



Field Guides Tour Report

Panama's Canopy Tower I 2013

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We had a great time birding central Panama during our week at the Canopy Tower. As we all learned, the Tower area is such a wonderful spot with new and great birds seen everyday. It was great to be joined by Michael, who was amazing at spotting sedentary White-whiskered Puffbirds, Common Pauragues on the ground, and trogons way back in the forest. We had many significant sightings on the trip, including the Great Tinamou standing still for several minutes after Michael predicted it would be there, the fantastic display of the Stripe-throated Hermit zipping from side to side and back and forth directly above a female, a few amazingly-colored Blue Cotingas from the Discovery Center tower and the incredible show from the calling Rosy Thrush-Tanager that we watched for 15 minutes. It was cool to see birds at an army ant swarm though we never connected with a big march of ants. Other highlights included a perched Double-toothed Kite right overhead, an uncommonly seen Collared Forest-Falcon, a pair of perched Mottled Owls, those White-throated Crakes, a scoped Long-billed Starthroat, great looks at five species of trogons, a Streak-chested Antpitta, an exquisite Blue-crowned Manakin and oropendolas at their nests.



Although quite common in gardens and open fields, the Crimson-backed Tanager is still a stunner. (Photo by tour participant Linda Nuttall)

The near daily sightings of sloths was always fun as were encounters with four species of monkeys. The howler monkeys were our alarm clocks most mornings and it will be hard to forget the sight of the three night monkeys peering at us from a hole in a tree. The strange Northern Tamandua showed off well for us as well.

The very attentive and friendly staff made sure we were well taken care of with wonderful meals each day. I look forward to travelling with all of you again soon. Thanks to Linda for sending the photos that you see included here, and to Mark for the cool video of the displaying hermit.

--John

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*) – We had a great view of an individual that Michael spotted in the forest along Pipeline Road. It is truly rare to watch a tinamou for this long.

LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*) [*]

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

GRAY-HEADED CHACHALACA (*Ortalis cinereiceps*)

Fregatidae (Frigatebirds)

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD (*Fregata magnificens*) – A few of these were seen flying about over the Panama Canal.

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Anhingidae (Anhingas)

ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*)

Pelecanidae (Pelicans)

BROWN PELICAN (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) – We first saw an immature individual at the Ammo Pond then Michael spotted an adult standing quietly at the edge of a small pool along Pipeline Road.

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

GREEN HERON (*Butorides virescens*)

BOAT-BILLED HERON (SOUTHERN) (*Cochlearius cochlearius panamensis*) – There were two pairs at nests at Summit Pond. This is a quite unusual species of heron.

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

Pandionidae (Osprey)

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

GRAY-HEADED KITE (*Leptodon cayanensis*) – We had pretty good views of one flying then perched as we watched from the tower at the Discovery Center.

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) – Formerly quite rare in Panama this bird has become rather common in some areas since the introduction of the apple snail into the Canal.

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*) – We had wonderful looks at one perched right over Pipeline Road on our last full day. It was calling to another individual off in the forest.

GREAT BLACK-HAWK (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) – We saw one at Summit Garden being mobbed by a Black-chested Jay.

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris*)

BROAD-WINGED HAWK (*Buteo platypterus*)

GRAY HAWK (*Buteo nitidus*)

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus*)

ZONE-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo albonotatus*) – Nice looks at one flying with Turkey Vultures while we were at Summit Gardens.

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

COLLARED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur semitorquatus*) – We had pretty good views of a perched bird right at the edge of Gamboa. This forest species swooped over us in the early morning light and landed then made a couple more short flights as we followed it.

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)

BAT FALCON (*Falco rufifigularis*) – On the way to Metro Park, Michael detoured us to a neighborhood where a pair was perched in a tree. They must be nesting nearby.

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

WHITE-THROATED CRAKE (*Laterallus albigularis*) – After hearing a few birds calling in the marsh and some had brief views we ended up with nice looks at three individuals at once. Michael really kept after it here.

COMMON GALLINULE (*Gallinula galeata*)

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*) – There were at least six individuals in the field in Gamboa.

Jacaniidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*)

SOLITARY SANDPIPER (*Tringa solitaria*) – A wintering bird was in a flooded field in Gamboa.

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

LAUGHING GULL (*Leucophaeus atricilla*)

ROYAL TERN (*Thalasseus maximus*)

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*) [I]

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

SCALED PIGEON (*Patagioenas speciosa*) – A few were spotted from the Canopy Tower and Discovery Tower.

SHORT-BILLED PIGEON (*Patagioenas nigrirostris*) – Great looks at two individuals perched and "growling" just above Pipeline Road.

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

GRAY-CHESTED DOVE (*Leptotila cassini*)

Psittacidae (Parrots)

ORANGE-CHINNED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris jugularis*) – We had a few good views of these widespread parrots.

BROWN-HODED PARROT (*Pyrilia haematotis*)

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)

RED-LORED PARROT (*Amazona autumnalis*)

MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*) – Large and noisy we had a handful of looks at this species.

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*)

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

Strigidae (Owls)

TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops choliba*) [*]

VERMICULATED SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops guatemalae*) – We just couldn't get it into view. [*]

MOTTLED OWL (*Ciccaba virgata*) – We saw this species at the roost twice. On our second visit there were two birds visible and facing us.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

LESSER NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles acutipennis*) – Michael spotted one perched on a limb of a tree in Gamboa.

COMMON PAURAUQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) – After hearing one sing after the sun was up it flushed off the ground and flew into the forest.

Michael managed to spot it resting on the ground and we got it in the scopes. It was an amazing bit of camouflage.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*) – We heard the loud call of this strange bird on the slopes of Semaphore Hill but could not spot it through the dense forest. [*]

Apodidae (Swifts)

BAND-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura spinicaudus*) – This was the common swift we saw on several days.

LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT (*Panyptila cayennensis*) – At least one was seen flying past at Summit Garden.

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*) – These were frequent visitors to the feeders at the Canopy Tower.

LONG-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis longirostris*)

STRIPE-THROATED HERMIT (*Phaethornis striigularis*) – Wow! We watched a displaying male for 15 minutes as it zipped back and forth above a perched female. It was really captivating to watch this going on right in front of us.

PURPLE-CROWNED FAIRY (*Heliodytes barroti*)

BLACK-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*) – We ended up seeing several including a bird on a nest at Ammo Pond.

LONG-BILLED STARTHROAT (*Heliomaster longirostris*) – We had a scope view of one in Gamboa that Michael spotted perched in a leafless tree.

WHITE-VENTED PLUMELETEER (*Chalybura buffonii*)

BLUE-CHESTED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia amabilis*)

SNOWY-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia edward edward*) – Often seen at the feeders, our only one was at Metro Park,

RUFOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia tzacatl*)

VIOLET-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD (*Damophila julie*)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

SLATY-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon massena*)

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*) – We ended up seeing several of these during the week.

WHITE-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon chionurus*)

GARTERED TROGON (*Trogon caligatus*)

BLACK-THROATED TROGON (*Trogon rufus*) – Great views of both males and females. I think this is one of the prettiest of the trogons.

Momotidae (Motmots)

WHOOPIG MOTMOT (WHOOPIG) (*Momotus subrufescens conexus*) – Our first ones were at the feeder at the B&B in Gamboa.

RUFOUS MOTMOT (*Baryphthengus martii*)

BROAD-BILLED MOTMOT (*Electron platyrhynchum*)

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*)

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

GREEN KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle americana*)

AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle aenea*) – This tiny kingfisher flew across the track at Summit Pond almost between Michael's legs. We had it in the scope for some.

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

WHITE-NECKED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus hyperrhynchus*) – This guy was first spotted high in a tree from the Discovery Tower.

BLACK-BREASTED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus pectoralis*) – We had several encounters with this sharply marked bird.

PIED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus tectus*)

WHITE-WHISKERED PUFFBIRD (*Malacoptila panamensis*) – Another of my favorite birds, we saw our first sitting quietly in the forest along Semaphore Hill.

