



HONDURAS: LAND OF THE EMERALDS

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I am convinced that Honduras is one of the best birding destinations in Middle America. How can it not be with a country list of over 800 species, lots of protected habitat, and a low population density? On this just 8-day tour we saw 302 species of birds and 8 species of mammals! Granted, we cover some ground, but with stops in the central highlands, Lake Yojoa, and the north coast, it really feels like we get to know how diverse and big is Honduras...or "Hondur" as my partner and fellow co-leader, Kingfisher (aka John Coons), likes to call it.

Our highlights for the tour were varied from something as common as Melodious Blackbird to something as rare as Honduran Emerald, this the only bird endemic to Honduras. Our group saw this globally endangered hummingbird well in the arid Aguan Valley, a day's drive away but well worth the effort. Other standouts included Greater Swallow-tailed Swift, Lovely Cotinga, and several Scaled Antpittas (hard to believe). We had nice encounters with Singing Quail and Buffy-crowned Wood-Partridge, too. The bird that took top honors, however, was the diminutive Black-crested Coquette. We actually had a pair of males competing over property rights to a nearby Inga tree. These were fantastic birds enjoyed by our group for a long time in the scopes.

Thanks again to our superb and knowledgeable group. Kingfisher and I had a great time showing you why Northern Central America is a special place to visit...and well worth a return! Bird on and enjoy the Guifity (Goofy Tea?) every once and awhile.

--Motmot (aka Jesse)

KEYS FOR THIS LIST

One of the following keys may be shown in brackets for individual species as appropriate: * = heard only, I = introduced, E = endemic, N = nesting, a = austral migrant, b = boreal migrant

BIRDS

Tinamidae (Tinamous)

GREAT TINAMOU (*Tinamus major*) – Heard at several locations on the north coast. This species prefers taller, moister forest than the next species. [*]

LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*) [*]

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) – A small group flew by us while scanning Lake Yojoa. Usually they outnumber Fulvous on the lake, but not this year.

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) – Good numbers this year at Lake Yojoa.

MUSCOVY DUCK (*Cairina moschata*) – Several flyovers at different times around Lake Yojoa. The all white bird at Embalse de Yure doesn't count!

AMERICAN WIGEON (*Anas americana*) – A good find were 4 individuals at Lake Yojoa. The extreme northern winter this year has forced many species of waterfowl much further south than normal.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL (*Anas discors*) – Good numbers at Lake Yojoa.

NORTHERN PINTAIL (*Anas acuta*) – A single drake at Lake Yojoa.

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

PLAIN CHACHALACA (*Oreortyx vetula*) – A number were heard at La Tigra (some seen) and others were encountered further north. Mainly heard.

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

BUFFY-CROWNED WOOD-PARTRIDGE (*Dendrortyx leucophrys*) – Wow. A nice look at a pair that attacked the guide on the road at La Tigra. The group was standing back enjoying the encounter. :-)

SINGING QUAIL (*Dactylortyx thoracicus*) – A fantastic look at a male while birding La Tigra! Many more individuals were heard.

Podicipedidae (Grebes)

PIED-BILLED GREBE (*Podilymbus podiceps*) – Several on Lake Yojoa including an adult with striped young on the back. Ahhhh, how cute! [N]

Pelecanidae (Pelicans)

BROWN PELICAN (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) – North coast around Tela.

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Fregatidae (Frigatebirds)

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD (*Fregata magnificens*) – Bill spotted three birds over our hotel in Tela. Nice work.

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

BARE-THROATED TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma mexicanum*) – Seen well during our boat ride on the Rio Platano, but also at Embalse de Yure where we heard it growling. Is this why they call it a tiger-heron?

GREAT BLUE HERON (*Ardea herodias*) – Not common on this tour, but seen a few times.

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*)

TRICOLORED HERON (*Egretta tricolor*) – Most of the ardeids were picked up around Lake Yojoa or on the Rio Platano including several of this species.

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

GREEN HERON (*Butorides virescens*)

BOAT-BILLED HERON (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) – Good studies of one bird tucked into the mangroves at Rio Platano.

Ciconiidae (Storks)

WOOD STORK (*Mycteria americana*) – Two high-flying birds were seen along the entrance road to Lancetilla.

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

KING VULTURE (*Sarcoramphus papa*) – Bill spotted two adults soaring high above us while in the emerald preserve. Nice work...again!

Pandionidae (Osprey)

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*) – One was seen carrying its fish dinner along the shores of Lake Yojoa.

