

Annotated Bird Species List

Reader Rendezvous Costa Rica

Part II - 7th-14th January 2020

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Birds of Costa Rica's Central Valley and Pacific Slope

1. **Great Tinamou** - one (or maybe multiples) heard singing on the forested slopes at Carara NP
2. **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** - Many large groups seen roosting in the trees on the Tarcoles River Boat Trip
3. **Muscovy Duck** - Multiple large flocks seen in-flight near the end of the Tarcoles River Boat Trip.
4. **Blue-winged Teal** - Small flock on the Tarcoles River Boat Trip
5. **Gray-headed Chachalaca** - Our best views of this species were of a small flock feeding in the treetops outside of the breakfast room at Ficus Lodge.
6. **Crested Guan** - Seen twice during the trip; once by a small group of birders in the morning at Villa Lapas and later, by the whole group, on the trails at Curi-Cancha Preserve near Monteverde.
7. **Black Guan** - found only in the mountains of Costa Rica and Panama this regional endemic was seen by some at the Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.
8. **Rock Pigeon** - Rock Pigeons were seen. What else is there to say?
9. **Red-billed Pigeon** - These giant, small headed pigeons were seen on the first two days of the trip, with the best views being of individuals at Hotel Villa Lapas.
10. **Short-billed Pigeon** - Identified first by voice singing "who cooks for you" in the mornings at Hotel Villa Lapas and was subsequently seen in the tops of a fruiting cecropia tree on the hotel grounds.
11. **Inca Dove** - Seen many times over the course of the trip at lower elevations.
12. **Ruddy Ground Dove** - This small rufous dove was seen off and on during the trip, most often from the roadside and in open areas.
13. **White-tipped Dove** - This tropical dove species was heard often and seen occasionally, scurrying quickly from one thick patch of vegetation to the next. Our best views were of an individual on the lawn at Hotel Villa Lapas.
14. **White-winged Dove** - Seen many times during the trip, especially in the lower elevations near towns and cities.

15. **Groove-billed Ani** - These highly social, cuckoo-relatives were seen bouncing around the tall vegetation on our drive to the Tarcoles River Boat Trip and later from the roadside and on the cattle ranch.
16. **Lesser Ground-Cuckoo** - This secretive species was heard only on a late morning birding trip around La Ensenada Lodge.
17. **Squirrel Cuckoo** - This species, named for its squirrel-like movements and behavior of running about through the treetops, was seen off-and-on during the first three days of the trip, with nice views at both Carara NP and Hotel Villa Lapas.
18. **Mangrove Cuckoo** - As the name suggests, this species favors mangrove forest systems and was seen only during our mangrove boat trip at La Ensenada Lodge. Three individuals were seen skulking-about through the mangrove trees, flying occasionally into the open, showing off their buffy underparts and long tails.
19. **Lesser Nighthawk** - This species was first seen hunting the skies just before sunset during the Tarcoles River Boat Trip and was seen again, multiple days later, on a daytime roost in the mangroves on our morning La Ensenada boat trip.
20. **Common Pauraque** - This is probably the most common nightjar in all of tropical America and was seen on the walkway outside our cabins at Hotel Villa Lapas. It was seen on subsequent evenings in the same area, hunting moths from the lawn and illuminated walkways.
21. **White-collared Swift** - This giant swift was seen carving loop-de-loops out of the skies above Carara NP, and again on our drive back to Hotel Villa Lapas the same morning.
22. **Costa Rica Swift** - These tiny swifts were seen in a few small groups over the river at Hotel Villa Lapas on one of our morning bird walks.
23. **White-necked Jacobin** - One female was seen hunting insects over the stream at Hotel Villa Lapas.
24. **Green Hermit** - Brief views along the trails at Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.
25. **Long-billed Hermit** - A few individuals were treated to prolonged views of an individual feeding on *Heliconia* flowers near the dining area at Hotel Villa Lapas.
26. **Lesser Violetear** - renamed the “metronome hummingbird” by many in the group for its monotonous call, heard time and time again in Curi-Cancha Preserve. This species was seen well by everyone at the Curi-Cancha hummingbird viewing station.
27. **Purple-crowned Fairy** - this lovely forest hummingbird, with its glowing white underparts and outer tail feathers, was seen hovering above the pools along the edges of the river at Hotel Villa Lapas.
28. **Green-breasted Mango** - Yes, it's a hummingbird and not a fruit! Our best views of this species were on the working cattle ranch.
29. **Green-crowned Brilliant** - This large humminbird was seen well at the Curi-Cancha Preserve hummingbird viewing station.
30. **Purple-throated Mountain-Gem** - males and females of this species were seen throughout the morning at Curi-Cancha Preserve.
31. **Magenta-throated Woodstar** - this diminutive, long-tailed, show-stopper was first seen feeding in the flowers near the entrance to Curi-Cancha Preserve, and again that same day at the hummingbird viewing station.

