



Field Guides Tour Report

Holiday Costa Rica: Rancho Naturalista II 2014

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The scenery in the Caribbean lowlands at EARTH (Photo by guide Chris Benesh)

Our 2014-2015 Holiday Rancho Naturalista Tour was a real treat even though we had some less than perfect weather at times. In spite of the conditions we ended up seeing quite a few great birds. And thanks to our fabulous hosts, Lisa and Mario, and the staff at Rancho Naturalista, we were well looked after. None of us will forget the fabulous New Year's Eve dinner we were served and the live music that followed.

We began our tour with a little bit of birdwatching at our hotel followed by a drive up into the high country to Volcan Irazu, where we saw a number of high-country specialties. Right at the cloud-shrouded summit we saw Volcano Junco and Timberline Wren, while on the way up we enjoyed great views of a few Resplendent Quetzals and Fiery-throated Hummingbirds. Then it was on to Rancho, where we settled in and had our first look around the grounds.

From then on it was several days at Rancho, along with visits to La Mina, CATIE, EARTH, Silent Mountain, Casa Turire at Lago Angostura, and Tapanti National Park. There were quite a few amazing birds, and we recorded more than 300 species during the tour.

Thanks to all of you for coming along and making the trip such a pleasure to lead. And thanks especially to the Herbs' hospitality, the safe driving and guiding of Vernon, and the expert guiding of Cali.

--Chris

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)

LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*) – Heard at EARTH. [*]

SLATY-BREASTED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus boucardi*) – Heard at EARTH. [*]

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)
MUSCOVY DUCK (*Cairina moschata*) – Three of these were at Lago Angostura.
BLUE-WINGED TEAL (*Anas discors*)
NORTHERN SHOVELER (*Anas clypeata*) – A female was at Lago de Cachi.
REDHEAD (*Aythya americana*) – A male was at Lago de Cachi.
RING-NECKED DUCK (*Aythya collaris*) – Lago de Cachi.
LESSER SCAUP (*Aythya affinis*)

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

GRAY-HEADED CHACHALACA (*Ortalis cinereiceps*) – Great looks most days of birds visiting the feeders.
CRESTED GUAN (*Penelope purpurascens*) – Five seen crossing the pasture at Rancho.

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

BUFFY-CROWNED WOOD-PARTRIDGE (*Dendrortyx leucophrys*) [*]

Ciconiidae (Storks)

WOOD STORK (*Mycteria americana*) – Nice views at Casa Turire.

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Anhingidae (Anhingas)

ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*)

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

LEAST BITTERN (*Ixobrychus exilis*) – Heard vocalizing at Lago Angostura. [*]
FASCIATED TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma fasciatum*) – Great views of this species near Rancho and at EARTH.
GREAT BLUE HERON (*Ardea herodias*)
GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)
SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)
LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*)
CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)
YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nyctanassa violacea*)
BOAT-BILLED HERON (*Cochlearius cochlearius*)

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

GREEN IBIS (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*)

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)
TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

Pandionidae (Osprey)

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

WHITE-TAILED KITE (*Elanus leucurus*)
SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*)
ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus ornatus*) – Seen in flight and heard at Tapanti.
BICOLORED HAWK (*Accipiter bicolor*) – Nice scope views of a perched bird at Rancho.
BARRED HAWK (*Morphnarchus princeps*) – Nice flight views of this species at Tapanti.
ROADSIDE HAWK (*Rupornis magnirostris*)
SEMIPLUMBEOUS HAWK (*Leucopternis semiplumbeus*) – Terrific close views of this species at EARTH.
BROAD-WINGED HAWK (*Buteo platypterus*)
SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus*)
RED-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo jamaicensis*)

Eurypygidiae (Sunbittern)

SUNBITTERN (*Eurypyga helias*) – A couple of fantastic encounters, including a nesting bird.

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

WHITE-THROATED CRAKE (*Laterallus albigularis*) [*]
PURPLE GALLINULE (*Porphyrio martinicus*)
AMERICAN COOT (*Fulica americana*)

Aramidae (Limpkin)

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna*) – One at Lago Angostura.

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*)

KILLDEER (*Charadrius vociferus*)

Jacanidae (Jacanas)

NORTHERN JACANA (*Jacana spinosa*)

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*)

GREATER YELLOWLEGS (*Tringa melanoleuca*)

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*) [I]

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

RED-BILLED PIGEON (*Patagioenas flavirostris*)

RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*) – Seen and heard at Rancho.

