



Field Guides Tour Report

Guatemala: Shade-grown Birding (w/ Tikal ext.) 2014

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Twilight glows over the Antigua basin, as viewed from Finca El Pilar. (Photo by guide Jesse Fagan)

We had an excellent triplist of 352 species encountered between the Tikal extension and main tour (and both sections are included here). We had exceptionally wet weather (according to Miguel, a 40-year deluge) in the Tikal region and exceptionally dry weather on the Pacific side. I am sure this had something to do with the odd avian behavior and sightings we observed. This included loads of singing Thicket Tinamous at Tikal, Blue-throated Motmots invading the lower slopes of Finca Las Nubes (where I had never seen them before), singing Maroon-chested Ground-Doves in the seeding bamboo at Fuentes Georginas, and a Yellow Grosbeak! All were "firsts" for the tour. Other highlights included the pair of Fulvous Owls (they really stole the show, didn't they?) at Las Nubes, a pair of Pink-headed Warblers at Fuentes (they really stole the show...wait), our scoped Pheasant Cuckoo (wow, wow, wow), and that flyby Resplendent Quetzal, and we finished it up in style with Belted Flycatcher along the shores of the "most beautiful lake in the world."

Thanks for a fun trip. I hope you had a memorable time; memories filled with birds and excellent birding, but as well, memories of ancient Mayan ruins, rich coffee fincas and warm hospitality, spewing volcanoes, colonial cities, a simple lake crossing, and lovely, friendly people. Thanks to all the folks who helped us along the way including Miguel (Tikal), Marcus (our driver), Bitty and Renato, Jamie (Los Andes), Mario (Las Nubes), Paulino (Patrocinio), Josue and Andy (Torrales), and John Cahill. It was a real pleasure working with all of you.

Best and good birding. I hope to see you again soon.

Jesse a.k.a. Motmot (from Lima, Peru)

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*) [*]

SLATY-BREASTED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus boucardi*) [*]

THICKET TINAMOU (*Crypturellus cinnamomeus*) – Lots were singing this year around the old airport. First time we have experienced this on tour.

Wet year have something to do with it? [*]

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

BLUE-WINGED TEAL (*Anas discors*) – A group of 5 or 6 were on Lake Atitlan.

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

PLAIN CHACHALACA (*Ortalis vetula*) – Heard more often than seen, but we did see them well on the Tikal extension. Caribbean side only.

WHITE-BELLIED CHACHALACA (*Ortalis leucogastra*) – A Pacific slope endemic that we saw well at Finca Patrocinio.

CRESTED GUAN (*Penelope purpurascens*) – Decent looks for some at Finca Los Tarrales, but also at Finca Las Nubes and Los Andes.

HIGHLAND GUAN (*Penelopina nigra*) – Heard a bunch, and only dimly seen near dusk at Finca Las Nubes. NCA endemic. [E]

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

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

SPOTTED WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus guttatus*) [*]

SINGING QUAIL (*Dactylortyx thoracicus*) – Some of us saw these birds flying down the path during our morning at Finca El Pilar. We certainly heard them!

Phasianidae (Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies)

OCELLATED TURKEY (*Meleagris ocellata*) – Good numbers around the lodge at Tikal. Yucatan/NCA endemic.

Podicipedidae (Grebes)

LEAST GREBE (*Tachybaptus dominicus*) – In the Peten.

PIED-BILLED GREBE (*Podilymbus podiceps*) – One on Lake Peten-Itza, but distant.

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Anhingidae (Anhingas)

ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*)

Pelecanidae (Pelicans)

BROWN PELICAN (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) – Crazyness finding three individuals over Lake Peten-Itza. Guess that means it's going to rain?

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

GREAT BLUE HERON (*Ardea herodias*)

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*) – Just one adult along Lake Peten-Itza.

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

GREEN HERON (*Butorides virescens*)

AGAMI HERON (*Agamia agami*) – One of the highlights was finding a young male in an aguada at Tikal. It was motionless for what seemed hours.

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nyctanassa violacea*)

BOAT-BILLED HERON (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) – A couple of birds were buried in the vegetation on the small island at the Tikal aguada. Another trip write-in.

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*) – Several of these along the drive on the Pacific side.

HOOK-BILLED KITE (*Chondrohierax uncinatus*) – One dark-morph was soaring over Santo Tomas (Finca Las Nubes).

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*) – This elegant raptor was seen on the Peten side.

BLACK HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) [*]

ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus ornatus*) – A great experience was "waiting" for a pair to show up at Finca Los Andes. It just felt like something was going to happen, and it did!

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK (WHITE-BREASTED) (*Accipiter striatus chionogaster*) – Seen soaring over the forest at Finca Las Nubes. This subspecies is sometimes split. An NCA endemic taxon.

CRANE HAWK (*Geranospiza caerulescens*) – We found one deep in the forest near Temple IV in Tikal.

COMMON BLACK-HAWK (*Buteogallus anthracinus*) – One soaring very high over Finca Patrocinio.

GREAT BLACK-HAWK (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) – Several over Finca Patrocinio during the mid-day heat.

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Rupornis magnirostris*) – Fairly common along the roads and forest edge on both slopes.

WHITE HAWK (SNOWY) (*Pseudastur albicollis ghiesbreghti*) – Seen nicely and perched for some time in the higher forest at Finca Los Tarrales. White Hawk is quite rare and local on the Pacific slope.

BROAD-WINGED HAWK (*Buteo platypterus*) – Seen a few times on both slopes.

GRAY HAWK (*Buteo plagiatus*) – Seen well on the roadside powerlines on the Pacific slope.

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus*) – Seemed roughly a 50/50 split between light morph and dark morphs. A juvenile dark morph had us scratching our heads at Finca El Pilar.

