

Trip Report — Trinidad & Tobago 2025

December 28, 2025-January 6, 2026 with Marcelo Barreiros & Alex Sundvall & Lester Nannan as local guide



The gorgeous Scarlet Ibis coming to roost at Caroni Swamp. Photo by participant Holly Salvato.

A very successful Trinidad & Tobago tour with a very nice group, and this time having Alex with us was even better. The T&T tour is a great introductory tour for the Neotropics, with lots of beautiful hummingbirds, such as the Ruby Topaz hummingbird and Tufted Coquette, and colorful tanagers like Bay-headed and Turquoise tanagers. Our first part was at the wonderful Asa Wright Nature Centre, the most famous birding spot in Trinidad, which was renovated a few years ago with better facilities and great wildlife around. During our 5 days in the area, we had great moments, starting with some of the most wanted ones, like the loud and beautiful Bearded Bellbird seen (and heard!!) very close, and about 10 Oilbird seen roosting in their cave. Also, along the trails, we were lucky to see the male White-bearded Manakins displaying, Golden-fronted Greenlet, Golden-headed Manakin, Guianan Trogon, Cocoa Woodcreeper, White-bellied Antbird and one of the greatest moments on the tour, an adult Black Hawk-Eagle perched over the entrance road.

We also did very well along the Blachisseuse road, looking for some hard birds to find in Trinidad, like Blue-headed Parrot, Chestnut Woodpecker, Stripe-breasted Spinetail, Red-rumped Woodpecker, Gray-throated Leaf-tosser, Streaked Xenops, and we heard an Ornate Hawk-Eagle a couple

of times but could not find it, unfortunately. Still in Trinidad, we visited other parts of the island looking for different habitats like the savanna, where we've got Black-throated Antshrike, Rufous-tailed Jacamar and White-tailed Goldenthrout. Along the coast, we had time to work on shorebirds, pelicans, and the rare Rufous Crab Hawk. Beyond that, another highlight on the tour is the Caroni Swamp, a huge protected mangrove area where the wildlife stays safe, including some rarities like Silky Anteater, the smallest one in the world. Later in the afternoon, we parked our boat to watch about 5000 Scarlet Ibis coming from elsewhere to roost. We planned our dinner on board to enjoy a bit longer before going back to Asa Wright Nature Centre.



Participant Holly Salvato took this great picture of two Trinidad Piping-Guans at Grand Riviere.

After some nice days in Trinidad, we flew to the small island of Tobago, which is the tourist part, with lots of vacation resorts, beautiful beaches and more birds for us. Even seeing a lot in Trinidad, we still had some targets in

Tobago, and a few other species that only occur in Tobago, like Venezuelan Flycatcher, Olivaceous Flycatcher, Trinidad Motmot and the rare White-tailed Sabrewing, which is much easier to see now thanks to Miss Shurland and her feeders. Beyond the forest birding, we did a nice uphill hike on Little Tobago Island, seeing a few Scaly-naped Pigeons and better looks at the Trinidad Motmot. At the end, we arrived at the lookout to enjoy a few Short-tailed Swifts flying very low above our heads, several Red-footed Booby nesting on the cliffs and the greatest show, the gorgeous Red-billed Tropicbirds with their elegant flight skills, being attacked by the Magnificent Frigatebird while coming to land. Back in Trinidad, we drove to the northern part of the island, with a great stop at Bajnath's State Hummingbird Sanctuary, where we saw a few more new birds, including Plain-brown Woodcreeper, a nice look at Ornate Hawk-eagle, the male Tufted Coquette, and Red-legged Honeycreeper. From there, we drove a bit more to our destination, Point-a-Piere beach, home of the most endangered species in the archipelago, the Trinidad Piping-Guan, with about 200 birds left and the Grand Riviere area is the best place to find it. We saw a few individuals peacefully feeding on a fruiting tree by the lodge a couple of times. In addition to the Piping-guan, we also saw a pair of Trinidad Euphonia, two Gray-headed Kite soaring, and a better look at Silvered Antbird.