SHORT-BILLED PIGEON (*Patagioenas nigrirostris*) – Heard at Rancho and seen at EARTH.

INCA DOVE (*Columbina inca*)

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)

BLUE GROUND-DOVE (*Claravis pretiosa*) – One in a big ground-dove flock at EARTH.

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

WHITE-WINGED DOVE (*Zenaida asiatica*)

MOURNING DOVE (*Zenaida macroura*)

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*) – Always a treat to see these striking birds.

GROOVE-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*)

Strigidae (Owls)

TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops choliba*) – Great looks at a roosting pair of birds in Cartago.

CENTRAL AMERICAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium griseiceps*) [*]

FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) [*]

MOTTLED OWL (*Ciccaba virgata*)

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

COMMON PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

Apodidae (Swifts)

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT (*Panyptila cayennensis*)

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*) – This species was seldom out of view at Rancho. Great to watch all of their antics.

GREEN HERMIT (*Phaethornis guy*)

LONG-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis longirostris*)

STRIPE-THROATED HERMIT (*Phaethornis striigularis*)

GREEN VIOLETEAR (*Colibri thalassinus*) – Seen on the slopes of Volcan Irazu.

PURPLE-CROWNED FAIRY (*Heliodytes barroti*) – Nice views of one bathing at the hummingbird pools one afternoon.

GREEN-BREASTED MANGO (*Anthracothorax prevostii*)

GREEN THORNTAIL (*Discosura conversii*) – A wonderful male visiting flowers at Rancho.

BLACK-CRESTED COQUETTE (*Lophornis helenae*) – Great looks at a couple of these tiny hummers at Rancho.

GREEN-CROWNED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa jacula*)

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD (COSTA RICAN) (*Eugenes fulgens spectabilis*) – Well seen on the road to Irazu. This form is quite different to those in Mexico and Arizona.

FIERY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD (*Panterpe insignis*) – Some fabulous views of this species on Volcan Irazu!

WHITE-BELLIED MOUNTAIN-GEM (*Lampornis hemileucus*)

PURPLE-THROATED MOUNTAIN-GEM (*Lampornis calolaemus*)

VOLCANO HUMMINGBIRD (*Selasphorus flammula*)

GARDEN EMERALD (*Chlorostilbon assimilis*)

VIOLET SABREWING (*Campylopterus hemileucurus*)

BRONZE-TAILED PLUMELETEER (*Chalybura urochrysis*) – This species frequented the forest feeders at Rancho.

CROWNED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania colombica*)

BLACK-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD (*Eupherusa nigriventris*) – Good views of a couple of birds at Tapanti.

SNOWCAP (*Microchera albocoronata*) – Another one of the stars of Rancho. We had nice studies at the Vervain and again at the pools.

RUFIOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia tzacatl*)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

RESPLENDENT QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus mocinno*) – Great looks at male and female on the road to Volcan Irazu. One of the iconic birds of Costa Rican cloud forest and one of the most beautiful birds on Earth.

SLATY-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon massena*) [*]

GARTERED TROGON (*Trogon caligatus*) – Formerly a subspecies of Violaceous Trogon.

BLACK-THROATED TROGON (*Trogon rufus*)

COLLARED TROGON (*Trogon collaris*)

Momotidae (Motmots)

BLUE-CROWNED MOTMOT (LESSON'S) (*Momotus coeruliceps lessonii*) [*]

BROAD-BILLED MOTMOT (*Electron platyrhynchum*) – Nice study of one in the afternoon at EARTH.

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*)

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

GREEN KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle americana*)

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

WHITE-NECKED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus hyperhynchus*) – A couple of these were well seen at EARTH.

PIED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus tectus*) – We also saw one of the smaller puffbirds at EARTH.

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

RED-HEADED BARBET (*Eubucco bourcierii*) – A handsome looking barbet seen at Silent Mountain and Tapanti.

Semnornithidae (Toucan-Barbets)

PRONG-BILLED BARBET (*Semnornis frantzii*) – A pair were at Tapanti.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

EMERALD TOUCANET (BLUE-THROATED) (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus caeruleogularis*) – We saw the distinctive blue-throated form which is endemic to the highlands of Costa Rica and western Panama.

COLLARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus torquatus*)

KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*)

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

ACORN WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes formicivorus*)

BLACK-CHEEKED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes pucherani*)

HOFFMANN'S WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes hoffmannii*)

SMOKY-BROWN WOODPECKER (*Picoides fumigatus*) [*]

RUFUS-WINGED WOODPECKER (*Piculus simplex*) – Nice view of a female bird.

GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rubiginosus*)

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

PALE-BILLED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus guatemalensis*)

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

CRESTED CARACARA (*Caracara cheriway*)

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)

LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) – A couple of these at EARTH.

MERLIN (*Falco columbarius*)

Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots)

RED-FRONTED PARROTLET (*Touit costaricensis*) – A small flock briefly flew in and perched at Silent Mountain.

ORANGE-CHINNED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris jugularis*)

BROWN-HOODED PARROT (*Pyrilia haematotis*)

WHITE-CROWNED PARROT (*Pionus senilis*)

RED-LORED PARROT (*Amazona autumnalis*)

MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*)

OLIVE-THROATED PARAKEET (AZTEC) (*Eupsittula nana astec*)

GREAT GREEN MACAW (*Ara ambiguus*) – Sadly, the light was not great on the three birds that flew past us at EARTH.

CRIMSON-FRONTED PARAKEET (*Psittacara finschi*) – Big flocks over our hotel in San Jose.

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

GREAT ANTSHRIKE (*Taraba major*) – One at EARTH.

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)

RUSSET ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnistes anabatinus*)

PLAIN ANTVIREO (*Dysithamnus mentalis*)

CHECKER-THROATED ANTWREN (*Epinecrophylla fulviventris*)

SLATY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula schisticolor*)

DUSKY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra tyrannina*) [*]

DULL-MANTLED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza laemosticta*) – Good views of one coming to the hummingbird pools.

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

THICKET ANTPITTA (*Hylopezus dives*) [*]

Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)

SILVERY-FRONTED TAPACULO (*Scytalopus argentifrons*) [*]

Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

BLACK-FACED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius analis*) [*]

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

TAWNY-THROATED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus mexicanus*) [*]

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)

PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)

COCOA WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*)

SPOTTED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*)

BROWN-BILLED SCYTHEBILL (*Campylorhamphus pusillus*) – Seen by those on the upper trail.

STREAK-HEADED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*)

PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*)

STREAKED XENOPS (*Xenops rutilans*)

BUFF-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus ochrolaemus*)

SPOTTED BARBTAIL (*Premnoplex brunnescens*)

RUDDY TREERUNNER (*Margarornis rubiginosus*)

RED-FACED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca erythroptis*)

SLATY SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis brachyura*)

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

YELLOW TYRANNULET (*Capsiempis flaveola*)

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster*)

TORRENT TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga cinerea*)

OLIVE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes olivaceus*)

SLATY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon superciliaris*)

PALTRY TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius vilissimus*)

SCALE-CRESTED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus pileatus*)

COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum*)

BLACK-HEADED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum nigriceps*)

EYE-RINGED FLATBILL (*Rhynchocyclus brevirostris*)

YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (GRAY-HEADED) (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens cinereiceps*) – This species is likely to be split into several in future. Keep track of the subspecies seen.

WHITE-THROATED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus mystaceus*)

TAWNY-CHESTED FLYCATCHER (*Aphanotriccus capitalis*) – A regional endemic well seen visiting the moth sheet at Rancho.

TUFTED FLYCATCHER (*Mitrephanes phaeocercus*)

DARK PEWEE (*Contopus lugubris*) – Seen at Tapanti. This bird is closely related to the Greater Pewee.

TROPICAL PEWEE (*Contopus cinereus*)

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax flaviventris*)

WHITE-THROATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax albigularis*) – We eventually got great views of this peculiar empid in a roadside pasture.

BLACK-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax atriceps*) – Good views of this species on our way up to Volcan Irazu.

BLACK PHOEBE (*Sayornis nigricans*)

LONG-TAILED TYRANT (*Colonia colonus*) – Seen at EARTH just before the cotinga show.

BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTLA (*Attila spadiceus*)

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus crinitus*)

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*)

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)

GRAY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes granadensis*)

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

PURPLE-THROATED FRUITCROW (*Querula purpurata*)

LOVELY COTINGA (*Cotinga amabilis*) – Good looks at a male bird in the amazing cotinga tree at EARTH.