RED-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo jamaicensis*) – Several were seen at Finca Las Nubes including one dark morph. They appeared to be the resident subspecies which lacks a heavy belly band.

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

GRAY-NECKED WOOD-RAIL (*Aramides cajaneus*) – A pair were in the tall grasses at the Tikal visitor's center pond. They put on a show for us.

COMMON GALLINULE (*Gallinula galeata*) – Lake Peten-Itza.

AMERICAN COOT (*Fulica americana*) – Lots on Peten-Itza and again on Lake Atitlan. This species winters in NCA.

Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)

BLACK-NECKED STILT (*Himantopus mexicanus*) – A couple at Lake Peten-Itza.

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

COLLARED PLOVER (*Charadrius collaris*) – At least 6 individuals were on the runway in Flores.

Jacaniidae (Jacanas)

NORTHERN JACANA (*Jacana spinosa*) – Good numbers around Lake Peten-Itza.

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*)

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

LAUGHING GULL (*Leucophaeus atricilla*) – A few on Lake Peten-Itza and again on Atitlan. It has been shown that young birds which are born along the Gulf coast of the southern US migrate across mainland NCA and winter on the Pacific side. Some obviously rest or stay all year on the large interior bodies of water.

ROYAL TERN (*Thalasseus maximus*)

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*) [H]

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) – Caribbean slope only.

RED-BILLED PIGEON (*Patagioenas flavirostris*) – Lots were seen (especially at Finca Los Andes) on the Pacific side.

BAND-TAILED PIGEON (*Patagioenas fasciata*) – A highland pigeon that we saw at Finca El Pilar and again at Finca Las Nubes.

SHORT-BILLED PIGEON (*Patagioenas nigrirostris*) [*]

WHITE-WINGED DOVE (*Zenaida asiatica*) – On the Pacific side in various places.

INCA DOVE (*Columbina inca*) – Heard and seen at Finca Patrocinio and Finca El Pilar.

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*) – Not many around, but we did see a pair on powerlines at Finca Los Tarrales.

BLUE GROUND-DOVE (*Claravis pretiosa*) – We saw this species perched in a tree along the old airstrip at Tikal. We initially heard it calling, but we were able to coax it in for good scope looks.

MAROON-CHESTED GROUND-DOVE (*Claravis mondetoura*) – A heard only, but WOW. We heard at least 8 individuals in the seeding bamboo at Fuentes Georginas. A lifer sound for me in NCA. Awesome. [E]

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*) – Seen and heard a bunch of times in Tikal. Also on the Pacific slope.

GRAY-HEADED DOVE (*Leptotila plumbeiceps*) [*]

WHITE-FACED QUAIL-DOVE (*Geotrygon albigacies*) – Seen as a flyby being chased by a Barred Forest-Falcon (?) at Finca El Pilar. Also heard at some of the other fincas. Always difficult to see. [E]

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (MIDDLE AMERICA) (*Piaya cayana thermophila*)

STRIPED CUCKOO (*Tapera naevia*) [*]

PHEASANT CUCKOO (*Dromococcyx phasianellus*) – Such an amazing experience seeing this bird for so long in the scope! Tikal NP.

GROOVE-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*)

Strigidae (Owls)

VERMICULATED SCREECH-OWL (GUATEMALAN) (*Megascops guatemalae guatemalae*) – We had one very close to us on the old airstrip at Tikal. We just couldn't see it! [*]

NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL (GUATEMALAN) (*Glaucidium gnoma cobanense*) – This taxon was heard very close to our group at Finca El Pilar. Unfortunately, we couldn't locate it. Bummer.

MOTTLED OWL (*Ciccaba virgata*) – Heard and seen briefly in flight a few times. We finally caught up with one on a day roost thanks to Josue at Finca Los Tarrales.

FULVOUS OWL (*Strix fulvescens*) – One of our birding highlights was watching a pair in the taller forest at Finca Las Nubes. Incredible. [E]

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

LESSER NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles acutipennis*) – Several over Finca Las Nubes at dusk.

COMMON PAURAUQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) – Seen on both slopes.

YUCATAN POORWILL (*Nyctiphrynus yucatanicus*) – One of my best experiences this year with this species. We heard them, saw one in flight very well, and also had one perched. Not bad.

MEXICAN WHIP-POOR-WILL (*Antrostomus arizonae vermiculatus*) – One quietly approached us as we waited on the Quetzal Deck at Finca Las Nubes. It never called and looked very similar to a bat in flight! ;-)

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

NORTHERN POTOO (*Nyctibius jamaicensis*) – A first for the tour. We had a very exposed bird (sitting almost horizontal!) on the grounds at Finca

Los Tarrales. Excellent, long studies!

Apodidae (Swifts)

CHESTNUT-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne rutila*) – First seen at Finca El Pilar, but we had calling birds at Finca Las Nubes and again at Los Tarrales.

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) – The second largest swift in the world! Does more gliding than flapping.

VAUX'S SWIFT (*Chaetura vauxi*) – Probably the most abundant and common swift we saw on the tour.

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT (*Aeronautes saxatalis*) – Just one with the Vaux's at Finca El Pilar, but again we heard them during our hike above Lake Atitlan.

LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT (*Panyptila cayennensis*) – Several over the forest at Tikal.

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*) – Just a female along the entrance road to Tikal.

LONG-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis longirostris*) [*]

GREEN VIOLETEAR (*Colibri thalassinus*) – Seen well a few times in the highlands on the Pacific side.

PURPLE-CROWNED FAIRY (*Heliodytes barroti*) – A couple in the forest at Tikal NP.

GREEN-BREASTED MANGO (*Anthracothorax prevostii*) – One female was seen briefly in the forest at Tikal NP.

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD (*Eugenes fulgens*) – Several at the feeders at Cabana Suiza and again at Finca El Pilar and Fuentes Georginas.