32. **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - Seen on the first group bird walk at Hotel Bougainvillea and later at La Ensenada Lodge.
33. **Canivet's Emerald** - This tiny, fork-tailed hummingbird was seen best at the flowers on the grounds at Ficus Lodge.
34. **Scaly-breasted Hummingbird** - Seen briefly at Hotel Villa Lapas and again during the mangrove boat trip at La Ensenada.
35. **Violet Sabrewing** - This giant, dazzling beast, with its white tail corners, was seen whirling about the hummingbird feeding station at Curi-Cancha Preserve.
36. **Stripe-tailed Hummingbird** - This small hummingbird was seen sporting white outer-tail feathers and rufous wing flashes throughout the morning at Curi-Cancha.
37. **Coppery-headed Emerald** - This lovely little endemic hummingbird is only found in the mountains of central Costa Rica and was seen well by everyone at Curi-Cancha.
38. **Mangrove Hummingbird** - In contrast to the latter, this endemic hummingbird, put up a real struggle and was seen only briefly during the mangrove boat trip at La Ensenada. Mostly it just whipped back and forth across the channel overhead; it was a wonder we didn't capsize the boat.
39. **Blue-vented Hummingbird** - First seen in the parking lot at Carara NP.
40. **Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** - Probably the most common hummingbird encountered during our adventure.
41. **Cinnamon Hummingbird** - Our best views were of an individual feeding on hibiscus flowers at our roadside lunch stop, enroute to Monteverde.
42. **Blue-throated Goldentail** - A female was seen constructing a nest on the grounds of Hotel Villa Lapas.
43. **Rufous-necked Wood-Rail** - We probably have this species to thank for our post-boat trip, rock-climbing experience, but it was well worth it for the prolonged views of the rare and elusive species darting in and out of the shadowy mangrove forest.
44. **Double-striped Thick-Knee** - This large, googly-eyed shorebird was seen multiple times on our trip, mostly in drier grassy habitat. Four individuals were seen on the cattle ranch, with others on the drive there.
45. **Black-necked Stilt** - Seen many times near waterways and coast.
46. **Southern Lapwing** - First seen during the Tarcoles River Boat Trip.
47. **Black-bellied Plover** - Multiple individuals in non-breeding plumage were seen during the La Ensenada boat trip.
48. **Semipalmated Plover** - Seen during both boat trips
49. **Northern Jacana** - Our best view of this species was during the Tarcoles River Boat trip. It was seen again on the pond at the cattle ranch.
50. **Whimbrel** - Multiple individuals were seen during both boat trips.
51. **Marbled Godwit** - One individual seen on a mudflat during the La Ensenada boat trip.
52. **Ruddy Turnstone** - La Ensenada boat trip.
53. **Stilt Sandpiper** - A small group was feeding in the mud at the salt farm near La Ensenada.

