



Field Guides Tour Report

Holiday in Honduras: The Lodge at Pico Bonito 2013

Dec 29, 2013 to Jan 3, 2014
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The Lodge at Pico Bonito was a wonderful location to enjoy some great birds over New Year's. This area is known for its access to some very special birds along with good tropical birding in general. We saw very well the three biggest specialties of the area, the electric blue Lovely Cotinga, the very local Motmot, and the even more local Honduran Emerald. In fact, we saw our first Lovely Cotinga from the veranda of the restaurant on our first afternoon, after we had done a boat trip on the Cuero y Salado estuary in the morning. On the morning trip we had wonderful views of several Bare-throated Tiger Herons, close looks at Boat-billed Herons, and a pair of Bat Falcon among kingfishers, Collared Aracaris, and woodpeckers.

The next day found us heading to the Aguan Valley not far over the mountains from the Lodge. It was an early departure to drive around those mountains and into their rain shadow, where the native habitat is a strange assemblage of cacti and euphorbias. We had to work to get good views of our first Honduran Emerald, but then, like the pickles, we saw several more. That evening, New Year's Eve, we were entertained and participated in a celebration (fortunately early in the evening) with some local Garifuna dancers.

One of the early birds for 2014 was a Great Potoo that we saw daily on a perch on the grounds of the Lodge. We walked the Lodge's forest trails that morning and ended up with a several-minute scope view of a perched Keel-billed Motmot. A few mixed-species flocks kept us busy until we reached a forest tower, where we spotted Collared and Gartered trogons, a brilliant Red-capped Manakin, a surprise Emerald Toucanet, and a gorgeous White Hawk soaring above us. That afternoon we drove to a nearby reserve where there was an amazing hummingbird show with eleven species and hundreds of individuals in a non-stop feeding frenzy.

Our final full birding day took us to the Lancetilla Reserve, where we birded the entrance road for a chunk of the morning and encountered Short-tailed Hawk, Blue Ground-Dove, Black-headed Trogon, Smoky-brown Woodpecker, Pale-billed Woodpecker, and many wintering migrants from North America. German found us a pair of Vermiculated Screech-Owls on a day perch when we got back to Lodge.

This was a great way to spend the holiday, and we were looked after well by the staff at the Lodge. I wish you the best in all your future travels and look forward to our next time together.

--John



Bare-throated Tiger-Herons gave us several nice views in the Cuero y Salado area. (Photo by participant Michelle Wiznitzer)

KEYS FOR THIS LIST

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

BIRDS

Tinamidae (Tinamous)

LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*) – These were calling each evening just after dark. [*]

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

BLUE-WINGED TEAL (*Anas discors*)

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

PLAIN CHACHALACA (*Oreortyx vetula*) – A couple of individuals flew across the entrance road to Lancetilla.

Ciconiidae (Storks)

WOOD STORK (*Mycteria americana*) – We saw a few of these large birds flying around near Cuero y Salado.

Fregatidae (Frigatebirds)

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD (*Fregata magnificens*)

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Pelecanidae (Pelicans)

BROWN PELICAN (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

BARE-THROATED TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma mexicanum*) – We had great looks at about six individuals. This is quite a beautiful tropical heron.

GREAT BLUE HERON (*Ardea herodias*)

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*) – There were a good number of these that we saw on the boat trip.

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

GREEN HERON (*Butorides virescens*)

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

BOAT-BILLED HERON (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) – Great looks at several birds that were perched in the trees along the forest edge at the Cuero y Salado Reserve. What a bill on this guy!

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

WHITE IBIS (*Eudocimus albus*)

ROSEATE SPOONBILL (*Platalea ajaja*) – We saw one on the drive to Cuero y Salado.

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

LESSER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes burrovianus*) – Great views of a close individual soaring quite close to our boat on the Cuero y Salado waterway.

Pandionidae (Osprey)

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*) – One was soaring over the forest along the entrance road to Lancetilla.

COMMON BLACK-HAWK (*Buteogallus anthracinus*) – Good views of two birds on our boat trip.

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Rupornis magnirostris*)

WHITE HAWK (WHITE-SHOULDERED) (*Pseudastur albicollis costaricensis*) – We enjoyed wonderful views of one of the prettiest New World raptors. It was soaring along the ridge while we were birding the trails at Pico Bonito.