LONG-BILLED STARTHROAT (*Heliomaster longirostris*) – This hummingbird was seen perched at Los Tarrales. It is always difficult to know where to find this species. It moves around a lot and appears to be seasonal in its wanderings along the Pacific slope.

GREEN-THROATED MOUNTAIN-GEM (*Lampornis viridipallens*) – This NCA endemic was seen at Finca El Pilar and briefly at Finca Los Andes (mainly females). [E]

AMETHYST-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD (*Lampornis amethystinus*) – Brief flybys of this large hummingbird at Fuentes Georginas.

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD (*Archilochus colubris*) – Several around Tikal NP and on the Pacific side. Just female-plumaged birds were seen.

WINE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD (*Atthis ellioti*) – One female was seen below Fuentes Georginas (a male was heard singing). We were lucky to find this species since it is more difficult to locate outside the singing/breeding period. An NCA endemic. [E]

CANIVET'S EMERALD (CANIVET'S) (*Chlorostilbon canivetii canivetii*) – We saw a male at Tikal along the airstrip.

EMERALD-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD (*Abeillia abeillei*) – Heard at Finca Los Andes, but seen briefly by a few at Finca Las Nubes in the higher forest. An NCA endemic. [E]

RUFOUS SABREWING (*Campylopterus rufus*) – This NCA endemic was seen well a few times, but first at Cabana Suiza outside of Guatemala City. [E]

VIOLET SABREWING (*Campylopterus hemileucurus*) – Seen well at several sites on the Pacific side.

WHITE-BELLIED EMERALD (*Amazilia candida*) – At Tikal NP.

AZURE-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia cyanocephala*) – One of our first new hummingbirds on the Pacific side. This species prefers drier/semi-arid environments.

BERYLLINE HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia beryllina devillei*) – Pure Berylline's were seen well at Cabana Suiza and Los Tarrales, but they do mix with Blue-taileds so careful examination of tail color and uppertail/undertail coverts is necessary. [E]

BLUE-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia cyanura guatemalae*) – Pure Blue-tailed's were seen at Finca Los Andes and Finca Las Nubes. [E]

RUFOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia tzacatl*) – Seen around Tikal NP. Caribbean slope only.

CINNAMON HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia rutila*) – We had this species at Finca Las Nubes, but a rare find was one in the dry forest at Tikal where it is rare. A new site species for Miguel.

BLUE-THROATED GOLDENTAIL (*Hylocharis eliciae*) – One singing bird was seen in the low understory at Takalik Abaj. It was in the scope for several minutes.

WHITE-EARED HUMMINGBIRD (*Hylocharis leucotis*) – One of the more common highland hummingbirds on the Pacific side.

Trogonidae (Trogons)

RESPLENDENT QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus mocinno*) – Heard at Finca Los Andes, but seen well in flight and again a distant bird in the scope at Finca Las Nubes. The national bird of Guatemala!

SLATY-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon massena*) – Seen very well at Tikal NP.

BLACK-HEADED TROGON (*Trogon melanocephalus*) – One was perched near a Slaty-tailed Trogon which caused some confusion as to what some people were seeing! Tikal NP.

GARTERED TROGON (*Trogon caligatus*) – Heard and seen on both slopes.

MOUNTAIN TROGON (*Trogon mexicanus*) – Finally caught up with this species after some work at Fuentes Georginas. Nice spotting, Don.

COLLARED TROGON (*Trogon collaris*) – Found on both slopes where it is fairly common. Ranges up to just below the elevation for Mountain Trogon on the Pacific side.

Momotidae (Motmots)

TODY MOTMOT (*Hylomanes momotula*) – Seen by one or two people at Finca Los Andes.

BLUE-THROATED MOTMOT (*Aspatha gularis*) – Wow. What a chase! I was surprised to find so many at Finca Las Nubes where they haven't been present before. I believe the dry weather/year has had something to do with it. We heard them at Finca El Pilar and Fuentes Georginas before seeing it well below the Quetzal Lookout at Finca Las Nubes. NCA endemic! [E]

BLUE-CROWNED MOTMOT (LESSON'S) (*Momotus coeruliceps lessonii*) – Seen and heard on both slopes.

TURQUOISE-BROWED MOTMOT (*Eumomota superciliosa*) – The coolest motmot of them all! ;-) Seen well at Takalik Abaj.

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*) – One was along the lakeshore at Peten-Itza.

GREEN KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle americana*)

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

WHITE-WHISKERED PUFFBIRD (*Malacoptila panamensis*) – We saw a pair along the entrance road to Tikal.

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

RUFOUS-TAILED JACAMAR (*Galbula ruficauda*) – One seemed to dance around us in the forest at Tikal. Eventually I think most people saw this species. We had a female again on the entrance road.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

EMERALD TOUCANET (EMERALD) (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus stenorhabdus*) – Good looks at Finca Los Andes in the fruiting Cecropia tree.

COLLARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus torquatus*) – Everybody had nice looks at this small toucan while at Finca Los Tarrales. Also seen eating palm fruits around the lodge in Tikal.

KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*) – This omnivore has the deep-throated croaking call which we heard a lot at Tikal. Seen in the scope a few times.

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

ACORN WOODPECKER (ACORN) (*Melanerpes formicivorus lineatus*) – Scoped a few times at Finca El Pilar.

GOLDEN-FRONTED WOODPECKER (EAST MEXICO) (*Melanerpes aurifrons dubius*) – This was the subspecies seen on the Caribbean side that lacks yellow on the forehead and yellow on the belly. They are quite different looking in comparison to Pacific (*santacruzi*) birds.

GOLDEN-FRONTED WOODPECKER (EAST MEXICO) (*Melanerpes aurifrons santacruzi*) – The Pacific slope subspecies that has yellow on forehead, orange nape, and yellow on belly.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER (*Sphyrapicus varius*) – One in the forest at Finca Los Tarrales. A winter resident.

