

# Field Guides Tour Report

# Panama's Canopy Tower 2020 (with Canopy Lodge Extension, Feb 8-12)

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One of our favorites, this species was always known as Orange-bellied Trogon until it was recently lumped with Collared Trogon. We found this one along the Las Minas Trail above the Canopy Lodge. Photo by guide John Coons.

Our week at the Canopy Tower and three nights at the Canopy Lodge was a great time. We enjoyed good weather with warm but not overly hot temps, and a rain one evening that got bird activity going the next morning. The Tower and adjacent forest is a great place to get lowland tropical birding off to a start. Our first morning found us on top of the Tower where we scoped toucans and parrots perched in tree top and had close views of Green Shrike-Vireo, and both Red-capped and Blue-crowned manakins. We walked down the road after breakfast, encountering our first of several trogons, puffbirds, antbirds, flycatchers and a couple of really cool mammals, a Rothschild's Porcupine and a pair of Gray-bellied Night Monkeys peering out of a tree cavity. Over the next several days we visited tropical rainforest, drier scrub forest and wetland marshes, where we found a myriad of birds. We birded various parts of famed Pipeline Road on two mornings and a full day where we went further out the track. Highlights here included a handful of sightings of Great Tinamou, a fantastic Pheasant Cuckoo blasting out its song just above us, a Great Potoo that we found at night and a Common Potoo that Alexis located at Metro Park during the day, many hummingbirds, a pair of White-throated Crakes showing well, stalking Rufescent Tiger-Herons, a beautiful Gray-headed Kite over the clearing at Metro Park, a Crested Owl and Black-and-white Owl near to the Tower, a few Whooping Motmots, an American Pygmy Kingfisher that Alexis spotted across the marsh, a well camouflaged White-whiskered Puffbird, a wonderful Great Jacamar showing off to us, Bicolored and Spotted antbirds waiting for ants to begin raiding, a perched and singing Streak-chested Antpitta, a scoped male Lance-tailed Manakin, a very blue Blue Cotinga, a bunch of tanagers, brilliant honeycreepers, and the quite uncommon Slate-colored Seedaters. Both Three-toed and Two-toed sloths were encountered, as well as near daily sightings of Mantled Howler Monkeys and Red-naped Tamarins. A Nort

After a final morning at the Tower, we headed to the Canopy Lodge in the foothills a couple of hours west, just outside of the town of El Valle, at a comfortable elevation of 2000 feet temperature-wise. Our birding started with our arrival as a few birds were visiting the feeders during lunch. After getting settled into the pleasant rooms, we did a very rewarding walk up the road and onto a trail. A tiny but spectacular male Rufous-crested Coquette perched nicely for us, as did a pair of Mottled Owls that Eliecer found in a thicket. Another great sighting was an uncommon Tody Motmot that perched low on the hillside for a scope view. A mixed-species flock with Checker-throated Stipplethroat, Dot-winged Antwren, and a Golden-winged Warbler kept us busy for awhile. The next morning we birded on La Mesa where Emerald, Silver-throated, and Bay-headed tanagers were feeding in a fruiting

tree along with Tawny-capped Euphonias. An orange-bellied Collared Trogon, Brown-hooded Parrots, Spot-crowned Antvireo, and Spotted Woodcreeper were seen along the short trail we walked. A mixed-flock along the Candalario Trail yielded a pair of Plain Antvireos, Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher, and a Chestnut-backed Antbird. That afternoon we found two Spectacled Owls on a day roost on the outskirts of El Valle. The next day was mostly spent in the higher elevations of Altos del Maria, which got us into the habitat of a number of new birds. One of the first was a beautiful Northern Emerald Toucanet right over the road where we later had a Broad-billed Motmot. A male Snowcap on a perch was a highlight of the trip, as was a Dull-mantled Antbird. Red-faced Spinetail, White-ruffed Manakin, White-throated Spadebill, Tufted Flycatchers, Black-and-yellow Tanager and a Scarlet-thighed Dacnis were also of note.

Our final day was spent birding our way to the coastal lowlands of the Pacific. We spend some time birding near a nesting colony of Crested Oropendolas where three Lesson's Motmots showed well as Yellow-green Vireos sang around us. Savanna Hawks were seen mating, an Aplomado Falcon gave us a fly-by, Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant, Northern Scrub-Flycatcher, the endemic to Panama Veraguan Mango, and Mouse-colored Tyrannulet all showed well. We saw some of the first Swainson's Hawks on their way north before scoping a Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl just before lunch at the beach house. We made our way back to Panama City in the afternoon before heading home the next day.

It was a real treat to be with Alexis at the Tower and Eliecer at the Lodge. Both are amazing spotters and are a lot of fun to bird with. The staff was great at both lodges with wonderful meals and attention to detail. It was great fun birding with all of you and I hope to see you again soon.

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**

<u>Tinamidae (Tinamous)</u>

**GREAT TINAMOU** (Tinamus major) – Surprisingly, we ended up seeing three individuals sitting still or walking through the forest. Rita was responsible for most of these. We also saw one perched in a tree during our night drive.

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK (Dendrocygna autumnalis) – We saw about eight individuals flying over the Chagres River.

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

**GRAY-HEADED CHACHALACA** (Ortalis cinereiceps) – We had a couple of encounters in the Tower area but they were seen daily at the Canopy Lodge.

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

**BLACK-EARED WOOD-QUAIL** (Odontophorus melanotis) – Lodge area only. We heard a couple calling loudly down the slope at Altos del Maria and we scampered down. They got closer, but probably got a look at us then moved away. [\*]

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (Patagioenas cayennensis)

SCALED PIGEON (Patagioenas speciosa) – Our best views were those we saw from the Canopy and Discovery towers in the early morning.

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

RUDDY GROUND DOVE (Columbina talpacoti)

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (Leptotila verreauxi)

PURPLISH-BACKED QUAIL-DOVE (Zentrygon lawrencii) – Lodge area only. I'm not sure if anyone but Eliecer saw this bird walking on the forest floor at Las Minas.