54. **Least Sandpiper** - Large group seen during the Tarcoles River boat trip, and later near La Ensenada.
55. **Semipalmated Sandpiper** - Two individuals were seen at the salt farm near La Ensenada, providing nice comparisons with neighboring Western Sandpipers.
56. **Western Sandpipers** - Seen at the salt farm near La Ensenada.
57. **Short-billed Dowitcher** - Many individuals heard and seen during the La Ensenada mangrove boat trip.
58. **Spotted Sandpiper** - Seen multiple times during the trip near waterways.
59. **Solitary Sandpiper** - A solitary individual was seen on the pond near the entrance to the cattle ranch.
60. **Lesser Yellowlegs** - Nice views at the salt farm near La Ensenada.
61. **Willet** - Seen many times during both boat trips.
62. **Laughing Gull** - Distant flocks were seen on our return from the La Ensenada mangrove boat trip.
63. **Royal Tern** - Many groups during the La Ensenada mangrove boat trip.
64. **Jabiru** - One of the rarest birds of the trip! This jumbo-sized stork is present in very low numbers in Costa Rica but was seen well by everyone, though only briefly, after an unsettling off-road experience through a soft grassy field. When I noticed Chicho driving through the field with his eyes closed I knew this wasn't a regularly scheduled activity on the Costa Rica bird tour... but hey, we got the bird. What a treat!
65. **Wood Stork** - Seen during the Tarcoles River boat trip, and again in a huge dead tree on the cattle ranch.
66. **Magnificent Frigatebird** - These magnificent pelagic birds graced the skies overhead anytime we were near the coast. Multiple individuals were seen perched in the mangroves during our La Ensenada boat trip.
67. **Neotropic Cormorant** - Seen regularly near lowland waterways.
68. **Anhinga** - Seen regularly near waterways, in lower numbers than Neotropic Cormorants, which look superficially similar. Best views were of a diving individual during the La Ensenada boat trip.
69. **Brown Pelican** - Multiple large flocks seen near the coastline.
70. **Bare-throated Tiger-Heron** - This large, intricately patterned heron was seen regularly on the first three days of our tour. A juvenile seen during the Tarcoles River boat trip helps us understand where this species gets its name.
71. **Great Blue Heron** - Seen during both boat trips.
72. **Great Egret** - Seen during both boat trips.
73. **Snowy Egret** - Seen during both boat trips.
74. **Little Blue Heron** - Seen during both boat trips.
75. **Tricolored Heron** - Seen during both boat trips.
76. **Reddish Egret** - Seen on tidal flats near the mouth of the Tarcoles River during the boat trip.

77. **Cattle Egret** - Seen throughout the trip in open fields near cattle.
78. **Green Heron** - Seen on 3 different occasions, all of which were brief. Most people had views during the drive in to La Ensenada Lodge.
79. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** - Many individuals (adults and subadults) seen during the Tarcoles River boat trip.
80. **Boat-billed Heron** - Three individuals seen roosting in the shadows of a thick tangle of mangroves during the Tarcoles River boat trip.
81. **White Ibis** - Seen many times during the trip when near water.
82. **Roseate Spoonbill** - A beautiful adult was seen during the Tarcoles River boat trip.
83. **Black Vulture** - Seen EVERYWHERE.
84. **Turkey Vulture** - Also seen EVERYWHERE.
85. **Osprey** - Seen well during both boat trips.
86. **Snail Kite** - An adult was seen all too briefly as we were leaving the cattle ranch.
87. **Common Black Hawk** - Multiple adults and juveniles seen during the Tarcoles River boat trip and again near a field being plowed just outside La Ensenada Lodge.
88. **Great Black Hawk** - Seen flying through a break in the treetops during our walk at Carara NP. Seen only by Raymond's group.
89. **Harris's Hawk** - A single individual was seen perched on the top of a snag in an open grassy field on the cattle ranch.
90. **Gray Hawk** - Seen briefly, in flight, while returning to Hotel Villa Lapas from Carara NP.
91. **Broad-winged Hawk** - A gorgeous adult was seen circling low, overhead in the garden behind Hotel Bougainvillea.
92. **Short-tailed Hawk** - A dark morph adult was seen over the gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea and a distant light morph adult was from the Tarcoles River boat trip.
93. **Zone-tailed Hawk** - Three individuals seen; one by Mario's group at Carara NP, another by Becky and Raymond from the swimming pool at Hotel Villa Lapas, and a third, carrying a young green iguana over an open field on the cattle ranch.
94. **Red-tailed Hawk** - A single adult, of the migratory subspecies, was seen soaring over the road to Monteverde.
95. **Pacific Screech-Owl** - A single roosting individual was located in the mango grove upon arrival at La Ensenada Lodge. A pair was heard dueting early the next morning prior to our early morning boat departure.
96. **Spectacled Owl** - A single individual was located at night, high in the treetops, after an evening of owling at Hotel Villa Lapas. Later that night a pair was heard counter-calling to each other. The next day the entire group was treated to a gorgeous adult on a daytime roost on the cattle ranch.
97. **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** - A single individual responded to our mimicry and flew in to land in the top of a thick patch of trees on the cattle ranch. Nice views were seen by all through the spotting scopes.
98. **Mottled Owl** - A roosting pair was located in the midst of a steady rainstorm at Curi-Cancha Preserve.

