

COSTA RICA

25th February to 11th March 2012

By Nick Hilton



Resplendent Quetzal

On the 25th February 2012 four of us, myself, my Father Brian and two friends, Martin Creasser and Hamish McKerrell, travelled from Manchester Airport, via Amsterdam and Panama City, to San Jose, Costa Rica. The trip had been carefully planned by Martin (and a big thanks to him for it), through the excellent Costa Rica Gateway company (<http://www.costaricagateway.com>), primarily for photographing the Costa Rican bird life, to supplement the images on his nature photography website (<http://www.martincreasser.com/>). Ironically Martin ditched the photography after only four days, as the twitcher in him took over and the unbelievable birding experience that is Costa Rica took hold! There are 896 species on the Costa Rica list so for us to see 313 of them, within 15 birding days, was quite incredible.

This report gives a short narrative on the places we visited and the highlight birds. A full list of birds seen at each site is situated at the end of this report. All images were taken on my compact camera (a Canon G11) or camera phone! Invaluable guide books taken were;

Helm Field Guides: Birds of Costa Rica (Garrigues and Dean)

Helm Field Guides: A Guide to the Birds of Costa Rica (Stiles, Skutch and Gardner)

Where to Watch Birds in Costa Rica (Lawson)



Collared Redstart

25th February 2012 – Arrive in Costa Rica – Buena Vista Hotel (Alajuela)

We used this hotel as our base, upon arrival, and for the last two nights before our departure. It is an excellent hotel that boasts a bird list in excess of 90 species seen from its grounds. Highlights included watching huge flocks of White-Collared Swifts wheeling over the Central Valley, an Inca Dove on nest and the only American Redstart of the trip flitting amongst the trees of the Coffee Trail in the grounds of the hotel.



Montezuma Oropendola

26th February 2012 – 28th February 2012 – Laguna Del Lagarto Lodge

(http://www.lagarto-lodge-costa-rica.com/rainforest_lodge/index.htm)

After a four and half hour drive from the Buena Vista Hotel, two and a half hours on tarmac and two hours on red clay tracks, we reached the Laguna Del Lagarto Lodge. Set in 500 hectares of tropical rainforest the lodge is surrounded by creeks and lagoons. The accommodation is basic but the location and set up are excellent. From the door of our room we could scope a Great Green Macaw's nest and from the veranda of the eating area you looked out over a couple of feeding stations and the valley beyond. There is a covered hummingbird feeding station within the forest, 200m from the main lodge, and numerous trails leading through primary rainforest. You can also take canoes out to explore the adjacent creeks. There can't be many places where you can be watching a Great Green Macaw at its nest, whilst sat amongst hummingbird feeders, in the middle of pristine rainforest, when an adult King Vulture passes through the back of your scope view! Highlight species included Bare Throated Tiger Heron and Green Ibis amongst the creeks (numerous attempts to find the spectacular Agami Heron failed!), a pair of Gray-necked Wood Rail patrolling the lagoon edges and American Pygmy Kingfisher staking out the waters. Amongst the forest edges Slaty Tailed Trogon, White fronted Nunbird and a single male White-collared Manakin were good finds. On the feeders around the lodge could be found impressive birds such as the Montezuma's Oropendola. Both Keel-billed and Chestnut-mandibled Toucan fought over the fruit with Collared Aracari's, Orange-chinned Parakeets, Brown-hooded Parrots and numerous tanagers. In the early morning, and evening, parties of Scarlet Macaws with occasional Mealy, Red-lored and White-crowned Parrots passed overhead. THE birds of Laguna are the Great Green Macaw's, with a number of pairs in the area, views are close and frequent, closely followed by the King Vulture, with tantalising glimpses of occasional birds flying overhead between breaks in the canopy.