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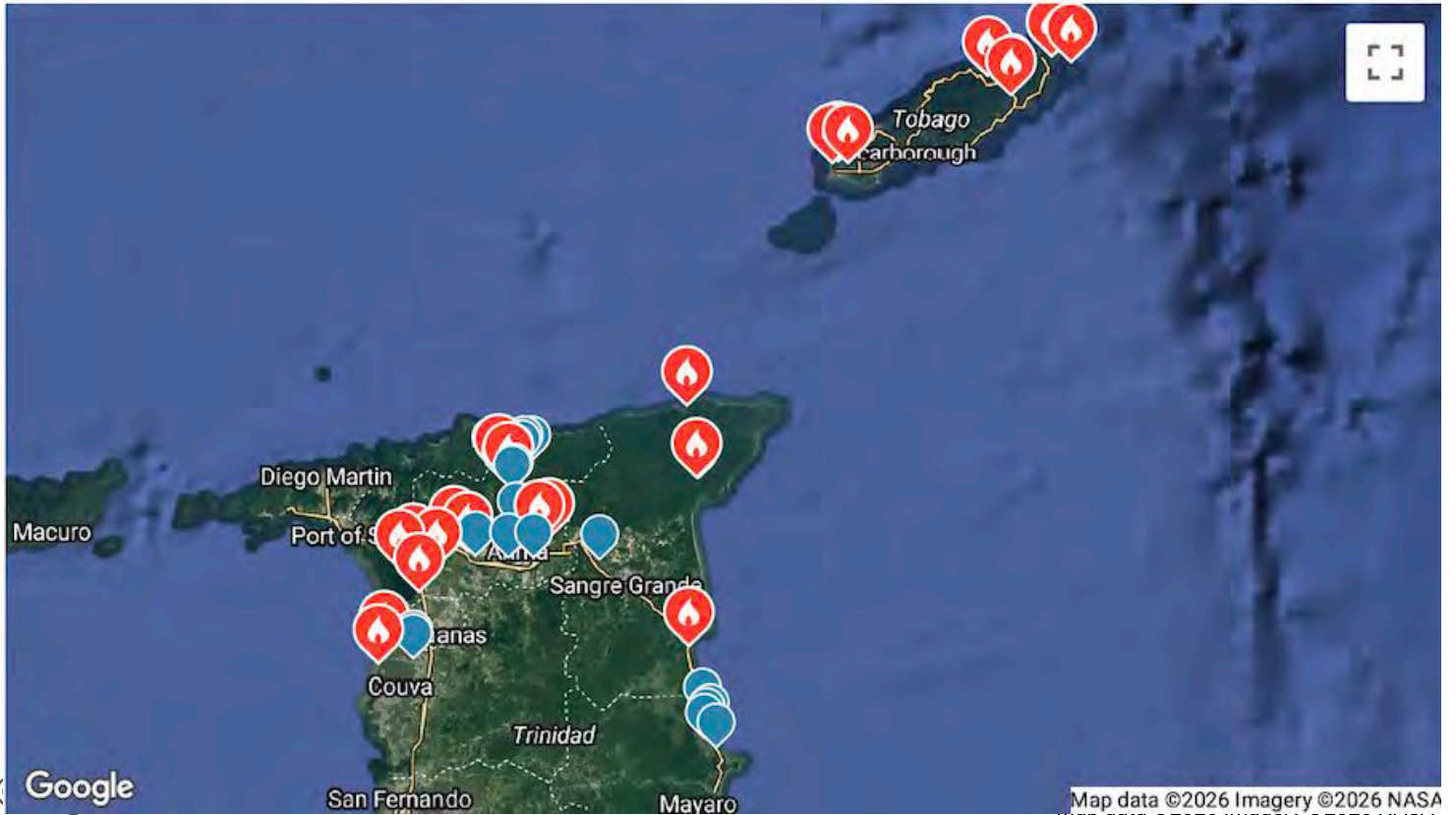
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Species Observed

