** (*Spatula clypeata*) A few noted.
11. **American Wigeon** (*Mareca americana*) 20 noted at Guerrero Negro, BAJ.



Male



Female

12. **MEXICAN DUCK** (*Anas diazi*) 3, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> near Ciudad DUR. The birds were on a small roadside pool at c2500m. Also 3 at Tepic NAY (above), and 10 Chapala JAL, and common at San Juan de Aragon Park MEX.
13. **Pintail** (*Anas acuta*) NW Mexico best numbers being 100+ Guerrero Negro BAJ and 40+ Topolobampo SIN.
14. **Green-winged Teal** (*Anas carolinensis*) A female at Teotitlan OAX and a few in BAJ.
15. **Ring-necked Duck** (*Aythya collaris*) A few flocks noted down to central Mexico.
16. **Lesser Scaup** (*Aythya affinis*) A few flocks from BAJ to Mexico City.
17. **Surf Scoter** (*Melanitta perspicillata*) Several at Loreto and 150+ at Guerrero Negro on the whale-watching trip BAJ.
18. **Ruddy Duck** (*Oxyura jamaicensis*) Common and displaying at San Juan de Aragon Park, MEX.
19. **Plain Chachalaca** (*Ortalis vetula*) Noted at Parque El Haya, Xalapa VER and common at Gomez Farias TAM.
20. **Rufous-bellied Chachalaca** (*Ortalis wagleri*) 2 on the Panuco Rd SIN and 4-6 Singayta Rd, NAY.
21. **West Mexican Chachalaca** (*Ortalis poliocephala*) Several noted Nuevo Delhi GUE and across southern OAXACA.
22. **Great Curassow** (*Crax rubra*) A pair at El Cielo and an adult male flying across the road at Gomez Farias.



23. **LONG-TAILED WOOD PARTRIDGE** (*Dendrortyx macroura*) 1 male Feb 19<sup>th</sup> La Bufa JAL. Heard calling down in a gully below where I parked the car c2km from the top in open pine and oak forest. I hid c 4m away from the speaker and within 5 minutes it had travelled up the gully and then slowly walked up into the bottom of a bare bush in full view only c2-3m away. It saw me and slowly walked back down and out of view. A spectacular looking bird.  
*Also heard only at Nuevo Delhi GUE and also at km80 and km90 OAX.*



24. **ELEGANT QUAIL** (*Callipepla douglasii*) 2 males and a female Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, Singayta Road NAY. The birds were feeding at the small cattle ranch along with a large flock of other birds (Doves, Grackles etc) here <https://goo.gl/maps/BQdRdmzpPoDP7a15A>
25. **Pauraque** (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) 7+ noted in all.



26. **EARED POORWILL** (*Nyctiphrynus mcleodii*) 2 seen, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> La Noria NAY with Mark Stackhouse where also a further 8+ heard only. The temperature was much warmer than a week previous when I heard nothing.





27. **COMMON POORWILL** (*Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*) 1+, Jan 15<sup>th</sup> San Antonio de la Sierra BAJ, just after dusk and another on the same road the next morning at dawn. Quite a distinctive small and short-tailed Poorwill looking very grey and short-tailed. Never heard any calling anywhere.
28. **TAWNY-COLLARED NIGHTJAR** (*Antrostomus salvini*) Male, Mar 5<sup>th</sup> Gomez Farias out with Mario Alvarez. It was calling for a while from c 7pm in at least 3 different spots close by. We repositioned to the small clearing and a few minutes later it coasted over us showing the extensive white tail tips and lack of wing spots. It landed out of sight and started calling again. From what Mario told me this is a tricky species to see and I was very lucky here. Although easier to hear in March-April he said they are still very difficult to see. The next evening I tried again at the same spot but only heard it call once and that was it.
29. **Buff-collared Nightjar** (*Antrostomus ridgwayi*) 1+, near the Oaxaca Screech Owl site.



30. **Mexican Whip-Poor-Will** (*Antrostomus arizonae*) 1, Paraiso GUE, 1-2 at Montetik (photo) CHI, 1, Pluma Hidalgo OAX were all not actually seen to call although birds were heard calling in the area. 2 at La Noria NAY were watched calling. Heard only at La Cumbre OAX, Microondas Huitepec CHI, and others heard only at La Noria NAY.





31. **Northern Potoo (Middle American)** (*Nyctibius jamaicensis mexicanus*) Found the above bird Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Sumidero Canyon OAX, along the cycle track just beyond the big clearing. Another roadside bird seen out with Mario near Gomez Farias TAM and another heard at the Tawny-collared Nightjar site. Love em !



32. **White-collared Swift** (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) A few flocks up to 50 in strength.



33. **WHITE-NAPED SWIFT** (*Streptoprocne semicollaris*) 1-2+, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Nuevo Delhi GUE in with a flock of White-collared Swifts. 100-150, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> over the road east of Hidalgo MIC (all above) for 30 minutes showed much better. Different wing shape to White-collared Swifts as well as looking larger and lacking the complete collar.

34. **Vaux's Swift** (*Chaetura vauxi*) A few flocks noted such as at Nuevo Delhi GUE and along route 175 OAX and Mexico City.

35. **White-throated Swift** (*Aeronautes saxatalis*) c20 east of San Sebastian del Oeste JAL.

36. **Great Swallow-tailed Swift** (*Panyptila sanctihieronymi*) C20 Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Nuevo Delhi.

37. **Stripe-throated Hermit** (*Phaethornis striigularis*) 1, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Route 175 km56, OAX.

38. **MEXICAN HERMIT (Mexican)** (*Phaethornis mexicanus mexicanus*) 2-3, Dec 30<sup>th</sup> Hagia Sofia OAX. The birds were easy around the extensive Heliconias in the gardens there. Got charged 500 MXN just walk round for 90 minutes so perhaps a walk near the entrance gate stream may have been a cheaper option?

**Mexican HERMIT (Jalisco)** (*Phaethornis mexicanus griseoventer*) C3, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> near San Blas NAY at a local lek.

39. **Mexican Violetear** (*Colibri thalassinus*) Several noted at La Cumbre OAX and often heard lekking up in the highlands.

40. **SHORT-CRESTED COQUETTE** (*Lophornis brachylophus*) Male, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Nuevo Delhi GUE in a large Inga tree.

Found the night before but poor weather hampered viewing. Very difficult to get a good look at but eventually got scope views as it fed on the flowers showing the rufous tail with dark bar and perhaps some rufous on the green rump. Rusty looking underparts and complete white rump band. When scoped up perched it showed a short, straight bill, and a suggestion of spiky rear crest. Usual tail-pumping action.



41. **Black-crested Coquette** (*Lophornis helenae*) Pair, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> km50 Plan de Flores turn off the Route 175, OAX. Male above.

42. **Rivoli's Hummingbird** (*Eugenes fulgens*) 1+ Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN.





43. **Plain-capped Starthroat** (*Heliomaster constantii*) 2 Sumidero Canyon, 4+ Tolistoque Ojo de Agua OAX and 1 on the Panuco Rd NAY.



44. **BLUE-THROATED MOUNTAINGEM** (*Lampornis clemenciae*) 1, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Teotitlan OAX at 2100m. Up to 20 a day at Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN often at the orange flowers parasitizing the trees there (above). Several noted nth of Cruz Blanco VER.



Amethyst-throated Mountaingem (Violet-throated)

45. **Amethyst-throated Mountaingem (Amethyst-throated)** (*Lampornis amethystinus*) 1, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> Montetik CHI.  
**Amethyst-throated Mountaingem (Violet-throated)** (*Lampornis amethystinus margaritae*) 4+, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> above Nuevo Delhi GUE.

46. **Green-throated Mountaingem** (*Lampornis viridipallens*) Male, Dec 28<sup>th</sup> Tapalapa OAX.

47. **Garnet-throated Hummingbird** (*Lamprolaima rhami*) Male Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Route 175 near La Cumbre OAX.  
 2, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> Iglesia El Zapotal VER. A spectacular hummer that I couldn't get the camera onto.

48. **Sparkling-tailed Woodstar** (*Tilmatura dupontii*) 1-2 birds Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, above Nuevo Delhi GUE.



49. **LUCIFER SHEARTAIL** (*Calothorax lucifer*) Female, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Paso Ancho MIC.  
Eventually found by searching for *Erythrina* trees in the village.



50. **BEAUTIFUL SHEARTAIL** (*Calothorax pulcher*) 2 female types, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Yagul OAX feeding on the tall cactus flowers along the entrance road 100m south of the entrance barrier to the ruins.

51. **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** (*Archilochus colubris*) Frequently noted although never common.



52. **COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD** (*Calypte costae*) Female, Jan 7<sup>th</sup> La Paz BAJ.  
Also 2 females and a male Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Nopolo BAJ and 2 females at Mulege Lighthouse BAJ on 14<sup>th</sup>. An aggressive little hummer.



53. **Calliope Hummingbird** (*Selasphorus calliope*) 3, including a male, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> La Noria NAY.

54. **Rufous Hummingbird** (*Selasphorus rufus*) c10 birds at the Cabanas Chara Pinta trails SIN.



55. **Broad-tailed Hummingbird** (*Selasphorus platycercus*) 2-3 birds above Nuevo Delhi GUE.



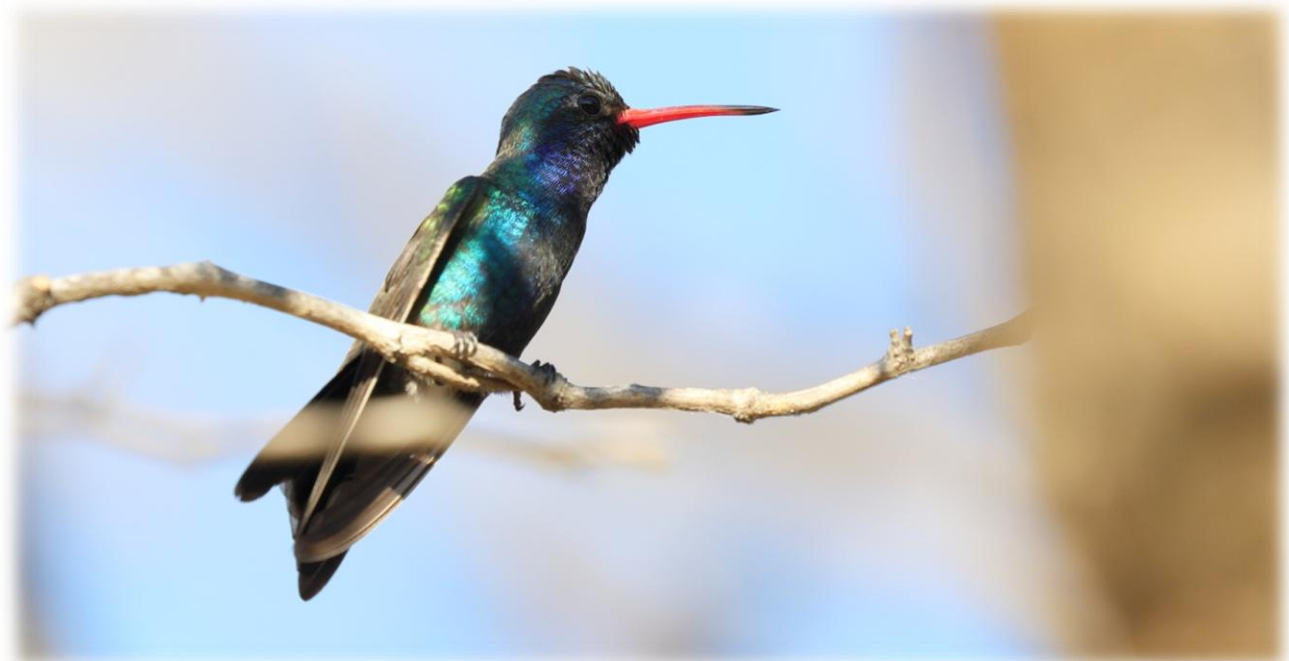
56. **BUMBLEBEE HUMMINGBIRD** (*Selasphorus heloisa*) 2 males 1 female, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> above Nuevo Delhi and Puerto Gallo GUE (above). The males were display flying with the tail up making an insect-like noise. Also a female Route 175 km 79 OAX and 2 males and a female at Reserva Chara Pinta SIN.



57. **DUSKY HUMMINGBIRD** (*Phaeoptila sordida*) 2, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Teotitlan OAX (above). 1 Monte Alban OAX and 3+ Yagul OAX.



58. **Broad-billed Hummingbird** (Northern) (*Cyananthus latirostris*) 3+ Topolobampo SIN, common in the Panuco Rd area (photo). Several in the Tepic area, Largo Chapala and near Tepoztlan.



59. **DOUBLEDAY'S HUMMINGBIRD** (*Cyananthus doubledayi*) 2 pairs, Dec 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, Tolistoque Ojo de Agua OAX.



60. **Golden-crowned Emerald** (*Cyananthus auriceps*) Male and a female, Pluma Hidalgo, OAX.



61. **Canivet's Emerald** (Canivet's) (*Cynanthus canivetii canivetii*) Commonly seen at Sumidero Canyon CHI. 1 Arriaga, 4+ Pluma Hidalgo area OAX .

62. **White-eared Hummingbird** (*Basilinna leucotis*) Common bird in the Highlands often in pine/oak forest areas at least by voice.