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

GREATER ANI (Crotophaga major) – We saw a couple in the vicinity of Ammo Pond.

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (Crotophaga ani) - Several were seen around Ammo Pond, with one observed feeding a short-tailed fledgling.

**GROOVE-BILLED ANI** (Crotophaga sulcirostris) – Lodge area only. We saw about ten individuals in the Juan Hombron area on our last morning in the field.

**PHEASANT CUCKOO** (Dromococcyx phasianellus) – We had great views of this unusual species. Until they start singing with the rains, one would never know they are around. After not getting one to respond, we tried again along Pipeline Road and were surprised to hear one blast back its song from right overhead. We tracked it down and got great views, even through the scope.

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (Piaya cayana) - We had a few nice sightings, with one very close at Ammo Pond.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

COMMON PAURAQUE (Nyctidromus albicollis) – Driving back to the Tower on our night drive, we spotted one on the ground at the back of a small clearing.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (Nyctibius grandis) - Alexis spotted one during our night drive that was perched on a stub off the road.

**COMMON POTOO** (Nyctibius griseus) – At Metro Park, we had a nice view of one on a quite camouflaged day perch.

Apodidae (Swifts)

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (Chaetura brachyura) – A few were seen from the Tower and near Summit Pond.

BAND-RUMPED SWIFT (Chaetura spinicaudus)

LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT (Panyptila cayennensis) – We saw a couple of these handsome swifts at the Tower.

# Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (Florisuga mellivora) – This was the most frequent visitor at the feeders at the Tower and the Discovery Center.

WHITE-TIPPED SICKLEBILL (Eutoxeres aquila) – Lodge area only. We spent a lot of time watching Heliconia flowers for this specialty, with nothing but a few of us hearing one back in the forest. [\*]

RUFOUS-BREASTED HERMIT (Glaucis hirsutus) – Lodge area only. One visited one of the Heliconia flowers that we watched for awhile at Altos del Maria.

GREEN HERMIT (Phaethornis guy) - Lodge area only. We had a few, with our best look at Altos del Maria.

LONG-BILLED HERMIT (Phaethornis longirostris) – We saw a handful, with our best views at the feeders at the Tower and Discovery Center.

**STRIPE-THROATED HERMIT** (Phaethornis striigularis)

PURPLE-CROWNED FAIRY (Heliothryx barroti) – We saw one of these sharply marked hummingbirds during our last morning at the Tower.

BLACK-THROATED MANGO (Anthracothorax nigricollis) - A few were encountered, including a female at a nest.

VERAGUAN MANGO (Anthracothorax veraguensis) – Lodge area only. One of the few birds that are endemic to Panama. W had a nice male feeding and perching in a tree next to the road at Juan Hombron.

RUFOUS-CRESTED COQUETTE (Lophornis delattrei) – Lodge area only. We had wonderful views of a male with full crest along the road just above the Canopy Lodge.

GREEN-CROWNED BRILLIANT (Heliodoxa jacula) - Lodge area only. Only a fly-by while we were watching the Heliconia flowers.

GARDEN EMERALD (Chlorostilbon assimilis) – Lodge area only. A couple of bright males were seen in the Pacific lowlands and near the Canopy Lodge.

WHITE-VENTED PLUMELETEER (Chalybura buffonii)

CROWNED WOODNYMPH (Thalurania colombica)

**SNOWCAP** (Microchera albocoronata) – Lodge area only. The guys did a lot of searching before finding a beautiful male perched on a dead twig at Altos del Maria. A female made a brief appearance here as well.

BLUE-CHESTED HUMMINGBIRD (Amazilia amabilis) – These were fairly common at the feeders at the Canopy Tower.

**SNOWY-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD** (Amazilia edward edward) – We saw one at the Tower on our first afternoon then they were a daily occurrence at the Canopy Lodge.

RUFOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (Amazilia tzacatl)

**SAPPHIRE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD** (Lepidopyga coeruleogularis) – Lodge area only. We saw a couple of these in the Juan Hombron area on our last morning.

VIOLET-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD (Juliamyia julie) - This small hummingbird was seen a few times here and there.

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

**GRAY-COWLED WOOD-RAIL** (Aramides cajaneus) – Lodge area only. We heard these each day at the Lodge and they were seen along one of the trails and near the fruit feeders.

PURPLE GALLINULE (Porphyrio martinica) – We saw three or four at Ammo Pond.

WHITE-THROATED CRAKE (Laterallus albigularis) – We ended up getting a pretty good view of two individuals that Cheryl initially spotted at a small opening in the vegetation at Ammo Pond.

Aramidae (Limpkin)

LIMPKIN (Aramus guarauna) – We saw the same individual along the Chagres River on a few occasions on our way to Gamboa.

<u>Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)</u>

**SOUTHERN LAPWING** (Vanellus chilensis) – This used to be a quite uncommon species in the area but we saw several well.

Jacanidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (Jacana jacana) - Both adults and young were seen at Ammo Pond.

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

WHIMBREL (HUDSONIAN) (Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus) – Lodge area only. This was seen along the beach by those who made a pit stop before leaving the Juan Hombron area.

**SANDERLING** (Calidris alba) – Lodge area only. About ten birds were inspecting the beach at Santa Clara.

**SPOTTED SANDPIPER** (Actitis macularius)

**SOLITARY SANDPIPER** (Tringa solitaria) – We saw a single bird at the lake where we had lunch at Altos del Maria.

WILLET (Tringa semipalmata) - Lodge area only. A single individual was way down the beach at Santa Clara.

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

LAUGHING GULL (Leucophaeus atricilla) – There was at least one at the Miraflores Locks at the Panama Canal, then many more on the beach at Santa Clara on our last day.

ROYAL TERN (Thalasseus maximus) - Lodge area only. Three individuals were with all the Sandwich Terns on the beach.

**SANDWICH TERN** (Thalasseus sandvicensis) – There were at least 100 birds on the beach at our lunch stop on the final day at Santa Clara. Earlier we had seen one flying along the Chagres River at Gamboa.