 72





















Checklists






















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Species Observed





















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7	Little Tinamou <i>Crypturellus soui</i>	 5
11	Black-bellied Whistling-Duck <i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>	 2
3	Blue-winged Teal <i>Spatula discors</i>	 1
45	White-cheeked Pintail <i>Anas bahamensis</i>	 2
1	Lesser Scaup <i>Aythya affinis</i>	 1
21	Trinidad Piping-Guan <i>Pipile pipile</i>	 4
14	Rufous-vented Chachalaca <i>Ortalis ruficauda</i>	 4
98	Rock Pigeon <i>Columba livia</i> *	 5
10	Pale-vented Pigeon <i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	 4





















- 5 **Scaled Pigeon** *Patagioenas speciosa* ▶  4
- 4 **Scaly-naped Pigeon** *Patagioenas squamosa* ✓ ▶  1
- 113 **Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti* ▶  18
- 13 **White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi* ▶  5
- 9 **Gray-fronted Dove** *Leptotila rufaxilla* ▶  8
- 2 **Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata* ▶  2
- 6 **Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major* ▶  1
- 38 **Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani* ▶  13
- 1 **Striped Cuckoo** *Tapera naevia* ▶  1
- 1 **Little Cuckoo** *Coccyua minuta* ▶  1
- 5 **Common Squirrel-Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana* ▶  5
- 1 **Mangrove Cuckoo** *Coccyzus minor* ▶  1
- 2 **Short-tailed Nighthawk** *Lurocalis semitorquatus* ▶  1
- 6 **Common Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis* ▶  1
- 3 **Common Potoo** *Nyctibius griseus* ▶  2
- 20 **Oilbird** *Steatornis caripensis* ▶  1
- 110 **Gray-rumped Swift** *Chaetura cinereiventris* ▶  12
- 3 **Band-rumped Swift** *Chaetura spinicaudus* ▶  1
- 108 **Short-tailed Swift** *Chaetura brachyura* ▶  6
- 1 **Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift** *Panyptila cayennensis* ▶  1























- 1 **Fork-tailed Palm Swift** *Tachornis squamata* ▶  1
- 82 **White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora* ▶  12
- 15 **Rufous-breasted Hermit** *Glaucis hirsutus* ▶  9
- 12 **Green Hermit** *Phaethornis guy* ▶  8
- 9 **Little Hermit** *Phaethornis longuemareus* ▶  9
- 31 **Brown Violetear** *Colibri delphinae* ▶  6
- 1 **White-tailed Goldenthrroat** *Polytmus guainumbi* ▶  1
- 15 **Ruby-topaz Hummingbird** *Chrysolampis mosquitus* ▶  9
- 28 **Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis* ▶  12
- 5 **Green-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax viridigula* ▶  2
- 10 **Tufted Coquette** *Lophornis ornatus* ▶  7
- 16 **Long-billed Starthroat** *Heliomaster longirostris* ▶  6
- 9 **White-tailed Sabrewing** *Campylopterus ensipennis* ▶  2
- 56 **Copper-rumped Hummingbird** *Saucerottia tobaci* ▶  18
- 34 **White-chested Emerald** *Chrysuronia brevirostris* ▶  10
- 16 **Blue-chinned Sapphire** *Chlorestes notata* ▶  8
- 1 **Sora** *Porzana carolina*  ▶  1
- 17 **Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata* ▶  4
- 1 **American Coot** *Fulica americana* ▶  1
- 4 **Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinica* ▶  3





