GRAY HAWK (*Buteo plagiatus*)

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus*) – Another raptor that we saw along the entrance road to the Lancetilla Botanic Gardens.

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

GRAY-NECKED WOOD-RAIL (*Aramides cajaneus*) – This colorful rail showed well along the Cuero y Salado estuary.

Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)

BLACK-NECKED STILT (*Himantopus mexicanus*)

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER (*Pluvialis squatarola*)

KILLDEER (*Charadrius vociferus*)

Jacanidae (Jacanas)

NORTHERN JACANA (*Jacana spinosa*) – We saw several adults and immatures walking on the water vegetation at Cuero y Salado.

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*)

WILLET (*Tringa semipalmata*)

WHIMBREL (*Numenius phaeopus*) – There were two individuals on a sandbar at the mouth of the estuary.

LEAST SANDPIPER (*Calidris minutilla*) – We saw a few birds along the creeks in the drier country in the Aguan Valley.

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

LAUGHING GULL (*Leucophaeus atricilla*)

GULL-BILLED TERN (*Gelochelidon nilotica*) – One was flying about at the mouth of Cuero y Salado estuary. It is not very common in Honduras.

ROYAL TERN (*Thalasseus maximus*)

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*) [H]

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) – There were a good number perched and flying about in the morning along the road to the Lancetilla Gardens.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE (*Zenaida asiatica*) – These were fairly common in the Aguan Valley.

INCA DOVE (*Columbina inca*)

COMMON GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina passerina*)

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)

BLUE GROUND-DOVE (*Claravis pretiosa*) – After a flyby pair in the Aguan Valley, we had a pair in the scope near the Lancetilla Botanic Gardens.

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

GROOVE-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*)

Strigidae (Owls)

VERMICULATED SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops guatemalae*) – After our post-dinner owling excursion had a close calling bird that we could never see, German found a pair on a day perch at Pico Bonito that gave us great views. Surprisingly, one was a gray morph and the other quite rufous in color.

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

MOTTLED OWL (*Ciccaba virgata*) – Michelle and I had a wonderful view of two individuals calling in front of the Lodge after others had gone to bed on New Year's Eve. Our subsequent evening forays couldn't get one close enough for a view.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

COMMON PAURAUQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) – This is surely the bird that Lynn flushed from the ground at the Honduran Emerald Reserve.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*) – We saw this wonderful bird each day as it was perched on the same limb, possibly on a nest, on the grounds of the Lodge. Several of us heard it giving its loud Waaaaaaa call some nights.

Apodidae (Swifts)

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) – We saw a large flock heading out to feed as we watched from the tower on New Year's morning.

VAUX'S SWIFT (*Chaetura vauxi*) – A few birds were flying over head near Lancetilla.

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*) – This sharply marked hummingbird was a frequent visitor to the feeders at Rio Santiago.

BAND-TAILED BARBTHROAT (*Threnetes ruckeri*) – This species is not one that regularly visits feeders but there were a few that had only recently "discovered" the feeders at Rio Santiago and gave us nice views.

LONG-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis longirostris*) – This large hummer was visiting the feeders at the Lodge as well as at Rio Santiago.

STRIPE-THROATED HERMIT (*Phaethornis striigularis*) – This small species showed well at the Lodge feeders, at Rio Santiago and a few times at flowers in the forest.

BROWN VIOLETEAR (*Colibri delphinae*) – Another unusual hummingbird to see at feeders there was one that made a few visits at Rio Santiago.

PURPLE-CROWNED FAIRY (*Heliodytes barroti*) – We had a few views of one from the tower at Pico Bonito that was feeding on flowers at the top of a tall vine tangle below us. Then we had another high in a tree along the entrance road to Lancetilla.

SCALY-BREASTED HUMMINGBIRD (*Phaechroa cuvierii*) – Not at all numerous but a few made appearances to the feeders at Rio Santiago.

VIOLET SABREWING (*Campylopterus hemileucurus*) – A large and brilliant hummingbird there were a few at the Lodge feeders and even more at the Rio Santiago feeders. This one is a real stunner when it comes into the light.