63. **XANTUS'S HUMMINGBIRD** (*Basilinna xantusii*) 2+ males and a few females, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Nopolo BAJ in gardens around the area of the Hotel Loreto Golf Resort. Some were fighting around the hummer feeders. Also probably seen in flight a few times while birding in the San Antonio de la Sierra area but too fast to identify positively. I thought I'd see more of these here?



64. **CURVE-WINGED SABREWING** (*Pampa curvipennis*) 1-3, Jan 4<sup>th</sup> La Isleta Grande, VER (photos above). Also 2 El Haya Park, Xalapa, 4+ on the walk to Alta Cima from Gomez Farias TAM and 1 in Gomez Farias. A split from Wedge-tailed Sabrewing (*Pampa pampa*) and also closely related to the following species.

65. **LONG-TAILED SABREWING** (*Pampa excellens*) 1+ Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Adolfo Ruiz Cortines VER, feeding at *Erythrina* trees around the village. Seen on two occasions at the same tree in a garden just down from the Hotel.

66. **EMERALD-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Abeillia abeillei*) 1-2 males and a female, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> La Esperanza, Route 175, km79-80 OAX, and also a male km 83 Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Small and inconspicuous, this species initially proved difficult to see but by waiting around the roadside purple flowers we soon got very close good views although I never managed an in-focus photo.
67. **Violet Sabrewing** (*Campylopterus hemileucurus*) 1, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Plan de las Flores turn off and 1 at Hagia Sofia OAX.
68. **Mexican Woodnymph** (*Eupherusa ridgwayi*) 2-3 males and 2 females, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> La Noria out with Mark Stackhouse.
69. **WHITE-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Eupherusa poliocerca*) 1-2 birds, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> south of Nuevo Delhi GUE. Very inconspicuous, gliding around close to the ground and in amongst the tree epiphytes. Large rufous ss patch conspicuous in flight as was the white tail flicking open constantly.



70. **OAXACA HUMMINGBIRD** (*Eupherusa cyanophrys*) 2, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Pluma Hidalgo OAX, feeding at a shaded streamside bank of large yellow flowers in a gully along the road to, and c300m before Café Pluma Hidalgo. Very colourful, striking birds.



71. **VIOLET-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Leucolia violiceps*) 1, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Tepic at Parque Metropolitano NAY. Also common at Lake Chapala JAL, and around Tepoztlan MOR, and Nepantla STA. A few others seen while travelling across to Mexico City from the west coast.
72. **GREEN-FRONTED HUMMINGBIRD** (**Green-fronted**) (*Leucolia viridifrons viridifrons*) 1, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, Sumidero Canyon CHI, where another 3+ the next day (photo above right). 4+ Arriaga foothills and 2 around Pluma Hidalgo OAX, although one may have been the following species.



73. **CINNAMON-SIDED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Leucolia wagneri*) Only 1, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> El Mirador OAX on the track directly below the restaurant. <https://goo.gl/maps/h7dxqN3tM1bVwaVFA> Appeared when a large mixed species flock was passing through and were attracted to a Ferruginous Pygmy Owl recording. This bird was well marked with cinnamon from the lower neck down the flanks. Another bird seen on the way out of Pluma Hidalgo was not clinched but a distant photo shows it may well have been this species.



74. **Azure-crowned Hummingbird** (Azure-crowned) (*Saucerottia cyanocephala cyanocephala*) 1, Jan 4<sup>th</sup> La Isleta Grande VER.

75. **Berylline Hummingbird** (Northern) (*Saucerottia beryllina beryllina/viola*) Very regularly seen across western mainland Mexico.



76. **BLUE-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Saucerottia cyanura*) 3, Dec 28<sup>th</sup> Benito Juarez Plan CHI. After failing with this species in Guatemala we had a long return drive to eastern Chiapas for this one. 3 birds were found jousting with each other just beyond the small village as the track left the houses. Good to see the tail colour was so different from the bluish purple of the confusing birds in Guatemala.

77. **Cinnamon Hummingbird** (Mainland) (*Amazilia rutila*) A few noted at Pluma Hidalgo OAX, the San Blas area, and Cerro de la Cruz, Tepic NAY.

Also 1, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> Boca del Cielo, coastal Chiapas. **CHIAPAS CINNAMON HUMMINGBIRD** (*Amazilia saturata*) **if split?** [Phylogeography and morphometric variation in the Cinnamon Hummingbird complex: \*Amazilia rutila\* \(Aves: Trochilidae\) | Avian Research | Full Text \(biomedcentral.com\)](#)

78. **Buff-bellied Hummingbird** (Northern) (*Amazilia yucatanensis*) 9 birds seen in Sumidero Canyon CHI and several noted at La Isleta Grande VER.

79. **White-bellied Emerald** (*Chlorestes candida*) 1+, Dec 16-17<sup>th</sup> Route 175 km50 OAX.

80. **Smooth-billed Ani** (*Crotophaga ani*) Noted.

81. **Groove-billed Ani** (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*) Noted.



82. **Lesser Roadrunner** (*Geococcyx velox*) 1, Cerro de la Cruz NAY, along the footpath walking up and then on the way back down.
83. **Squirrel Cuckoo** (West Mexico) (*Piaya cayana mexicana*) Several noted.  
(Middle America) (*Piaya cayana thermophila*) Several noted.
84. **Band-tailed Pigeon** (Northern) (*Patagioenas fasciata fasciata*) 6+, Chara Pinta/ Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN.
85. **Red-billed Pigeon** (*Patagioenas flavirostris*) Noted as common at the Panuco Rd SIN, San Blas NAY, and Gomez Farias TAM.
86. **Inca Dove** (*Columbina inca*) Several noted.
87. **Common Ground Dove** (*Columbina passerina*) Several noted.
88. **Ruddy Ground Dove** (*Columbina talpacoti*) Several noted.
89. **Blue Ground Dove** (*Claravis pretiosa*) 20+ noted on the walk to Alta Cima and back TAM Mar 5<sup>th</sup>.
90. **White-tipped Dove** (White-tipped) (*Leptotila verreauxi*) Often heard but infrequently seen. Easiest to see at Singayta, NAY.
91. **TUXTLA QUAIL-DOVE** (*Zentrygon carrikeri*) 1 seen and c10 heard, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> in the forest west of Adolfo Ruiz Cortines, VER. Although fairly common by voice this was a right bastard to see. We stalked a calling bird until only a few metres away and I saw it for about 2 seconds as it scuttled along a tree root. It then flushed from a couple of metres away as it walked towards us and then must have seen us move. Another bird circled us in the evening but only Andy saw it. Both sightings were a case of scanning the ground all around and getting lucky.
92. **WHITE-FACED QUAIL-DOVE** (*Zentrygon albifacies*) 1, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> La Esperanza Route 175 km80 OAX. Seen as it flew down from the hill above us, over the bend in the road, past Graham and down into the gully below. At least another 2-3 birds calling in the gully. Certainly not as easy as expected.
93. **Mourning Dove** (*Zenaida macroura*) A few small groups of birds throughout.
94. **White-winged Dove** (*Zenaida asiatica*) Common throughout.





95. **RIDGWAY'S RAIL (South Baja)** (*Rallus obsoletus beldingi*)  
2, Jan 20<sup>th</sup> in the roadside mangroves here <https://goo.gl/maps/rmUhnjwaPNJBzMwW9> (photo above left) and also another 2-4 heard only in the area.  
1, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> in the mangroves here <https://goo.gl/maps/Hvhhs7rFqyEM1bfp7> (photo right).



- RIDGWAY'S RAIL (Yuma)** (*Rallus obsoletus yumanensis*) 2, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> Topolobampo (above) <https://goo.gl/maps/Q7cCp9o7GjiposU96>



96. **AZTEC RAIL** (*Rallus tenuirostris*) 1-2, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Tepic NAY <https://goo.gl/maps/AtxDpbWNCaRwD8GM7>  
Very skulking birds here that took lots of visits to connect.



97. **Sora Rail** (*Porzana carolina*) At least 2 seen and 5 heard at Park Metropolitano Tepic NAY.
98. **Common Gallinule** (American) (*Gallinula galeata*) Fairly common.
99. **American Coot** (*Fulica americana*) Common.
100. **Least Grebe** (*Tachybaptus dominicus*) 4+, Teotitlan OAX and a few individuals elsewhere.
101. **Pied-billed Grebe** (*Podilymbus podiceps*) Usually present on most bodies of water.



102. **Black-necked Grebe** (*Podiceps nigricollis*) Often present coastal Baja and close in as at Tecolote Beach above.
103. **Double-striped Thick-knee** (*Burhinus bistriatus*) 3+ Dec 29<sup>th</sup> south of Tolistoque Ojo de Agua OAX in agricultural fields. Also heard near Gomez Farias TAM.
104. **American Oystercatcher** (*Haematopus palliatus*) A few on the west coast.
105. **Black-necked Stilt** (Black-necked) (*Himantopus mexicanus mexicanus*) common.
106. **American Avocet** (*Recurvirostra americana*) A few around La Paz BAJ and c50 at San Juan de Aragon Park MEX.
107. **American Golden Plover** (*Pluvialis dominica*) A few at Loreto, BAJ.
108. **Grey Plover** (*Pluvialis squatarola*) Noted at Loreto BAJ.
109. **Semipalmated Plover** (*Charadrius semipalmatus*) Noted mainly down the west coast.



110. **Wilson's Plover** (*Charadrius wilsonia*) a few at Loreto BAJ.



- 111. **Killdeer** (*Charadrius vociferus*) A few birds noted.
- 112. **Snowy Plover** (Snowy) (*Charadrius nivosus nivosus*) several at Loreto BAJ.
- 113. **Northern Jacana** (*Jacana spinosa*) A few noted.



- 114. **Hudsonian Whimbrel** (*Numenius hudsonicus*) Small numbers down the west coast.
- 115. **Long-billed Curlew** (*Numenius americanus*) Mainly seen around La Paz BAJ.
- 116. **Marbled Godwit** (*Limosa fedoa*) La Paz and Loreto BAJ.



- 117. **BLACK TURNSTONE** (*Arenaria melanocephala*) 5, Jan 29<sup>th</sup> Mazatlan, SIN. <https://goo.gl/maps/ew3rmvzcaeqhj3hF8>  
Took a few visits and a lot of walking checking all the rocky places at different tide times. The birds came in on a receding high tide and were constantly on the move. They were very confident in the end and were watched for over an hour.
- 118. **Stilt Sandpiper** (*Calidris himantopus*) Some large groups on the shrimp ponds at San Blas NAY.
- 119. **Sanderling** (*Calidris alba*) A few noted.
- 120. **Least Sandpiper** (*Calidris minutilla*) A few noted.
- 121. **Long-billed Dowitcher** (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*) Some large groups on the shrimp ponds at San Blas NAY.
- 122. **Wilson's Snipe** (*Gallinago delicata*) 2, Guerrero Negro.

123. **Spotted Sandpiper** (*Actitis macularius*) a few lone individuals.



124. **Wandering Tattler** (*Tringa incana*) 1 at Mazatlan at Punta Cerritos SIN. A nice long nasal groove!

125. **Lesser Yellowlegs** (*Tringa flavipes*) Several noted.

126. **Willet** (*Tringa semipalmata*) A few birds mainly in Baja California Sur.

127. **Greater Yellowlegs** (*Tringa melanoleuca*) A few noted.

128. **Black Skimmer** (Northern) (*Rynchops niger niger*) 2 at La Paz BAJ.

129. **Bonaparte's Gull** (*Chroicocephalus philadelphia*) 20+ Tecolote Beach BAJ.

130. **Laughing Gull** (*Leucophaeus atricilla*) Common.



131. **Heermann's Gull** (*Larus heermanni*) Common on the coast of BAJ and down to Mazatlan SIN.

132. **Ring-billed Gull** (*Larus delawarensis*) Fairly common along the coasts.





133. **California Gull** (*Larus californicus*) Common, coastal Baja California Sur and Topolobampo SIN.

134. **Western Gull** (*Larus occidentalis*) Noted at La Paz BAJ.



135. **Yellow-footed Gull** (*Larus livens*) Common around Baha California Sur.

136. **American Herring Gull** (*Larus smithsonianus*) 10+ La Paz BAJ.

137. **Gull-billed Tern** (*Gelochelidon nilotica*) A few at Topolobampo SIN.

138. **Caspian Tern** (*Hydroprogne caspia*) A few noted at La Paz .

139. **Royal Tern** (*Thalasseus maximus*) Common at the coast.

140. **Elegant Tern** (*Thalasseus elegans*) A few at La Paz.

141. **Forster's Tern** (*Sterna forsteri*) A few noted BAJ.

142. **Great Northern Diver** (*Gavia immer*) 1, near Loreto BAJ.

143. **Wood Stork** (*Mycteria americana*) Common around wetlands.

144. **Magnificent Frigatebird** (*Fregata magnificens*) Common.



145. **Blue-footed Booby** (*Sula nebouxii*) Common at Loreto BAJ. Flying round in flocks plunge-diving just off shore.

146. **Brown Booby (Brewster's)** (*Sula leucogaster brewsteri*) 6+, Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Ensenada BAJ. Also several more Loreto BAJ.

**Brown Booby (Colombian)** (*Sula leucogaster etesiaca*) Several birds off Loreto BAJ.

147. **Anhinga** (*Anhinga anhinga*) A few noted.



148. **Brandt's Cormorant** (*Urile penicillatus*) Common along the coast BAJ.

149. **Neotropic Cormorant** (*Nannopterum brasilianum*) Common.