Ciconiidae (Storks)

WOOD STORK (Mycteria americana) - Lodge area only. A few were seen flying at Juan Hombron.

Fregatidae (Frigatebirds)

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD (Fregata magnificens)

Sulidae (Boobies and Gannets)

BROWN BOOBY (Sula leucogaster) - Lodge area only. We saw one perched on the pillar off the shore at our lunch stop at Santa Clara Beach.

<u> Anhingidae (Anhingas)</u>

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Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (Phalacrocorax brasilianus)

Pelecanidae (Pelicans)

BROWN PELICAN (Pelecanus occidentalis)

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (Tigrisoma lineatum) - At least four individuals were seen at Ammo Pond on our second stop there.

GREAT BLUE HERON (Ardea herodias)

**COCOI HERON** (Ardea cocoi) – We scoped one across the Chagres River.

**GREAT EGRET** (Ardea alba)

SNOWY EGRET (Egretta thula)

LITTLE BLUE HERON (Egretta caerulea) – A mostly white immature that was beginning to change his wardrobe was seen along the Chagres River at the Panama Canal.

**TRICOLORED HERON** (Egretta tricolor) – Lodge area only. We scoped one at the shrinking lake at Juan Hombron.

**CATTLE EGRET** (Bubulcus ibis)

**GREEN HERON** (Butorides virescens)

**BOAT-BILLED HERON (SOUTHERN)** (Cochlearius cochlearius panamensis) – Alexis spotted one perched on a limb above the water at Summit Pond.

<u>Cathartidae (New World Vultures)</u>

KING VULTURE (Sarcoramphus papa) – We saw one soaring above Pipeline Road but a few others saw an adut from the top of the Canopy Tower during our afternoon siesta.

**BLACK VULTURE** (Coragyps atratus)

TURKEY VULTURE (Cathartes aura)

**LESSER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE** (Cathartes burrovianus) – Lodge area only. We had good views of a few low flying individuals at Juan Hombron.

Pandionidae (Osprev)

**OSPREY** (Pandion haliaetus) – We saw one or two near the Canal.

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

**GRAY-HEADED KITE** (Leptodon cayanensis) – We had a great view in nice light of one that flew over the clearing at Metro Park.

BLACK HAWK-EAGLE (Spizaetus tyrannus) – A calling bird over Pipeline Road circled through a gap in the trees a few times.

**DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE** (Harpagus bidentatus) – Another raptor we saw soaring over Metro Park. This species will often follow monkeys through the trees to feed on the insects and lizards they flush.

**CRANE HAWK** (Geranospiza caerulescens) – We had a good view of this long-legged raptor.

SAVANNA HAWK (Buteogallus meridionalis) – Lodge area only. We stopped along the highway and saw one perched in a tree then a pair appeared nearby and some saw them mating.

ROADSIDE HAWK (Rupornis magnirostris)

**GRAY-LINED HAWK** (Buteo nitidus)

BROAD-WINGED HAWK (Buteo platypterus) - A few were seen in the Semaphore Hill, Gamboa area, and again at Altos del Maria.

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (Buteo brachyurus) – We saw about three individuals at the Tower or along Pipeline Road.

**SWAINSON'S HAWK** (Buteo swainsoni) – Lodge area only. These would be some of the earliest migrants of the year. We spotted three birds flying with vultures at Juan Hombron on our last day.

Strigidae (Owls)

**CRESTED OWL** (Lophostrix cristata) – We enjoyed nice views of one that we got a light on during our night drive along the main road, not far from the Canopy Tower. Always a great species to see.

SPECTACLED OWL (Pulsatrix perspicillata) - Lodge area only. Two were found along a trail near El Valle during our afternoon outing.

FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL (Glaucidium brasilianum) – Lodge area only. It took very little time to find this local species near the beach at Santa Clara.

MOTTLED OWL (Ciccaba virgata) – Lodge area only. Eliecer tracked down two of these well-camouflaged owls along a trail at the Canopy Adventure on our first afternoon at the Lodge.

**BLACK-AND-WHITE OWL** (Ciccaba nigrolineata) – We had great views of one seen on a day perch along Semaphore Hill. It seemed nearly oblivious to us watching it.

<u>Trogonidae (Trogons)</u>

**SLATY-TAILED TROGON** (Trogon massena) – We had very nice views of this species and it was the most frequently heard trogon we recorded in the forest along Semaphore Hill and Pipeline Road.

**BLACK-TAILED TROGON** (Trogon melanurus) – One of the best looking of the trogons; we had a nice view of a male along Semaphore Hill during our first morning at the Tower.

WHITE-TAILED TROGON (Trogon chionurus) – We saw a couple, a male and female, along Pipeline Road.

GARTERED TROGON (Trogon caligatus) - Another fancy one; we saw these along Pipeline Road as well.

**BLACK-THROATED TROGON** (Trogon rufus) – We finally caught up to another sharply colored trogon along Pipeline Road and again the next morning at Metro Park.

**COLLARED TROGON (ORANGE-BELLIED)** (Trogon collaris aurantiiventris) – Lodge area only. Known as Orange-bellied Trogon until recently put in the Collared Trogon complex; we had a nice look at a male along the trail at Las Minas.

#### Momotidae (Motmots)

**TODY MOTMOT** (Hylomanes momotula) – Lodge area only. One of the oddest motmots, being relatively small with a short tail. We heard one calling and Eliecer found it perched along a hillside at the Canopy Adventure for a scope view.

LESSON'S MOTMOT (Momotus lessonii lessonii) – Lodge area only. We ended up seeing three individuals at the oropendola nesting area we stopped at on the way to the coast. One bird only had one of its racket tail feathers.

**WHOOPING MOTMOT** (Momotus subrufescens) – A quite fancy species. We saw a few in the Canopy Tower area. This was formerly part of the Blue-crowned Motmot complex that included the preceding species.

RUFOUS MOTMOT (Baryphthengus martii) – We saw one in the Canal area, then a few more around the Canopy Lodge where they even showed up at the feeder.