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

HOOK-BILLED KITE (*Chondrohierax uncinatus*) – An adult male flew by at eye-level while we were descending the trail at La Tigra.

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*) – A couple of times on both sides of La Tigra NP.

WHITE-TAILED KITE (*Elanus leucurus*)

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) – Pretty common at Lake Yojoa.

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*) – A couple of early austral migs at Lancetilla and again in the Aguan Valley. Most eventually saw the rufous in the primaries! ;-)

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK (WHITE-BREASTED) (*Accipiter striatus chionogaster*) – Seen well near the Cantarranas Valley. This subspecies is split by some authorities.

WHITE HAWK (CENTRAL AMERICAN) (*Leucopternis albicollis costaricensis*) – Our first was a splendid look of a bird getting up on morning thermals at Cerro Azul-Meambar. We had another perched at Pico Bonito. This subspecies (on the Caribbean side) is much darker above than those found on the Pacific.

COMMON BLACK-HAWK (*Buteogallus anthracinus*) – One immature in the Cantarranas Valley and another perched on the Rio Platano.

SOLITARY EAGLE (*Harpyhaliaetus solitarius*) – Incredible to hear this bird calling in the forest, but unfortunately only glimpsed in flight as it cut a course through the tree tops at Pico Bonito. Wow!

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris*)

GRAY HAWK (*Buteo nitidus*)

ZONE-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo albonotatus*) – One at Lancetilla briefly.

RED-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo jamaicensis*) – A light-morph flew by on our first picnic breakfast at La Tigra.

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

BARRED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur ruficollis*) – A heard only at La Tigra. [*]

COLLARED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur semitorquatus*) – Another heard only on the east side of La Tigra. [*]

CRESTED CARACARA (*Caracara cheriway*) – Several around in the drier sites visited on this tour.

LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) – Heard at Lancetilla. [*]

AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*) – Common in the Aguan Valley, but also at Zambrano and the Cantarranas Valley.

BAT FALCON (*Falco rufigularis*) – One was scoped while birding Embalse de Yure.

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

RUDDY CRAKE (*Laterallus ruber*) – Heard mainly, but glimpsed by a few on the edge of Lake Yojoa. Also heard in the tall grass at Lancetilla.

SORA (*Porzana carolina*) – Kinfisher spotted one while we were waiting for the Spotted Rail to show!

SPOTTED RAIL (*Pardirallus maculatus*) – Lake Yojoa, but a heard only. This is the only spot in the country where this species is regular. [*]

PURPLE GALLINULE (*Porphyrio martinica*) – Gallinule, moorhen, and coot were all common on Lake Yojoa.

COMMON MOORHEN (*Gallinula chloropus*)

AMERICAN COOT (*Fulica americana*)

Heliornithidae (Finfoots)

SUNGREBE (*Heliornis fulica*) – One at Embalse de Yure. Cool bird in a monotypic genus.

Aramidae (Limpkin)

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna*) – A few at Lake Yojoa.

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

KILLDEER (*Charadrius vociferus*) – There was a Killdeer in the plowed fields at Los Naranjos.

Jacanidae (Jacanas)

NORTHERN JACANA (*Jacana spinosa*) – Lots on the lake.

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*) – Lake Yojoa.

WHIMBREL (*Numenius phaeopus*) – Hardworking folks scanning the beach at Tela spotted this species. What a group!

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

LAUGHING GULL (*Leucophaeus atricilla*) – One was seen at Lake Yojoa, but mainly along the beach at Tela.

Immatures cross the mainland to winter on the Pacific coast. They use the large inland lakes as stopover sites, and some may stay for the winter.

GULL-BILLED TERN (*Gelochelidon nilotica*) – Two were within the Royal Tern flock on the beach at Tela. They were much smaller than the Royal Terns and easy to spot.

ROYAL TERN (*Thalasseus maximus*) – Along the beach at Tela.

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*) [I]

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) – Our firsts were encountered at Lake Yojoa, but they became more common on the north coast.

RED-BILLED PIGEON (*Patagioenas flavirostris*) – A number in the Cantarranas Valley.

BAND-TAILED PIGEON (*Patagioenas fasciata*) – This highland pigeon was seen in flight at La Tigra NP.

SHORT-BILLED PIGEON (*Patagioenas nigrirostris*) – Heard and glimpsed in flight on the trails at Pico Bonito. Also one heard at Cerro Azul-Meambar.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE (*Zenaida asiatica*)

INCA DOVE (*Columbina inca*)

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*) – Seen in the Aguan Valley. Surprising we didn't encounter it more on the tour.