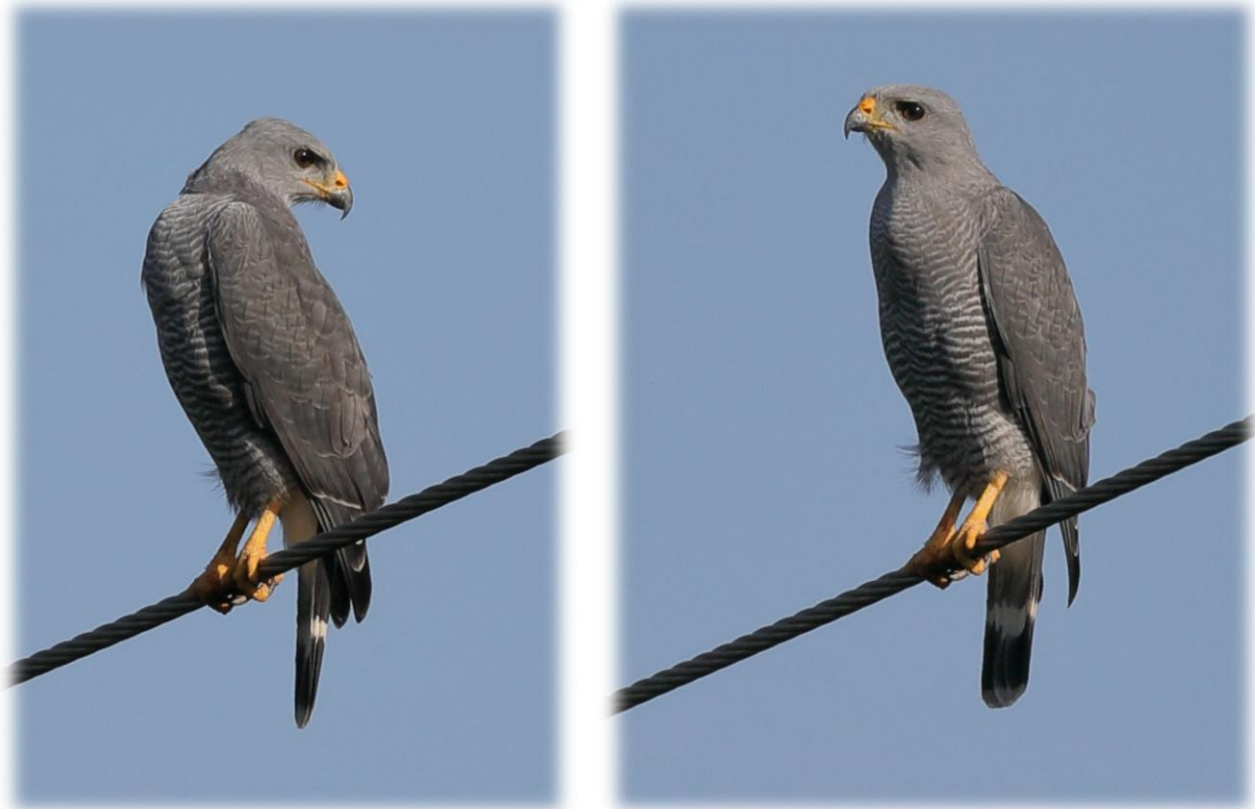


150. **Double-crested Cormorant** (*Nannopterum auritum*) Common around BAJ.
151. **American White Ibis** (*Eudocimus albus*) A few birds noted.
152. **White-faced Ibis** (*Plegadis chihi*) Common around San Blas NAY.
153. **Roseate Spoonbill** (*Platalea ajaja*) Small numbers.
154. **Bare-throated Tiger Heron** (*Tigrisoma mexicanum*) A few in Oaxaca.
155. **Night-Heron (American)** (*Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli*) Few noted.
156. **Yellow-crowned Night Heron (Yellow-crowned)** (*Nyctanassa violacea*) A few noted.
157. **Green Heron** (*Butorides virescens*) 1, San Jose del Cabo BAJ and several in the east.
158. **Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*) Common.
159. **Great Blue Heron (Great Blue)** (*Ardea herodias*) Common.
160. **Great White Egret (American)** (*Ardea alba egretta*) Small numbers.
161. **Reddish Egret** (*Egretta rufescens*) A few La Paz and Loreto.
162. **Tricolored Heron** (*Egretta tricolor*) A few at La Paz BAJ.
163. **Little Blue Heron** (*Egretta caerulea*) Small numbers noted.
164. **Snowy Egret** (*Egretta thula*) Common.
165. **American White Pelican** (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) A few large flocks of birds noted.
166. **Brown Pelican** (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) Common.
167. **Black Vulture** (*Coragyps atratus*) Common.
168. **Turkey Vulture (Northern)** (*Cathartes aura*) Common.
169. **Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** (*Cathartes burrovianus*) A few noted at Tecolutla VER.



170. **Osprey (American)** (*Pandion haliaetus carolinensis*) Very commonly nesting throughout Baha and Topolobampo (above).
171. **White-tailed Kite** (*Elanus leucurus*) A few noted Central Mexico.
172. **Sharp-shinned Hawk (Northern)** (*Accipiter striatus*) Only a few birds seen.
173. **Cooper's Hawk** (*Accipiter cooperii*) Noted at Teotitlan OAX, BAHA, Rancho Barranca Liebre SIN and La Noria NAY.

- 174. **Northern Harrier** (*Circus hudsonius*) 2-3 birds noted while driving.
- 175. **Crane Hawk** (Blackish) (*Geranospiza caerulescens*) 1, west of El Naranjo SAN.
- 176. **Common Black Hawk** (Common) (*Buteogallus anthracinus*) A few noted)
- 177. **Roadside Hawk** (Northern) (*Rupornis magnirostris*) Commoner along roads in Veracruz.
- 178. **White-tailed Hawk** (*Geranoaetus albicaudatus*) 1 seen while driving east to Mexico City.



- 179. **Grey Hawk** (*Buteo plagiatus*) Fairly common along roads.
- 180. **Broad-winged Hawk** (Northern) (*Buteo platypterus platypterus*) Common.
- 181. **Short-tailed Hawk** (*Buteo brachyurus*) A few noted.
- 182. **Swainson's Hawk** (*Buteo swainsoni*) Several birds hawking above burning fields on the road toward Morelia MIC.



- 183. **Zone-tailed Hawk** (*Buteo albonotatus*) Regularly noted.





184. **Red-tailed Hawk** (*Buteo jamaicensis*) Not particularly common but frequently noted.

185. **American Barn Owl** (American) (*Tyto furcata*) 1 just after dusk over the buildings at Gutierrez Zamora, near Tecolutla, VER.



**Elf Owl**



**Unspotted Saw-whet Owl**

186. **Elf Owl** (*Micrathene whitneyi*) 1-2, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> El Triunfo BAJ (above left) and also another 5 heard calling.

187. **Unspotted Saw-whet Owl** (*Aegolius ridgwayi*) 1, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> Microondas Huitepec San Cristobal de Las Casas CHI (above right). It started calling at dusk while we were searching for Bearded Screech Owl.

188. **Northern Saw-whet Owl** (*Aegolius acadicus*) 1+ heard at Cabanas Chara Pinta Jan 31<sup>st</sup> and Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.





Mountain Pygmy Owl



Baja Pygmy Owl

189. **MOUNTAIN PYGMY OWL** (*Glaucidium gnoma*) 1, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Puerto Gallo GUE and another heard there. Also 2 at Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> and one photod (above left) Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. Several calling dawn and dusk La Noria NAY.
190. **BAJA PYGMY OWL** (*Glaucidium hoskinsii*) 1, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> San Antonio de la Sierra BAJ (above right) where 2 heard the evening before. They were all on the walk up from the arroyo at km22 to the barrier across the track at c km28.



Colima Pygmy Owl



Tamaulipas Pygmy Owl

191. **Colima Pygmy Owl** (*Glaucidium palmarum*) 1, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> on the Panuco Road, SIN (above left). 1 heard at La Noria.
192. **TAMAULIPAS PYGMY OWL** (*Glaucidium sanchezi*)  
1, Mar 5<sup>th</sup> El Cielo TAM. Seen at 4pm on the way back down from Alta Cima at c 700m asl.
193. **Ferruginous Pygmy Owl** (Ridgway's) (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) common in the lowlands. Above bird at Tolistoque Ojo de Agua.
194. *Mottled Owl (Mottled) (Strix virgata)* 2 heard at La Noria NAY, Cabanas Chara Pinta SIN, and Gomez Farias TAM.





195. **Stygian Owl** (*Asio stygius*) 1, Gomez Farias TAM at 9.45pm, a well-known local bird.

196. *Great Horned Owl (Bubo virginianus)* A dead bird on the road near San Juan del Rio DUR.



197. **Whiskered Screech Owl** (*Megascops trichopsis*) 2, at La Noria SIN, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> photo above.





Bearded Screech Owl



Pacific Screech Owl ssp lambi

198. **BEARDED SCREECH OWL** (*Megascops barbarus*) 1, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> Montetik CHI with Alberto Fernandez. Spectacular views down to 4m

199. **Pacific (Oaxaca)Screech Owl (lambi)** (*Megascops cooperi lambi*) 1-2 seen and 5 heard Dec 10<sup>th</sup> PN Hautulco OAX above right.



200. **CINEREOUS OWL** (*Strix sartorii*) A pair, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 9.34pm. Incredible views down to a few metres. They were calling to probably another pair then they flew across the valley to us and then came even closer! A fantastic night thanks to Mark Stackhouse.









201. **EARED QUETZAL** (*Euptilotis neoxenus*) 1 female, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN.  
 Whilst watching a calling (and feeding) Aztec Thrush suddenly this Eared Quetzal started calling close by. It then stayed in the area until we walked away 1.5 hrs later at 11am. It appeared to be interested in the call of Aztec Thrush appearing back into view if I played a recording. We carried on walking down to the 2<sup>nd</sup> viewpoint where I heard the Eared Quetzal calling again, and again it was associating with calling and feeding Aztec Thrushes.  
 Looking at Google maps the estimated distance in a straight line between the 2 sightings was c500m apart.  
 By comparing photos from both locations it appears the wedge shaped notch on the inner web of the birds left outer tail feather is the same.  
 It went through the entire range of calls on the Merlin app without provocation, and some strange calls they are too.  
 A strange looking bird looking quite large and plump with the typical Trogon habit of remaining still while slowly turning its head around and then suddenly flying.  
 The “ears” were frequently visible as wispy post-ocular filaments that curled upwards.  
 A fantastic hour and a half watching this and Aztec Thrush only to be repeated an hour later at the second viewpoint!





202. **Resplendent Quetzal** (**Guatemalan**) (*Pharomachrus mocinno mocinno*) A male, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Tapalapa CHI.
203. **Citreoline Trogon** (*Trogon citreolus*) 2, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Tolistoque Ojo de Agua OAX.
204. **Mountain Trogon** (*Trogon mexicanus*) Fairly common at least by voice in the highlands. Best day count of 6+ Chara Pinta SIN.
205. **Collared Trogon** (**Xalapa**) (*Trogon collaris puella*) 1, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> La Cumbre and a pair along the 175 on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>.
206. **Green Kingfisher** (*Chloroceryle americana*) A few noted
207. **Ringed Kingfisher** (Northern) (*Megaceryle torquata torquata/stictipennis*) A few noted.
208. **Belted Kingfisher** (*Megaceryle alcyon*) Several birds noted but not common.
209. **Russet-crowned Motmot** (*Momotus mexicanus*) Noted at Sumidero Canyon CHI, Tepic NAY and San Sebastian del Oeste JAL.



210. **BLUE-CAPPED MOTMOT** (*Momotus coeruliceps*) 2 pairs, Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Parque El Haya, Xalapa, VER (photo). 4 at Gomez Farias TAM.





211. **WAGLER'S TOUCANET** (*Aulacorhynchus wagleri*) 3-5 birds, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> and 1, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Nuevo Delhi/ Puerto Gallo GUE. Also 2 at La Solidar OAX Dec 12<sup>th</sup>.

212. *Emerald Toucanet* (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus*) 1+ heard Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> near Iglesia El Zapotal VER.

213. **Keel-billed Toucan** (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*) 3 along the road, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Veracruz.

214. **Acorn Woodpecker** (Acorn) (*Melanerpes formicivorus*) Common in the highlands.  
**San Lucan** (*Melanerpes formicivorus angustifrons*) Common San Antonio de la Sierra km 22-28.

215. **Golden-cheeked Woodpecker** (*Melanerpes chrysogenys*) Several noted in the San Blas Area.



216. **GREY-BREASTED WOODPECKER** (*Melanerpes hypopolius*) 1, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Teotitlan OAX.

217. **Gila Woodpecker** (*Melanerpes uropygialis*) Abundant within its range.





218. **Velasquez's Woodpecker** (**West Mexican**) (*Melanerpes santacruzi polygrammus*)  
 Noted at Tolistoque Ojo de Agua OAX (above left) and Sumidero Canyon, Puerto Arrista, and along the roadside all in Chiapas.  
 (**Velasquez's**) (*Melanerpes santacruzi santacruzi*) noted commonly everywhere else.

**\*\*The current, developing taxonomy of this group is very confusing, not only in the field but also in the literature\*\***

219. **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** (*Sphyrapicus varius*) Single birds noted at Teotitlan, Route 175 km 50 OAX and also at La Noria NAY, Cabanas Chara Pinta SIN (photo above right) and Parque El Haya VER.

220. **Ladder-backed Woodpecker** (*Dryobates scalaris*) Several birds noted in the dryer, thornier areas.