HAIRY WOODPECKER (SOUTH MEXICAN) (*Picoides villosus sanctorum*) – This subspecies is quite different looking from northern populations. It is darker overall with less spotting on the wings, and it has a smaller bill. Seen well at Finca El Pilar.

GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rubiginosus*)

NORTHERN FLICKER (GUATEMALAN) (*Colaptes auratus mexicanoides*) – The Guatemalan subspecies is also very distinctive. We saw it nicely during our picnic breakfast at Finca El Pilar. [E]

CHESTNUT-COLORED WOODPECKER (*Cealeus castaneus*) – This beauty was seen at Tikal NP near the big Ceiba tree.

LINED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*) [*]

PALE-BILLED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus guatemalensis*) – This large woodpecker we saw well at Tikal. It came flying towards us and perched for long scope views.

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

BARRED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur ruficollis*) – One of our more memorable experiences was with a pair at Finca El Pilar. Heard wonderfully. We thought we wouldn't see either bird, until the male decided to fly right at us!

COLLARED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur semitorquatus*) [*]

CRESTED CARACARA (*Caracara cheriway*) – Several in the Pacific lowlands.

LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) [*]

AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*)

BAT FALCON (*Falco rufigularis*)

ORANGE-BREASTED FALCON (*Falco deiroleucus*) – This one was flying over Temple IV at Tikal where no doubt they will breed again this year.

PEREGRINE FALCON (*Falco peregrinus*) – A large falcon flew by us at Finca El Pilar that appeared to be this species.

Psittacidae (Parrots)

PACIFIC PARAKEET (*Aratinga strenua*) – Lots in flight, but never perched. Still we had decent looks at this Pacific slope endemic. [E]

OLIVE-THROATED PARAKEET (*Aratinga nana*) – Lots around Tikal NP. Caribbean slope only.

ORANGE-FRONTED PARAKEET (*Aratinga canicularis*) [*]

BARRED PARAKEET (*Bolborhynchus lineola*) – Seen rapidly in flight, but mainly a heard for most folks while we birded the Quetzal Lookout at Finca Las Nubes.

ORANGE-CHINNED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris jugularis*) – A couple of times in the scope at Finca Los Tarrales.

WHITE-CROWNED PARROT (*Pionus senilis*) – Good scope views at Tikal NP.

RED-LORED PARROT (*Amazona autumnalis*) – Nice looks in flight and in the scope at Tikal. This is the common large parrot in the Peten.

YELLOW-NAPED PARROT (*Amazona auropalliata*) – A couple of distant perched birds were scoped at Finca Los Tarreles.

WHITE-FRONTED PARROT (*Amazona albifrons*) – Lots at Finca Patrocinio where one was nesting.

MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*) – Just a couple in flight at Tikal.

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) – Seen at Tikal and again at Finca Las Nubes, a female near the cabins.

DOT-WINGED ANTWREN (*Microrhopias quixensis*) [*]

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

TAWNY-THROATED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus mexicanus*) – A few saw this species kicking leaves in the understory at Finca Las Nubes. Heard by all.

SCALY-THROATED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus guatemalensis*) – Wow. A great find for those folks in Tikal. This species replaces the former in the

lowlands. Caribbean slope only.

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) – Lots in the forest at Tikal.

TAWNY-WINGED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla anabatina*) – Really nice looks at a responsive bird that perched for a long period. Tikal NP. Caribbean slope only.

NORTHERN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*) – Great studies at Cerro Cahui during our first morning in the Peten.

IVORY-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*) – Seen well at Cerro Cahui in the Peten.

SPOTTED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*) – In the forest at Finca Los Andes, but mainly heard.

STREAK-HEADED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*) [*]

SPOT-CROWNED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes affinis*) – This one is the highland equivalent of the former. We saw it well at Finca El Pilar, but again at Finca Los Andes.

PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*) – Good close looks at one along the old airstrip at Tikal.

SCALY-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Anabacerthia variegaticeps*) – Several in the forest at Finca Los Andes and Las Nubes.

RUDDY FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus rubiginosus*) – We worked hard for this one at Finca El Pilar. Always tough. Some saw it in the early morning light at Finca Los Andes.

RUFIOUS-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis erythrothorax*) – Fantastic views at this skulker at Finca Los Tarrales. Fairly limited in its range; nearly an NCA endemic.

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

YELLOW-BELLIED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion semiflavum*) – This canopy flycatcher was seen in Tikal.

NORTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma imberbe*) – In Tikal, but again at Finca Patrocinio.

GREENISH ELAENIA (*Myiopagis viridicata*) – In Tikal, but again in the tall forest at Finca Patrocinio.

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster*) [*]

OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes oleagineus*) – Seen by the group in the tall shady bamboo at Finca Patrocinio.

SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*) – Good looks at several birds in the tall forest at Tikal.

PALTRY TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius vilissimus*) – The Mistletoe Tyrannulet was seen well on the Pacific side at numerous spots. We had one perched for a long time in the scope near the cabins at Finca Las Nubes.

NORTHERN BENTBILL (*Oncostoma cinereigulare*) – Several by voice at Tikal, and we eventually saw one well along the old airstrip.

COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum*) – Seen on both slopes.

EYE-RINGED FLATBILL (*Rhynchocyclus brevirostris*) – Heard several times at Finca Los Andes. Some people saw it at Finca Los Tarrales.

YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*) – Seen well in Tikal, but also fantastically at Takalik Abaj in the big mixed-species flock.