BLUE GROUND-DOVE (*Claravis pretiosa*) [*]

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

GRAY-CHESTED DOVE (*Leptotila cassini*) – Fairly common on the north coast where we had it at Embalse de Yure, Lancetilla, and Pico Bonito. Its call is a single low whistle.

WHITE-FACED QUAIL-DOVE (*Geotrygon albigacies*) – Awesome looks at a bird on the trail at La Tigra!

Psittacidae (Parrots)

OLIVE-THROATED PARAKEET (*Aratinga nana*) – The common small parakeet on the north coast.

ORANGE-FRONTED PARAKEET (*Aratinga canicularis*) – We scoped a pair while in the Cantarranas Valley. This species is mainly found on the Pacific side in NCA.

BARRED PARAKEET (*Bolborhynchus lineola*) – A little bit of luck was involved in finding this highly nomadic species at Cerro Azul-Meambar NP. A great bird and there were around 30 individuals in the flock!

WHITE-CROWNED PARROT (*Pionus senilis*) – Seen a few times once we reached the north coast. Pionus have the deep wing beats.

WHITE-FRONTED PARROT (*Amazona albifrons*) – The common parrot seen on the tour and first encountered in the Cantarrnas Valley, but also on the north coast. It tolerates a variety of habitat types. A small Amazon.

RED-LORED PARROT (*Amazona autumnalis*) – Nice looks at a pair that flew by in the morning light at Embalse de Yure. Again on the Rio Platano.

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

LESSER GROUND-CUCKOO (*Morococcyx erythropygus*) – Unfortunately, a common experience with this "heard only" individual. [*]

LESSER ROADRUNNER (*Geococcyx velox*) – A trip bird for Larry. A couple of birds were dust bathing in the road as we came down the mountain at La Tigra.

GROOVE-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*)

Strigidae (Owls)

WHISKERED SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops trichopsis*) – Fantastic looks at a very responsive bird in Valle de Angeles.

CENTRAL AMERICAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium griseiceps*) – A great bird to see so well while we birded the trails at Pico Bonito! This was a rufous-morph.

FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) – Kingfisher found one over our cabin at Finca Las Glorias.

MOTTLED OWL (*Ciccaba virgata*) – Heard at several places including Pico Bonito, but we saw it well at Finca Las Glorias.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

COMMON PAURAUQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) – A male was seen well at Finca Las Glorias.

Apodidae (Swifts)

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) – One of the more common swifts seen on this tour.

VAUX'S SWIFT (*Chaetura vauxi*) – Mainly at La Tigra, but a few were Lancetilla Botanical Gardens. How do you pronounce this name? :-)

GREAT SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT (*Panyptila sanctihieronymi*) – Fantastic bird! Rare and local, we had one flying down the Cantarranas Valley at dusk. Great spotting, Bill!

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

LONG-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis longirostris*) – Both hermits were lekking on the north coast. Pretty common in several places.

STRIPE-THROATED HERMIT (*Phaethornis striigularis*)

VIOLET SABREWING (*Campylopterus hemileucurus*) – One female was seen pretty high (1650 m) at La Tigra.

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*) – Common around the feeders at Pico Bonito Lodge.

BLACK-CRESTED COQUETTE (*Lophornis helenae*) – Man oh man. The attendant at Cerro Azul-Meambar showed us where a pair of males were hanging out. Was this the same pair who had the near death match on the 2008 tour?? I guess they have resolved their issues.

CANIVET'S EMERALD (SALVIN'S) (*Chlorostilbon canivetii salvini*) – An arid, thorn forest species that we saw in the Cantarranas and Aguan valleys.

VIOLET-CROWNED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania colombica*) – Singles around the lodge at Pico Bonito.

WHITE-EARED HUMMINGBIRD (*Hylocharis leucotis*) – Only at La Tigra where pretty common.

WHITE-BELLIED EMERALD (*Amazilia candida*) – First encountered in the scope at Embalse de Yure and a regular at the feeders at Cerro Azul. It can look very similar to Azure-crowned.

HONDURAN EMERALD (*Amazilia luciae*) – We really enjoyed birding the interesting thorn forest in the Aguan Valley where we saw this globally endangered species regularly. A highlight of the trip for many. [E]

AZURE-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia cyanocephala*) – One was seen briefly in Zambrano, but also again around Lake Yojoa. Generally a species of pine-savannah and more arid environments.