221. **Arizona Woodpecker** (*Leuconotopicus arizonae*) 4+ at Cabanas Chara Pinta SIN.



222. **STRICKLAND'S WOODPECKER** (*Leuconotopicus stricklandi*) 3 seen and 3 heard only, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Parque Las Miravalles, MEX  
 They were easy to find although remained high up usually in the pine trees.

223. **Hairy Woodpecker** (*Leuconotopicus villosus*) Noted at Cabanas Chara Pinta SIN.

(**South Mexican**) (*Leuconotopicus villosus jardinii/sanctorum*) 1, Tapalapa CHI and Lagunas de Zempoala MOR.



224. **Grey-crowned Woodpecker** (*Colaptes auricularis*) Noted at Nuevo Delhi GUE, La Solidaridad OAX and 2 at La Noria NAY.



225. **BRONZE-WINGED WOODPECKER** (*Colaptes aeruginosus*)  
3, Jan 4<sup>th</sup> La Isleta Grande VER, 2 Parque El Haya, Xalapa VER (photo) and several around Gomez Farias TAM.



Northern Flicker (red-shafted)



Gilded Flicker

226. **Northern Flicker** (Red-shafted) (*Colaptes auratus*) 4+, El Salto Tip DUR (above left).

227. **GILDED FLICKER** (*Colaptes chrysoides*) 2, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> km 28 and 10+ km 11-22 (above right) Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> San Antonio de la Sierra.



228. **Lineated Woodpecker** (Lineated) (*Dryocopus lineatus*) 1, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Parque El Haya VER.
229. **Pale-billed Woodpecker** (*Campephilus guatemalensis*) 1, Nuevo Delhi GUE and 1, La Noria NAY.
230. **Crested Caracara** (Northern) (*Caracara plancus cheriway*) Regularly seen along the roads, often in pairs.
231. **Laughing Falcon** (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) Heard a few times but only seen at La Isleta Grande VER and at Singayta NAY.
232. *Collared Forest Falcon* (*Micrastur semitorquatus*) Heard a few times at La Noria NAY and near Gomez Farias TAM.
233. **American Kestrel** (Northern) (*Falco sparverius*) Several noted.
234. **Applomado Falcon** (*Falco femoralis*) 1<sup>st</sup> yr, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Tecolutla VER, perched up on the edge of town.



235. **Merlin (Taiga)** (*Falco columbarius columbarius*) 4 birds scattered along the road to San Antonio de la Sierra BAJ. 2 birds at km 22 were very dark with narrow pale tail bars and thought to be the Taiga nominate ssp.
236. **Bat Falcon** (*Falco ruficularis*) 1, Copala church, SIN.
237. **Peregrine** (*Falco peregrinus*) 1 at Tolistoque Ojo de Agua OAX.
238. **Orange-chinned Parakeet** (*Brotogeris jugularis*) Noted Dec 30<sup>th</sup> Oaxaca.
239. **White-crowned Parrot** (*Pionus senilis*) Common around Gomez Farias TAM and El Naranjo SAN.
240. **White-fronted Amazon** (*Amazona albifrons*) Several pairs on the Oaxaca coastal strip, Tuxtla Gutierrez CHI and Xalapa, VER.
241. **Red-lored Amazon** (Red-lored) (*Amazona autumnalis autumnalis*) A few roosting at Tuxtla Gutierrez CHI, 4 Gomez Farias TAM and 2 at El Naranjo SAN.



242. **RED-CROWNED AMAZON** (*Amazona viridigenalis*) 6+ displaying birds, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Near Gomez Farias TAM. Also up to 10 birds at El Naranjo SAN (see Howell).



243. **YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON** (*Amazona oratrix*) Ad male, Mar 8<sup>th</sup> flying down the valley in the same area as the above species. Bit of a surprise this one as I only had Howells book for site information but the early morning visit paid off.
244. **Mexican Parrotlet** (Mexican) (*Forpus cyanopygius cyanopygius*) Several flocks at San Blas NAY.
245. **Orange-fronted Parakeet** (*Eupsittula canicularis*) Common at Pluma Hidalgo, Route 175 km 50 and Tolistoque Ojo de Agua OAX.



246. **Military Macaw** (*Ara militaris*) c25 in all, birds usually paired up at the Panuco Rd SIN.
247. **GREEN PARAKEET** (*Psittacara holochlorus*) c50, Dec 28<sup>th</sup> roosting outside the Marriott Hotel, Tuxtla Gutierrez, CHI.
248. **Pacific Parakeet** (*Psittacara strenuus*) A few birds assumed on range to be this species along the Chiapas coastal road.
249. **Olivaceous Woodcreeper** (Greyish) (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) 1, Armando Zabadua CHI and 1 at La Noria NAY.
250. **Ivory-billed Woodcreeper** (*Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*) Single birds at Paraiso GUE, Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN & La Noria NAY.



251. **WHITE-STRIPED WOODCREEPER** (*Lepidocolaptes leucogaster*) 8+, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> and a further 12+ Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN. Also heard at La Noria NAY and at La Bufa JAL. Also seen at a few other highland sites.





252. **Spot-crowned Woodcreeper** (Northern) (*Lepidocolaptes affinis affinis*) 2, Dec 28<sup>th</sup> Tapalapa CHI and 1, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> just west of Xico VER (same bird in both photos).

253. **Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner** (Scaly-throated) (*Anabacerthia variegaticeps variegaticeps/schaldachi*) 1, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at 1900m along Route 175 from La Esperanza to Oaxaca City. 1, Dec 28<sup>th</sup> Tapalapa, CHI.

254. **Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner** (Mexican) (*Automolus ochrolaemus cervinigularis*) 1 and another heard, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Adolfo Ruiz Cortinez VER. Located by Braulio while searching for Tuxtla Quail-dove.

255. **Rufous-breasted Spinetail** (*Synallaxis erythrothorax*) A calling pair at the Sumichrast's Wren site Santa Maria Jacatepec, OAX.

256. **Barred Antshrike** (Barred) (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) 1 and also others heard at Route 175 km 50 OAX and 2 El Cielo TAM.



257. **Greenish Elaenia** (West Mexico) (*Myiopagis viridicata jaliscensis*) 9 birds noted all within the range of this group.

258. **Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet** (*Ornithion semiflavum*) 1, Route 175 km 50.

259. **Northern Beardless Tyrannulet** (*Camptostoma imberbe*) A few noted such as El Cielo TAM.

260. **Eye-ringed Flatbill** (*Rhynchocyclus brevirostris*) 1, Adolfo Ruiz Cortinez VER.

261. **Yellow-olive Flatbill** (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*) 1, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Arriaga foothills CHI.





262. **PILEATED FLYCATCHER** (*Xenotriccus mexicanus*) 3 calling birds Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> along the trail at El Texal near Tepoztlan MOR. (see itinerary for location details) Superb birds missed at Monte Alban as too early there.
263. **Black Phoebe** (Northern) (*Sayornis nigricans*) Several birds noted throughout.
264. **Eastern Phoebe** (*Sayornis phoebe*) 1, El Cielo TAM, Mar 5<sup>th</sup>.
265. **Say's Phoebe** (*Sayornis saya*) Regularly noted throughout.
266. **Northern Tufted Flycatcher** (Mexican) (*Mitrephanes phaeocercus phaeocercus/tenuirostris*) Often a few in the mixed species flocks in the highlands.
267. **Olive-sided Flycatcher** (*Contopus cooperi*) 4 birds Paraiso to Nuevo Delhi GUE.
268. **Greater Pewee** (Mexican) (*Contopus pertinax pertinax*) Several birds noted in the highlands.
269. **Willow Flycatcher** (*Empidonax traillii*) A calling bird Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at Tepic NAY.
270. **Hammond's Flycatcher** (*Empidonax hammondii*) 2 in Feb identified at Cabanas Chara Pinta SIN and at Miguel Hidalgo DUR.



271. **PINE FLYCATCHER** (*Empidonax affinis*) 2 calling birds, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, Cabanas Chara Pinta and a few more calling Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN were the only birds I could positively identify.



272. **Pacific-slope Flycatcher** (*Empidonax difficilis*) A calling bird, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> on the Panuco road SIN.



273. **CORDILLERAN FLYCATCHER** (*Empidonax occidentalis*) 1, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> on the Panuco road SIN. Finally a calling bird! After several non-calling birds had been seen, this one wouldn't shut up and was watched for 30 minutes although quite skulking. After this bird it seemed as though they were quite common when I went further east where I was hearing them all over the place such as the Tepoztlan area and the highlands west of Xalapa. Photo above is of a very confiding and calling bird in Tepoztlan MOR.

274. **Yellowish Flycatcher** (*Empidonax flavescens*) 1 noted at Tapalapa CHI.

275. **Buff-breasted Flycatcher** (*Empidonax fulvifrons*) Noted at La Noria NAY.

276. **Vermilion Flycatcher** (Northern) (*Pyrocephalus obscurus*) Regularly noted.

277. **Social Flycatcher** (Vermilion-crowned) (*Myiozetetes similis*) Fairly common

278. **Great Kiskadee** (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) Fairly common.

279. **Boat-billed Flycatcher** (Northern) (*Megarynchus pitangua*) Regularly seen or at least heard.

280. **Tropical Kingbird** (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) Common.

281. **Cassin's Kingbird** (*Tyrannus vociferans*) Several at Teotitlan OAX above the lake there, and a big roosting flock at km 22 San Antonio de la Sierra BAJ Jan 15<sup>th</sup> and a few others noted occasionally.

282. **Thick-billed Kingbird** (*Tyrannus crassirostris*) Fairly common mainly in the highlands and foothills.

283. **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** (*Tyrannus forficatus*) A few groups along the road in coastal Chiapas.

284. **Dusky-capped Flycatcher** (*lawrenceii* Group) (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) Fairly common, especially by voice.

285. **Ash-throated Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus cinerascens*) Common Baha California Sur.

286. **Nutting's Flycatcher** (Nutting's) (*Myiarchus nuttingi nuttingi/inquietus*) several calling birds at Tolistoque Ojo de Agua OAX.

287. **Brown-crested Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*) A few noted.

288. **Bright-rumped Attila** (Northern) (*Attila spadiceus*) Heard at La Noria NAY.

289. **Long-tailed Manakin** (*Chiroxiphia linearis*) Male Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Arriaga CHI.

290. **Masked Tityra** (*Tityra semifasciata*) A few noted throughout, often in pairs and a fruiting trees.



Eastern Grey-collared Becard

291. **Grey-collared Becard (EASTERN)** (*Pachyramphus major major*) Male, (above) Mar 13<sup>th</sup> Tepoztlan Scout Camp trail MOR.

**GREY-COLLARED BECARD (WESTERN)** (*Pachyramphus major uropygialis*) Male, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> La Noria NAY.

292. **Rose-throated Becard** (*Pachyramphus aglaiae*) 2, Pluma Hidalgo OAX, several at La Solidaridad OAX, 2 Tapalapa CHI and a male in the mangroves at San Blas NAY.



293. **Loggerhead Shrike** (*Lanius ludovicianus*) A few birds noted in the drier areas such as at this one photod at Guerrero Negro BAJ.

294. **Chestnut-sided Shrike-vireo** (*Vireolanius melitophrys*) 2 noted. Photo right from Cruz Blanco VER.

295. **Lesser Greenlet** (Northern) (*Pachysylvia decurtata*) A few noted.

296. **Golden Vireo** (*Vireo hypochryseus*) Noted from several places such as Pluma Hidalgo, La Solidaridad, Teotitlan OAX, and Paso Ancho MIC.

297. **Philadelphia Vireo** (*Vireo philadelphicus*) Several noted at Sumidero Canyon CHI.





298. **Warbling Vireo** (*Vireo gilvus*) Common.
299. **Brown-capped Vireo** (Northern) (*Vireo leucophrys*) A few noted west of Xalapa in the highlands.
300. **Hutton's Vireo** (Pacific) (*Vireo huttoni*) *V. h. cognatus* at San Antonio de la Sierra BAJ where 1 on Jan 16<sup>th</sup>.  
**Hutton's Vireo** (Interior) (*Vireo huttoni*) Fairly common in the highlands.



301. **GREY VIREO** (*Vireo vicinior*) 1+, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> La Paz BAJ in the hills opposite the La Concha Hotel.
302. **Yellow-throated Vireo** (*Vireo flavifrons*) 2+ Tolistoque Ojo de Agua, OAX.
303. **Blue-headed Vireo** (*Vireo solitarius*) 1-2 birds noted at Pluma Hidalgo OAX, Sumidero Canyon CHI and Tapalapa OAX.



San Lucan Cassin's Vireo

304. **Cassin's Vireo (Cassin's)** (*Vireo cassinii cassinii*) Noted at Teotitlan OAX, Sumidero Canyon CHI, San Blas and Tepic NAY.  
**Cassin's Vireo (San Lucan)** (*Vireo cassinii lucasanus*) Several a day at San Antonio de la Sierra BAJ (photo above).  
 I think this must be an incredibly difficult ssp to identify in the field and this seems to be confirmed by judging photos on ebird. Given this is the location of this resident population and all the 12+ birds seen looked the same, then this is very likely to be the ssp concerned. Inset photo illustrating a "heavier bill"?  
 BOW states; *V. c. lucasanus* Brewster, 1891: Resident in s. Baja California Sur.  
*Back paler and sides and flanks more yellow than V. c. cassinii (Ridgway 1904, Hamilton 1958a). Overall, smaller with shorter, more rounded wing (67–72.5 mm) than nominate subspecies, but with heavier bill (11–12 mm; Phillips 1991, see also Appendix 1).*
305. **Plumbeous Vireo** (Plumbeous) (*Vireo plumbeus plumbeus/gravis*) Single birds at La Solidaridad and Teotitlan OAX and Paso Ancho MIC.