STUB-TAILED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus cancrominus*) [*]

BELTED FLYCATCHER (*Xenotriccus callizonus*) – One of the big target birds for our main tour. We heard at least three birds, but saw one well as it flitted in the understory. Always tough and a very limited range NCA endemic. [E]

TUFTED FLYCATCHER (*Mitrephanes phaeocercus*) – At Finca El Pilar.

GREATER PEWEE (*Contopus pertinax*) – This large flycatcher was seen or heard at most of the fincas on the Pacific side. Pip-pip-pip-pip...

TROPICAL PEWEE (*Contopus cinereus*) – Lots around on the Pacific side. Seen particularly well at Finca Los Tarrales.

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax flaviventris*) – One of the more common wintering Empidonax flycatchers in NCA. Seen on both slopes.

LEAST FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax minimus*) – Also quite common as a winter resident on both slopes in NCA.

HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax hammondii*) – Just in the Pacific highlands. We saw a couple at Finca El Pilar.

YELLOWISH FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax flavescens*) – A highland flycatcher first seen at Finca El Pilar, but again at Los Andes and Las Nubes.

BUFF-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax fulvifrons*) – One was seen at Finca El Pilar near our picnic breakfast spot. This Empid likes more open areas in pine stands.

BLACK PHOEBE (*Sayornis nigricans*) – One around the coffee drying areas of Finca Las Nubes and Los Andes.

BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTLA (*Attila spadiceus*) – We chased one in Tikal along the entrance road and eventually got good looks.

RUFIOUS MOURNER (*Rhytipterna holerythra*) – A near canopy bird was seen pretty well by the group in the tall forest at Tikal.

YUCATAN FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus yucatanensis*) [*]

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus crinitus*) – Common as a wintering bird on both slopes.

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*) – Our first was at Cerro Cahui, but also again at several spots on the Pacific side.

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

COUCH'S KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus couchii*) – This species is VERY similar to Tropical Kingbird. We identified several by voice around the lodge at Tikal.

WESTERN KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus verticalis*) – A large group was perched in several bare trees as we exited Finca Patrocinio.

Pipridae (Manakins)

LONG-TAILED MANAKIN (*Chiroxiphia linearis*) – Nice looks at a male on our first morning at Finca Los Tarrales.

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*) – Seen on both slopes. Especially nice at Finca Patrocinio.

BROWN-WINGED SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis turdina*) – This species used to be called Thrush-like Schiffornis. One perched for a long while as we birded the entrance road to Tikal NP.

ROSE-THROATED BECARD (*Pachyramphus aglaiae*)

Vireonidae (Vireos)

WHITE-EYED VIREO (*Vireo griseus*) – Common winter visitor on the Caribbean side.

MANGROVE VIREO (NORTHERN CENTRAL AMERICA) (*Vireo pallens semiflavus*) – Seen in the dry forest along the old airstrip in Tikal.

BELL'S VIREO (*Vireo bellii*) – Quite a nice find for NCA was a this species at Finca Los Andes. Floyd's nice photos confirmed the idea. A first for our tour!

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO (*Vireo flavifrons*) – We saw singles on both the Caribbean and Pacific side.

PLUMBEOUS VIREO (CENTRAL AMERICAN) (*Vireo plumbeus montanus*) – I was excited to find this distinctive taxon singing at Finca Los Tarrales. It seems this could be a split in the future.

BLUE-HEADED VIREO (*Vireo solitarius*) – One was in the large mixed-species flock at Takalik Abaj. Generally not found that low (in elevation) in NCA.

HUTTON'S VIREO (*Vireo huttoni*) [*]

WARBLING VIREO (*Vireo gilvus*) – Pretty common as a winter visitor on the Pacific side of NCA.

BROWN-CAPPED VIREO (*Vireo leucophrys*) – Heard at Finca El Pilar, but seen well at Finca Los Andes.

TAWNY-CROWNED GREENLET (*Hylophilus ochraceiceps*) – We worked hard for this one and eventually it showed well. This happened along the entrance road to Tikal NP.

LESSER GREENLET (*Hylophilus decurtatus*)

GREEN SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanius pulchellus*) – This one gave us a hard time. It stayed way up in the canopy, but some people saw it okay in the scope. A tough one and very local on the Pacific side (Finca Los Tarrales is the only site I know of where it exists).

RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) – Good looks as we descended the steep trail at Lake Atitlan.

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

BLACK-THROATED JAY (*Cyanolyca pumilo*) – One of our better finds. This NCA endemic can be tough to locate, but we had one responsive bird in the last minute of birding at Fuentes Georginas. [E]

WHITE-THROATED MAGPIE-JAY (*Calocitta formosa*) – Seen in the lowlands on the Pacific side. Endemic to this slope.

BROWN JAY (*Psilorhinus morio*) – Lots (and loud) on the Caribbean side at Tikal.

BUSHY-CRESTED JAY (*Cyanocorax melanocyanus*) – This NCA endemic was first seen at Finca El Pilar. [E]

STELLER'S JAY (CENTRAL AMERICAN) (*Cyanocitta stelleri ridgwayi*) – These don't look like Steller's Jays back home! Quite a distinctive taxon. [E]

UNICOLORED JAY (*Aphelocoma unicolor*) – We saw a pair from the parking lot at Fuentes Georginas.

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

BLACK-CAPPED SWALLOW (*Atticora pileata*) – This NCA endemic was seen first at Finca El Pilar, but better looks at Fuentes Georginas where they were flying below us. [E]

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*)

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (RIDGWAY'S) (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis ridgwayi*) – This subspecies was seen around the ruins at Tikal. They are darker overall than the former taxon and have pale lores.

PURPLE MARTIN (*Progne subis*) – One early migrant (a male) over the Tikal parking lot.

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*) – One of our first new birds as we got off the plane in Flores.

MANGROVE SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albilinea*) – This was perched on the powerlines with the martins as we entered the terminal in Flores.

VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW (*Tachycineta thalassina*) – Lots around Lake Atitlan and Finca El Pilar.

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

Aegithalidae (Long-tailed Tits)

BUSHTIT (*Psaltriparus minimus*) – A first for our tour. We had two small groups at Finca El Pilar, where they disappeared rapidly with a series of soft twitters.

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

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

RUFOUS-BROWED WREN (*Troglodytes rufociliatus*) – Most saw this species at Finca El Pilar or Fuentes Georginas. An NCA endemic. [E]

CAROLINA WREN (WHITE-BROWED) (*Thryothorus ludovicianus albinucha*) – This distinctive subspecies was seen in the dry forest at Tikal. They are browner above than nominate Carolina Wren and have a different call.

BAND-BACKED WREN (*Campylorhynchus zonatus*) – Good looks at Finca El Pilar and Cayala, but fairly common throughout the Pacific portion of the tour.

RUFOUS-NAPED WREN (WEST MEXICO) (*Campylorhynchus rufinucha nigricaudatus*) – We saw several at Finca Patrocinio.

SPOT-BREASTED WREN (*Pheugopedius maculipectus*) – Frequently heard on both slopes, we did see them at Tikal and Finca Los Andes.

RUFOUS-AND-WHITE WREN (*Thryophilus rufalbus*) – Heard at several fincas, but only glimpsed by a few people. They have a soft, pleasant song.

PLAIN WREN (*Cantorchilus modestus*) – Heard all the time. Quite common. It took us several tries, however, to get everyone a decent look.

WHITE-BELLIED WREN (*Uropsila leucogastra*) – This arboreal wren was seen on the Caribbean side at Cerro Cahui and again in the taller forest of Tikal. Found only on the Caribbean side.

WHITE-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucosticta*) – Seen at Tikal on the Caribbean side, but heard again at Finca Los Andes (where

somewhat rare due to the elevation). This is a lowland species.

GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) – Heard lots on the Pacific side, but we saw them at Finca Los Andes and again in the higher forest at Las Nubes.

Poliptilidae (Gnatcatchers)

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) – Tikal NP, and heard only at Finca Los Tarrales. This species is common on the Caribbean side, but very local and rare on the Pacific side.

BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER (*Poliptila caerulea*) – A few were seen on both slopes.

TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (*Poliptila plumbea*) – Heard singing in the tall forest of Tikal. This is a canopy gnatcatcher. We eventually saw one, but it wasn't easy.

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

EASTERN BLUEBIRD (*Sialia sialis*) – Lots around our picnic site at Finca El Pilar.

BROWN-BACKED SOLITAIRE (*Myadestes occidentalis*) – Their loud, cascading song is a frequent reminder that you are in the pine-oak highlands of Middle America.

ORANGE-BILLED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH (*Catharus aurantiirostris*) – We saw this species pretty well in the thick understory tangles at Finca Los Tarrales. Always likes to stay hidden.

RUDDY-CAPPED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH (*Catharus frantzii*) – Was feeding at a fruiting tree below Fuentes Georginas.

SPOTTED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH (*Catharus dryas*) – Excellent looks (probably the best I have had) at Finca Las Nubes. Also seen by a few at Finca Los Andes.

SWAINSON'S THRUSH (*Catharus ustulatus*) – This is a fairly common winter visitor to NCA.

WOOD THRUSH (*Hylocichla mustelina*) – Common in Tikal as a winter visitor.

BLACK THRUSH (*Turdus infuscatus*) – One was singing at Finca Los Andes (seen in flight by a couple of folks), but another immature male was feeding on fruit above the cabins at Fuentes Georginas. A good bird, rare forest thrush.

CLAY-COLORED THRUSH (*Turdus grayi*)

WHITE-THROATED THRUSH (*Turdus assimilis*) – Seen feeding on the Cecropia fruit at Finca Los Andes. Heard again in the forest at Patrocinio and Las Nubes.

RUFOUS-COLLARED ROBIN (*Turdus rufitorques*) – An NCA endemic that we saw well perched on top of the Mexican Cypress trees at Finca El Pilar. [E]

Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)

BLUE-AND-WHITE MOCKINGBIRD (*Melanotis hypoleucus*) – Always tough to see, but we had nice looks at Finca El Pilar (at least in flight). Again some saw it at Fuentes Georginas. NCA endemic. [E]

GRAY CATBIRD (*Dumetella carolinensis*) – Tikal NP.

TROPICAL MOCKINGBIRD (*Mimus gilvus*)

Bombycillidae (Waxwings)

CEDAR WAXWING (*Bombycilla cedrorum*) – These birds are irruptive to NCA and not annual. They seem to be on a 3 to 5 year cycle. We had around 50 individuals in several flocks at Fuentes Georginas.

Ptilogonatidae (Silky-flycatchers)

GRAY SILKY-FLYCATCHER (*Ptilogonys cinereus*) – Lots around in the highlands. We scoped several groups at Finca El Pilar above Antigua.

Peucedramidae (Olive Warbler)

OLIVE WARBLER (*Peucedramus taeniatus*) – Seen waaaaaay up in the pine canopy at Finca El Pilar.

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

OVENBIRD (*Seiurus aurocapilla*) – Tikal NP and again at Finca Los Andes.

WORM-EATING WARBLER (*Helmitheros vermivorum*) – Incredible looks at one with the active mixed-species flock at Takalik Abaj.

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH (*Parkesia noveboracensis*)

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER (*Vermivora cyanoptera*) – One gorgeous male at Takalik Abaj.

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) – Several in the tall forest at Tikal NP.

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER (*Mniotilta varia*) – On both slopes where fairly common as a winter visitor.

CRESCENT-CHESTED WARBLER (*Oreothlypis superciliosa*) – A resident highland warbler seen well at Finca El Pilar.