SNOWY COTINGA (*Carpodectes nitidus*) – A total of three of these appeared in the cotinga tree at EARTH.

Pipridae (Manakins)

WHITE-RUFFED MANAKIN (*Corapipo altera*)

WHITE-COLLARED MANAKIN (*Manacus candei*)

WHITE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Dixiphia pipra*)

RED-CAPPED MANAKIN (*Ceratopipra mentalis*)

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-CROWNED TITYRA (*Tityra inquisitor*)
MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*)
CINNAMON BECARD (*Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*)
WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)

Vireonidae (Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis)

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO (*Vireo flavifrons*)
PHILADELPHIA VIREO (*Vireo philadelphicus*)
TAWNY-CROWNED GREENLET (*Hylophilus ochraceiceps*)
LESSER GREENLET (*Hylophilus decurtatus*)

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

AZURE-HOODED JAY (*Cyanolyca cucullata*) [*]
BROWN JAY (*Psilorhinus morio*)

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*)
NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*)
SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)
MANGROVE SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albilinea*)
BARN SWALLOW (*Hirundo rustica*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

SCALY-BREASTED WREN (WHISTLING) (*Microcerculus marginatus luscini*) [*]
HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*)
OCHRACEOUS WREN (*Troglodytes ochraceus*)
TIMBERLINE WREN (*Thryorchilus browni*) – It took quite a bit of work, but we did eventually connect with this species at Volcan Irazu. This species is endemic to the highlights of Costa Rica and western Panama.
BAND-BACKED WREN (*Campylorhynchus zonatus*)
RUFIOUS-NAPED WREN (*Campylorhynchus rufinucha*) – A pair at the Hotel Bougainvillea.
BLACK-THROATED WREN (*Pheugopedius atrogularis*) [*]
STRIPE-BREASTED WREN (*Cantorchilus thoracicus*)
PLAIN WREN (*Cantorchilus modestus*) [*]
BAY WREN (*Cantorchilus nigricapillus*)
WHITE-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucosticta*)
GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) [*]

Poliophtilidae (Gnatcatchers)

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)
TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (*Poliophtila plumbea*)

Cinclidae (Dippers)

AMERICAN DIPPER (*Cinclus mexicanus*) – Cool to see this species in a fast moving stream in Central America. We had great views of a pair of birds.

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

BLACK-FACED SOLITAIRE (*Myadestes melanops*)
BLACK-BILLED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH (*Catharus gracilirostris*)
ORANGE-BILLED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH (*Catharus aurantiirostris*)
SWAINSON'S THRUSH (*Catharus ustulatus*)
WOOD THRUSH (*Hylocichla mustelina*)
SOOTY THRUSH (*Turdus nigrescens*)
CLAY-COLORED THRUSH (*Turdus grayi*)

Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)

GRAY CATBIRD (*Dumetella carolinensis*)

Ptiliognatidae (Silky-flycatchers)

BLACK-AND-YELLOW SILKY-FLYCATCHER (*Phainoptila melanoxantha*) – A couple of these showed well at Tapanti.

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

WORM-EATING WARBLER (*Helmitheros vermivorum*)
LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH (*Parkesia motacilla*)
NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH (*Parkesia noveboracensis*) [*]
BLUE-WINGED WARBLER (*Vermivora cyanoptera*)
GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER (*Vermivora chrysoptera*)
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER (*Mniotilta varia*)
FLAME-THROATED WARBLER (*Oreothlypis gutturalis*)
TENNESSEE WARBLER (*Oreothlypis peregrina*)