- 30 **Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus* ▶ 📄 1
- 9 **Black-bellied Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola* ▶ 📄 1
- 256 **Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis* ▶ 📄 10
- 80 **Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana* ▶ 📄 8
- 9 **Hudsonian Whimbrel** *Numenius hudsonicus* ▶ 📄 3
- 1 **Short-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus griseus* ✓ ▶ 📄 1
- 30 **Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius* ▶ 📄 8
- 13 **Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria* ▶ 📄 5
- 9 **Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes* ▶ 📄 3
- 45 **Willet** *Tringa semipalmata* ▶ 📄 2
- 18 **Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca* ▶ 📄 7
- 70 **Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres* ▶ 📄 3
- 1 **Red Knot** *Calidris canutus* ✓ ▶ 📄 1
- 1 **Stilt Sandpiper** *Calidris himantopus* ▶ 📄 1
- 35 **Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla* ▶ 📄 3
- 21 **Western Sandpiper** *Calidris mauri* ▶ 📄 2
- 200 **Semipalmated Sandpiper** *Calidris pusilla* ▶ 📄 1
- 3 **Black Skimmer** *Rynchops niger* ▶ 📄 1
- 10 **Sandwich Tern** *Thalasseus sandvicensis* ▶ 📄 2
- 12 **Royal Tern** *Thalasseus maximus* ▶ 📄 1





















- 281 **American Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus ruber* ▶  2
- 15 **Least Grebe** *Tachybaptus dominicus* ▶  1
- 22 **Red-billed Tropicbird** *Phaethon aethereus* ▶  2
- 573 **Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens* ▶  13
- 52 **Red-footed Booby** *Sula sula* ▶  2
- 17 **Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster* ▶  2
- 6 **Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga* ▶  3
- 11 **Neotropic Cormorant** *Nannopterum brasilianum* ▶  3
- 2030 **Scarlet Ibis** *Eudocimus ruber* ▶  5
- 2 **Boat-billed Heron** *Cochlearius cochlearius* ▶  1
- 2 **Yellow-crowned Night Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea* ▶  2
- 5 **Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* ▶  3
- 73 **Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea* ▶  4
- 317 **Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor* ▶  7
- 112 **Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* ▶  7
- 7 **Striated Heron** *Butorides striata* ▶  6
- 2 **Green Heron** *Butorides virescens* ▶  1
- 118 **Western Cattle-Egret** *Ardea ibis* ▶  16
- 46 **Great Egret** *Ardea alba* ▶  14
- 2 **Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias* ▶  1





















1	Cocoi Heron <i>Ardea cocoi</i>	▶ 1
30	Brown Pelican <i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	▶ 8
892	Black Vulture <i>Coragyps atratus</i>	▶ 32
79	Turkey Vulture <i>Cathartes aura</i>	▶ 22
25	Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	▶ 13
1	Pearl Kite <i>Gampsonyx swainsonii</i>	▶ 1
4	Gray-headed Kite <i>Leptodon cayanensis</i>	▶ 4
3	Swallow-tailed Kite <i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	▶ 2
2	Black Hawk-Eagle <i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>	▶ 2
2	Ornate Hawk-Eagle <i>Spizaetus ornatus</i>	▶ 1
1	Long-winged Harrier <i>Circus buffoni</i>	▶ 1
1	Crane Hawk <i>Geranospiza caerulescens</i>	▶ 1
1	Snail Kite <i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>	▶ 1
13	Common Black Hawk <i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>	▶ 9
2	Rufous Crab Hawk <i>Buteogallus aequinoctialis</i>	▶ 1
7	Savanna Hawk <i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	▶ 2
3	Great Black Hawk <i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>	▶ 2
6	White Hawk <i>Pseudastur albicollis</i>	▶ 5
9	Gray-lined Hawk <i>Buteo nitidus</i>	▶ 8
5	Broad-winged Hawk <i>Buteo platypterus</i>	▶ 3





