99. **Black-and-white Owl** - A calling bird was heard on our first evening at Hotel Villa Lapas. At least a couple participants heard the bird while on their way to dinner but it was never heard again during our stay.
100. **Slaty-tailed Trogon** - The group was treated to nice views of a male and female on our first early morning bird walk at Hotel Villa Lapas.
101. **Black-headed Trogon** - This dry forest species was seen well in the large fruiting fig tree outside the dining area at La Ensenada Lodge.
102. **Gartered Trogon** - Seen well during the walk at Carara NP.
103. **Black-throated Trogon** - A single individual was heard (and seen by some) near the bathrooms along the trail at Carara NP. It was later seen by the entire group along the trails at Hotel Villa Lapas
104. **Collared Trogon** - Heard along the trails at Curi-Cancha and later seen by most of the group at Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.
105. **Resplendent Quetzal** - A female was seen high in the trees near a fruiting avocado tree in the Curi-Cancha Preserve. Another female was seen the same day at the end of the first bridge at Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.
106. **Lesson's Motmot** - We were treated to many great looks at this species during the trip, with the first look being in the gardens of the Hotel Bougainvillea.
107. **Turquoise-browed Motmot** - This spectacular dry-forest species was seen well on the cattle ranch, and again at our roadside lunch stop enroute to Monteverde.
108. **Belted Kingfisher** - Seen briefly during both boat trips.
109. **Amazon Kingfisher** - Seen well, but only briefly, during the Tarcoles River boat trip.
110. **Green Kingfisher** - This tiny kingfisher species was seen on both boat trips and also at the pond near the entrance to the cattle ranch.
111. **Northern Emerald Toucanet** - The distinctive blue-throated subspecies (found in the mountains of Costa Rica and Panama) was seen near the Resplendent Quetzal stake-out at Curi-Cancha Preserve. It was seen later by a small group of folks in the trees outside Ficus Lodge.
112. **Fiery-billed Aracari** - This spectacular regional endemic is found only on the southern Pacific coast of Costa Rica and the northern Pacific region of Panama but it gave us a real run for our money. It wasn't until we were loading up luggage at Hotel Villa Lapas that it finally made an appearance. Lovely scope views were had by all.
113. **Yellow-throated Toucan** - This large toucan seemed to be on the same schedule at the Aracari, as it wasn't until we were leaving Hotel Villa Lapas that we were finally treated to views of this large canopy species.
114. **Golden-naped Woodpecker** - This regional endemic was seen only once on our trip, during a morning walk at Hotel Villa Lapas.
115. **Hoffman's Woodpecker** - We had many nice views of this species in the gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea. We continued to see this species during the trip and also had a hybrid of this species with Red-crowned Woodpecker at Hotel Villa Lapas.
116. **Smoky-brown Woodpecker** - This diminutive, and fairly plain, woodpecker species was seen during our hike along the trails at the Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.

117. **Lineated Woodpecker** - This large relative of the Pileated Woodpecker was heard calling at Hotel Bougainvillea but was never seen.
118. **Pale-billed Woodpecker** - This relative of the now extinct Ivory-billed Woodpecker was seen in the treetops on a morning walk at Hotel Villa Lapas. We were also treated to hearing the double-knocking sound that is characteristic of this group of woodpeckers (yes, the Ivory-billed is reported to have done it too).
119. **Laughing Falcon** - Heard chucking in the trees on a distant ridge at Hotel Villa Lapas. A brief flyover provided the only view of this species during the trip.
120. **Collared Forest-Falcon** - This loud nasally call was heard twice during the trip, once on the Tarcoles River boat trip, and again on the cattle ranch, while looking for the Spectacled Owl roost.
121. **Crested Caracara** - This bizarre falcon was seen many times during the trip, most often near roadside where they scavenge roadkill.
122. **Yellow-headed Caracara** - We were treated to great views of this species while on the Tarcoles River boat trip, and many other times during the trip when in open areas.
123. **American Kestrel** - A single female was seen over an open field as we were leaving the cattle ranch.
124. **Bat Falcon** - Our only view of this species was a quick flyover while we were watching Turquoise-browed Motmots on the cattle ranch.
125. **Orange-fronted Parakeet** - This dry forest species was first seen perched in the low trees near the birdless salt farm, and again on the cattle ranch, and at La Ensenada Lodge.
126. **Scarlet Macaws** - We had magnificent views of this charismatic species on the first three days of our trip.
127. **Crimson-fronted Parakeet** - Large groups of these long-tailed parakeets were seen around the gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea.
128. **Orange-chinned Parakeet** - These tiny parakeets were seen multiple times during the trip but our best views were likely of a pair allopreening in the garden at Hotel Bougainvillea.
129. **White-crowned Parrot** - Never seen well. A few small flocks flew over at Hotel Villa Lapas and also in the high elevations around Monteverde.
130. **White-fronted Parrot** - This small *Amazon* species was seen really well in the trees at La Ensenada Lodge.
131. **Red-lored Parrot** - A small group was seen during the Tarcoles River boat trip.
132. **Mealy Parrot** - Two individuals were seen by Mario's group at Carara NP.
133. **Yellow-naped Parrot** - Never seen well. Many small groups were seen when in the lowlands of the Pacific.
134. **Barred Antshrike** - Good views of a male in the viny tangles at the beginning of the trails in Carara NP.
135. **Black-hooded Antshrike** - Many brief views during our walk at Carara NP. This species is notoriously hard to get a clear view of.
136. **Plain Antvireo** - A few participants had a brief view of this species along the trails at Curi-Cancha Preserve.