306. **Mangrove Vireo** (**West Mexico**) (*Vireo pallens paluster*) 1, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> San Blas NAY. Took c 3 days searching.

307. **White-eyed Vireo** (White-eyed) (*Vireo griseus*) 2, Sumidero Canyon CHI, 1, Puerto Angel VER and 1, Parque El Haya, Xalapa.

308. **Black-capped Vireo** (*Vireo atricapilla*) 1, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> on the Panuco Rd SIN and a superb male Cerro de la Cruz, Tepic NAY.



309. **DWARF VIREO** (*Vireo nelsoni*) 1, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Teotitlan OAX. A responsive bird 200m further up from the 1st right hairpin bend. Very animated and calling frequently made it hard to photo. However it did come very close at times giving good but fast views.



310. **SLATY VIREO** (*Vireo brevipennis*) 1, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Monte Alban OAX (photo) and 2 at Nepantla STA Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. Superb birds.





311. **Black-throated Jay** (*Cyanolyca pumilo*) Seen on 3 occasions, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Tapalapa in groups of 6+, 20+ and 10+ with perhaps the first group being part of the second group. The third group was several miles away and therefore different.



312. **DWARF JAY** (*Cyanolyca nanus*) 12+, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> La Cumbre OAX at the accommodation clearing with a few Steller's Jays and a group of Grey-barred Wrens which appears to be the norm. The birds were not hanging about and swiftly progressed across the pines and bamboo to disappear back into the forest just before dusk.



313. **WHITE-THROATED JAY** (*Cyanolyca mirabilis*) 1, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> just west of Puerto Gallo and well above Nuevo Delhi GUE. Stunner!





314. **PURPLISH-BACKED JAY** (*Cyanocorax beecheii*) 6+, Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Punta Carita, Mazatlan SIN, where 5 Ads, 1 imm the next evening. Also 5-8 birds on Peso Island, San Blas NAY. Yellow bill and dark iris in imm (left) and adult right.



315. **TUFTED JAY** (*Cyanocorax dickeyi*) Flocks of 8, 15 and 20+, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Barranca Rancho Liebre all from the first canyon viewpoint. 1 at the Cabanas Chara Pinta Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. c20 Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> at the start of the Barranca Rancho Liebre and km 200.5 and also again at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canyon viewpoint along with an Eared Quetzal and at least 2 Aztec Thrushes... fantastic! Also 6+ Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at km 11. Superb and spectacular birds....

316. **Green Jay** (*Cyanocorax luxuosus*) A few groups noted at Nuevo Delhi GUE, Adolfo Ruiz Cortines VER, Sumidero Canyon CHI and San Sebastian del Oeste JAL.



- 317. **Brown Jay** (*Psilorhinus morio*) Commonly encountered in noisy groups.
- 318. **Black-throated Magpie-jay** (*Calocitta collyei*) Several gangs of birds on the west coast.
- 319. **White-throated Magpie-jay** (*Calocitta formosa*) Common in groups in the south.
- 320. **Steller's Jay** (Central American) (*Cyanocitta stelleri*) Birds noted from La Cumbre and further north on Route 175 OAX. Also at Montetik CHI and El Palmito SIN and in between Cuernavaca and Toluca.



- 321. **MEXICAN JAY (ARIZONA)** (*Aphelocoma wollweberi wollweberi*) 6+ Feb 5<sup>th</sup> west of Durango on Route 40 at the km28 Mirador. The birds came in from way across the valley there to just below the viewpoint.



- 322. **Transvolcanic Jay** (*Aphelocoma ultramarina*) 20+, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> La Bufa San Sebastian del Oeste JAL.
- 323. **Unicolored Jay** (*Aphelocoma unicolor*) Several at and near KM 80 Route 175 OAX and 4+ Montetik CHI.
- 324. **California Scrub Jay** (*Aphelocoma californica*) 22 sightings/individuals San Antonio de la Sierra BAJ.
- 325. **WOODHOUSE'S SCRUB JAY (SUMICHRAST'S)** (*Aphelocoma woodhouseii sumichrasti/remota*) 7 birds, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Teotitlan OAX.
- 326. **Tamaulipas Crow** (*Corvus imparatus*) Common from Tecolutla VER into Tamaulipas.
- 327. **Raven** (*Corvus corax*) Common BAJ, El Salto tip DUR and La Noria NAY.
- 328. **Chihuahuan Raven** (*Corvus cryptoleucus*) 10+ Miguel Hidalgo dry lake DUR.
- 329. **Grey Silky-flycatcher** (*Ptiliogonys cinereus*) Common in the highlands.
- 330. **Phainopepla** (*Phainopepla nitens*) A few at La Paz BAJ.





331. **BRIDLED TITMOUSE** (*Baeolophus wollweberi*) 3, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> roadside birds near El Palmito SIN. Also up to 6 at El Salto Tip DUR.

332. **Black-crested Titmouse** (*Baeolophus atricristatus*) 4+ El Cielo TAM.

333. **MEXICAN CHICKADEE** (*Poecile sclateri*) 5+, Sec 8<sup>th</sup> Puerto Gallo GUE. Also some on Route 175 OAX and c15+ in the Barranca Rancho Liebre area. Several on the El Salto- Durango Road DUR and also Parque Las Miravalles MEX and west of Xico VER.



334. **Verdin** (*Auriparus flaviceps*) Common in Baja California Sur.



335. **Shore Lark** (*Eremophila alpestris*) 30+, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Miguel Hidalgo DUR. Lots of singing birds suggesting resident race?



336. **Violet-green Swallow** (*Tachycineta thalassina*) Lots of birds seen usually in flocks up to 100 birds.
337. **Mangrove Swallow** (*Tachycineta albilinea*) Few noted, commonest at San Blas NAY.
338. **Black-capped Swallow** (*Atticora pileata*) A few at Tapalapa CHI.
339. **Northern Rough-winged Swallow** (Northern) (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*) Regularly noted.
340. **Swallow (American)** (*Hirundo rustica erythrogaster*) Small numbers throughout.
341. **American Bushtit** (Black-eared) (*Psaltriparus minimus*) Largest numbers noted were 15+ in one flock at Teotitlan OAX otherwise 10+ at Montetik CHI and 2 at Cruz Blanco VER.
342. **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** (*Corthylio calendula*) 4, Cruz Blanco VER.
343. **Golden-crowned Kinglet** (*Regulus satrapa*) 1 Nuevo Delhi GUE and several singing birds at La Lagunas de Zempoala MOR.



Band-backed Wren



Grey-barred Wren

344. **Band-backed Wren** (*Campylorhynchus zonatus*) A few groups at Montetik CHI and La Isleta Grande VER where photod.
345. **Grey-barred Wren** (*Campylorhynchus megalopterus*) 6+, La Cumbre OAX with Dwarf and Steller's Jay, also another group at La Cumbre on the eastern road (photo) 2+ Cruz Blanco VER.



346. **GIANT WREN** (*Campylorhynchus chiapensis*) 2 roadside birds, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> Puerto Arista to Boca Del Cielo CHI.





347. **VERACRUZ WREN** (*Campylorhynchus rufinucha*) 1, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Playa Juan Angel VER by the old roadside rubbish tip.  
3 way split; **Veracruz Wren** *Campylorhynchus rufinucha*, *C. humilis* and *C. capistratus* are treated as distinct species



348. **SCLATER'S WREN** (*Campylorhynchus humilis*) 6+, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Parque National Huatulco OAX in the dry scrub-forest.  
3 way split; **Sclater's Wren** *Campylorhynchus humilis*, *C. rufinucha* and *C. capistratus* are treated as distinct species



349. **Spotted Wren** (*Campylorhynchus gularis*) 4+ La Noria NAY (photo) and 1, Largo de Chapala JAL.





Boucard's Wren



Cactus Wren

350. **BOUCARD'S WREN** (*Campylorhynchus jocosus*) 8+, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Teotitlan OAX (photo) and 3, Monte Alban OAX.

351. **Cactus Wren** (Western) (*Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*) Several at La Paz (photo right) and San Antonio de la Sierra BAJ. Also 1 at Minas Mordor at Topolobampo SIN of the nominate ssp *brunneicapillus* showing rusty flanks.



352. **Canyon Wren** (*Catherpes mexicanus*) Noted at San Juan del Rio DUR, and across Morelos where common (photo). Definitely one of the best wrens.





353. **SUMICHRAST'S WREN** (*Hylorchilus sumichrasti*) 1-2, Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Santa Maria Jacatepec OAX. (see Itinerary for location). The bird(s) showed well very quickly at dawn although it was quite dark within the trees and rocky outcrops.

354. **NAVA'S WREN** (*Hylorchilus navai*) 1, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> on the track to Armando Zebadua CHI on the second attempt again in the rain. Nice views as it came to check us out a few times down to a few metres.



355. **Grass Wren** (Grass) (*Cistothorus platensis*) Fairly common at Parque Las Miravalles MEX.

356. **Bewick's Wren** (**Interior West**) (*Thryomanes bewickii*) 2, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Teotitlan OAX.

357. **Happy Wren** (Mainland) (*Pheugopedius felix*) 1, Parque Hautulco OAX. Also seen at Pluma Hidalgo OAX.

358. **Spot-breasted Wren** (*Pheugopedius maculipectus*) 2 noted El Cielo TAM.



359. **Banded Wren** (*Thryophilus pleurostictus*) Noted at El Mirador, Pluma Hidalgo OAX, Sumidero Canyon and Arriaga foothills CHI.





360. **House Wren** (Northern) (*Troglodytes aedon*) Noted at Pluma Hidalgo and Parque Huatulco OAX (above left) and Baja California.

**House Wren** (**Brown-throated**) (*Troglodytes aedon cahooni/ brunneicollis*) 2, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN (photo), also in the El Salto area (**cahooni**) and Cruz Blanco VER (**brunneicollis**).

361. **White-breasted Wood Wren** (Sclater's) (*Henicorhina leucosticte*) Lots heard but only 1 seen Adolfo Ruiz Cortines, VER.

362. **Grey-breasted Wood Wren** (Central American) (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) 12+ at La Cumbre OAX over a couple of days. Also a few at Cruz Blanco VER.

363. **Blue-grey Gnatcatcher** (*Polioptila caerulea*) Common throughout.

364. **California Gnatcatcher** (*Polioptila californica*) Male at La Paz BAJ.

365. **White-lored Gnatcatcher** (*Polioptila albiloris*) A few noted at Sumidero Canyon and the Arriaga foothills CHI. Also several birds at Tolistoque Ojo de Agua OAX.

366. **Pygmy Nuthatch** (*Sitta pygmaea*) A few roadside birds near El Salto DUR.

367. **Brown Creeper** (*albescens/alticola*) (*Certhia americana albescens/alticola*) 2, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN and 1, Lagunas de Zempoala MOR

**Brown Creeper** (Guatemalan) (*Certhia americana pernigra*) 2, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> Montetik CHI.

368. **Grey Catbird** (*Dumetella carolinensis*) Several noted, more so late Feb/ Mar.

369. **Northern Mockingbird** (*Mimus polyglottos*) Several noted.



370. **GREY THRASHER** (*Toxostoma cinereum*) 1, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> La Paz BAJ. A few probables on the long drives through scrub in Baja.





371. **OCELLATED THRASHER** (*Toxostoma ocellatum*) A singing bird, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Monte Alban access Rd OAX.



372. **Curve-billed Thrasher (Western)** (*Toxostoma curvirostre*) This group was common at Miguel Hidalgo DUR.

**Curve-billed Thrasher (Eastern)** (*Toxostoma curvirostre curvirostre*) This group was noted from Teotitlan and Yagul OAX (photo) and Largo de Chapala JAL and Tepoztlan MOR.



373. **LeConte's Thrasher (Vizcaino)** (*Toxostoma lecontei arenicola*) 4+, Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Guerrero Negro on the sagebrush flats BAJ.





374. **Blue Mockingbird** (*Melanotis caerulescens*) Fairly common in the foothills although usually quite reclusive.

375. **Eastern Bluebird (Mexican)** (*Sialia sialis*) Noted at El Palmito SIN and La Noria NAY.

376. **Brown-backed Solitaire** (*Myadestes occidentalis*) Common in the highlands being the first or last bird singing at dawn and dusk.



377. **Slate-colored Solitaire** (*Myadestes unicolor*) common around La Esperanza km 79 area OAX and Adolfo Ruiz Cortines VER.



378. **AZTEC THRUSH** (*Ridgwayia pinicola*) 3+, Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN calling and feeding at 2 places 500m apart in the company of the same Eared Quetzal both times. Photos all of same female.



379. **Wood Thrush** (*Hylocichla mustelina*) 1, Adolfo Ruiz Cortines VER.
380. **Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush** (Brown-headed) (*Catharus aurantiirostris*)  
1 seen and 4 heard at La Noria NAY and 1 at Cruz Blanco VER
381. **Black-headed Nightingale-thrush** (*Catharus mexicanus*) c10 Adolfo Ruiz Cortines VER along the road.
382. **Swainson's Thrush** (*Catharus ustulatus*) c6 noted in all.



383. **RUSSET NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH** (*Catharus occidentalis*) 1, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN. Very close!  
Also another bird at Cruz Blanco VER identified by having the dark tip to the lower mandible.



San Lucan American Robin

384. **American Robin** (*migratorius* Group) (*Turdus migratorius*) Small numbers up in the highlands with birds noticeably moving north in March and usually in bigger flocks.

**American Robin** (**San Lucan**) (*Turdus migratorius confinis*) 4+, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> San Antonio de la Sierra BAJ at km 22 (photo) and also c 10+ at km 11. Returned on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> and saw 3+ km 22, 4 at km 16 and 3+ at km 11.





385. **BLACK THRUSH** (*Turdus infuscatus*) Male, Mar 9<sup>th</sup> Cruz Blanco VER. <https://goo.gl/maps/uHsDv2gMn71K84yc6>  
Thought I'd see lots of these but I guess they are a lot harder in the winter.

386. **Rufous-collared Thrush** (*Turdus rufitorques*) 2, Microondas Huitepec, 4+ Montetik and Sumidero Canyon all CHI.

387. **White-throated Thrush** (*Turdus assimilis*) c25 birds seen in the foothills throughout.



388. **Rufous-backed Thrush** (Rufous-backed) (*Turdus rufopalliatu rufopalliatu*/interior)  
Noted at a few places such as 8+ Mazatlan SIN (photos left and centre) 7 at Tepic NAY and also a few at San Blas and Tepic NAY





**Rufous-backed Thrush (Grayson's)** (*Turdus rufopalliatu*s **graysoni**) 1, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Peso Island, San Blas NAY (above right). This bird was accidentally flushed from a tree along with 2 Kiskadees as the boat landed me on the rocky shoreline. It seemed to be hanging around with them and was following them as they fed. Noticeably greyer breast and flanks although the flanks were pale brown toned. Also the mantle was a colder brown lacking the deep orange tone of Rufous-backed Thrush. I did show these photos to Mark Stackhouse who confirmed the identification.

389. **Clay-colored Thrush** (*Turdus grayi*) Noted at Sumidero Canyon CHI, Arriaga foothills CHI, Tuxtla and El Cielo TAM.



390. **Olive Warbler** (*Peucedramus taeniatus*) 11 birds noted in all from GUE, SIN, DUR and OAX.



391. **HOODED GROSBEEK** (*Hesperiphona abeillei*) 25-30 birds, Mar 5<sup>th</sup> El Cielo along the track to Alta Cima at around 700masl.



392. **House Finch (Common)** (*Haemorhous mexicanus*) Common everywhere.



393. **Red Crossbill** (*Loxia curvirostra*) A male at Parque Miravalles MEX had an enormous bill!

394. **Lesser Goldfinch** (*Spinus psaltria*) Common.

395. **Pine Siskin (Northern)** (*Spinus pinus pinus/macropterus*) A few noted.

396. **Black-headed Siskin** (*Spinus notatus*) A few noted with the best one seen at La Noria NAY.



**Elegant Euphonia**



**Blue-crowned Chlorophonia**

397. **Elegant Euphonia** (*Chlorophonia elegantissima*) A few noted at Teotitlan OAX (above left) Nepantla STA and Miravalles MEX.

398. **BLUE-CROWNED CHLOROPHONIA** (*Chlorophonia occipitalis*) Female, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> La Esperanza OAX (above right)  
Also heard at Adolfo Ruiz Cortines VER and 1+ Tapalapa CHI. Distinctive voice but very well camouflaged !



**West Mexican**



**Scrub**

399. **WEST MEXICAN EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia godmani*) 2, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Copala, and 2 on the Panuco Rd SIN (above left).

400. **Scrub Euphonia** (*Euphonia affinis*) Several at the Arriaga foothills (above right) and in OAX and a few in VER.

401. **Yellow-throated Euphonia** (*Euphonia hirundinacea*) Several noted.
402. **Olive-backed Euphonia** (*Euphonia gouldi*) Noted.
403. **THICK-BILLED LONGSPUR** (*Rhynchophanes mccownii*) 2 females, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Miguel Hidalgo dried lake DUR. Scoped up from the car I got a good look at these birds. Clearly having larger pink bills, the birds stood out structurally also looking more stout and bull-necked. Plainer faced with very pale lores and unmarked buffy breast and off white underparts also unmarked. Chestnut med covs could be seen on 1 bird.
404. **CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR** (*Calcarius ornatus*) 200+, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Miguel Hidalgo dried lake DUR. Several flocks dashing around the dried lake and flushing all too easily. By the afternoon I managed to get some nice scope views of some adult looking birds and a few flight shots.
405. **Common Bush Tanager** (Middle America) (*Chlorospingus flavopectus* [postocularis-group]) Noted in Chiapas.
- Common Bush Tanager** (**Southwest Mexico**) (*Chlorospingus flavopectus albifrons*) Noted at Nuevo Delhi GUE and La Solidaridad OAX.
- Common Bush Tanager** (**Northeast Mexico**) (*Chlorospingus flavopectus ophthalmicus*) Noted La Esperanza OAX and Xico VER.



406. **RUFOUS-WINGED SPARROW** (*Peucaea carpalis*) 4, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Topolobampo SIN <https://goo.gl/maps/JLxyMRxNhYrsJVMc6> in this general area and others heard also.



407. **CINNAMON-TAILED SPARROW** (*Peucaea sumichrasti*) 2+, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> Arriaga foothills CHI. 2, Dec 30<sup>th</sup> Tolistoque Ojo de Agua OAX.



408. **Stripe-headed Sparrow** (*Peucaea ruficauda*) Common in the drier scrubby foothills.



Black-chested Sparrow



Bridled Sparrow

409. **BLACK-CHESTED SPARROW** (*Peucaea humeralis*) 5, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Paso Ancho MIC by the bridge and 2 miles further south.

410. **BRIDLED SPARROW** (*Peucaea mystacalis*) c10, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Teotitlan OAX along the roadsides (above right).



411. **BOTTERI'S SPARROW (BOTTERI'S)** (*Peucaea botterii botterii*) 1, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Nepantla STA



412. **FIVE-STRIPED SPARROW** (*Amphispizopsis quinquestrata*) 1, Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Topolobampo SIN near Minas Mordor.





413. **Black-throated Sparrow** (*Amphispiza bilineata*) Common in the hills around La Paz BAJ.

414. **Olive Sparrow (Olive)** (*Arremonops rufivirgatus rufivirgatus/crassirostris*) Several El Cielo TAM.  
**Olive Sparrow (Pacific)** (*Arremonops rufivirgatus chiapensis*) 2+, Sumidero Canyon CHI.



415. **Lark Sparrow** (*Chondestes grammacus*) Small groups seen throughout the highlands but commonest at Miguel Hidalgo DUR.



416. **LARK BUNTING** (*Calamospiza melanocorys*) c10, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Miguel Hidalgo dried Lake DUR feeding with Lark and Vesper Sparrows.



417. **Chipping Sparrow** (*Spizella passerina*)  
Common and often in flocks in the highlands such as El Salto Tip DUR, La Noria NAY and Parque Las Miravalles MEX.
418. **Clay-colored Sparrow** (*Spizella pallida*) Common San Antonio de la Sierra BAJ and Miguel Hidalgo DUR.
419. **Green-striped Brushfinch** (*Arremon virenticeps*) A few at Cabanas Chara Pinta SIN scratching the undergrowth about.
420. **Chestnut-capped Brushfinch** (Chestnut-capped) (*Arremon brunneinucha*) 1+, La Solidaridad OAX.
421. **Yellow-eyed Junco** (**Mexican**) (*Junco phaeonotus phaeonotus/palliatus*) Noted at Nuevo Delhi, GUE, Cabanas Chara Pinta SIN and the high forests of Durango.



422. **BAIRD'S JUNCO** (*Junco bairdi*) 1+ near km31 and c10 in a group here <https://goo.gl/maps/wvKJ4KqJsoS7EAFJA> near the top of the Victoria Trail at San Antonio de la Sierra BAJ.
423. **Rufous-collared Sparrow** (Rufous-collared) (*Zonotrichia capensis*) Noted at Montetik CHI.



424. **Bell's Sparrow** (**Grey**) (*Artemisiospiza belli cinerea*) 5+, Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Guerrero Negro BAJ.
425. **White-crowned Sparrow** (Mountain) (*Zonotrichia leucophrys oriantha*) Common in southern Baja California Sur.



Striped Sparrow



Belding's Savannah Sparrow

426. **STRIPED SPARROW** (*Oriturus superciliosus*) 40+, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> El Tecuan DUR, 30+ El Salto Tip (above left) and common at Parque Las Miravalles MEX. Generally quite common in the higher pine and bunch grass habitats often in groups along the roads.
427. **Savannah Sparrow** (**Belding's**) (*Passerculus sandwichensis anulus*) 2+, Jan 13<sup>th</sup> Guerrero Negro BAJ (above right).
428. **Vesper Sparrow** (*Pooecetes gramineus*) A few around El Salto Tip and abundant at Miguel Hidalgo dried up lake DUR.



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El Salto Tip, Durango.

429. **SIERRA MADRE SPARROW** (*Xenospiza baileyi*) 3+, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> El Salto Tip DUR, feeding early morning in with the Striped Sparrows etc. 3+, Mar 14<sup>th</sup> Parque La Miravalles MEX with a few more heard only.
430. **Song Sparrow** (**Mexican**) (*Melospiza melodia*) A few singing birds at San Juan De Aragon Park in Mexico City.
431. **Lincoln's Sparrow** (*Melospiza lincolni*) Noted from Teotitlan OAX, Tecolutla VER, Cabanas Chara Pinta SIN, and common in the El Salto and Miguel Hidalgo areas DUR.
432. **Rusty-crowned Ground Sparrow** (*Melospiza kieneri*) 1+, noted from Nepantla, STA.



433. **Canyon Towhee** (*Melospiza fusca*) Several noted when crossing the highlands from San Sebastian del Oeste JAL to Mexico City.



434. **WHITE-THROATED TOWHEE** (*Melospiza albicollis*) 28+, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Teotitlan OAX. Common at Monte Alban and Yagul also.



435. **California Towhee** (*Melospiza crissalis albigula*) 20+ at San Antonio de la Sierra BAJ looking more like Canyon Towhees caused some initial confusion till I checked out the strikingly different albigula ssp on BOW.

436. **Rusty Sparrow** (*Aimophila rufescens*) 1, Pluma Hidalgo OAX, 1+ La Noria NAY (photo above left) and several at Nepantla STA

437. **OAXACA SPARROW** (*Aimophila notosticta*) 2, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Teotitlan OAX along the roadside bushes at the km 9 hairpin.

438. **Green-tailed Towhee** (*Pipilo chlorurus*) 2, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> La Paz BAJ.





439. **Spotted Towhee** (Rocky Mts.) (*Pipilo maculatus*) A few noted from Montetik CHI through BAJ (above left) to Cabanas Chara Pinta SIN. Often in pairs scratching the forest floor.

**Spotted Towhee (Olive-backed)** (*Pipilo maculatus macronyx*) 1, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Parque las Miravalles MEX. Looked very different with its plain olive-green mantle (above right).

440. **RUFIOUS-CAPPED BRUSHFINCH** (*Atlapetes pileatus*) 1, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> La Cumbre Route 175 OAX. Also 15+ Cabanas Chara Pinta SIN.

441. **White-naped Brushfinch (WHITE-NAPED)** (*Atlapetes albinucha albinucha*) A calling bird Mar 1<sup>st</sup> west of Xico VER.



442. **Yellow-breasted Chat** (Western) (*Icteria virens auricollis*) Birds noted from San Blas NAY, San Sebastian del Oeste JAL and the bird above from Paso Ancho MIC were all likely auricollis due to the greyish crown and mantle and more extensive white malar. Birds seen at Nepantla STA and Parque El Haya VER were likely to be virens but I didn't check them at the time or get any photos.

443. **Western Meadowlark** (*Sturnella neglecta*) C20+ Miguel Hidalgo DUR coming to drink just after dawn at the roadside water tank



444. **Mexican Cacique** (*Cassiculus melanicterus*) Noted Pluma Hidalgo GUE, Mazatlan and the Panuco Rd SIN and also at San Blas NAY.



445. **Montezuma Oropendola** (*Psarocolius montezuma*) Noted from the foothills in the east.



446. **Scott's Oriole** (*Icterus parisorum*) 2 males and 2 females at San Antonio de la Sierra BAJ and 1+ Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN.



447. **Audubon's Oriole (Audubon's)** (*Icterus graduacauda graduacauda/audubonii*)  
2, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Parque El Haya, Xalapa VER (flight photos) where singing. 4+ El Cielo TAM and 3 El Meco SAN.

448. **Audubon's Oriole (Dickey's)** (*Icterus graduacauda dickeyae/nayaritensis*) 2 males Pluma Hidalgo OAX and 1 at La Noria NAY.

449. **Altamira Oriole** (*Icterus gularis*) A few noted in Oaxaca, Chiapas, Veracruz and San Luis Potisi.

450. **Bullock's Oriole** (*Icterus bullockii*)  
I only concentrated on identifying  
Ad males like this one (photo right)  
at La Noria NAY.  
It was with 2-3 more males and there  
were a few females with the feeding  
group.  
Seen at Pluma Hidalgo OAX, Tepic NAY,  
Nepantla STA and Parque El Haya VER.





451. **Streak-backed Oriole** (West Mexican) (*Icterus pustulatus pustulatus/microstictus*) 10+ Feb 7<sup>th</sup> along the Panuco Rd SIN were identified based on the sparse dark mantle streaking. Also noted from the Cabanas Chara Pinta.