Collared Aracari

29th February 2012 – 1st March 2012 – Selva Verde Lodge

www.selvaverde.com

The Selva Verde Lodge is a private reserve with an impressive set up of stilted lodges, dining room, bar, swimming pool, conference facilities and pizzeria restaurant all connected up with covered walkways. Although very civilised you are still within an area of primary rainforest alongside the equally impressive Sarapiquí River. The reserve includes 500 acres of primary rainforest on the far side of the river, accessed by a large suspension footbridge. This is the only downside, as whilst prime habitat, it can only be entered with a guide and that either involves travelling within a large (non-birding specific) party or paying a, relatively, hefty sum for a private guide (per person, not per party!!!). Highlight birds included Fasciated Tiger-Heron and Amazon Kingfisher on the river, Bright-rumped Attila and Red-throated Ant Tanager within the dense forest and Black-throated and Slaty-tailed Trogon at the forest edges. A superb Pale-billed Woodpecker put in an appearance just as we were leaving.



Green Crowned Brilliant

2nd March 2012 – La Selva Biological Station (Organization for Tropical Studies)

(www.ots.ac.cr)

La Selva is a very special place, and should be on the itinerary for any birder visiting Costa Rica. Whilst the accommodation is basic (think student dormitories!), the habit and species list is phenomenal. Whilst in all other areas of Costa Rica the birdlife was found in patches, in La Selva, it was ubiquitous. Every patch of forest held a multitude of bird species and, with the site being heavily monitored by scientists for the last 50 years, the majority did not seem at all bothered by our presence, giving excellent views. The (included in the price) introductory guided walk, even with a large party including non-birders, was excellent. The local guide knowing the likely places for key species. There were many highlight species but stand-out birds included Violaceous Trogon, Great Tinamou, Broad Billed Motmot, Great Currassow, Fasciated Ant Shrike, Chestnut Headed Oropendola and, the underside, high up in the canopy, of a female Snowy Cotinga! The real star birds, though, were an Agami Heron, views within 25m, a Sun Grebe on the river, below us from a large suspension footbridge (fishing with an Otter) and a ferocious looking Black Hawk Eagle which landed, for 10 seconds, on a nearby branch, bright orange iris glinting in the light.



Fiery Throated Hummingbird

3rd March 2012 – 4th March 2012 – Paraiso Del Quetzal

<http://www.quetzalsparadise.com/ing/about.php>

It was a bit of a shock, having spent the last week in the hot humid rainforest, to climb to 2700m up into the Cloud Forest with associated rain and low temperatures. Again the accommodation is basic but the location superb, small timber cabins on the side of a mountain overlooking the valley below and a volcano (Cerro Dragon) opposite. The habitat was totally different and, although not having the diversity of species or numbers of birds as the rainforest, is the favoured location for one of Costa Rica's iconic birds, the Resplendent Quetzal. The best I had dared hoped for was, perhaps, a fleeting glimpse or a difficult view hidden away in the canopy. So, when two hours after arrival, I was casually leant on the balustrade of the veranda of the main lodge, the last thing I expected was an adult male Resplendent Quetzal alight on a dead tree approximately 75m down below me. The bird perched for half a minute (allowing me enough time to stutter its name and frantically point for the rest of the group) before taking off and flying up and over our heads! Spectacular! The next morning we were out early and taken by our guide to a nest hole, where keeping a respectful distance, we watched both male and female birds coming and going from the nest. Views were excellent and enjoyed by our group (plus a coach load of Japanese tourists, with associated picnics!!!). Other bird highlights of this location included Fiery Throated and Magnificent Hummingbird feeding from the owner's hand, Dusky Nightjar and Bare Shank'd Screech Owl on a (treacherous!) night trek, Scintillant and Volcano Hummingbird and the stunning Golden Browed Chlorophonia!