GRAY-CROWNED YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis poliocephala*)
MOURNING WARBLER (*Geothlypis philadelphia*)
KENTUCKY WARBLER (*Geothlypis formosa*)
OLIVE-CROWNED YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis semiflava*)
AMERICAN REDSTART (*Setophaga ruticilla*)
TROPICAL PARULA (*Setophaga pitiayumi*)
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER (*Setophaga fusca*)
YELLOW WARBLER (*Setophaga petechia*)
CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER (*Setophaga pensylvanica*)
BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER (*Setophaga virens*)
RUFOUS-CAPPED WARBLER (CHESTNUT-CAPPED) (*Basileuterus rufifrons mesochrysus*)
GOLDEN-CROWNED WARBLER (*Basileuterus culicivorus*)
THREE-STRIPED WARBLER (*Basileuterus tristriatus*)
BUFF-RUMPED WARBLER (*Myiothlypis fulvicauda*)
WILSON'S WARBLER (*Cardellina pusilla*)
SLATE-THROATED REDSTART (*Myioborus miniatus*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*)
TAWNY-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus delatrii*)
WHITE-LINED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus rufus*)
PASSERINI'S TANAGER (*Ramphocelus passerinii*)
BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)
PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)
GOLDEN-HOODED TANAGER (*Tangara larvata*)
SPECKLED TANAGER (*Tangara guttata*)
PLAIN-COLORED TANAGER (*Tangara inornata*)
BAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Tangara gyrola*)
EMERALD TANAGER (*Tangara florida*)
SILVER-THROATED TANAGER (*Tangara icterocephala*)
SCARLET-THIGHED DACNIS (*Dacnis venusta*)
GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)
BLACK-AND-YELLOW TANAGER (*Chrysothlypis chrysomelas*)
SLATY FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa plumbea*)
THICK-BILLED SEED-FINCH (*Sporophila funerea*)
VARIABLE SEEDEATER (*Sporophila corvina*)
WHITE-COLLARED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila torqueola*)
BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)
YELLOW-FACED GRASSQUIT (*Tiaris olivaceus*)
BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)
BLACK-HEADED SALTATOR (*Saltator atriceps*)
GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)

Emberizidae (Buntings and New World Sparrows)

LARGE-FOOTED FINCH (*Pezopetes capitalis*) – Ivan spotted a couple of these birds for us on our way up Volcan Irazu.
SOOTY-FACED FINCH (*Arremon crassirostris*) – We eventually connected with this species at Tapanti.
CHESTNUT-CAPPED BRUSH-FINCH (*Arremon brunneinucha*)
ORANGE-BILLED SPARROW (*Arremon aurantirostris*)
BLACK-STRIPED SPARROW (*Arremonops conirostris*)
RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis*)
VOLCANO JUNCO (*Junco vulcani*)
COMMON CHLOROSPINGUS (*Chlorospingus flavopectus*)
SOOTY-CAPPED CHLOROSPINGUS (*Chlorospingus pileatus*)
ASHY-THROATED CHLOROSPINGUS (*Chlorospingus canigularis*)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

SUMMER TANAGER (*Piranga rubra*)
WHITE-WINGED TANAGER (*Piranga leucoptera*) – A beautiful pair of these birds at Tapanti.
RED-THROATED ANT-TANAGER (*Habia fuscicauda*)
CARMIOL'S TANAGER (*Chlorothraupis carmioli*)
ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*)
BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*)

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

EASTERN MEADOWLARK (*Sturnella magna*)

RED-BREASTED BLACKBIRD (*Sturnella militaris*)
MELODIOUS BLACKBIRD (*Dives dives*)
GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)
BRONZED COWBIRD (*Molothrus aeneus*)
GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)
BLACK-COWLED ORIOLE (*Icterus prothemelas*)
BALTIMORE ORIOLE (*Icterus galbula*)
CHESTNUT-HEADED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius wagleri*)
MONTEZUMA OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius montezuma*)

Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)

YELLOW-CROWNED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia luteicapilla*)
YELLOW-THROATED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia hirundinacea*)
OLIVE-BACKED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia gouldi*)
WHITE-VENTED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia minuta*)
TAWNY-CAPPED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia anaeae*)

Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)

HOUSE SPARROW (*Passer domesticus*) [I]

MAMMALS

LONG-NOSED BAT (*Rhynchonycteris naso*) – The smaller of the two bat species at EARTH.
GREATER WHITE-LINED BAT (*Saccopteryx bilineata*) – The larger of the two species seen roosting at our picnic space at EARTH.
MANTLED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta palliata*)
HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH (*Choloepus hoffmanni*)
NINE-BANDED ARMADILLO (*Dasypus novemcinctus*) – A partially amelenistic was at EARTH.
VARIEGATED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus variegatoides*)
RED-TAILED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus granatensis*)
NORTHERN RACCOON (*Procyon lotor*) – Seen rooting for trash at Volcan Irazu.
WHITE-NOSED COATI (*Nasua narica*)
KINKAJOU (*Potos flavus*) – A couple of these hanging out in the trees near the cabins at Rancho.
OLINGO (*Bassaricyon gabbii*) – One seen in the pasture at Rancho Naturalista.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 310 bird taxa and 11 mammal taxa