**BROAD-BILLED MOTMOT** (Electron platyrhynchum) – After hearing a few and chasing one a bit near the Tower, we had nice views of one perched over the road at Altos del Maria.

#### Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (Megaceryle torquata)

AMAZON KINGFISHER (Chloroceryle amazona) – One flew by while we were on the bridge over the flowing water at Juan Hombron.

AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER (Chloroceryle aenea) - Alexis spotted and scoped one at Ammo Pond that was way across the marsh.

GREEN KINGFISHER (Chloroceryle americana) - We saw these each day on the creek at the Canopy Lodge.

# Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

WHITE-NECKED PUFFBIRD (Notharchus hyperrhynchus) – A couple of these were seen along Pipeline Road. It's really like a land kingfisher.

**BLACK-BREASTED PUFFBIRD** (Notharchus pectoralis) – A species with a loud song. We saw one along Semaphore Hill then another along the first part of Pipeline Road.

PIED PUFFBIRD (Notharchus tectus) – One of the smaller true puffbirds; we found three from the Discovery Center Tower.

WHITE-WHISKERED PUFFBIRD (Malacoptila panamensis) – A puffbird that sits inside the forest; we had a nice scope view along the road at Semaphore Hill on our first morning.

#### <u>Galbulidae (Jacamars)</u>

GREAT JACAMAR (Jacamerops aureus) – One of the great forest birds of the Pipeline Road area. We saw it well on consecutive days.

# Ramphastidae (Toucans)

NORTHERN EMERALD-TOUCANET (BLUE-THROATED) (Aulacorhynchus prasinus caeruleogularis) – Lodge area only. We had nice views of this higher elevation species at Altos del Maria.

**COLLARED ARACARI** (Pteroglossus torquatus)

YELLOW-THROATED TOUCAN (CHESTNUT-MANDIBLED) (Ramphastos ambiguus swainsonii) – We saw a few in the Pipeline area, with some nice looks from the tower at the Discovery Center.

**KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN** (Ramphastos sulfuratus) – This iconic tropical bird was seen well and scoped several times during the week, with our first views from the Canopy Tower on our first morning.

# Picidae (Woodpeckers)

BLACK-CHEEKED WOODPECKER (Melanerpes pucherani)

**RED-CROWNED WOODPECKER** (Melanerpes rubricapillus) – We saw these most days of the trip.

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (Campephilus melanoleucos) – This large woodpecker was seen each day while we were at the Canopy Tower.

# LINEATED WOODPECKER (Dryocopus lineatus)

**CINNAMON WOODPECKER** (Celeus loricatus) – A quite nice looking woodpecker. We had a nice view of two individuals as we walked down Semaphore hill on our first morning at the Tower.

# Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

BARRED FOREST-FALCON (Micrastur ruficollis) [\*]

SLATY-BACKED FOREST-FALCON (Micrastur mirandollei) – We heard a calling bird along the Old Gamboa Road but could not lure it out of the forest. [\*]

CRESTED CARACARA (Caracara cheriway) - Lodge area only. A handful were seen in the lowlands near the Pacific coast.

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (Milvago chimachima)

AMERICAN KESTREL (Falco sparverius) - Lodge area only. We saw a male perched on a power line in the Juan Hombron area.

**APLOMADO FALCON** (Falco femoralis) – Lodge area only. This open country species was seen flying by in the Juan Hombron area.

**BAT FALCON** (Falco rufigularis) – We saw a perched bird from the Discovery Center Tower.

# Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots)

ORANGE-CHINNED PARAKEET (Brotogeris jugularis) – We had a few perched for scope views and saw many more flying overhead.

**BROWN-HOODED PARROT** (Pyrilia haematotis) – We saw these a few times flying, but had a scope view of some perched individuals along the trail on La Mesa near the Lodge.

**BLUE-HEADED PARROT** (Pionus menstruus)

RED-LORED PARROT (Amazona autumnalis)

MEALY PARROT (Amazona farinosa) - We finally got a scope view of perched individuals on our last morning at the Tower.

**BROWN-THROATED PARAKEET (VERAGUAS)** (Eupsittula pertinax ocularis) – A widespread species in Central America. We only saw a pair flying past us as we headed to the Pacific lowlands.

# <u>Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)</u>

FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE (Cymbilaimus lineatus) - This large antbird was seen in the Pipeline Road area on our first visit.

GREAT ANTSHRIKE (Taraba major) [\*]

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (Thamnophilus doliatus) – We saw both males and rufous-colored females.

**BLACK-CROWNED ANTSHRIKE** (Thamnophilus atrinucha) – Formerly known as Western Slaty-Antshrike; we saw a handful in the forests.

PLAIN ANTVIREO (Dysithamnus mentalis) – Lodge area only. We saw two along the Candalario trail near the Canopy Lodge.

**SPOT-CROWNED ANTVIREO** (Dysithamnus puncticeps) – After striking out along Pipeline Road, we had a nice look at a singing bird along the Las Minas trail near the Canopy Lodge.

CHECKER-THROATED STIPPLETHROAT (Epinecrophylla fulviventris) – We had nice looks at this antwren along Semaphore Hill and again at the Canopy Adventure.

**MOUSTACHED ANTWREN** (Myrmotherula ignota) – One of the smallest of the antbirds. We finally got a good view of this bird overhead along Pipeline Road.

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (Myrmotherula axillaris)

**SLATY ANTWREN** (Myrmotherula schisticolor) – Lodge area only. Rather uncommon in the area; we had a nice look along the Candalario Trail near the Canopy Lodge.

**DOT-WINGED ANTWREN** (Microrhopias quixensis) – Both males and the rufous bellied females were seen a few times.

**DUSKY ANTBIRD** (Cercomacroides tyrannina)

**JET ANTBIRD** (Cercomacra nigricans) [\*]

WHITE-BELLIED ANTBIRD (Myrmeciza longipes) – After a bit of looking, we got a pretty good view of a singing bird at Metro Park on our last morning in the Canal area.