137. **Slaty Antwren** - Heard calling along the trails at Curi-Cancha. Seen briefly by one or two folks.
138. **Dot-winged Antwren** - Many views of males and females along the trails at Carara NP.
139. **Dusky Antbird** - Males and females seen in thick vegetation at Carara NP and Hotel Villa Lapas.
140. **Chestnut-backed Antbird** - Heard calling all along the trails at Carara NP and Hotel Villa Lapas but our best views were of one or two individuals attending the ant swarm at Carara NP.
141. **Bicolored Antbird** - Amazing views of at least 7 individuals were had at the Carara NP ant swarm. This secretive species is often very hard to see. We were very lucky!
142. **Silvery-fronted Tapaculo** - Part of a group of very secretive, understory birds, this species was heard along the trails at Curi-Cancha and Monteverde Skywalk but was never seen.
143. **Black-faced Antthrush** - Typically heard and not seen, we were treated to an astounding 5 individuals wandering around in the open at the ant swarm at Carara NP. Definitely a once in a lifetime experience.
144. **Olivaceous Woodcreeper** - Our best views of this species were of an individual that was captured and banded (by Raymond, yay!) at the La Calandria Field Station in Monteverde.
145. **Ruddy Woodcreeper** - A single bird was seen near ground level while sorting through a mixed flock of birds attending an ant swarm at the Curi-Cancha Preserve.
146. **Tawny-winged Woodcreeper** - At least two individuals were seen at the ant swarm in Carara NP.
147. **Northern Barred-Woodcreeper** - Heard and seen by a few at Carara NP.
148. **Cocoa Woodcreeper** - The best views of this species were probably during our morning walk at Carara NP.
149. **Streak-headed Woodcreeper** - Seen well at Carara NP and later at Curi-Cancha Preserve.
150. **Plain Xenops** - Seen by half of the group at Carara NP.
151. **Lineated Foliage-Gleaner** - Seen by most of the group at the Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.
152. **Spotted Barbtail** - Seen by most of the group at the Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.
153. **Ruddy Treerunner** - Encountered in multiple mixed flocks at Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.
154. **Red-faced Spinetail** - We watched as a bird repeatedly carried nesting material to its large pendulous nest along the trails at the Monteverde Skywalk bridges.
155. **Long-tailed Manakin** - This denizen of the Pacific dry forests was heard along the trails at Hotel Villa Lapas but wasn't seen by our group until Debbie Hamilton showed us a gorgeous young male that they had just removed from the mist nests at La Calandria Field Station.
156. **Orange-collared Manakin** - A female was seen briefly by Raymond's group near our turnaround point at the bridge in Carara NP.
157. **Masked Tityra** - An adult was seen feeding in the fruiting figs at La Ensenada Lodge.
158. **Barred Becard** - A pair was seen in the mixed flocks at the Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.
159. **Rose-throated Becard** - A pair was seen in the parking lot at Carara NP. This subspecies doesn't show the rose throat for which the species is named.