TENNESSEE WARBLER (*Oreothlypis peregrina*) – Lots around. They are often found in large single species flocks that include hundreds of individuals. The females and first-year birds are very yellow below.

NASHVILLE WARBLER (WESTERN) (*Oreothlypis ruficapilla ridgwayi*) – At Cayala and a few other spots on the Pacific slope.

MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER (*Geothlypis tolmiei*) – Found in the thick understory of highland pine and pine-oak forest. We saw more than a couple on this trip.

KENTUCKY WARBLER (*Geothlypis formosa*) – At Tikal NP.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis trichas*) – Lots around the edge of Lake Peten-Itza.

HOODED WARBLER (*Setophaga citrina*) – In the forest at Tikal NP.

AMERICAN REDSTART (*Setophaga ruticilla*)

NORTHERN PARULA (*Setophaga americana*) – One seen at Tikal

MAGNOLIA WARBLER (*Setophaga magnolia*) – I was surprised to see so many on the Pacific side where they are usually much less common. We had at least three in a couple of different sites including Patrocinio and Takalik Abaj.

YELLOW WARBLER (*Setophaga petechia*)

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER (*Setophaga pensylvanica*) – One at Takalik Abaj on the Pacific side was a very good record. Seen a few times at Tikal.

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER (MYRTLE) (*Setophaga coronata coronata*) – Several were foraging on the grassy lawn near our lodge in Tikal NP.

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER (*Setophaga townsendi*) – A common winter visitor to the Pacific highlands of NCA.

HERMIT WARBLER (*Setophaga occidentalis*) – Just one waaaaay up in the pine canopy at Finca El Pilar.

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER (*Setophaga virens*) – Good numbers on both slopes.

FAN-TAILED WARBLER (*Basileuterus lachrymosus*) – Seen by just one or two, but heard by all in the dark understory at Finca Las Nubes. A lifer for John C.

RUFOUS-CAPPED WARBLER (SOUTH MEXICO) (*Basileuterus rufifrons salvini*) – This was the subspecies seen on the steep slope at Lake Atitlan on our final day.

RUFOUS-CAPPED WARBLER (CHESTNUT-CAPPED) (*Basileuterus rufifrons delatirii*) – The subspecies (with lots of yellow below and chestnut on the head) seen at Cayala, Finca Los Andes, and Patrocinio.

GOLDEN-BROWED WARBLER (*Basileuterus belli*) – Seen well in the higher forest at Finca Las Nubes. Also encountered at Finca El Pilar.

GOLDEN-CROWNED WARBLER (*Basileuterus culicivorus*) – A common songster in the forest of Tikal. Seen well on both slopes.

WILSON'S WARBLER (*Cardellina pusilla*) – Mr. Wilson was around in good numbers.

PINK-HEADED WARBLER (*Cardellina versicolor*) – Wow. Incredible bird. The bird of the trip for most! We saw a pair respond quite aggressively to our calls at Fuentes Georginas. They really put on a show. Lovely bird. The Frosty-headed Warbler! [E]

SLATE-THROATED REDSTART (*Myioborus miniatus*) – We saw them wearing their Guatemala Orange.

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

BLACK-THROATED SHRIKE-TANAGER (*Lanio aurantius*) [*]

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)

YELLOW-WINGED TANAGER (*Thraupis abbas*) – One of your favorites at the Patrocinio fruit feeders.

AZURE-RUMPED TANAGER (*Tangara cabanisi*) – A big target bird for us. An NCA endemic, but only found in Chiapas and western Guatemala. We had good looks in the scope at Finca Los Andes, but again at Finca Las Nubes. Awesome. [E]

GOLDEN-HOODED TANAGER (*Tangara larvata*) [*]

RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) – In good numbers around Finca Las Nubes. The males with their turquoise forecrowns are lovely.

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*) – Seen at Tikal NP; mainly females.

CINNAMON-BELLIED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa baritula*) – One just briefly below Fuentes Georginas.

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

WHITE-COLLARED SEEDEATER (WHITE-COLLARED) (*Sporophila torqueola morelleti*) – This is the subspecies we saw in Tikal with the tawny underparts.

WHITE-COLLARED SEEDEATER (WHITE-COLLARED) (*Sporophila torqueola mutanda*) – This is the subspecies we saw at Patrocinio with white underparts and blackish throat.

YELLOW-FACED GRASSQUIT (*Tiaris olivaceus*) [*]

GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*) – Good looks at this species at Finca Los Andes.

BLACK-HEADED SALTATOR (*Saltator atriceps*) – Loud and conspicuous. Both slopes.

Emberizidae (Buntings and New World Sparrows)

CHESTNUT-CAPPED BRUSH-FINCH (*Arremon brunneinucha*) – Watch for their white throats! Sometimes this field mark is all you see as this species likes the dark interior forest understory.

GREEN-BACKED SPARROW (*Arremonops chloronotus*) – Seen well in the dry forest at Tikal.

WHITE-NAPED BRUSH-FINCH (YELLOW-THROATED) (*Atlapetes albinucha gutturalis*) – Some saw them in the brushy clearing at Finca El Pilar, and others just briefly on the brushy slopes of Lake Atitlan.

SPOTTED TOWHEE (ROCKY MTS.) (*Pipilo maculatus repetens*) – Nice looks on the slopes of Lake Atitlan.

RUSTY SPARROW (*Aimophila rufescens*) [*]

WHITE-EARED GROUND-SPARROW (*Melospiza leucotis*) – A lovely forest "sparrow" seen in the forest at Finca Los Andes.

PREVOST'S GROUND-SPARROW (PREVOST'S) (*Melospiza biarcuata biarcuata*) – This lovely bird put on a show for us at Finca Los Tarrales. Amazing. [E]

RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

COMMON CHLOROSPINGUS (MIDDLE AMERICA) (*Chlorospingus flavopectus postocularis*) – Fairly common in the highland forest on the Pacific side. Has been talk of splitting the various subspecies (so take note).