CHESTNUT-BACKED ANTBIRD (Poliocrania exsul)

**DULL-MANTLED ANTBIRD** (Sipia laemosticta) – Lodge area only. This uncommon and very local species came in from a long way off and we got a great view at Altos del Maria.

**BICOLORED ANTBIRD** (Gymnopithys bicolor bicolor) – We had a close view of a couple of individuals near a group of army ants along Pipeline Road. Unfortunately the ants never got into swarming mode.

**SPOTTED ANTBIRD** (Hylophylax naevioides) – A very handsome little antbird; we had a couple of nice views in the forest.

Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)

BLACK-CROWNED ANTPITTA (Pittasoma michleri) – Lodge area only. A calling bird at Altos del Maria was too far away to lure in. [\*]

<u>Grallariidae (Antpittas)</u>

STREAK-CHESTED ANTPITTA (Hylopezus perspicillatus) – Along Pipeline Road, we heard a calling bird and we ended up getting a scope view of a calling bird. This was one of the coolest sightings of the trip.

<u>Formicariidae (Antthrushes)</u>

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

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (Dendrocincla fuliginosa) - We finally got a good view in the Canopy Lodge area.

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (Glyphorynchus spirurus) – Lodge area only. Our only sighting was at Altos del Maria.

COCOA WOODCREEPER (Xiphorhynchus susurrans) – This was the most common woodcreeper we encountered during our trip.

**BLACK-STRIPED WOODCREEPER** (Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus) – One of the more sharply marked of the woodcreepers; we had a nice view near the entrance to the Discovery Center along Pipeline Road.

**SPOTTED WOODCREEPER** (Xiphorhynchus erythropygius) – Lodge area only. A higher elevation species; we saw a few above the Canopy Lodge and at Altos del Maria.

STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (Dendroplex picus) [\*]

PLAIN XENOPS (Xenops minutus) - This unusual species was seen a few times as it worked on vines and small branches, often upside down.

**RED-FACED SPINETAIL** (Cranioleuca erythrops) – Lodge area only. Another higher elevation species; we saw one foraging through the epiphytes at Altos del Maria.

Pipridae (Manakins)

**LANCE-TAILED MANAKIN** (Chiroxiphia lanceolata) – We had a colorful male in the scope along the Old Gamboa Road. We even got the police guard to have a look and he was impressed.

WHITE-RUFFED MANAKIN (Corapipo altera) – Lodge area only. We spotted and scoped a male then a female that were calling in the higher forest at Altos del Maria.

**BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN (VELVETY)** (Lepidothrix coronata minuscula) – A couple of bright blue-crowned males were seen feeding on the small fruits at eye-level from the top of the Canopy Tower.

GOLDEN-COLLARED MANAKIN (Manacus vitellinus) - We saw a few nicely colored males snapping near the Discovery Center.

**RED-CAPPED MANAKIN** (Ceratopipra mentalis) – We saw a few with our best views on our first morning from the Canopy Tower as they were feeding on small fruits.

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

**PURPLE-THROATED FRUITCROW** (Querula purpurata) – A quite bizarre bird; we saw a handful, including males with bright reddish throats as we birded along Pipeline Road.

BLUE COTINGA (Cotinga nattererii) – Alexis spotted a brilliant blue male perched atop a tree that we scoped from the Discovery Center Tower.

<u>Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)</u>

BLACK-CROWNED TITYRA (Tityra inquisitor) - We saw one from the Discovery Center Tower.

MASKED TITYRA (Tityra semifasciata)

NORTHERN SCHIFFORNIS (NORTHERN) (Schiffornis veraepacis dumicola) – This recently split species also gave us a zip by at Altos del Maria.

RUSSET-WINGED SCHIFFORNIS (Schiffornis stenorhyncha panamensis) — We heard a singing bird along Pipeline Road and saw it fly a couple of times and it almost ran into Alexis on one of its forays.

CINNAMON BECARD (Pachyramphus cinnamomeus) – We saw one near the Chagres River.

WHITE-WINGED BECARD (Pachyramphus polychopterus) – A singing bird showed well at Metro Park on our last day.

Oxyruncidae (Sharpbill, Royal Flycatcher, and Allies)

**RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER** (Terenotriccus erythrurus)

SULPHUR-RUMPED FLYCATCHER (Myiobius sulphureipygius) – On our full day along Pipeline Road, we got a view of this distinctive species.

**BLACK-TAILED FLYCATCHER** (Myiobius atricaudus) – Similar to the above, but with a yellow breast instead of orange; we had a brief look along the early part of Pipeline Road.

<u>Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatch</u>ers)

WHITE-THROATED SPADEBILL (Platyrinchus mystaceus) - Lodge area only. We saw one at Altos del Maria.

**GOLDEN-CROWNED SPADEBILL** (Platyrinchus coronatus) – Usually a tough bird to see well in the forest since it jumps around a lot. We had a great scope view of this small flycatcher along the road at Semaphore Hill.

OLIVE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER (Mionectes olivaceus) - Lodge area only. A few were seen with mixed-flocks in the Canopy Lodge area.

OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (Mionectes oleagineus) - Lodge area only.

**BLACK-CAPPED PYGMY-TYRANT** (Myiornis atricapillus) – This little guy is essentially tied with Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant as the smallest passerine in the world. We had a nice view along Pipeline Road high overhead.

SCALE-CRESTED PYGMY-TYRANT (Lophotriccus pileatus) – Lodge area only. We had nice views of this strange-looking flycatcher along the road at Altos del Maria.

PALE-EYED PYGMY-TYRANT (Atalotriccus pilaris wilcoxi) – A drier habitat species; we saw one along Old Gamboa Road, and then a couple in the Pacific lowlands.

SOUTHERN BENTBILL (Oncostoma olivaceum) – It was unusual to see this odd flycatcher sitting out in the open for a good view.

**COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER** (Todirostrum cinereum)

**BROWNISH TWISTWING** (Cnipodectes subbrunneus) [\*]

EYE-RINGED FLATBILL (Rhynchocyclus brevirostris) – Lodge area only. One made a brief appearance with the flock along the trail at the Canopy Adventure.