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

GREAT JACAMAR (*Jacamerops aureus*) [*]

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

COLLARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus torquatus*)

BLACK-MANDIBLED TOUCAN (CHESTNUT-MANDIBLED) (*Ramphastos ambiguus swainsonii*) – Our only seen birds were from the Discovery Tower.

KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*) – Several were seen on our first morning from the top of the Canopy Tower.

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

BLACK-CHEEKED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes pucherani*)

RED-CROWNED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes rubricapillus*)

CINNAMON WOODPECKER (*Celeus loricatus*) – One of my favorite woodpeckers, we saw this from the tower at the Discovery Center.

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) – We saw a couple on our first afternoon at Semaphore Hill then again at Summit Garden.

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*)

PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*) – This species was seen near the army ant swarm we had on Plantation Road on our last afternoon.

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (GRAYISH) (*Sittasomus griseicapillus sylvioides*) [*]

NORTHERN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*)

COCOA WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*) – We had good views of this wide-ranging species.

BLACK-STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus*) – This is one of the prettiest and most distinctively marked of the woodcreepers.

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*)

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)

WESTERN SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus atrinucha*) – We saw a few of these and it is one of the common voices in the better forest in the Canal Zone.

RUSSET ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnistes anabatinus*) – We had pretty good views of a pair moving through the mid-canopy along Pipeline Road. It is not a common bird here.

SPOT-CROWNED ANTIVIREO (*Dysithamnus puncticeps*) – This small antbird eventually sat well for us along Pipeline Road.

CHECKER-THROATED ANTWREN (*Epinecrophylla fulviventris*)

MOUSTACHED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula ignota*) – One of the smaller passerines we had nice looks at this almost tailless ball of feathers.

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)

DOT-WINGED ANTWREN (*Microrhopias quixensis*)

DUSKY ANTIBIRD (*Cercomacra tyrannina*)

WHITE-BELLIED ANTIBIRD (*Myrmeciza longipes*) – We had great looks at this usually difficult to see bird while it hopped about in the open at Summit Garden.

CHESTNUT-BACKED ANTIBIRD (*Myrmeciza exsul*)

BICOLORED ANTIBIRD (*Gymnopathys leucaspis bicolor*) – There were a few of these seen at the antswarm we found on Plantation Road as well as at the site of a probable developing swarm.

SPOTTED ANTIBIRD (*Hylomyphylax naevioides*) – A very fancy little antbird, we saw it at the developing ant swarm on Pipeline Road.

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

STREAK-CHESTED ANTPITTA (*Hyllopezus perspicillatus*) – This one came in from a good ways off and sat long enough to get in the scope.

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

BROWN-CAPPED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion brunneicapillus*)

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

YELLOW TYRANNULET (*Capsiempis flaveola*)

YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*)

FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardii*) – A common voice of the forest, we saw a few in mixed flocks.

OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes oleagineus*)

PALTRY TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius vilissimus*)

SOUTHERN BENTBILL (*Oncostoma olivaceum*) – We had a couple of surprisingly good views of this small forest flycatcher.

COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum*)

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

BROWNISH TWISTWING (*Cnipodectes subbrunneus*) [*]

OLIVACEOUS FLATBILL (*Rhynchoocyclus olivaceus*)

YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (YELLOW-MARGINED) (*Tolmomyias assimilis flavotectus*)

RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*) – A few of the mixed-species forest flocks yielded these small flycatchers.

BLACK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Myiobius atricaudus*) – We encountered one briefly near the entrance to Pipeline Road.

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax virescens*) – This is the common wintering *Empidonax* in the Canal Zone area.

BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTLA (*Attila spadiceus*)

RUFOUS MOURNER (*Rhytipterna holerythra*) [*]

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)

PANAMA FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus panamensis*) – A couple of these were seen at Summit Garden.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus crinitus*)

LESSER KISKADEE (*Pitangus lictor*)

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*)

RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*) – We finally caught up with this species on our last afternoon.

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)

STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*)

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus savana*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

PURPLE-THROATED FRUITCROW (*Querula purpurata*) – A pair of these noisy birds were seen well overhead while we were along Pipeline Road.