- 5 **Zone-tailed Hawk** *Buteo albonotatus* ▶  5
- 6 **Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus* ▶  5
- 1 **Spectacled Owl** *Pulsatrix perspicillata* ▶  1
- 4 **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum* ▶  4
- 1 **Mottled Owl** *Strix virgata* ▶  1
- 13 **Green-backed Trogon** *Trogon viridis* ▶  7
- 10 **Guianan Violaceous Trogon** *Trogon violaceus* ▶  7
- 8 **Collared Trogon** *Trogon collaris* ▶  4
- 9 **Trinidad Motmot** *Momotus bahamensis* ▶  4
- 5 **Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata* ▶  4
- 1 **Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon* ▶  1
- 4 **American Pygmy Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle aenea* ▶  3
- 3 **Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana* ▶  3
- 9 **Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda* ▶  7
- 10 **Channel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos vitellinus* ▶  8
- 2 **Red-crowned Woodpecker** *Melanerpes rubricapillus* ▶  2
- 5 **Red-rumped Woodpecker** *Veniliornis kirkii* ▶  4
- 2 **Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos* ▶  2
- 2 **Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus* ▶  2
- 1 **Chestnut Woodpecker** *Celeus elegans* ▶  1


- 7 **Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus* ▶  5
- 9 **Crested Caracara** *Caracara plancus* ▶  2
- 8 **Yellow-headed Caracara** *Daptrius chimachima* ▶  5
- 3 **Merlin** *Falco columbarius* ▶  2
- 2 **Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis* ▶  2
- 1 **Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* ▶  1
- 5 **Lilac-tailed Parrotlet** *Touit batavicus* ▶  2
- 16 **Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus* ▶  2
- 167 **Orange-winged Amazon** *Amazona amazonica* ▶   23
- 5 **Green-rumped Parrotlet** *Forpus passerinus* ▶  2
- 2 **Blue-and-yellow Macaw** *Ara ararauna* * ▶  1
- 3 **Great Antshrike** *Taraba major* ▶  1
- 4 **Black-crested Antshrike** *Sakesphorus canadensis* ▶  2
- 22 **Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus* ▶   16
- 5 **Plain Antvireo** *Dysithamnus mentalis* ▶  3
- 10 **White-flanked Antwren** *Myrmotherula axillaris* ▶  3
- 6 **Northern White-fringed Antwren** *Formicivora intermedia* ▶  2
- 2 **Silvered Antbird** *Sclateria naevia* ▶  1
- 9 **White-bellied Antbird** *Myrmeciza longipes* ▶  5
- 4 **Black-faced Antthrush** *Formicarius analis* ▶  2


- 2 **Gray-throated Leaf-tosser** *Sclerurus albigularis* ▶  1
- 2 **Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus* ▶  1
- 5 **Plain-brown Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* ▶  3
- 8 **Cocoa Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus susurrans* ▶  6
- 4 **Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus* ▶  2
- 3 **Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans* ▶  2
- 6 **Yellow-chinned Spinetail** *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* ▶  4
- 1 **Pale-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis albescens* ▶  1
- 5 **Stripe-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis cinnamomea* ▶  4
- 12 **Blue-backed Manakin** *Chiroxiphia pareola* ▶  3
- 11 **White-bearded Manakin** *Manacus manacus* ▶  5
- 17 **Golden-headed Manakin** *Ceratopipra erythrocephala* ▶  8
- 19 **Bearded Bellbird** *Procnias averano* ▶  7
- 9 **Black-tailed Tityra** *Tityra cayana* ▶  4
- 1 **White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus* ▶  1
- 2 **Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus* ▶  2
- 2 **Spotted Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum maculatum* ▶  1
- 12 **Ochre-lored Flatbill** *Tolmomyias flaviventris* ▶  6
- 3 **Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum* ▶  3
- 10 **Forest Elaenia** *Myiopagis gaimardii* ▶  6


- 17 **Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster* ▶  9
- 1 **Bran-colored Flycatcher** *Myiophobus fasciatus* ▶  1
- 3 **Euler's Flycatcher** *Lathrotriccus euleri* ▶  2
- 2 **Olive-sided Flycatcher** *Contopus cooperi* ▶  2
- 4 **Northern Tropical Pewee** *Contopus bogotensis* ▶  4
- 3 **Northern Scrub-Flycatcher** *Sublegatus arenarum* ▶  2
- 6 **White-headed Marsh Tyrant** *Arundinicola leucocephala* ▶  3
- 8 **Pied Water-Tyrant** *Fluvicola pica* ▶  4
- 2 **Bright-rumped Attila** *Attila spadiceus* ▶  2
- 2 **Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer* ▶  2
- 6 **Venezuelan Flycatcher** *Myiarchus venezuelensis* ▶  5
- 8 **Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus* ▶  3
- 64 **Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* ▶  29
- 1 **Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* ▶  1
- 2 **Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus* ▶  2
- 1 **Variiegated Flycatcher** *Empidonomus varius* ▶  1
- 54 **Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* ▶  26
- 9 **Gray Kingbird** *Tyrannus dominicensis* ▶  9
- 15 **Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis* ▶  12
- 10 **Scrub Greenlet** *Hylophilus flavipes* ▶  3