OLIVACEOUS FLATBILL (Rhynchocyclus olivaceus) - We had nice views of a perched individual along Semaphore Hill.

YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (YELLOW-OLIVE) (Tolmomyias sulphurescens flavoolivaceus) – We caught up with this species at Metro Park. YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (YELLOW-WINGED) (Tolmomyias assimilis flavotectus)

**BROWN-CAPPED TYRANNULET** (Ornithion brunneicapillus) – We had quite nice views of this small canopy species, including one that seemed to be nesting in the Canopy Tower grounds.

**SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET** (Camptostoma obsoletum) – A few were seen, with the best views near the Chagres River where one perched on the power line.

MOUSE-COLORED TYRANNULET (Phaeomyias murina) – Lodge area only. We finally tracked down two or three of these dry country individuals at Juan Hombron.

YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (Tyrannulus elatus) – This is a common voice of the forest edges and clearings. We had a great experience seeing one perched on a tiny nest with a tinier young that must have been only 1-2 days old.

FOREST ELAENIA (Myiopagis gaimardii)

**GRAY ELAENIA (CHOCO)** (Myiopagis caniceps absita) – A quite uncommon species; we had a fair look at this canopy dweller along Pipeline Road as it moved from tree to tree.

GREENISH ELAENIA (Myiopagis viridicata) [\*]

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (Elaenia flavogaster)

LESSER ELAENIA (Elaenia chiriquensis) – Lodge area only. We saw one at the Crested Oropendola nest site on the way to the Pacific lowlands.

MISTLETOE TYRANNULET (Zimmerius parvus) – Formerly known as Paltry Tyrannulet; we had a scope view of one over the road at Semaphore Hill.

**TUFTED FLYCATCHER** (Mitrephanes phaeocercus) – Lodge area only. A very handsome flycatcher; we had a couple or three great looks at Altos del Maria where we watched them flying off for an insect and returning to the same perch.

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER (Empidonax virescens)

**NORTHERN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER** (Sublegatus arenarum) – At Juan Hombron we saw this local specialty that resembles a small Myiarchus flycatcher.

**BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTILA** (Attila spadiceus) – We heard these most days at the Tower and finally got a view during our full day along Pipeline Road.

**DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER** (Myiarchus tuberculifer) – We heard many more than we saw.

PANAMA FLYCATCHER (Myiarchus panamensis) - Lodge area only. We saw a couple of these, one near El Valle and another at Juan Hombron.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER (Myiarchus crinitus) – These will be heading back north in another couple of weeks.

LESSER KISKADEE (Pitangus lictor) - This species is always associated with water and we saw them at Ammo Pond and Summit Pond.

**GREAT KISKADEE** (Pitangus sulphuratus)

**BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER** (Megarynchus pitangua)

RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (Myiozetetes cayanensis) – These were fairly common in some of the places we visited.

**SOCIAL FLYCATCHER** (Myiozetetes similis)

**STREAKED FLYCATCHER** (Myiodynastes maculatus)

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (Legatus leucophaius) – We saw one along the Old Gamboa Road; a species that had just returned from its non-breeding area in South America.

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (Tyrannus melancholicus)

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (Tyrannus savana) - Lodge area only. We saw a few near the drying lake, La Laguna de Juan, at Juan Hombron.

Vireonidae (Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis)

RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (NORTHERN) (Cyclarhis gujanensis perrygoi) – The subspecies of this widespread tropical species is endemic to Panama. We had a good study of one in the small village stop we made on the way to the Pacific lowlands.

**SCRUB GREENLET** (Hylophilus flavipes)

**GREEN SHRIKE-VIREO** (Vireolanius pulchellus) – On our first morning we had great looks at this canopy dweller that is often difficult to see. Its song is nearly a constant taunt from the top of the Tower.

**LESSER GREENLET** (Pachysylvia decurtata) – Our best views were from the top of the Canopy Tower.

**GOLDEN-FRONTED GREENLET** (Pachysylvia aurantiifrons)

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO (Vireo flavifrons) – We saw only one individual, at Metro Park.

YELLOW-GREEN VIREO (Vireo flavoviridis) – Lodge area only. We had nice looks at a singing bird en route to the Pacific lowlands while two or three more sang nearby.

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

BLACK-CHESTED JAY (Cyanocorax affinis) – We heard them once at Metro Park, but our best views were near the Canopy Lodge.

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (Stelgidopteryx ruficollis)

**GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN** (Progne chalybea)

TREE SWALLOW (Tachycineta bicolor) - Lodge area only. Rita saw a few flying over a pond in the Juan Hombron area.

MANGROVE SWALLOW (Tachycineta albilinea) - We saw these each time we got close to the Panama Canal.

BARN SWALLOW (Hirundo rustica) - Lodge area only.

<u>Polioptilidae (Gnatcatchers)</u>

TAWNY-FACED GNATWREN (Microbates cinereiventris) – Lodge area only. [\*]

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (Ramphocaenus melanurus) – We had a nice view of this strange bird near Pipeline Road.

TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (Polioptila plumbea)

<u>Troglodytidae (Wrens)</u>

SCALY-BREASTED WREN (WHISTLING) (Microcerculus marginatus luscinia) – Lodge area only. [\*]

**HOUSE WREN** (Troglodytes aedon)

OCHRACEOUS WREN (Troglodytes ochraceus ligea) – Lodge area only. This species frequents tall trees in the higher elevation forest with mossy trunks and lots of bromeliads. We heard a couple of them singing at Altos del Maria and had one get a bit closer but we never got a look.

BLACK-BELLIED WREN (Pheugopedius fasciatoventris) [\*]

RUFOUS-BREASTED WREN (Pheugopedius rutilus) – We saw this skulker well a few times.

RUFOUS-AND-WHITE WREN (Thryophilus rufalbus) – At Metro Park, a nicely marked individual showed well for us.

**ISTHMIAN WREN** (Cantorchilus elutus) – We heard these a few times but finally caught up with it in the Juan Hombron area.