CROWNED WOODNYMPH (NORTHERN VIOLET-CROWNED) (*Thalurania colombica townsendi*) – This was certainly the second most common hummingbird coming to the feeders at Rio Santiago with a few at the Lodge as well. There were only a few females in the myriad of these.

STRIPE-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Eupherusa eximia*) – There might have been only one that came to the feeders at Rio Santiago. This is another species that doesn't come to feeders very often.

WHITE-BELLIED EMERALD (*Amazilia candida*) – Not one of the most striking hummingbirds at Rio Santiago but there were a few visiting the feeders regularly.

HONDURAN EMERALD (*Amazilia luciae*) – One of the plainer hummingbirds that we saw but one of the most significant. This is the only species that occurs solely within the borders of Honduras. I find the unique habitat of cacti and euphorbias to be the most interesting aspect of this very local hummingbirds ecology. After working for awhile before getting a scope view we ended up seeing about six or seven individuals. [E]

RUFOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia tzacatl*) – By far the most common hummingbird we encountered. They were constantly at the feeders by the scores at Rio Santiago and they were always making noise at the Lodge feeders near the restaurant.

CINNAMON HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia rutila*)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

SLATY-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon massena*) – There were a pair that we saw a few times along the trail at Pico Bonito.

BLACK-HEADED TROGON (*Trogon melanocephalus*) – Great looks, in full view, of a gorgeous male that we saw from the second tower we visited along the trails at Pico Bonito.

GARTERED TROGON (*Trogon caligatus*)

COLLARED TROGON (*Trogon collaris*) – We also saw this red-bellied trogon from the tower at Pico Bonito.

Momotidae (Motmots)

BLUE-CROWNED MOTMOT (LESSON'S) (*Momotus coeruleiceps lessonii*) – We heard this species a handful of times near the Lodge and finally got one in view on our last afternoon on the grounds.

KEEL-BILLED MOTMOT (*Electron carinatum*) – A quite local species, we had a great view of one along the trails above the Lodge. This is one of the signature species of the area and the Lodge at Pico Bonito is one of the best places to find it. Yip! Yip!@ Yip!

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*) – We saw a few on the boat trip.

BELTED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle alcyon*) – A few of these wintering birds were seen on the boat trip at Cuero y Salado.

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*) – Nice looks along the small rivers in the Aguan Valley on our way to the Honduran Emerald Reserve.

GREEN KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle americana*) – After a couple of flybys on our boat trip, we had a scope view of a male along one of the rivers we birded in the Aguan Valley.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

EMERALD TOUCANET (EMERALD) (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus virescens*) – Laura spotted this handsome highland species from the second tower and it hopped out for a great view. This species has been split and lumped over the years but this subspecies is the real Emerald Toucanet.

COLLARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus torquatus*) – There were a few around at the Lodge each day.

KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*) – This large and colorful toucan, made morning appearances in the trees around the Lodge.

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

OLIVACEOUS PICULET (*Picumnus olivaceus*) [*]

BLACK-CHEEKED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes pucherani*) – We saw a few with our best view being the one at the fruit feeder near the restaurant.

GOLDEN-FRONTED WOODPECKER (EAST MEXICO) (*Melanerpes aurifrons santacruzi*)

SMOKY-BROWN WOODPECKER (*Picoides fumigatus*) – Good views of a couple of individuals along the entrance road to Lancetilla.

CHESTNUT-COLORED WOODPECKER (*Celeus castaneus*) – One of my favorite woodpeckers we saw a couple in the trees but had great views of a female at the feeder near the restaurant.

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*) – There were two individuals that came into the taller trees along the Cuero y Salado estuary.

PALE-BILLED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus guatemalensis*) – It took some searching but we managed to get a scope view of this large woodpecker that had been drumming along the road into Lancetilla Botanic Gardens.

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

CRESTED CARACARA (*Caracara cheriway*) – We saw a few in the Aguan Valley.

LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) – This sounds like the bird a couple of folks saw from the train on our return from the Cuero y Salado Reserve. We heard a calling bird on our last morning.

AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*)

BAT FALCON (*Falco ruficularis*) – We saw a pair of these small but handsome falcons from our boat at the Cuero y Salado Reserve. There must have been a nest nearby.