- 4 **Golden-fronted Greenlet** *Pachysylvia aurantiifrons* ▶  4
- 1 **Chivi Vireo** *Vireo chivi* ▶  1
- 38 **White-winged Swallow** *Tachycineta albiventer* ▶  10
- 66 **Gray-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea* ▶  12
- 50 **Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* ▶  13
- 6 **Long-billed Gnatwren** *Ramphocaenus melanurus* ▶  6
- 39 **Southern House Wren** *Troglodytes musculus* ▶  22
- 23 **Rufous-breasted Wren** *Pheugopedius rutilus* ▶  14
- 27 **Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus* ▶  15
- 3 **Yellow-legged Thrush** *Turdus flavipes* ▶  2
- 8 **White-necked Thrush** *Turdus albicollis* ▶  5
- 11 **Cocoa Thrush** *Turdus fumigatus* ▶  9
- 16 **Spectacled Thrush** *Turdus nudigenis* ▶  11
- 6 **Tricolored Munia** *Lonchura malacca* * ▶  3
- 20 **Common Waxbill** *Estrilda astrild* * ▶  1
- 4 **Trinidad Euphonia** *Euphonia trinitatis* ▶  3
- 34 **Violaceous Euphonia** *Euphonia violacea* ▶  12
- 4 **Red-breasted Meadowlark** *Leistes militaris* ▶  2
- 74 **Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus* ▶  24
- 27 **Yellow-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus cela* ▶  6


- 11 **Yellow Oriole** *Icterus nigrogularis* ▶  6
- 27 **Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis* ▶  4
- 7 **Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus* ▶  3
- 118 **Carib Grackle** *Quiscalus lugubris* ▶  18
- 35 **Yellow-hooded Blackbird** *Chrysomus icterocephalus* ▶  5
- 30 **Northern Waterthrush** *Parkesia noveboracensis* ▶  13
- 1 **Prothonotary Warbler** *Protonotaria citrea* ✓ ▶  1
- 9 **American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla* ▶  7
- 1 **Cerulean Warbler** *Setophaga cerulea* ✓ ▶  1
- 3 **Tropical Parula** *Setophaga pitiayumi* ▶  1
- 16 **Northern Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga aestiva* ▶  4
- 3 **Red-crowned Ant-Tanager** *Habia rubica* ▶  1
- 3 **White-shouldered Tanager** *Loriotus luctuosus* ▶  2
- 58 **White-lined Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufus* ▶  18
- 32 **Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo* ▶  11
- 41 **Blue-gray Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus* ▶  21
- 100 **Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum* ▶  26
- 14 **Turquoise Tanager** *Tangara mexicana* ▶  6
- 16 **Bay-headed Tanager** *Tangara gyrola* ▶  8
- 11 **Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana* ▶  5


- 72 **Purple Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes caeruleus* ▶  9


 - 4 **Red-legged Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes cyaneus* ▶  1


 - 45 **Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza* ▶  11


 - 6 **Bicolored Conebill** *Conirostrum bicolor* ▶  4


 - 9 **Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola* ▶  4

 - 3 **Grassland Yellow-Finch** *Sicalis luteola* ▶  1

 - 17 **Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina* ▶  6

 - 185 **Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola* ▶  37

 - 10 **Black-faced Grassquit** *Melanospiza bicolor* ▶  1

 - 5 **Olive-gray Saltator** *Saltator olivascens* ▶  1
-