**BAY WREN** (Cantorchilus nigricapillus)

BUFF-BREASTED WREN (Cantorchilus leucotis)

WHITE-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (Henicorhina leucosticta) – We had pretty good views, eventually, of a singing individual along Semaphore Hill.

SONG WREN (Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus) - A few folks got some views but these didn't show well in the forest along Pipeline Road.

Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)

TROPICAL MOCKINGBIRD (Mimus gilvus) [I]

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

PALE-VENTED THRUSH (Turdus obsoletus) - Two individuals were feeding on small fruits along with the next species at Altos del Maria.

WHITE-THROATED THRUSH (Turdus assimilis) – We saw one just off the trail at Altos del Maria as it fed in a fruiting tree.

**CLAY-COLORED THRUSH** (Turdus grayi) – Several were encountered during our time at both lodges.

Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)

HOUSE SPARROW (Passer domesticus) [I]

Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)

YELLOW-CROWNED EUPHONIA (Euphonia luteicapilla)

**THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA** (Euphonia laniirostris) – We saw a handful at both lodges but they were not as common at the fruit feeders at the Canopy Lodge as they should have been.

**FULVOUS-VENTED EUPHONIA** (Euphonia fulvicrissa) – We enjoyed a several-minute scope view of this handsome species at Metro Park. Even our new friend, Pilar, enjoyed the view.

TAWNY-CAPPED EUPHONIA (Euphonia anneae) – Lodge area only. We enjoyed a few good looks at this species near the Lodge,

LESSER GOLDFINCH (Spinus psaltria) - Lodge area only. Another bird that we saw in the dry county.

Rhodinocichlidae (Thrush-Tanager)

ROSY THRUSH-TANAGER (Rhodinocichla rosea) – We had a rather close one feeding on the ground at Metro Park, but through the thick vegetation we could only see pieces of this bird as it tossed leaves.

Passerellidae (New World Sparrows)

**COMMON CHLOROSPINGUS (CENTRAL PANAMA)** (Chlorospingus flavopectus punctulatus) – Lodge area only. A few were encountered at Altos del Maria. This bird used to be known as Common Bush-Tanager.

BLACK-STRIPED SPARROW (Arremonops conirostris) - Our first was on the fence at Ammo Pond.

**ORANGE-BILLED SPARROW** (Arremon aurantiirostris) – Lodge area only. A few folks had a nice view at the compost pile at the Lodge, then we saw it again along the trail at the Canopy Adventure.

CHESTNUT-CAPPED BRUSHFINCH (Arremon brunneinucha) [\*]

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

EASTERN MEADOWLARK (Sturnella magna) - Lodge area only.

**CRESTED OROPENDOLA** (Psarocolius decumanus) – We had a distant individual at the Discovery Center Tower, but then we enjoyed nice looks at nesting birds along the route to the Pacific lowlands.

CHESTNUT-HEADED OROPENDOLA (Psarocolius wagleri)

SCARLET-RUMPED CACIQUE (SCARLET-RUMPED) (Cacicus uropygialis microrhynchus) – These were noisy along the lower slopes of Semaphore Hill.

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (Cacicus cela)

YELLOW-BACKED ORIOLE (Icterus chrysater) – We saw a couple of these sharply marked orioles at Ammo Pond and again from the Discovery Center Tower.

YELLOW-TAILED ORIOLE (Icterus mesomelas) - We scoped one in the afternoon of our first visit to Ammo Pond.

**BALTIMORE ORIOLE** (Icterus galbula)

SHINY COWBIRD (Molothrus bonariensis) - Lodge area only. One was on the fence at one of the chicken ranches at La Mesa.

**GIANT COWBIRD** (Molothrus oryzivorus)

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE (Quiscalus mexicanus)

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH (Parkesia motacilla) – Lodge area only. We had a great view from the bridge over the stream at the Canopy Lodge of this wonderful bird. At one point it was only a few inches away from the next species for a nice comparison.

**NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH** (Parkesia noveboracensis) – We saw several overall.

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER (Vermivora chrysoptera) - Lodge area only. One showed overhead on the trails at the Canopy Adventure.

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER (Mniotilta varia)

**PROTHONOTARY WARBLER** (Protonotaria citrea) – We ended up seeing three individuals between the two lodges. I'll never see this bird the same again after Panos declared them the color of perfectly scrambled eggs.

**TENNESSEE WARBLER** (Leiothlypis peregrina)

MOURNING WARBLER (Geothlypis philadelphia) – Lodge area only. One showed pretty well in the roadside vegetation just above the Canopy Lodge.

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER (Setophaga castanea) – We saw these multiple times a day at the Canopy Tower and a few times at the Canopy Lodge.

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER (Setophaga fusca) - Lodge area only. Rita and Eliecer saw one at Altos del Maria.

YELLOW WARBLER (Setophaga petechia)

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER (Setophaga pensylvanica)

RUFOUS-CAPPED WARBLER (Basileuterus rufifrons) - Our best views were at the Canopy Lodge area.

**BUFF-RUMPED WARBLER** (Myiothlypis fulvicauda) – Lodge area only. A pair of birds showed well in the morning along the stream at the Lodge as they moved from rock to rock. The very loud song can be heard over the rushing water.

CANADA WARBLER (Cardellina canadensis) – Lodge area only. It's always a treat to see this wintering species. We saw it with the mixed-flock along the Candalario Trail.

<u>Mitrospingidae (Mitrospingid Tanagers)</u>

**DUSKY-FACED TANAGER** (Mitrospingus cassinii) – Lodge area only. Not the most colorful tanager.

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

HEPATIC TANAGER (HIGHLAND) (Piranga flava testacea) – Lodge area only. [\*]

SUMMER TANAGER (Piranga rubra) – We saw males and females in the forest.

RED-CROWNED ANT-TANAGER (Habia rubica) - Lodge area only. We saw a few in the forest near the Canopy Lodge.

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

**BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK** (Cyanoloxia cyanoides) – After hearing a couple singing along Pipeline Road, we saw a female just above the Canopy Lodge on our first afternoon.