BERYLLINE HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia beryllina devillei*) [*]

RUFOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia tzacatl*) – Common on the north coast.

CINNAMON HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia rutila*) – Similar in distribution to Canivets Emerald. A dry forest specialist.
GREEN-BREASTED MOUNTAIN-GEM (*Lampornis sybillae*) – A number were on both slopes of La Tigra NP. We eventually had some nice males, too.
MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD (*Eugenes fulgens*) – One female was seen near the El Rosario visitor's center at La Tigra, or at least something that looked like this!
RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD (*Archilochus colubris*) – A number of female-plumaged birds were seen in the Aguan Valley.

Trogonidae (Trogons)

RESPLENDENT QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus mocinno*) – One briefly responded during our time in the forest at La Tigra (west side). [*]
SLATY-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon massena*) – Great looks at a male above the Keel-billed Motmot for Jesse's group.
BLACK-HEADED TROGON (*Trogon melanocephalus*) – A couple of nice males were seen along the entrance road to Lancetilla.
VIOLACEOUS TROGON (*Trogon violaceus*) – Now known as Gartered Trogon. Fairly common on tour.
MOUNTAIN TROGON (*Trogon mexicanus*) – This highland trogon was seen well at La Tigra. We had one family group that included at least four individuals.

Momotidae (Motmots)

TODY MOTMOT (*Hylomanes momotula*) – Seen (and heard) well at Pico Bonito. This is one of the toughest motmots to see.
BLUE-CROWNED MOTMOT (*Momotus momota*) – They have split up this complex. The NCA birds are "Lesson's" Motmots. Seen or heard throughout the trip.
KEEL-BILLED MOTMOT (*Electron carinatum*) – Yes! The rarest of the motmots. We saw it well at Pico Bonito.
TURQUOISE-BROWED MOTMOT (*Eumomota superciliosa*) – The coolest of the motmots! ;-) Ranges from Teguz up to the north coast so we had plenty of encounters with it.

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megasceryle torquata*) – One was perched at Embalse de Yure and others were around Rio Platano.
BELTED KINGFISHER (*Megasceryle alcyon*) – A wintering bird was hunting over the waters at Lake Yojoa and another at Rio Platano.
GREEN KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle americana*) – One was seen on the Rio Platano.
AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle aenea*) – Nice looks at this tiny kingfisher that we first heard singing on the Rio Platano. There were two birds around.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

EMERALD TOUCANET (EMERALD) (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus virescens*) – First picked up at La Tigra, but a few others saw it at Pico Bonito.
COLLARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus torquatus*)
KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*) – Croak, croak, croak, croak,...seen well on the north coast at a number of sites.

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

OLIVACEOUS PICULET (*Picumnus olivaceus*) – Just a pair along the entrance road to Lancetilla.
BLACK-CHEEKED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes pucherani*) – A number around the lodge at Pico Bonito.
GOLDEN-FRONTED WOODPECKER (EAST MEXICO) (*Melanerpes aurifrons santacruzi*) – Pay attention to where you see Golden-fronts b/c there is talk of splits. This one is common on our tour.
SMOKY-BROWN WOODPECKER (*Picoides fumigatus*) – A number at Lancetilla and another at Pico.
HAIRY WOODPECKER (*Picoides villosus sanctorum*) – This subspecies is quite different looking. We had one at La Tigra.
GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rubiginosus*)
NORTHERN FLICKER (GUATEMALAN) (*Colaptes auratus mexicanoides*) – One was seen at Zambrano. This is the subspecies endemic to NCA. It has heavier barring on the back and more caramel on the head. A nice looking bird.
CHESTNUT-COLORED WOODPECKER (*Celeus castaneus*) – A sharp looking woodpecker seen well at Pico.
LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*) – 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1...right on cue!
PALE-BILLED WOODPECKER (*Campophilus guatemalensis*) – One scoped male was fun to watch double his double rap or double boink as some called it. ;-)

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

TAWNY-THROATED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus mexicanus*) – This was a first for Jesse at La Tigra; though not unexpected. It blazed in, flaring its tawny throat.

RUFIOUS-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis erythrothorax*) – Awesome looks at a responsive bird while birding Los Naranjos.

TAWNY-WINGED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla anabatina*) – A couple were seen on the trails at Pico.

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) – We had nice looks at this species during our time at Cerro Azul. The birds this far north have grayer heads.