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

SUMMER TANAGER (*Piranga rubra*)

WESTERN TANAGER (*Piranga ludoviciana*) – It seemed these were around everywhere in the Pacific highlands!

FLAME-COLORED TANAGER (*Piranga bidentata*) – Mario spotted a male for us from the Quetzal Platform. Nice work!

WHITE-WINGED TANAGER (*Piranga leucoptera*) – Our first was at Cayala (in Guatemala Cit), but again at several other spots on the Pacific side. Nice bird; especially the males!

RED-CROWNED ANT-TANAGER (*Habia rubica*) – Literally on pavement of the entrance road at Tikal! Seen briefly in the forest edge at Los Tarrales.

RED-THROATED ANT-TANAGER (*Habia fuscicauda*) – Good looks in Tikal, but also again on the Pacific side.

BLACK-FACED GROSBEAK (*Caryothraustes polioaster*) – Miguel got us on this species right at the entrance to Tikal NP. Missed on most tours. Caribbean slope only.

YELLOW GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus chrysopleus*) – Incredible to find this species below Fuentes Georginas. Good spotting by John C. A first for the tour!

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) – Seen in good numbers on both slopes, but especially large numbers on the drier Pacific side.

GRAY-THROATED CHAT (*Granatellus sallaei*) – Yes! This Yucatan endemic was seen well at Tikal NP (both at Cerro Cahui and in the park). [E]

BLUE BUNTING (*Cyanocompsa parellina*) – In the dry forest at Cerro Cahui (Petén).

BLUE GROSBEAK (*Passerina caerulea*) – We saw a male on the edge of the large parking lot at Tikal NP.

INDIGO BUNTING (*Passerina cyanea*) – Small numbers on both slopes.

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

MELODIOUS BLACKBIRD (*Dives dives*) – Not so melodious?

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)

BRONZED COWBIRD (*Molothrus aeneus*)

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*) – One or two at Tikal NP. They parasitize the large oropendola nests.

BLACK-VENTED ORIOLE (*Icterus wagleri*) – Several at Finca El Pilar.

BAR-WINGED ORIOLE (*Icterus maculialatus*) – This NCA endemic is quite local and uncommon in the highlands of Chiapas, Mexico, and El Salvador. We had one adult at Finca El Pilar framed nicely between two Black-vented Orioles. A good find for us. [E]

ORCHARD ORIOLE (*Icterus spurius*) – Large numbers on the Pacific side, but also seen in smaller numbers at Tikal.

YELLOW-BACKED ORIOLE (*Icterus chrysater*) [*]

SPOT-BREASTED ORIOLE (*Icterus pectoralis*) – Some of the younger birds lacked spots. However, all of them showed the white triangle in the wing.

ALTAMIRA ORIOLE (*Icterus gularis*) – We talked somewhat about the differences between Altamira and Spot-breasted. The wing pattern and bill are quite different between the two.

BALTIMORE ORIOLE (*Icterus galbula*) – At least 20 individuals were at the fruit feeders along Petén-Itza where we had lunch.

YELLOW-BILLED CACIQUE (*Amblycercus holosericeus*) – One seen on the slopes of Lake Atitlán. Heard only at Finca Los Tarrales.

MONTEZUMA OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius montezuma*) – Lots around Tikal.

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

SCRUB EUPHONIA (*Euphonia affinis*) – Seen at Finca Los Tarrales.

YELLOW-THROATED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia hirundinacea*)

ELEGANT EUPHONIA (*Euphonia elegantissima*) – Floyd photographed this species on the grounds at Finca Los Andes. We saw it in the mistletoe at Finca Las Nubes and heard again at Lake Atitlán.

OLIVE-BACKED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia gouldi*) – In the tall forest of Tikal NP.

BLUE-CROWNED CHLOROPHONIA (*Chlorophonia occipitalis*) – Heard lots in the forest at Los Andes and Las Nubes. We did see them at Los Andes, but better views were desired by some.

BLACK-HEADED SISKIN (*Spinus notatus*) – Perched in the morning sun at Finca El Pilar.

LESSER GOLDFINCH (*Spinus psaltria*)

HOODED GROSBEAK (*Coccothraustes abeillei*) – This species can be tough to locate, but we had at least four at Finca El Pilar briefly in the scope. Nice bird.

Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)

HOUSE SPARROW (*Passer domesticus*) – Yes!

MAMMALS

YUCATAN HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta pigra*) – Tikal NP.

CENTRAL AMERICAN SPIDER MONKEY (*Ateles geoffroyi*) – Tikal NP.

NORTHERN TAMANDUA (*Tamandua mexicana*) – A lifer for most everyone in the group except Miguel. A first for our tour. We had one crawling around in the vine tangles over the entrance trail to Tikal NP. Awesome!

MEXICAN GRAY SQUIRREL (*Sciurus aureogaster*) – In the forest at Finca El Pilar.

YUCATAN SQUIRREL (*Sciurus yucatanensis*) – Tikal NP.

VARIEGATED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus variegatoides*)

DEPPE'S SQUIRREL (*Sciurus deppei*) – Finca El Pilar above Antigua.

CENTRAL AMERICAN AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta punctata*) – Around the Tikal lodge.

GRAY FOX (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) – Tikal NP. The Middle American populations look smaller in size to my eye.

WHITE-NOSED COATI (*Nasua narica*) – A large "mundi" or troop was seen near the lodge at Tikal NP.

WHITE-TAILED DEER (*Odocoileus virginianus*) – Seen on the runway at Flores, Tikal.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 352 bird taxa and 11 mammal taxa