**Streak-backed Oriole** (Streak-backed) (*Icterus pustulatus*) Identified from Chiapas and Oaxaca mainly.



452. **BLACK-BACKED ORIOLE** (*Icterus abeillei*) c6 Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Ajijik on the north shore of Lake Chapala, JAL.

453. **Baltimore Oriole** (*Icterus galbula*) Regularly noted.

454. **Spot-breasted Oriole** (*Icterus pectoralis*) Noted from Pluma Hidalgo OAX and Benito Juarez Plan CHI.



455. **BAR-WINGED ORIOLE** (*Icterus maculialatus*) 1, Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Sumidero Canyon CHI feeding in a large tree behind the toilets at Mirador Canyon del Sumidero <https://goo.gl/maps/Sel98yM4CwDSBBgk9> . We spent several days looking for this species which seems to have a stronghold here, and is present in the winter months contra Howell. Quite an unobtrusive bird for an Oriole remaining well camouflaged and a bit sneaky!





456. **Black-vented Oriole** (*Icterus wagleri*) 4+ Teotitlan OAX (above) and also at San Sebastian del Oeste JAL.

457. **Hooded Oriole** (Western) (*Icterus cucullatus nelsoni/trochiloides*) Common, particularly in southern Baja California Sur.

458. **Black-cowled Oriole** (*Icterus prothemelas*) 2, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Route 175 km 50.

459. **Orchard Oriole** (*Icterus spurius*) A few small groups of birds noted in Chiapas, Veracruz and Nayarit.



460. **OCHRE ORIOLE** (*Icterus fuertesi*) Ad male, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Monte Gordo VER <https://goo.gl/maps/4cka6Qh38yno8xYV7>  
 We did a u-turn to eat at Marianas Restaurante, and had a stroke of luck when I noticed an interesting oriole while eating. A quick dash to the car for the bins turned into a scramble for the camera! It remained in the tree for c 10 minutes before disappearing over the road.  
 Strikingly paler and more ochre-orange than Ad male Orchard Orioles that I had been seeing over the previous few months.

461. **Red-winged Blackbird** (**Mexican Bicolored**) (*Agelaius phoeniceus gubernator*) A few flocks flying through Arocutin Bridge MIC.

462. **Bronzed Cowbird** (*Molothrus aeneus*) A few birds when seen well and commonest in the town of San Blas NAY.

463. **Brown-headed Cowbird** (*Molothrus ater*) Common at San Blas NAY.

464. **Melodious Blackbird** (*Dives dives*) Regularly noted from El Cielo TAM down the Caribbean slope to Valle National OAX and Chiapas

465. **Great-tailed Grackle** (Western) (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) Common.

**Great-tailed Grackle** (Great-tailed) (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) Common.

466. **Ovenbird** (*Seiurus aurocapilla*) 1, Sumidero Canyon CHI.



467. **Louisiana Waterthrush** (*Parkesia motacilla*) 1, La Cumbre OAX.

468. **Northern Waterthrush** (*Parkesia noveboracensis*) A few seen and heard usually in mangroves or lowland swamps.

469. **Black-and-white Warbler** (*Mniotilta varia*) Regularly noted, often in mixed species flocks.



470. **Crescent-chested Warbler** (*Oreothlypis superciliosa*) Fairly common in the mainland highlands and foothills throughout.

471. **Tennessee Warbler** (*Leiothlypis peregrina*) Several noted mainly in Guerrero and Oaxaca.

472. **Orange-crowned Warbler** (*Leiothlypis celata*) Fairly common in the west side mainland foothills.



473. **COLIMA WARBLER** (*Leiothlypis crissalis*) 1, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Parque Las Miravalles MEX <https://goo.gl/maps/zPMNhrz6BDP1D59> 3000m asl. Calling and singing before, and in response to the identical calls and song on the Merlin app and in view for 30+ minutes, although difficult to get a photo due to the dense cover and its constant movement. Large billed and bulky compared to Virginia's Warbler with a longer, broader tail (see blurred inset). Also brown mantle and upperwing coverts and paler brown flanks, and deep warm brown skull cap. No yellow on breast. The under tail cov colour was concerning until checking photos on BOW showing Colimas with identical colouring. Photos confirmed by email with local and very helpful guides Miguel Aguilar and Anuar Lopez et al.



474. **Lucy's Warbler** (*Leiothlypis luciae*) 1 bird noted.



Nashville Warbler



Virginia's Warbler

475. **Nashville Warbler** (Western) (*Leiothlypis ruficapilla ridgwayi*) A common bird in the foothills and highlands.

476. **Virginia's Warbler** (*Leiothlypis virginiae*) Noted at Teotitlan OAX (above right) and Mazatlan SIN.

477. **MacGillivray's Warbler** (*Geothlypis tolmiei*) Regularly noted with birds at Pluma Hidalgo, Teotitlan, El Mirador, Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN, Tepic NAY and Tepoztlan MOR.



Black-poll'd Yellowthroat



Belding's Yellowthroat

478. **BLACK-POLLED YELLOWTHROAT** (*Geothlypis speciosa*) 3, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Arocutin Bridge MIC and a few more heard only.

479. **BELDING'S YELLOWTHROAT** (*Geothlypis beldingi*) Male **ssp goldmani**, Jan 13<sup>th</sup> Mulege road bridge BAJ.  
5+ **ssp beldingi**, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> San Jose del Cabo BAJ (above right).



Altamira Yellowthroat



Hooded Yellowthroat

480. **ALTAMIRA YELLOWTHROAT** (*Geothlypis flavovelata*) Male, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Tecolutla VER and 2 Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> near Gomez Farias TAM.

481. **HOODED YELLOWTHROAT** (*Geothlypis nelsoni*) Male Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Route 175 km 108 and 1+ Mar 10<sup>th</sup> Cruz Blanco VER (above).





482. **Common Yellowthroat** (Eastern) (*Geothlypis trichas trichas*) A few "Yellowthroats" seen throughout from Baja across to Veracruz. The one bird I did get a photo of shows characteristics of the (likely) *trichas*. BOW states; *Frontal band pale ash gray, extensive; black mask moderately extensive; dorsum brownish olive; ventrum dull buff or buffy white, with upper breast lemon yellow, flanks brown, and undertail coverts pale yellow; feathers of nape whitish below the exposed tips.*
483. **American Redstart** (*Setophaga ruticilla*) A few noted, probably commonest in the mangroves at San Blas NAY.
484. **Northern Parula** (*Setophaga americana*) A few noted at Sumidero Canyon CHI and El Cielo TAM.
485. **Tropical Parula** (West Mexico) (*Setophaga pitiayumi pulchra*) Several birds noted only from West Mexico.
486. **Magnolia Warbler** (*Setophaga magnolia*) Common at Sumidero Canyon, and a few at Arriaga Foothills CHI. 1 La Isleta Grande VER.
487. **Yellow Warbler** (*Setophaga aestiva*) 1-2 at Sumidero Canyon, Arriaga foothills and Benito Juarez Plan CHI. Also a few Mazatlan SIN.
488. **Mangrove Warbler** (Mangrove) (*Setophaga petechia*) 5-6, San Blas mangroves NAY.
489. **Myrtle Warbler** (*Setophaga coronata*) Lesser numbers than Audubon's out of the Yellow-rumped Warblers identified.
490. **Audubon's Warbler** (*Setophaga auduboni*) Out of the hundreds of "Yellow-rumped Warblers" seen the majority were Audubon's. Most were 1<sup>st</sup> yr or females but a few Ad male looking birds were seen from about Feb onwards.
491. **Grace's Warbler** (*Setophaga graciae*) Singing birds at La Bufa, San Antonio del Oeste JAL.



492. **Black-throated Grey Warbler** (*Setophaga nigrescens*) 2 Teotitlan OAX, common at San Antonio de la Sierra BAJ. 3 Barranca Rancho Liebre and 2 on the Panuco Rd SIN and also noted from Nepantla STA and Parque Las Miravalles MEX.





493. **Townsend's Warbler** (*Setophaga townsendi*) Common up in the highlands and mountains (above left).

494. **Hermit Warbler** (*Setophaga occidentalis*) Common up in the highlands and mountains (above right).

495. **Black-throated Green Warbler** (*Setophaga virens*) Fairly regular up in the highlands and mountains in low numbers

496. **Fan-tailed Warbler** (*Basileuterus lachrymosus*) 2 noted at La Noria NAY and at El Cielo TAM.



497. **Rufous-capped Warbler** (North Mexico) (*Basileuterus rufifrons* [rufifrons-group]) Regularly seen throughout, and often in pairs.

498. **Golden-browed Warbler** (*Basileuterus belli*) Noted from Cabanas Chara Pinta / Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN and Xico VER.



499. **Golden-crowned Warbler** (Stripe-crowned) (*Basileuterus culicivorus*) Above bird left photod at El Cielo TAM.

500. **Wilson's Warbler** (*Cardellina pusilla*) Common just about everywhere from sea level to the mountains.





501. **Red-faced Warbler** (*Cardellina rubrifrons*) 4, Nuevo Delhi GUE (above), 1, Teotitlan OAX and 5 at Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN.



502. **Red Warbler (Grey-cheeked)** (*Cardellina rubra melanauris*) c10 in all at Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN.

**Red Warbler (White-cheeked)** (*Cardellina rubra rubra/rowleyi*) 1, Parque las Miravalles MEX and 2, Iglesia El Zapotal VER.



503. **Painted Whitestart** (*Myioborus pictus*) Fairly common at Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN.

504. **Slate-throated Whitestart** (*Myioborus miniatus*) Common in the foothills and highlands throughout.

505. **Flame-colored Tanager** (*Piranga bidentata*)  
Birds noted at Pluma Hidalgo GUE, La Solidad OAX, Tapalapa CHI, La Noria NAY and El Cielo TAM.

506. **Hepatic Tanager** (*Piranga hepatica*) 10+, Barranca Rancho Liebre SIN and a few at La Noria NAY.



507. **Western Tanager** (*Piranga ludoviciana*) One of the commoner tanagers throughout.
508. **White-winged Tanager** (*Piranga leucoptera*) 4+, El Cielo TAM.
509. **Red-headed Tanager** (*Piranga erythrocephala*) 25+ Cabanas Chara Pinta was the highest total anywhere.
510. **Yellow Grosbeak** (Northern) (*Pheucticus chrysopleus chrysopleus/dilutus*) 1 at the start of the Panuco Rd SIN.  
**Yellow Grosbeak** (**Guatemalan**) (*Pheucticus chrysopleus aurantiacus*) 1 Sumidero Canyon CHI.
511. **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) Fairly common in the foothills of Oaxaca, Chiapas and Veracruz mainly.



512. **Black-headed Grosbeak** (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*) Common.
513. **Red-breasted Chat** (Red-breasted) (*Granatellus venustus venustus*) 2, Arriaga foothills CHI.
514. **Northern Cardinal** (Common) (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) A few in Baja California Sur, common at Nopolo.
515. **Pyrrhuloxia** (*Cardinalis sinuatus*) Noted in Baja California Sur.



516. **CRIMSON-COLLARED GROSBEEK** (*Rhodothraupis celaeno*) 3 males and 8+ female/imms, Mar 5<sup>th</sup> El Cielo TAM.  
 The males were all down near the visitor centre and the females were spread out from the visitor centre up towards Alta Cima.
517. **Blue Bunting** (West Mexico) (*Cyanocompsa parellina indigotica*) Male, Pluma Hidalgo OAX.





518. **Blue Grosbeak** (*Passerina caerulea*) Several imms, Cerro de la Cruz, Tepic NAY.

519. **Indigo Bunting** (*Passerina cyanea*) Common.

520. **Lazuli Bunting** (*Passerina amoena*) Common San Antonio de la Sierra BAJ with several small flocks moving through the leaf litter.



521. **Varied Bunting** (*Passerina versicolor*) Noted at Teotitlan OAX, several at San Antonio de la Sierra BAJ, 3 Topolobampo SIN, 1, Cerro de la Cruz, Tepic NAY (above left) and 1 Tepoztlan town NAY.

522. **Painted Bunting** (Western) (*Passerina ciris pallidior*) c15 noted in all, all from south-west mainland Mexico except for 3 males at La Isleta Grande VER. Photo above right was at Teotitlan OAX.





523. **ROSE-BELLIED BUNTING** (*Passerina rositae*) 4 males and 6 female/ imms, Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Arriaga foothills CHI. Another 6+ further down the road the next morning where we were treated to a male singing at us only 3m away swaying from side to side while puffing out its flank feathers. Also another 6 birds on Dec 27<sup>th</sup> at another different stretch along the same road again. 10+ Dec 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> at Tolistoque Ojo de Agua OAX. Far better than illustrated and one of the most spectacular observations /birds of the trip..



524. **Orange-breasted Bunting** (*Passerina leclancherii*) 9+, Dec 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Arriaga foothills CHI (photos above) also several more at Tolistoque Ojo de Agua OAX. Spectacular birds.
525. **Red-legged Honeycreeper** (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) 16+ Pluma Hidalgo, several at La Solidar and at least 50 at El Mirador OAX. Also noted at Benito Juarez Plan CHI OAX.
526. **Cinnamon-bellied Saltator** (*Saltator grandis*) Several birds noted from Cerro de la Cruz, Tepic NAY.
527. **Buff-throated Saltator** (*Saltator maximus*) Noted at Adolfo Ruiz Cortinez, VER.
528. **Black-headed Saltator** (*Saltator atriceps*) Several noted from Veracruz to Tamaulipas.
529. **Bananaquit (Continental)** (*Coereba flaveola*) 1-2 birds noted at Plan de Flores Route 175 km 50.
530. **Yellow-faced Grassquit** (*Tiaris olivaceus*) male noted along Route 175 OAX.
531. **Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater** (*Sporophila torqueola*) Fairly common.
532. **Morelet's Seedeater** (*Sporophila moreletii*) A few noted.
533. **Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer** (*Diglossa baritula*) A few noted in the foothills.
534. **Yellow-winged Tanager** (*Thraupis abbas*) Noted from El Cielo TAM down to Sumidero Canyon OAX.
535. **Golden-hooded Tanager** (*Stelpnia larvata*) 1+, Plan de Flores, Route 175 km 50.