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) – Just one at Pico.

NORTHERN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*) – Cerro Azul is a good spot for this species where we had a pair.

COCOA WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*) – Pretty common by voice once we reached the north coast.

IVORY-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*) – This species mixes with Cocoa and the voices are very similar.

STREAK-HEADED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*) – The lowland equivalent of the next species, seen at Lake Yojoa.

SPOT-CROWNED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes affinis*) – One was called in at La Tigra NP.

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

GREAT ANTSHRIKE (*Taraba major*) – We heard several along the entrance road at Lancetilla eventually seeing one well in response to the pygmy-owl tape.

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) [*]

DUSKY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra tyrannina*) – Good looks at a young male at Embalse de Yure.

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

SCALED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria guatemalensis guatemalensis*) – Incredible views of at least four different birds along the trails at La Tigra. This is one of the best spots to see this species in all of Central America.

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

YELLOW-BELLIED TYRANULET (*Ornithion semiflavum*) – This canopy dweller came down to eye-level for great looks during the start of our walk at Pico.

NORTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANULET (*Camptostoma imberbe*) – Good looks in the Cantarranas and Aguan Valleys.

GREENISH ELAENIA (*Myiopagis viridicata*) – Heard more often than seen, but we had one in the huge mixed-flock at Los Naranjos.

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster*)

MOUNTAIN ELAENIA (*Elaenia frantzii*) – One brief look while at La Tigra NP.

OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes oleagineus*) – This one likes to raise up its wing quickly. It also has small exploded leks. We heard one singing at Pico and seen at a few places.

SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*) – Very nice looks while birding the side road at Embalse de Yure.

NORTHERN BENTBILL (*Oncostoma cinereigulare*) – Also at Embalse de Yure we had good looks look at this species with the odd bill. Its call is somewhat frog-like.

COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum*) – This tiny flycatcher was seen well on the entrance road to Lancetilla.

YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*) – Heard and seen at several locations including Lake Yojoa, Aguan Valley, and Pico Bonito. Widespread and found on both slopes.

ROYAL FLYCATCHER (NORTHERN) (*Onychorhynchus coronatus mexicanus*) – Awesome bird that Jesse's group found on the trail at Pico Bonito. It didn't have its crest raised, however.

TROPICAL PEWEE (*Contopus cinereus*) – One in the marsh grass at Lake Yojoa.

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax flaviventris*) – Common wintering empid on the tour.

WILLOW FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax traillii*) – One was seen at Lake Yojoa.

LEAST FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax minimus*) – Prefers slightly drier habitat on its wintering grounds. We had a few individuals in the Cantarranas and Aguan Valleys.

YELLOWISH FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax flavescens*) – Several at La Tigra NP.

BLACK PHOEBE (*Sayornis nigricans*)

BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTILA (*Attila spadiceus*) – Nice scope views at Lancetilla Botanical Gardens.

RUFIOUS MOURNER (*Rhytipterna holerythra*) [*]

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) – Common around Lake Yojoa.

NUTTING'S FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus nuttingi*) – Two birds were heard and seen along the dirt trail in the Cantarranas Valley. A good bird to find.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus crinitus*) – Common throughout the tour in a variety of habitat types.

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*) – Aguan and Cantarranas Valleys.

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*)

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)

SULPHUR-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*) – Heard a few times. These austral migrants are just arriving to NCA. [*]

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*) – One was heard at Finca Las Glorias. [*]

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

WESTERN KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus verticalis*) – There were a number of birds coming in to roost at dusk in the Cantarranas Valley.

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

LOVELY COTINGA (*Cotinga amabilis*) – Andrew coming strong! He spotted a nice turquoise male while we stood on the tower at Pico. Great bird.

Pipridae (Manakins)

WHITE-COLLARED MANAKIN (*Manacus candei*) – Rice crispy treats on steroids. Fairly common on the north coast.

RED-CAPPED MANAKIN (*Pipra mentalis*) – Great bird seen well by Jesse's group on the trail at Pico.

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-CROWNED TITYRA (*Tityra inquisitor*) – There was a pair using a nest cavity along the entrance road to Lancetilla.

MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*)

ROSE-THROATED BECARD (*Pachyramphus aglaiae*) – It is unclear what subspecies are the birds we saw in the Cantarranas Valley. They had all dark/sooty throats which I have seen in eastern El Salvador and south. Probably *latirostris*. I failed to see a bird on the north coast, but I believe these have rose throats.