160. **Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher** - This tiny rufous flycatcher was seen at Carara NP and on the trails near the river at Hotel Villa Lapas
161. **Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher** - This odd little flycatcher regularly fans its tail like a redstart, maybe to help find food. One was seen by Raymond's group along the trails at Carara NP.
162. **Black-tailed Flycatcher** - The dry forest counterpart to the previous species was seen along the river trail at Hotel Villa Lapas for two days. It exhibits the same behavior of tail-fanning.
163. **White-throated Spadebill** - This stub-tailed, big-eyed, forest flycatcher was seen (with lots of hard work) at the ant swarm in Curi-Cancha Preserve.
164. **Olive-striped Flycatcher** - Seen by some of the group at the Monteverde Skywalk.
165. **Northern Bentbill** - Heard along the trails at Carara NP. Note: It sounds like a tiny table saw!
166. **Common Tody-Flycatcher** - Mostly heard, but also seen, around Hotel Villa Lapas.
167. **Eye-ringed Flatbill** - Seen by Mario's group at Carara NP and later at the Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.
168. **Yellow-olive Flycatcher** - Seen by Raymond's group along the trails at Carara NP.
169. **Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** - Heard and seen in the tree tops along the river trail at Hotel Villa Lapas.
170. **Greenish Elaenia** - Heard and seen (briefly) at Carara NP.
171. **Mountain Elaenia** - Heard and seen on the morning bird walk at Ficus Lodge and again at Curi-Cancha Preserve.
172. **Paltry Tyrannulet** - Seen in the canopy at Curi-Cancha Preserve. This tiny tyrannulet has a tendency to regularly cock its tail in the air, much like a wren.
173. **Bright-rumped Attila** - This canopy flycatcher's loud morning song was heard at Carara NP and Hotel Villa Lapas but a sighting was never made.
174. **Rufous Mourner** - This nondescript rufous flycatcher was seen by Raymond's group at Carara NP and again near the ant swarm at Curi-Cancha Preserve.
175. **Dusky-capped Flycatcher** - Seen and heard giving its mournful song many times during the trip.
176. **Panama Flycatcher** - This mangrove specialist was seen well during the La Ensenada boat trip.
177. **Great-crested Flycatcher** - Seen only once along the trails at Hotel Villa Lapas.
178. **Brown-crested Flycatcher** - Our best views of this species were in the trees near the bathrooms on the cattle ranch.
179. **Great Kiskadee** - Great views of this boldly patterned species were seen during most days of the tour.
180. **Boat-billed Flycatcher** - Looking like a duller version of the Great Kiskadee, with a huge bill, this species was seen near the parking area at Curi-Cancha Preserve.
181. **Social Flycatcher** - Social, and abundant, we encountered this species everyday of the trip near open areas and human development.

182. **Gray-capped Flycatcher** - A single bird was seen hunting along the river at Hotel Villa Lapas one evening.
183. **Streaked Flycatcher** - A few folks saw this bird on the cattle ranch.
184. **Tropical Kingbird** - Q: "Hey, what's that?" A: "It's another Tropical Kingbird."
185. **Tufted Flycatcher** - We watched a single bird hunting for 20 mins, as if tethered to a specific spot on the branch, along the trails at Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.
186. **Yellowish Flycatcher** - This small yellowish Empidonax flycatcher was seen, at eye level, along the trails at Curi-Cancha Preserve.
187. **Green Shrike-Vireo** - We heard this canopy species' three note call every step of the way at Carara NP but it was never seen.
188. **Tawny-crowned Greenlet** - Seen by Mario's group at Carara NP.
189. **Lesser Greenlet** - This small vireo was heard and seen at Carara NP and later at Curi-Cancha Preserve.
190. **Mangrove Vireo** - A single bird sat out in the open and sang while on the La Ensenada boat trip. It was the only individual seen on the entire trip.
191. **White-throated Magpie-Jay** - We were lucky to encounter these "Blue Jays on steroids" during our time at La Ensenada Lodge. Some folks saw them upon arrival while others didn't catch a glimpse until just before we left for Monteverde.
192. **Brown Jay** - This species was encountered most days of the trip but was mostly heard.
193. **Mangrove Swallow** - This lovely little swallow was sitting on our boat when we arrived for the Tarcoles River boat trip. We saw them during both boat trips and most days we were around water.
194. **Blue-and-white Swallow** - Like a dark Tree Swallow with black undertail coverts. We saw this species when we were around San Jose.
195. **Northern Rough-winged Swallow** - Seen along the roadside enroute to Monteverde.
196. **Barn Swallow** - Many large groups seen throughout the tour.
197. **Scaly-breasted Wren** - Heard singing along the trails at Hotel Villa Lapas but was unfortunately never seen.
198. **House Wren** - Seen in the parking lot at Curi-Cancha and around Ficus Lodge.
199. **Ochraceous Wren** - This small, buffy wren was seen only during our time at Monteverde Skywalk Bridges, unfortunately, it wasn't cooperative for the whole group.
200. **Rufous-naped Wren** - Beautiful views of a family group feeding in a group of low palms at Hotel Villa Lapas.
201. **Rufous-breasted Wren** - We were treated to many very nice views in the thick vegetation at the start of the trails at Carara NP.
202. **Rufous-and-white Wren** - Short views of a single bird along the river trail at Hotel Villa Lapas.
203. **Cabanis's Wren** - Heard and seen around the grounds of Ficus Lodge.
204. **Gray-breasted Wood-Wren** - Seen and heard along the trails at Curi-Cancha and Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.