## OTHER NOTABLE WILDLIFE



1. **Grey Whale** (*Eschrichtius robustus*) c 7 in the course of a couple of hours in the area. This included several males trying to mate with a female with young calf (above) which remained in the same area for most of the morning. Spectacular views as the whales often passed under the boat and came up to the boat to have a look at us.

2. **Sperm Whale** (*Physeter macrocephalus*) 20+ on the crossing from La Paz BAJ to Topolobampo SIN.

3. **WHALE SHARK** (*Rhincodon typus*) Snorkelled with 2-3 males off La Paz BAJ. Although the water was quite murky we often got great views of these 7-9m beasts by being about 2-3 m away as they swam past us. We also got great views from the boat as they fed.

## **NEW SUB-SPECIES GROUPS OR POTENTIAL SPLITS**

Northern Potoo (**Middle American**) (Nyctibius jamaicensis **mexicanus**)  
Mexican Hermit (**Jalisco**) (Phaethornis mexicanus **griseoventer**)  
MEXICAN HERMIT (**Mexican**) (Phaethornis mexicanus **mexicanus**)  
Amethyst-throated Mountaingem (**Violet-throated**) (Lampornis amethystinus **margaritae**)  
GREEN-FRONTED HUMMINGBIRD (**Green-fronted**) (Leucolia viridifrons viridifrons)  
RIDGWAY'S RAIL (**South Baja**) (Rallus obsoletus **beldingi**)  
Ridgway's Rail (**Yuma**) (Rallus obsoletus **yumanensis**)  
Brown Booby (**Brewster's**) (Sula leucogaster **brewsteri**)  
Pacific Screech Owl (**lambi**) (Megascops cooperi **lambi**)  
Resplendent Quetzal (**Guatemalan**) (Pharomachrus mocinno **mocinno**)  
Collared Trogon (**Xalapa**) (Trogon collaris **puella**)  
Acorn Woodpecker (**San Lucan**) (Melanerpes formicivorus **angustifrons**)  
Velasquez's Woodpecker (**West Mexican**) (Melanerpes santacruzi **polygrammus**)  
Merlin (**Taiga**) (Falco columbarius **columbarius**)  
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner (**Mexican**) (Automolus ochrolaemus **cervinigularis**)  
Greenish Elaenia (**West Mexico**) (Myiopagis viridicata **jaliscensis**)  
GREY-COLLARED BECARD (**WESTERN**) (Pachyrampus major **uropygialis**)  
Grey-collared Becard (**EASTERN**) (Pachyrampus major **major**)  
Cassin's Vireo (**San Lucan**) (Vireo cassinii **lucanus**)  
Mangrove Vireo (**West Mexico**) (Vireo pallens **paluster**)  
MEXICAN JAY (**ARIZONA**) (Aphelocoma wollweberi **wollweberi**)  
WOODHOUSE'S SCRUB JAY (**SUMICHRAST'S**) (Aphelocoma woodhouseii **sumichrasti/remota**)  
Bewick's Wren (**Interior West**) (Thryomanes bewickii)  
House Wren (**Brown-throated**) (Troglodytes aedon)  
LeConte's Thrasher (**Vizcaino**) (Toxostoma lecontei arenicola)  
Curve-billed Thrasher (**Eastern**) (Toxostoma curvirostre **curvirostre**)  
American Robin (**San Lucan**) (Turdus migratorius **confinis**)  
Rufous-backed Thrush (**Grayson's**) (Turdus rufopalliatus **graysoni**)  
Common Bush Tanager (**Southwest Mexico**) (Chlorospingus flavopectus **albifrons**)  
Common Bush Tanager (**Northeast Mexico**) (Chlorospingus flavopectus **ophthalmicus**)  
BOTTERI'S SPARROW (**BOTTERI'S**) (Peucaea botterii)  
Olive Sparrow (**Pacific**) (Arremonops rufivirgatus **chiapensis**)  
Yellow-eyed Junco (**Mexican**) (Junco phaeonotus **phaeonotus/palliates**)  
Bell's Sparrow (**Grey**) (Artemisiospiza belli **cinerea**)  
Savannah Sparrow (**Belding's**) (Passerculus sandwichensis **anulus**)  
Song Sparrow (**Mexican**) (Melospiza melodia)  
California Towhee (Melozone crissalis **albigula**)  
Spotted Towhee (**Olive-backed**) (Pipilo maculatus **macronyx**)  
White-naped Brushfinch (**white-naped**) (Atlapetes albinucha **albinucha**)  
Audubon's Oriole (**Audubon's**) (Icterus graduacauda **graduacauda/audubonii**)  
Red-winged Blackbird (**Mexican Bicolored**) (Agelaius phoeniceus **gubernator**)  
BELDING'S YELLOWTHROAT (Geothlypis beldingi **goldmani**)  
Belding's Yellowthroat (Geothlypis beldingi **beldingi**)  
Red Warbler (**Grey-cheeked**) (Cardellina rubra **melanauris**)  
Yellow Grosbeak (**Guatemalan**) (Pheucticus chrysopeplus **aurantiacus**)

**CHIAPAS CINNAMON HUMMINGBIRD (Amazilia saturata) IF SPLIT !**



NEW SPECIES; **BOLD UPPERCASE** are MEXICAN ENDEMIC

1. **Ross's Goose** (*Anser rossii*)
2. **Mexican Duck** (*Anas diazi*)
3. **LONG-TAILED WOOD PARTRIDGE** (*Dendrortyx macroura*)
4. **ELEGANT QUAIL** (*Callipepla douglasii*)
5. **EARED POORWILL** (*Nyctiphrynus mcleodii*)
6. **Common Poorwill** (*Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*)
7. **TAWNY-COLLARED NIGHTJAR** (*Antrostomus salvini*)
8. **WHITE-NAPED SWIFT** (*Streptoprocne semicollaris*)
9. **MEXICAN HERMIT** (*Phaethornis mexicanus*)
10. **SHORT-CRESTED COQUETTE** (*Lophornis brachylophus*)
11. **Blue-throated Mountaingem** (*Lampornis clemenciae*)
12. **Lucifer Sheartail** (*Calothorax lucifer*)
13. **BEAUTIFUL SHEARTAIL** (*Calothorax pulcher*)
14. **Costa's Hummingbird** (*Calypte costae*)
15. **BUMBLEBEE HUMMINGBIRD** (*Selasphorus heloisa*)
16. **DUSKY HUMMINGBIRD** (*Phaeoptila sordida*)
17. **DOUBLEDAY'S HUMMINGBIRD** (*Cynanthus doubledayi*)
18. **XANTUS'S HUMMINGBIRD** (*Basilinna xantusii*)
19. **CURVE-WINGED SABREWING** (*Pampa curvipennis*)
20. **LONG-TAILED SABREWING** (*Pampa excellens*)
21. **Emerald-chinned Hummingbird** (*Abeillia abeillei*)
22. **WHITE-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Eupherusa poliocerca*)
23. **Violet-crowned Hummingbird** (*Leucolia violiceps*)
24. **GREEN-FRONTED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Leucolia viridifrons*)
25. **CINNAMON-SIDED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Leucolia wagneri*)
26. **Blue-tailed Hummingbird** (*Saucerottia cyanura*)
27. **TUXTLA QUAIL-DOVE** (*Zentrygon carrikeri*)
28. **White-faced Quail-Dove** (*Zentrygon albifacies*)
29. **AZTEC RAIL** (*Rallus tenuirostris*)
30. **Black Turnstone** (*Arenaria melanocephala*)
31. **Mountain Pygmy Owl** (*Glaucidium gnoma*)
32. **BAJA PYGMY OWL** (*Glaucidium hoskinsii*)
33. **TAMAULIPAS PYGMY OWL** (*Glaucidium sanchezi*)
34. **Bearded Screech Owl** (*Megascops barbarus*)
35. **CINEREOUS OWL** (*Strix sartorii*)
36. **Eared Quetzal** (*Euptilotis neoxenus*)
37. **BLUE-CAPPED MOTMOT** (*Momotus coeruliceps*)
38. **WAGLER'S TOUCANET** (*Aulacorhynchus wagleri*)
39. **GREY-BREASTED WOODPECKER** (*Melanerpes hypopolius*)
40. **STRICKLAND'S WOODPECKER** (*Leuconotopicus stricklandi*)
41. **BRONZE-WINGED WOODPECKER** (*Colaptes aeruginosus*)
42. **Gilded Flicker** (*Colaptes chrysoides*)
43. **RED-CROWNED AMAZON** (*Amazona viridigenalis*)
44. **Yellow-headed Amazon** (*Amazona oratrix*)
45. **GREEN PARAKEET** (*Psittacara holochlorus*)
46. **WHITE-STRIPED WOODCREEPER** (*Lepidocolaptes leucogaster*)
47. **PILEATED FLYCATCHER** (*Xenotriccus mexicanus*)
48. **Pine Flycatcher** (*Empidonax affinis*)
49. **Cordilleran Flycatcher** (*Empidonax occidentalis*)
50. **Grey-collared Becard** (*Pachyramphus major*)
51. **Grey Vireo** (*Vireo vicinior*)
52. **DWARF VIREO** (*Vireo nelsoni*)
53. **SLATY VIREO** (*Vireo brevipennis*)
54. **DWARF JAY** (*Cyanolyca nanus*)
55. **WHITE-THROATED JAY** (*Cyanolyca mirabilis*)
56. **PURPLISH-BACKED JAY** (*Cyanocorax beecheii*)
57. **TUFTED JAY** (*Cyanocorax dickeyi*)
58. **Mexican Jay (Arizona)** (*Aphelocoma wollweberi*)
59. **Woodhouse's Scrub Jay** (*Aphelocoma woodhouseii*)
60. **Bridled Titmouse** (*Baeolophus wollweberi*)
61. **Mexican Chickadee** (*Poecile sclateri*)
62. **GIANT WREN** (*Campylorhynchus chiapensis*)
63. **VERACRUZ WREN** (*Campylorhynchus rufinucha*)
64. **SCLATER'S WREN** (*Campylorhynchus humilis*)
65. **BOUCARD'S WREN** (*Campylorhynchus jocosus*)
66. **SUMICHRAST'S WREN** (*Hylorchilus sumichrasti*)
67. **NAVA'S WREN** (*Hylorchilus navai*)
68. **GREY THRASHER** (*Toxostoma cinereum*)
69. **OCELLATED THRASHER** (*Toxostoma ocellatum*)
70. **Aztec Thrush** (*Ridgwayia pinicola*)
71. **RUSSET NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH** (*Catharus occidentalis*)
72. **Black Thrush** (*Turdus infuscatus*)
73. **Hooded Grosbeak** (*Hesperiphona abeillei*)
74. **Blue-Crowned Chlorophonia** (*Chlorophonia occipitalis*)
75. **WEST MEXICAN EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia godmani*)
76. **Thick-Billed Longspur** (*Rhynchophanes mccownii*)
77. **Chestnut-collared Longspur** (*Calcarius ornatus*)
78. **Rufous-winged Sparrow** (*Peucaea carpalis*)
79. **CINNAMON-TAILED SPARROW** (*Peucaea sumichrasti*)
80. **BLACK-CHESTED SPARROW** (*Peucaea humeralis*)
81. **BRIDLED SPARROW** (*Peucaea mystacalis*)
82. **Botteri's Sparrow** (*Peucaea botterii*)
83. **Five-striped Sparrow** (*Amphispizopsis quinquestrata*)
84. **Lark Bunting** (*Calamospiza melanocorys*)
85. **BAIRD'S JUNCO** (*Junco bairdi*)
86. **STRIPED SPARROW** (*Oriturus superciliosus*)
87. **SIERRA MADRE SPARROW** (*Xenospiza baileyi*)
88. **WHITE-THROATED TOWHEE** (*Melospiza albicollis*)
89. **OAXACA SPARROW** (*Aimophila notosticta*)
90. **RUFIOUS-CAPPED BRUSHFINCH** (*Atlapetes pileatus*)
91. **BLACK-BACKED ORIOLE** (*Icterus abeillei*)
92. **Bar-winged Oriole** (*Icterus maculialatus*)
93. **OCHRE ORIOLE** (*Icterus fuertesi*)
94. **Colima Warbler** (*Leiothlypis crissalis*)
95. **BLACK-POLLED YELLOWTHROAT** (*Geothlypis speciosa*)
96. **BELDING'S YELLOWTHROAT** (*Geothlypis beldingi*)
97. **ALTAMIRA YELLOWTHROAT** (*Geothlypis flavovelata*)
98. **HOODED YELLOWTHROAT** (*Geothlypis nelsoni*)
99. **Crimson-collared Grosbeak** (*Rhodothraupis celaeno*)
100. **ROSE-BELLIED BUNTING** (*Passerina rositae*)