Vireonidae (Vireos)

WHITE-EYED VIREO (*Vireo griseus*) – Fairly common wintering species on the north coast.

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO (*Vireo flavifrons*) – Also fairly common on north coast. Both White-eyed and Yellow-throated were seen in the Aguan Valley where the habitat is much drier.

BLUE-HEADED VIREO (*Vireo solitarius*) – A number at La Tigra.

WARBLING VIREO (EASTERN) (*Vireo gilvus gilvus*) – Singles at La Tigra and Lake Yojoa give continued support that this species winters in small numbers in Honduras.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO (*Vireo philadelphicus*) – A big surprise for Jesse was finding at least four individuals at La Tigra NP. This highland site is on the Pacific Slope where this species is much less common.

TAWNY-CROWNED GREENLET (*Hylophilus ochraceiceps*) – Seen pretty well at Pico Bonito.

LESSER GREENLET (*Hylophilus decurtatus*)

GREEN SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanius pulchellus*) – Heard by both groups at Pico Bonito. [*]

RUFIOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) – We scoped on on the shores of Lake Yojoa.

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

WHITE-THROATED MAGPIE-JAY (*Calocitta formosa*) – A number of small groups were seen in the Cantarranas Valley.

GREEN JAY (*Cyanocorax yncas*) – A good one to see at Embalse de Yure. We miss this often on tour.

BROWN JAY (*Cyanocorax morio*)

BUSHY-CRESTED JAY (*Cyanocorax melanocyaneus*) – This NCA endemic is found from La Tigra north to Cerro Azul-Meambar.

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*)

PURPLE MARTIN (*Progne subis*) – A few migrants were seen around Lake Yojoa and again in Tela.

TREE SWALLOW (*Tachycineta bicolor*) – A number at Lake Yojoa.

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW (*Tachycineta thalassina*) – Hundreds were over the pine-oak forest at La Tigra NP.

BARN SWALLOW (AMERICAN) (*Hirundo rustica erythrogaster*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

BAND-BACKED WREN (*Campylorhynchus zonatus*) – Two birds gave us fits at La Tigra NP. We eventually got most people on them.

RUFIOUS-NAPED WREN (*Campylorhynchus rufinucha*) – A pair was seen in the Cantarranas Valley and then again at Lake Yojoa. The Lake Yojoa population is disjunct from other populations. An interesting distribution this species has and there has been plenty of talk of splitting them.

SPOT-BREASTED WREN (*Thryothorus maculipectus*) – Common on both slopes.

PLAIN WREN (*Thryothorus modestus*) – Sometimes difficult to see, but we managed looks at La Tigra and in the Aguan Valley.

HOUSE WREN (SOUTHERN) (*Troglodytes aedon musculus*)

RUFIOUS-BROWED WREN (*Troglodytes rufociliatus*) – This NCA endemic was seen at La Tigra.

WHITE-BELLIED WREN (*Uropsila leucogastra*) – The Aguan Valley population is disjunct from other populations further north.

WHITE-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucosticta*)

GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) [*]

Poliptilidae (Gnatcatchers)

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) – Great studies of a bird that crossed the trail at Embalse de Yure.

WHITE-LORED GNATCATCHER (*Poliptila albiloris*) – We had a number in the Aguan Valley. This species may be split in the near future as its distribution is quite scattered and disjunct.

TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (*Poliptila plumbea*) – A canopy species that we saw pretty well at Pico Bonito.

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

SLATE-COLORED SOLITAIRE (*Myadestes unicolor*) – A number were along the road at La Tigra NP. Our best look (in the scope) was on the El Rosario side.

ORANGE-BILLED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH (*Catharus aurantiirostris*)

RUDDY-CAPPED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH (*Catharus frantzii*) – One was seen by a few at La Tigra. Heard often.

SWAINSON'S THRUSH (*Catharus ustulatus*)

WOOD THRUSH (*Hylocichla mustelina*) – This species is a fairly common wintering species and was seen from start to finish on this tour.

CLAY-COLORED THRUSH (*Turdus grayi*)

WHITE-THROATED THRUSH (*Turdus assimilis*) – Nice looks at Embalse de Yure.

RUFIOUS-COLLARED ROBIN (*Turdus rufitorques*) – This NCA endemic was seen on the Jutiapa side, but only immatures. Their movements in this region are still unknown.

Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)

GRAY CATBIRD (*Dumetella carolinensis*)

TROPICAL MOCKINGBIRD (*Mimus gilvus*) – One was seen at Zambrano and a couple more in the Aguan Valley.

Peucedramidae (Olive Warbler)

OLIVE WARBLER (*Peucedramus taeniatus*) – This is a vocal species in the pine-oak at La Tigra. Hard to see well b/c it likes to stick to the tops of the pines.

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER (*Vermivora pinus*)

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) – A single bird (male) was in the mixed-species flock at La Tigra. Another was seen at Lancetilla.

TENNESSEE WARBLER (*Vermivora peregrina*)

CRESCENT-CHESTED WARBLER (*Parula superciliosa*) – Seen well at La Tigra. This is a highland species.

NORTHERN PARULA (*Parula americana*) – A few were seen on the north coast.

TROPICAL PARULA (*Parula pitayumi*)

YELLOW WARBLER (NORTHERN) (*Dendroica petechia aestiva*) – A common wintering warbler in Honduras and one of the first to arrive in late July.

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER (*Dendroica pensylvanica*)

MAGNOLIA WARBLER (*Dendroica magnolia*) – Mags were everywhere! Adapted to a variety of habitats.

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER (*Dendroica virens*)

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER (*Dendroica townsendi*) – Both Townsends and Hermits were seen at La Tigra. These are highland wintering warblers in Honduras.

HERMIT WARBLER (*Dendroica occidentalis*)

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (*Dendroica dominica*) – One on the railing at Maya Vista was pretty cool. Maybe it wanted a taste of the spiny lobster?

GRACE'S WARBLER (*Dendroica graciae*)

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER (*Mniotilta varia*)

AMERICAN REDSTART (*Setophaga ruticilla*)

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (*Protonotaria citrea*) – A couple were in the mangroves near Tela.

WORM-EATING WARBLER (*Helmitheros vermivorum*) – This nice looking warbler was seen on the north coast at Pico.

OVENBIRD (*Seiurus aurocapilla*)

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH (*Seiurus noveboracensis*) – There were still a few Northerns around, but most of the Louisianas were heading north.

KENTUCKY WARBLER (*Oporornis formosus*) – One was seen at Pico Bonito.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis trichas*)

GRAY-CROWNED YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis poliocephala*) – Great looks at a responsive bird that sat on a palm frond in Lancetilla for what seemed like ages. Nice looking bird.

HOODED WARBLER (*Wilsonia citrina*) – Lots of striking males around on the north coast.

WILSON'S WARBLER (*Wilsonia pusilla*) – Wilsons is generally a highland wintering species in Honduras, but it also occurs in the lowlands, but in much fewer numbers. It was seen throughout the tour.

SLATE-THROATED REDSTART (*Myioborus miniatus*)

GOLDEN-CROWNED WARBLER (*Basileuterus culicivorus*)

RUFUS-CAPPED WARBLER (CHESTNUT-CAPPED) (*Basileuterus rufifrons delatirii*) – We had a couple of birds in the Cantarranas Valley.

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

COMMON BUSH-TANAGER (MIDDLE AMERICA) (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus honduratus*) – Yep, common at La Tigra. Note the subspecies because there has been talk of splitting this group.

BLACK-THROATED SHRIKE-TANAGER (*Lanio aurantius*) – This was a nice surprise for Jesse's group at Pico Bonito. Great bird and missed on some tours.

CRIMSON-COLLARED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus sanguinolentus*) – A real looker, this one was seen around Lake Yojoa.

PASSERINI'S TANAGER (*Ramphocelus passerinii*) – Hard to beat the velvet black and red rumps of the males. Wow. Good looking bird seen well at Embalse de Yure and Lancetilla.

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)

YELLOW-WINGED TANAGER (*Thraupis abbas*) – Several were coming into the feeders at Pico.

GOLDEN-HOODED TANAGER (*Tangara larvata*)

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*) – Kingfisher spotted one in the pygmy-owl flock at Lancetilla.

GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus magnoides*) – I include the subspecies here b/c birds in this region look really different from populations further south (e.g. Costa Rica). They have thick borders to their throat with limited buff. Songs sound similar, however.

BLACK-HEADED SALTATOR (*Saltator atriceps*)

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows, and Allies)

VARIABLE SEEDEATER (*Sporophila corvina*)

WHITE-COLLARED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila torqueola*)

THICK-BILLED SEED-FINCH (*Oryzoborus funereus*) – Wonderful looks at a singing male while we birded the Lancetilla entrance road.