Above: : Acorn Woodpecker



Above: Slaty Tailed Trogon

5th March 2012 – 6th March 2012 – Savegre Mountain Lodge

(<http://www.savegre.com/index.php>)

After a 45min journey, and still within the Cloud Forest, we reached the Savegre Mountain Lodge. The lodge is down in a valley bottom alongside the Rio Savegre river amongst 400 hectares of private nature reserve. The facilities are excellent (including a, totally out of place, Spa!!). There are a number of trails along the river and up the mountain sides. We were informed of a Resplendent Quetzals nest an hours walk along the river, where we saw the birds, but were somewhat disappointed that people were allowed within 10m of the nest tree. These nesting sites attract crowds of people, coach loads of tourists turn up, although it has to be said that the birds themselves did not seem in the least effected. Highlight birds of this location included Swallow Tailed Kites (on passage), Buffy Tuftedcheek (daft name!), Black-faced Solitaire (whose song sounds like a swinging gate and is a bugger to see), Rufous-browed Peppershrike and the entertaining (and noisy) Acorn Woodpecker. As we left the valley, travelling to our next destination, I was very fortunate to spot a stunning Long Tailed Silky Flycatcher, from the back of the car.



Sun Bittern

7th March 2012 – 9th March 2012 – Rancho Naturalista

[\(http://www.ranchnaturalista.net/\)](http://www.ranchnaturalista.net/)

After a 3 ½ hr drive we reached Rancho Naturalista, a world renowned destination in Costa Rica. The location and set-up is superb and the guides top rate (as well as being exceptionally reasonably priced). Interestingly, as well as the local guide, Cali, who was great company, we used a young English lad, Harry Barnard (known to the locals as Harry Potter!!), who's knowledge of the birdlife was as good as any local guide we came across. Rancho Naturalista (and surrounding environs') has an incomprehensibly large bird list, over 430 species (of which we got a very reasonable 161 in 2 days). The lodge has a number of trails on its land and also runs guided excursions to nearby birding hot-spots. On our first morning we headed out to La Mina to experience outstanding views of a pair of Sun Bittern, at their nest, with chicks. We also went part way up the Silent Mountain road and experienced flock upon flock of small birds (tanagers, warblers, flycatchers, euphonia's) passing through, our guide was identifying them faster than we could see them! Our second excursion took us to C.A.T.I.E (an educational campus), where we had a number of good water birds; Green Ibis, Green Heron, Black Crowned and Yellow Crowned Night Heron, Purple Gallinule, Northern Jacana and the unusual Boat Billed Heron. We were also fortunate to see Yellow Headed Caracara, Lesser Nighthawk and Ferruginous Pygmy Owl (not that I got onto the owl, whichever side of the tree I went to, it went to the other!!!).



Sun Bittern chicks

On the Rancho Naturlista land the highlights are the Hummingbirds that visit the garden (and the nearby owner's garden, which guests kindly have full access to). We saw 16 species, including, Green Breasted Mango, Green Thorntail, Garden Emerald and a migrant Ruby-Throated Hummingbird. In the nearby forest we also had the elusive Purple Crowned Fairy. The absolute star bird, one of the highlights of the whole trip, was the Snowcap. Stunning views were had whilst reclining in garden chairs in the owner's garden and watching birds bath in forest pools as the sun went down! The forest around Rancho held a variety of special birds, highlights included Violaceous Trogon, Spotted Barbtail, Tawny Throated Leaf Tosser, Slaty Antwren, Thicket Antpitta, spectacular White-Collared, White-Ruffed and White-Crowned Manakins (including lekking birds), Piratic Flycatcher and Black-Headed Nightingale-Thrush (amongst many many others!).



White Throated Mountain Gem

10th March 2012 – 11th March 2012 – Hotel Buena (travel day)

11th March 2012 – Le Paz Waterfall Gardens

[\(http://www.waterfallgardens.com/\)](http://www.waterfallgardens.com/)

Le Paz Waterfall Gardens is ostensibly a small zoo, set in a valley in the mountains, about an hours drive north of San Jose. The attraction for birders is a number of trails that feed out along the valley, following the river, and the hummingbird gardens. There is, of course, a charge for entry but you can spend a whole day exploring the place. In the hummingbird gardens you can, if it's your sort of thing, take hand feeders and have the birds come to you. We saw 8 species of hummers here including Coppery Headed Emerald, