

Birding Southern Costa Rica BWD Reader Rendezvous

March 1 - 9, 2022

Day 1: Arrival to international airport and transfer to our hotel located 30 minutes away. The hotel grounds offer great birding opportunities for Lesson's Motmot, Crimson-fronted Parakeet, Rufous-naped Wren, White-eared Ground-Sparrow and others.

We'll gather for an orientation meeting and welcome dinner this evening.

[Overnight Hotel Bouganvillea - D -](#)

Day 2: Departure after breakfast towards Talamanca Mountains, we'll visit Los Quetzales N.P. Paramo section at 11000 ft to look for specialties such as Volcano Junco, Sooty-capped Chlorospingus, Slaty Flowerpiercer, Ochraceous Pewee, Flame-throated Warbler and more. We'll also visit Bosque del Tolomuco Gardens in search of Snowy-bellied Hummingbird, Red-headed Barbet and White-crested Coquette among many more species.

Arrival to the lodge in the afternoon and more birding around the grounds and gardens. The lodge is located at 9000 ft near the top of Buena Vista Mountain. Driving time is approx. 3 hours.

[Overnight Paraiso Quetzal Lodge - BLD -](#)

Day 3: This morning we'll start the day in search of the Resplendent Quetzal visiting a nearby farmers community dedicated to the conservation of habitat. Then the rest of the morning we'll visit other birding spots hoping to find Costa Rican Pygmy Owl, Scintillant Hummingbird, Yellow-thighed Brushfinch, Wrenthrush and more local specialties.

After lunch departure for San Vito to Las Cruces Biological Station / Wilson Botanical Gardens, this site protects one of the largest remaining fragments of tropical wet premontane Forest in southern Costa Rica and is also of the most important plant collections in Central America with an extensive collection of palms, tropical and subtropical ornamentals, unusual plant families, and endangered plants from Costa Rica and other parts of the world.

Las Cruces sits at 4000 ft. and the estimated driving time for this day is 3 hours. Dinner at the station.

[Overnight Las Cruces Biological Station - BLD -](#)

Day 4: Full day of birding around the Gardens, Station and visit near-by pond for water birds and local birds like Pale-breasted Spinetail and the elusive Masked Duck.

The grounds offer chances for Thick-billed Euphonia, Eye-ringed Flatbill, Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush, Ruddy Foliage-gleaner, Speckled Tanager, White-tailed Emerald, Bran-colored Flycatcher, Marbled Wood-Quail and Streaked Saltator among others. We'll enjoy our meals at the station.

[Overnight Las Cruces Biological Station - BLD -](#)

Day 5: Morning departure for Osa Peninsula driving down the scenic Fila de Cal ridge towards the lowlands, we'll bird along Coto 47 area in search of highly sought after species such as Savanna Hawk, Scrub Greenlet, Veraguan Mango, Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture and much more.

The lodge is located adjacent to Corcovado National Park surrounded by lush rain forest at an elevation of 200 ft. known as a hot spot for birdwatchers and nature lovers wishing to experience the sounds and sights of a tropical rainforest. Dinner will be at the lodge.

[Overnight Danta Corcovado Lodge - BLD -](#)

Day 6: Early morning short field trip to Rincon River Bridge, possibly the best place in the country to see near endemic Yellow-billed Cotinga. Then return to the lodge for breakfast and continue birding around the hotel grounds and trails. Some of the specialties found here include the Costa Rican endemic Black-cheeked Ant-Tanager, only found in this part of the country, we can also find Golden-naped Woodpecker, River-side Wren, Chiriqui Foliage-Gleaner, Spot-crowned Euphonia and others. In the afternoon we'll continue exploring the area around the lodge looking for Fiery-billed Aracari, Scarlet Macaw and Red-capped Manakin among others. We'll enjoy our meals at the lodge.

Overnight Danta Corcovado Lodge - BLD -

Day 7: Departure after breakfast for El General Valley, along the way we'll have the chance to explore various birding locations in search of Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Red-breasted Blackbird, Pearl Kite and Lesser Elaenia among others. Arrival to the lodge in the afternoon. This site is at the base of Talamanca mountain range at an elevation of 2500ft. Dinner at the lodge.

Overnight Talari Mountain Lodge - BLD -

Day 8: Morning visit to Los Cusingos Bird Sanctuary, former home place of Alexander Skutch, co-author of Birds of Costa Rica and prominent ornithologist and philosopher. At this site we look for Turquoise Cotinga, Tawny-winged Woodcreeper and Blue-crowned Manakin. After lunch we'll start our route back to Heredia arriving to the hotel at the end of the afternoon. This evening we'll attend our farewell dinner at the hotel.