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

GRAY-HEADED TANAGER (GRAY-CRESTED) (Eucometis penicillata cristata) [\*]

WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (Tachyphonus luctuosus) – This species was seen with just about every mixed-species flock we encountered in the forested lowlands.

TAWNY-CRESTED TANAGER (Tachyphonus delatrii) – Lodge area only. The Canopy Lodge is one of the best places I have been to see this species.

**FLAME-RUMPED TANAGER (LEMON-RUMPED)** (Ramphocelus flammigerus icteronotus) – We saw one or two along the Chagres River then several more around the Canopy Lodge.

CRIMSON-BACKED TANAGER (Ramphocelus dimidiatus)

**BLUE-GRAY TANAGER** (Thraupis episcopus)

PALM TANAGER (Thraupis palmarum)

GOLDEN-HOODED TANAGER (Stilpnia larvata) – A quite colorful species and quite common in some places as well.

PLAIN-COLORED TANAGER (Tangara inornata)

BAY-HEADED TANAGER (Tangara gyrola) - Lodge area only. We saw a few of these near the Lodge and at Altos del Maria.

**EMERALD TANAGER** (Tangara florida) – Lodge area only. We had one feeding in a dense fruiting tree right next to the road near the Las Minas trail. The light wasn't the best however.

SILVER-THROATED TANAGER (Tangara icterocephala) – Lodge area only. We saw a handful in the higher elevations.

SCARLET-THIGHED DACNIS (Dacnis venusta) - Lodge area only. We pulled this out at the last minute near Juan Hombron.

BLUE DACNIS (Dacnis cayana) - Seen daily.

SHINING HONEYCREEPER (Cyanerpes lucidus) – Alexis heard one overheard along the further reaches of Pipeline Road and we finally got a look at this yellow-legged species.

RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER (Cyanerpes cyaneus) – Several of these colorful birds were seen during our time.

**GREEN HONEYCREEPER** (Chlorophanes spiza)

**BLACK-AND-YELLOW TANAGER** (Chrysothlypis chrysomelas) – Lodge area only. Another great looking species; we had a few offering nice views right next to the road as we made our final stop at Altos del Maria.

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (Volatinia jacarina)

THICK-BILLED SEED-FINCH (Sporophila funerea) – One showed on our walk into Summit Pond.

VARIABLE SEEDEATER (VARIABLE) (Sporophila corvina hoffmanni)

YELLOW-BELLIED SEEDEATER (Sporophila nigricollis) – A fair number were in the weedy roadside vegetation and perched up on the water tank near Ammo Pond.

**SLATE-COLORED SEEDEATER** (Sporophila schistacea) – An irruptive species that turns up when bamboo is in seed; we saw a few at Summit Garden where the large Asian Bamboo was flowering.

BANANAQUIT (Coereba flaveola)

YELLOW-FACED GRASSQUIT (Tiaris olivaceus) - Lodge area only. There were a few in the field next to the trail at Las Minas.

**BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR** (Saltator maximus)

BLACK-HEADED SALTATOR (Saltator atriceps) – Lodge area only. We had a couple of nice ones at our roadside stop on the way to Altos del Maria.

# **MAMMALS**

CENTRAL AMERICAN WOOLY OPOSSUM (Caluromys derbianus) — We saw one during our night drive and a few of us saw one dash across the floor of the dining room/lounge one evening.

**GREATER WHITE-LINED BAT** (Saccopteryx bilineata) – This was the bat we saw perched under the staircase at the Discovery Center Tower.

COMMON TENT-MAKING BAT (Uroderma bilobatum) – We saw three huddled together under a palm leaf at Summit Garden.

**RED-NAPED TAMARIN** (Saguinus geoffroyi) – We saw several in the Canopy Tower area; most were spotted right at the Tower.

GRAY-BELLIED NIGHT MONKEY (Aotus lemurinus) - Two individuals poked their heads out of a tree cavity along Semaphore Hill. Very cute.

MANTLED HOWLER MONKEY (Alouatta palliata) – We heard or saw these well-known primates each day at the Tower.

**HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH** (Choloepus hoffmanni) – Alexis spotted one at Ammo Pond that had a baby holding on to it. We saw another near the Canopy Lodge on our first afternoon.

**BROWN-THROATED THREE-TOED SLOTH** (Bradypus variegatus) – We saw a few more of this species including one from the top of the Canopy Tower on our first morning.

NORTHERN TAMANDUA (Tamandua mexicana) – Also known as Lesser Anteater; we saw this odd mammal at Summit Gardens as we were looking at Slate-colored Seedeaters. We could all agree that Cheryl enjoyed the sighting.

VARIEGATED SQUIRREL (Sciurus variegatoides)

RED-TAILED SQUIRREL (Sciurus granatensis)

WESTERN PYGMY SQUIRREL (Microsciurus mimulus) – Lodge area only. Rob spotted this rather uncommon squirrel along the trail behind the lake at Altos del Maria.

**ROTHSCHILD'S PORCUPINE** (Coendou rothschildi) – This quite rarely encountered species was seen pretty well in a cavity along Semaphore Road. We could see a cute face and the black and white spines.

CENTRAL AMERICAN AGOUTI (Dasyprocta punctata) – These were seen often at both lodges.

**RUFOUS TREE RAT** (Diplomys labilis) – A quite unusual and little known forest rodent. Alexis spotted three different individuals that were peering out of tree cavities.

NORTHERN RACCOON (Procyon lotor)

WHITE-NOSED COATI (Nasua narica) – We saw these each day along Semaphore Hill but we had a nice experience with about ten individuals at Metro Park.

GREATER GRISON (Galictis vittata) - This is likely the mammal that Cheryl saw dashing off at Altos del Maria.

**JAGUARUNDI** (Puma yagouaroundi) – While we did not see this cat as part of our trip, Susan and I saw one dash across the main road as we were leaving the airport in our shuttle after arriving in Panama.

# ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 318 bird taxa and 19 mammal taxa