YELLOW-FACED GRASSQUIT (*Tiaris olivaceus*)

WHITE-NAPED BRUSH-FINCH (YELLOW-THROATED) (*Atlapetes albinucha fuscipygius*) – These were seen at La Tigra NP. There has been talk of splitting this form which differs from northern populations in having reduced yellow below (only on the throat).

CHESTNUT-CAPPED BRUSH-FINCH (*Arremon brunneinucha*) – Seen at La Tigra and again at Pico Bonito. The white throat really stands out!

STRIPE-HEADED SPARROW (*Aimophila ruficauda*) – A new species for the tour; though expected. A pair was seen in the Cantarranas Valley.

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

SUMMER TANAGER (*Piranga rubra*)

FLAME-COLORED TANAGER (*Piranga bidentata*) – A nice male was perched at La Tigra NP. They are really bright red this far south!

WHITE-WINGED TANAGER (*Piranga leucoptera*) – This nice looking *Piranga* was seen well on the upper trail at Cerro Azul.

RED-CROWNED ANT-TANAGER (*Habia rubica*) – Both ant-tanagers were mixing at Pico Bonito, where the usually higher elevation Red-crowned comes down to near sea-level. This is generally not the case on the Pacific side.

RED-THROATED ANT-TANAGER (*Habia fuscicauda*)

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*)

BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*) – Heard singing at Pico, but a pair was seen well at Embalse de Yure.

BLUE GROSBEAK (*Passerina caerulea*) – Lots in the Cantarranas Valley. I assume many are residents? Hard to know.

INDIGO BUNTING (*Passerina cyanea*)

PAINTED BUNTING (*Passerina ciris*) – Just one young male in the Aguan Valley.

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD (*Agelaius phoeniceus*)

MELODIOUS BLACKBIRD (*Dives dives*)

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*) – Great studies of several close individuals at Embalse de Yure. We also watched a few entering oropendola nests at Lancetilla.

BLACK-VENTED ORIOLE (*Icterus wagleri*) – Just one briefly at La Tigra.

BLACK-COWLED ORIOLE (*Icterus prothemelas*) – A few were around the feeders at Pico.

ORCHARD ORIOLE (*Icterus spurius*)

YELLOW-BACKED ORIOLE (*Icterus chrysater*) – One of Jesse's favorite dawn songs. These were pretty common at La Tigra.

STREAK-BACKED ORIOLE (STREAK-BACKED) (*Icterus pustulatus sclateri*) – One in the Cantarranas Valley.

SPOT-BREASTED ORIOLE (*Icterus pectoralis*) – Several immatures and a single adult were foraging in the trees at Los Naranjos. The immatures lacked any spots on the chest, but the white triangle in the wing was visible.

ALTAMIRA ORIOLE (*Icterus gularis*)

BALTIMORE ORIOLE (*Icterus galbula*)

YELLOW-BILLED CACIQUE (*Amblycercus holosericeus*) – This skulker was seen in parts while along the entrance road at Lancetilla. It was quite vocal along that stretch.

CHESTNUT-HEADED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius wagleri*) – Not nearly as common as the next species.

MONTEZUMA OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius montezuma*) – Common from Lake Yojoa north including the famous oropendola tree at Lancetilla.

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

SCRUB EUPHONIA (*Euphonia affinis*) – Joe and Bill had one on their afternoon walk at Pico. Good job.

YELLOW-THROATED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia hirundinacea*) – A few were around Lake Yojoa.

OLIVE-BACKED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia gouldi*) – A couple were on the trail higher up at Pico.

LESSER GOLDFINCH (*Spinus psaltria*)

MAMMALS

MANTLED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta palliata*) – Heard in the mangroves near Tela.

WHITE-THROATED CAPUCHIN (*Cebus capucinus*) – Seen incredibly well, uh-hum, throwing up a nasty mess of something awful in the Tela mangroves.

BRAZILIAN RABBIT (*Sylvilagus brasiliensis*)

VARIEGATED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus variegatoides*) – The large one on the north coast.

DEPPE'S SQUIRREL (*Sciurus deppei*) – The small highland squirrel seen well at La Tigra.

CENTRAL AMERICAN AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta punctata*)

WHITE-NOSED COATI (*Nasua narica*)

SOUTHERN RIVER OTTER (*Lutra longicaudis*) – Awesome to see this species at Lake Yojoa. Nice work group.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 302 bird taxa and 8 mammal taxa