205. **Long-billed Gnatwren** - This bird loves dense vegetation, nevertheless, Raymond's group was treated to a mostly open view of a singing bird along the trails at Carara NP.
206. **White-lored Gnatcatcher** - Nice views of two to three individuals in the trees around the bathrooms at the cattle ranch.
207. **Tropical Gnatcatcher** - Heard in the treetops along the trails at Carara NP.
208. **Black-faced Solitaire** - A single individual was present at the ant swarm in Curi-Cancha. Another lone bird was seen along the trails at Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.
209. **Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush** - Seen by most of the group at Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.
210. **Swainson's Thrush** - A single bird was seen at the ant swarm in Curi-Cancha Preserve.
211. **Wood Thrush** - Seen along the trails at Curi-Cancha Preserve.
212. **Mountain Thrush** - Multiple large feeding flocks were seen on the trails at Curi-Cancha Preserve.
213. **Pale-vented Thrush** - A single bird was seen with the Mountain Thrushes at the ant swarm in Curi-Cancha Preserve.
214. **Clay-colored Thrush** - One of the most common birds encountered on the trip, and the national bird of Costa Rica!
215. **White-throated Thrush** - A single bird was seen at the ant swarm in Curi-Cancha Preserve.
216. **House Sparrow** - Hey, House Sparrows are people too. Don't hate.
217. **Golden-browed Chlorophonia** - A gorgeous pair of these lime green finches was seen feeding in a clump of mistletoe near the hummingbird viewing station at Curi-Cancha Preserve.
218. **Scrub Euphonia** - Our best views of this species were on the cattle ranch and near the fruiting fig tree at La Ensenada Lodge.
219. **Yellow-crowned Euphonia** - Seen in the tree tops at Hotel Villa Lapas and heard many times during the trip, "beam, beam, beam".
220. **Yellow-throated Euphonia** - The most common euphonia around the ground at Hotel Villa Lapas.
221. **Elegant Euphonia** - We lucked out with show-stopping views of a male and female in the mistletoe clump near the hummingbird station at Curi-Cancha Preserve. This was the glorious apricot colored finch with the bright blue crown.
222. **Common Chlorospingus** - Many large groups of these olive-colored birds, with white spots behind their eyes, were seen around Curi-Cancha and feeding on the ground outside the headquarters of Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.
223. **Stripe-headed Sparrow** - A group of five of these dapper sparrows were seen in a brushy field on the right side of the road enroute to Monteverde.
224. **Orange-billed Sparrow** - This gorgeous sparrow was seen in the ant swarm at Carara NP.
225. **Chestnut-capped Brushfinch** - This bird was seen attending the ant swarm at Curi-Cancha Preserve.
226. **Rufous-collared Sparrow** - This species was seen on the grounds at Hotel Bougainvillea and at Ficus Lodge.