Psittacidae (Parrots)

OLIVE-THROATED PARAKEET (*Aratinga nana*) – We had a scope view of one from the tower and saw several more flying about.

BROWN-HOODED PARROT (*Pyrrhula haematotis*) – We had surprisingly good views of this difficult to see perched parrot right on the grounds of the Lodge. There were a fair number of them flying about Pico Bonito.

WHITE-CROWNED PARROT (*Pionus senilis*) – Nice looks on the grounds of the Lodge but there were fewer than normal numbers of these about.

WHITE-FRONTED PARROT (*Amazona albifrons*) – We saw a handful in the drier country of the Aguan Valley.

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

GREAT ANTSHRIKE (*Taraba major*) – We had one calling just in front of us in a thick vine tangle but could never get a look at it.

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) – We saw both a male and female along the entrance road to Lancetilla.

DUSKY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra tyrannina*) – Another skulker that would not come out for us. It was content to call back from its tangle of vines.

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

COCOA WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*) – Nice looks at one along the trail.

IVORY-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*) [*]

STREAK-HEADED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*) – Good views at a couple of individuals.

PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*) – One of these interesting little guys was seen along the trails at Pico Bonito.

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

YELLOW-BELLIED TYRANULET (*Ornithion semiflavum*) – We were treated to surprisingly good views of this difficult to see species. Normally found in the tree tops we had one come down quite low. This is a tiny flycatcher with almost no tail.

NORTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANULET (*Camptostoma imberbe*) – Good views of another small flycatcher in the Aguan Valley.

OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes oleagineus*) – There were a few of these along the trails at Pico Bonito.

PALTRY TYRANULET (*Zimmerius vilissimus*) [*]

COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum*)

YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias sulphureus*)

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax flaviventris*) – This wintering species was seen a few times on the grounds of the Lodge.

LEAST FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax minimus*) – We had one calling in the Aguan Valley.

BLACK PHOEBE (*Sayornis nigricans*)

BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTILA (*Attila spadiceus*) – We heard one sounding off each morning at the Lodge and had nice looks when it came in to the

upper clearing.

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) – We had scope views of one from the second tower we visited.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus crinitus*) [*]

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*) – There were a few in the drier country of the Aguan Valley.

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*) – Several seen and heard.

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

LOVELY COTINGA (*Cotinga amabilis*) – After our morning boat trip we returned to the Lodge and found a stunning male from the veranda of the restaurant. We ended up seeing another male and two females from the Tower. This is, perhaps, the best place to see this electric blue bird.

Pipridae (Manakins)

RED-CAPPED MANAKIN (*Ceratopira mentalis*) – We saw a couple of brightly colored males and non-brightly colored females.

WHITE-COLLARED MANAKIN (*Manacus candei*) – We saw a couple of females at the Lodge and there was a brief look at a male along the Lancetilla Road.

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*) – Good numbers of this unusual bird were seen.

Vireonidae (Vireos)

WHITE-EYED VIREO (*Vireo griseus*)

YELLOW-THROATED VIREO (*Vireo flavifrons*)

PHILADELPHIA VIREO (*Vireo philadelphicus*) – There were two birds in the same tree near one of our Honduran Emerald sightings in the Aguan Valley.

LESSER GREENLET (*Hylophilus decurtatus*)

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

BROWN JAY (*Psilorhinus morio*) – These were quite noisy and conspicuous.

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

MANGROVE SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albilinea*)

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

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

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

SPOT-BREASTED WREN (*Pheugopedius maculipectus*) – After hearing a few we had great looks at two birds along the forest trail at Pico Bonito.

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

Poliophtilidae (Gnatcatchers)

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) – Stunning views of this often difficult to see species along the trails at Pico Bonito. This odd bird was perched right in the open scolding us.

WHITE-LORED GNATCATCHER (*Poliophtila albiloris*) – We heard several but it took some work to see one at the Honduran Emerald Reserve.

TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (*Poliophtila plumbea*)

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

WOOD THRUSH (*Hylocichla mustelina*) – There were a few about the grounds of the Lodge.

CLAY-COLORED THRUSH (*Turdus grayi*) – Quite common in several areas.

Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)

GRAY CATBIRD (*Dumetella carolinensis*) – A few wintering birds were seen regularly at the Lodge.

TROPICAL MOCKINGBIRD (*Mimus gilvus*) – This drier country specialist was seen a few times in the Aguan Valley.

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

OVENBIRD (*Seiurus aurocapilla*)

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH (*Parkesia noveboracensis*) – One of our last birds was one walking about on the sidewalk at the pit stop on our way to the airport on the final day.

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER (*Vermivora cyanoptera*) – A bird I rarely see on the wintering grounds, we saw a couple on the Lancetilla Road.

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

TENNESSEE WARBLER (*Oreothlypis peregrina*)

KENTUCKY WARBLER (*Geothlypis formosa*) – Michelle got a very good photo of one on the grounds of the Lodge.

COMMON YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis trichas*)

HOODED WARBLER (*Setophaga citrina*)

AMERICAN REDSTART (*Setophaga ruticilla*)

NORTHERN PARULA (*Setophaga americana*)

MAGNOLIA WARBLER (*Setophaga magnolia*) – This was one of the more numerous wintering warblers we encountered.

YELLOW WARBLER (NORTHERN) (*Setophaga petechia aestiva*)

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER (*Setophaga pensylvanica*) – Just about all of those we saw were pretty dull-plumaged individuals.

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER (*Setophaga virens*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*) – There was a male and female that we saw from the second tower at the Lodge. We were just at the edge of the range of this species that is much more common further south.

PASSERINI'S TANAGER (*Ramphocelus passerinii*) – There were a few of these brightly-marked birds near Lancetilla.

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)

YELLOW-WINGED TANAGER (*Thraupis abbas*) – Though we seemed to encounter fewer than normal we still had good views of a few at Pico Bonito.

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

VARIABLE SEEDEATER (*Sporophila corvina*) – These were fairly numerous in the Lancetilla area.

WHITE-COLLARED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila torqueola*)

THICK-BILLED SEED-FINCH (*Oryzoborus funereus*) – Nice looks at a couple of males and a female near Lancetilla.

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)

Emberizidae (Buntings and New World Sparrows)

BLACK-STRIPED SPARROW (*Arremonops conirostris*) [*]

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

SUMMER TANAGER (*Piranga rubra*)

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

BLACK-FACED GROSBEAK (*Caryothraustes poliogaster*) – A small group of these noisy birds came through the forest above us while we were birding the trails at Pico Bonito.

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) – We had a scope view of a male along the Lancetilla Road.

INDIGO BUNTING (*Passerina cyanea*) – A female was seen briefly along the river in the Aguan Valley.

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

EASTERN MEADOWLARK (*Sturnella magna*)

MELODIOUS BLACKBIRD (*Dives dives*)

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)

SPOT-BREASTED ORIOLE (*Icterus pectoralis*) – This quite local species was seen near La Union where we boarded the train to Cuero y Salado.

ALTAMIRA ORIOLE (*Icterus gularis*)

BALTIMORE ORIOLE (*Icterus galbula*) – We saw a fair number of these wintering birds.

CHESTNUT-HEADED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius wagleri*)

MONTEZUMA OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius montezuma*) – This was the more common and more vocal of the two oropendolas.

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

SCRUB EUPHONIA (*Euphonia affinis*) – We saw a few in the Aguan Valley.

YELLOW-THROATED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia hirundinacea*)

OLIVE-BACKED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia gouldi*) – A handful were seen in the forest and from the tower at the Lodge.

MAMMALS

LONG-NOSED BAT (*Rhynchonycteris naso*) – We saw several of these unusual bats lined up on the tree trunks while we were on the boat trip.

MANTLED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta palliata*) [*]

BRAZILIAN RABBIT (*Sylvilagus brasiliensis*)

VARIEGATED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus variegatoides*)

RED-TAILED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus granatensis*)

CENTRAL AMERICAN AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta punctata*) – There were always a couple in sight on the Lodge grounds.

WHITE-NOSED COATI (*Nasua narica*) – German spotted one in the mangrove looking forest while we were on the boat trip.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 185 bird taxa and 7 mammal taxa