Overnight Hotel Bougainvillea - BLD -

Day 9:

Transfer to International Airport for returning flights and end of services.

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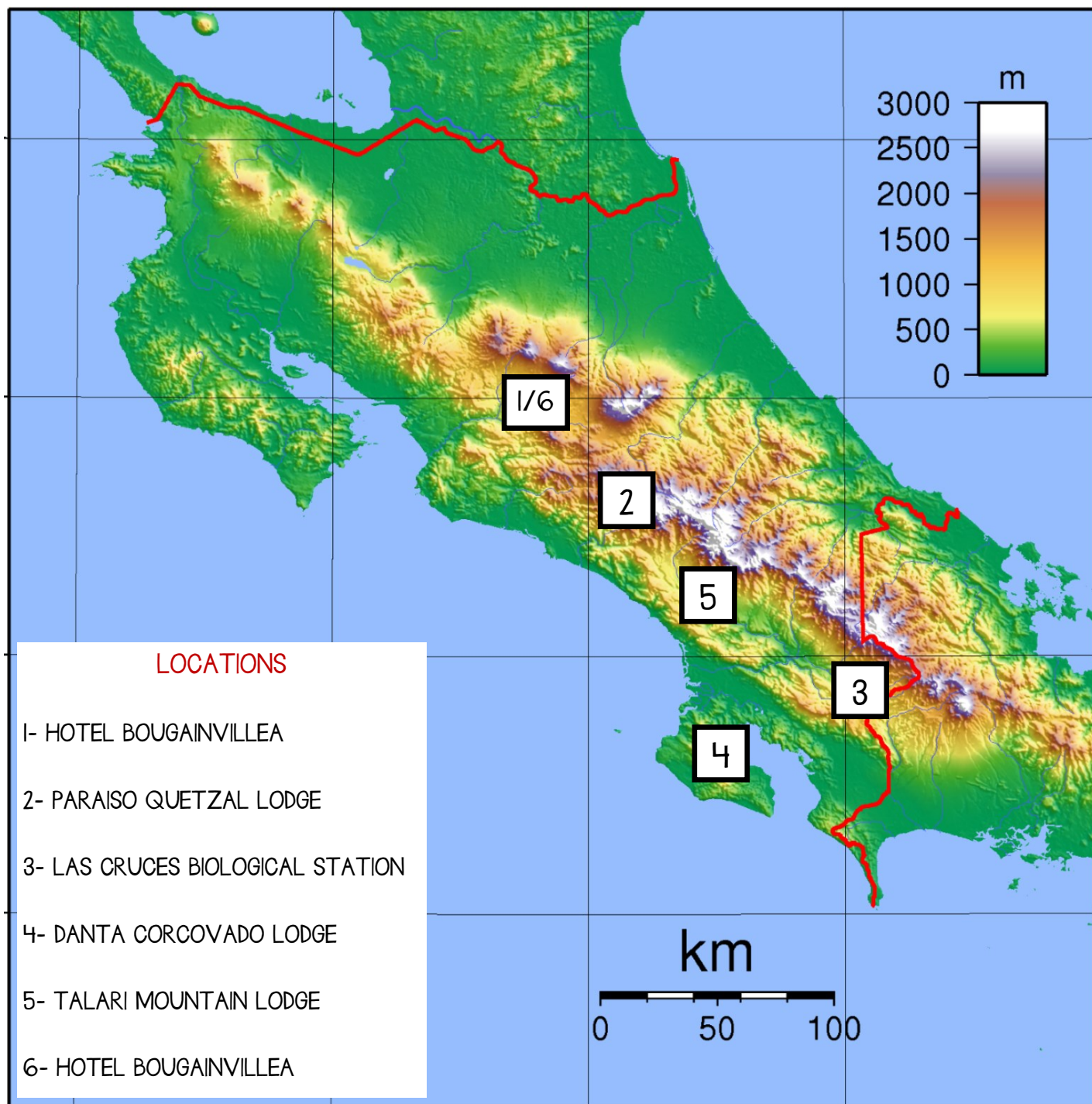
- Professional Naturalist & Birding Guide services throughout the program.
- Coach transportation throughout the program.
- Bottled Water
- All meals starting with dinner on day 1, ending with breakfast on day 9.
- All lodging in standard double occupancy starting with day 1, ending with day 9. Single room available at extra cost.
- All entrance fees and excursions.
- Updated Costa Rica's Bird Check-list.

Not included:

- Airline ticket
- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic beverages & personal expenses
- Gratuities

Birding Southern Costa Rica specific target areas:

- Central Valley - South Pacific Lowlands & Valleys - Central & Southern Highlands



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