BLUE COTINGA (*Cotinga nattererii*) – We ended up seeing a few individuals, first from the Discovery Tower then in a treetop while we birded along Pipeline Road. There were at least two males and two females seen along Pipeline.

RUFOUS PIHA (*Lipaugus unirufus*)

Pipridae (Manakins)

BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix coronata*) – This brilliant little guy showed well along Pipeline Road.

GOLDEN-COLLARED MANAKIN (*Manacus vitellinus*)

LANCE-TAILED MANAKIN (*Chiroxiphia lanceolata*) [*]

RED-CAPPED MANAKIN (*Pipra mentalis*)

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*)

THRUSH-LIKE SCHIFFORNIS (PANAMANIAN) (*Schiffornis turdina panamensis*) – We got this sometimes shy species in the scope. The song is quite distinctive.

CINNAMON BECARD (*Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*)

WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)

Vireonidae (Vireos)

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO (*Vireo flavifrons*) – A few of these were seen with mixed-species flocks.

SCRUB GREENLET (*Hylophilus flavipes*) – We saw these well enough to see the pale eye.

GOLDEN-FRONTED GREENLET (*Hylophilus aurantiifrons*)

LESSER GREENLET (*Hylophilus decurtatus*) – Another common voice, we saw a few here and there.

GREEN SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanus pulchellus*) – The monotonous song was ever-present in the tree tops throughout the trip. Several of us got a good view from the Discovery Tower as it worked through a tree top.

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

BLACK-CHESTED JAY (*Cyanocorax affinis*) – A few were heard at Summit Garden and we saw one harassing the Great Black-Hawk.

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*)

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*) – This is the common swallow we encountered.

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)

MANGROVE SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albilinea*)

BARN SWALLOW (*Hirundo rustica*) – Some of us saw one flying past from the Canopy Tower on our final morning before heading home.

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

BLACK-BELLIED WREN (*Pheugopedius fasciatoventris*) – We had a few pretty good looks at this usual skulker.

RUFOUS-BREASTED WREN (*Pheugopedius rutilus*)

RUFOUS-AND-WHITE WREN (*Thryophilus rufalbus*) – A quite handsome wren, we saw it pretty well at Metro Park.

PLAIN WREN (*Cantorchilus modestus*)

BAY WREN (*Cantorchilus nigricapillus*) [*]

BUFF-BREASTED WREN (*Cantorchilus leucotis*) – Our best view was at Summit Garden.

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*)

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

SONG WREN (*Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus*) – After one along Pipeline Road we saw another with the small antswarm along Plantation Road.

Poliptilidae (Gnatcatchers)

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)

TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (*Poliptila plumbea*)

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

CLAY-COLORED THRUSH (*Turdus grayi*) – Quite common throughout.

Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)

TROPICAL MOCKINGBIRD (*Mimus gilvus*)

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH (*Parkesia noveboracensis*)

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) – Nancy and Joyce spotted a male at Metro Park. One of the best looking of the warblers.

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER (*Mniotilta varia*) – These were in surprisingly low numbers.

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (*Protonotaria citrea*)

TENNESSEE WARBLER (*Oreothlypis peregrina*)

MOURNING WARBLER (*Geothlypis philadelphia*) – We had nice looks at a chipping bird at the back end of Summit Garden.

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER (*Setophaga castanea*) – This was the most common North American wintering warbler we saw during our week.

YELLOW WARBLER (*Setophaga petechia*)

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER (*Setophaga pensylvanica*) – Also in fairly good numbers, we saw at least one nicely plumaged bright male.

CANADA WARBLER (*Cardellina canadensis*) – This is a rather uncommon wintering warbler in central Panama.

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

ROSY THRUSH-TANAGER (*Rhodinocichla rosea*) – We enjoyed fantastic views of a calling male bird at the Gamboa Resort. Usually a skulker, he jumped about in a small tree really showing off. This was the best I have ever seen this species.

GRAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Eucometis penicillata*) – Our first was in a fruiting tree. It is somewhat unusual to see this species away from an antswarm.

WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*)

CRIMSON-BACKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus dimidiatus*)

FLAME-RUMPED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus flammigerus*) – An Atlantic slope species in the Canal Zone, we found a few at the Gamboa Resort.

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

PLAIN-COLORED TANAGER (*Tangara inornata*)

GOLDEN-HOODED TANAGER (*Tangara larvata*) – Those coming to the feeder really showed well to us.

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*) – We had a nice look at a stunning male at the feeders at the Canopy B&B.

RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)

STREAKED SALTATOR (*Saltator striatipectus*)

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)

SLATE-COLORED GROSBEAK (*Saltator grossus*) – Nice looks at a singing individual along Pipeline Road. The red bill seems like it could melt in the warm sun.

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*) [*]

VARIABLE SEEDEATER (*Sporophila corvina hoffmannii*)

THICK-BILLED SEED-FINCH (*Oryzoborus funereus*)

BLACK-STRIPED SPARROW (*Arremonops conirostris*) – Good views of one perched in the fence at Ammo Pond.

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

SUMMER TANAGER (*Piranga rubra*) – We saw a couple of fully red males, more greenish females and at least one blotched immature male.

RED-CROWNED ANT-TANAGER (*Habia rubica*)

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

BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*)

INDIGO BUNTING (*Passerina cyanea*) – We saw a female along with a male molting into its blue plumage.

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*) – We spotted one at Summit Garden. These are known to lay eggs in the nests of oropendolas.

YELLOW-BACKED ORIOLE (*Icterus chrysater*) – We had good views of a singing bird at Metro Park.

YELLOW-TAILED ORIOLE (*Icterus mesomelas*)

BALTIMORE ORIOLE (*Icterus galbula*) – A few of these wintering birds were seen.

YELLOW-BILLED CACIQUE (*Amblycercus holosericeus*) – Some of us had a nice but short look just after leaving the Rosy Thrush-Tanager at the Gamboa Resort.

SCARLET-RUMPED CACIQUE (SCARLET-RUMPED) (*Cacicus uropygialis microrhynchus*)

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*)

CHESTNUT-HEADED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius wagleri*) – We saw a few at the nest tree at Summit Garden.

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia laniirostris*) – We had good views of several males and females.

FULVOUS-VENTED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia fulvicrissa*)

MAMMALS

COMMON OPOSSUM (*Didelphis marsupialis*)

LARGE FRUIT-EATING BATS (*Artibeus* spp.) – The probable species of this group that we saw was the Great Fruit-eating Bat (*Artibeus lituratus*). This was the much larger bat we saw roosting in the palms at Summit Garden.

COMMON TENT-MAKING BAT (*Uroderma bilobatum*) – We saw a number of these roosting under the large palm fronds at Summit Garden.

RED-NAPED TAMARIN (*Saguinus geoffroyi*) – These small colorful monkeys showed well a couple of times.

GRAY-BELLIED NIGHT MONKEY (*Aotus lemurinus*) – We had a wonderful view of three of these cute guys looking out of a hole in a large tree.

MANTLED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta palliata*) – Our alarm clocks each morning at the Canopy Tower, we saw several during our forest treks.

WHITE-THROATED CAPUCHIN (*Cebus capucinus*) – A few were seen a long Pipeline Road.

HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH (*Choloepus hoffmanni*) – Panama is the best place I have been to see sloths. Good views of both species were made on a near daily basis.

BROWN-THROATED THREE-TOED SLOTH (*Bradypus variegatus*)

NORTHERN TAMANDUA (*Tamandua mexicana*) – This unusual anteater gave us a great look as it climbed through the trees and over Pipeline Road.

VARIEGATED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus variegatoides*)

RED-TAILED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus granatensis*)

CAPYBARA (*Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*) – There were at least six individuals near the vegetated pond near Gamboa. This is the world's largest rodent.

CENTRAL AMERICAN AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta punctata*) – Seen nearly daily in the forest.

WHITE-NOSED COATI (*Nasua narica*) – These were seen regularly.

COLLARED PECCARY (*Tayassu tajacu*) – We saw one at the Gamboa Resort.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 226 bird taxa and 16 mammal taxa