227. **White-eared Ground-Sparrow** - Very nice views of two birds scratching around the planters at Hotel Bougainvillea. It was seen again, later, at the ant swarm in Curi-Cancha.
228. **White-naped Brushfinch** - A single bird was seen scratching around on the side of the trail at Curi-Cancha Preserve. It was loosely associated with a large flock of Mountain Thrushes.
229. **Eastern Meadowlark** - Seen twice on the trip; once on our drive to Hotel Villa Lapas from San Jose, and again on the cattle ranch.
230. **Streak-backed Oriole** - A male was seen around the dining area at La Ensenada Lodge.
231. **Baltimore Oriole** - Many individuals seen throughout the tour.
232. **Red-winged Blackbird** - About 50 were seen on the Tarcoles River boat trip.
233. **Melodious Blackbird** - Singing individuals were encountered in the garden at Hotel Bougainvillea and around Monteverde.
234. **Great-tailed Grackle** - This species was a dime a dozen and was seen on every day of the tour.
235. **Ovenbird** - Our best views of this wood-warbler were along the entrance road at the La Calandria Field Station after the bird banding demonstration.
236. **Northern Waterthrush** - Many individuals seen on both boat trips, at Carara NP, and at Hotel Villa Lapas.
237. **Golden-winged Warbler** - A gorgeous male was seen in a mixed flock at Curi-Cancha Preserve.
238. **Black-and-white Warbler** - A few birds were seen in mixed flocks along the trails at Curi-Cancha Preserve.
239. **Prothonotary Warbler** - A single bird was seen well from the Tarcoles River boat trip. It was creeping up a rope that was anchoring a small fishing boat to the shoreline.
240. **Tennessee Warbler** - Multiples seen in the mixed flocks in the higher elevations. A single bird was in a flock at Hotel Villa Lapas on our first morning there.
241. **American Redstart** - A male was seen from the boat trip at La Ensenada.
242. **Yellow Warbler** - Many migrants seen throughout the trip.
- a. Yellow Warbler (Mangrove)** - This diagnostic subspecies, with an all reddish head, was seen from the La Ensenada boat trip.
243. **Chestnut-sided Warbler** - A female was seen along the trails at Carara NP.
244. **Buff-rumped Warbler** - This waterthrush-like wood-warbler was seen along the trails at Carara NP and again on the rocks in the stream at Hotel Villa Lapas
245. **Rufous-capped Warbler** - Nice views of this species in the gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea.
246. **Golden-crowned Warbler** - Seen at the ant swarm in Curi-Cancha Preserve.
247. **Costa Rican Warbler** - Seen along the trails at Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.
248. **Wilson's Warbler** - Seen in high elevations around Monteverde and in the hand at the banding demonstration
249. **Slate-throated Redstart** - Many close individuals were following our feet closely on the trails at Curi-Cancha Preserve. Surely looking for whatever insects we uncovered from the leaf litter that they could grab ahold of.

250. **Summer Tanager** - Nice views in the garden at Hotel Bougainvillea. Heard at many other locations during the tour.
251. **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** - An immature bird was in the gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea and an adult male was at Ficus Lodge on a morning bird walk.
252. **Blue-black Grosbeak** - Heard singing along the river trail at Hotel Villa Lapas.
253. **Painted Bunting** - A gorgeous male was in the gardens at Hotel Villa Lapas.
254. **Blue-gray Tanager** - Our best views were in the gardens at Hotel Bougainvillea.
255. **Palm Tanager** - In the fruiting Cecropia trees at Hotel Villa Lapas.
256. **Golden-hooded Tanager** - Back lit views of two birds, high in the tree tops at Hotel Villa Lapas, was our only encounter with this species on the trip. Don't let that view be your lifer view. It's a stunning bird but our views just didn't do it justice.
257. **Spangle-cheeked Tanager** - Seen at the Monteverde Skywalk Bridges.
258. **Silver-throated Tanager** - We were treated to a few quick glimpses of this species in the mistletoe patch around the hummingbird station in Curi-Cancha Preserve.
259. **Green Honeycreeper** - Nice scope views of a male at Hotel Villa Lapas on an afternoon walk.
260. **Gray-headed Tanager** - Multiple individuals attending the ant swarm flock at Carara NP.
261. **White-shouldered Tanager** - Small numbers of males and females were seen along the trails at Carara NP by Raymond's group.
262. **Scarlet-rumped Tanager** - Superb scope views of males at Hotel Villa Lapas one afternoon.
263. **Red-legged Honeycreeper** - Close scope views of an adult male in the parking lot at Curi-Cancha Preserve.
264. **Scarlet-thighed Dacnis** - A female was seen in the mistletoe patch at Curi-Cancha Preserve. Her fawn colored underparts matched the vegetation perfectly making her hard to discern from the leaves, despite the fact that she was sitting out in the open.
265. **Blue Dacnis** - A pair was feeding in the Cecropia fruits at Hotel Villa Lapas.
266. **Bananaquit** - We had a brief view near the mistletoe patch at Curi-Cancha Preserve.
267. **Variable Seedeater** - Seen along the roadside between Carara NP and Hotel Villa Lapas.
268. **Morelet's Seedeater** - Multiple individuals in the tall grasses on the entry road to La Ensenada Lodge.
269. **Buff-throated Saltator** - In the fruiting Cecropia trees at Hotel Villa Lapas and later at Ficus Lodge.
270. **Grayish Saltator** - A single bird in the garden at Hotel Bougainvillea.

270 Species!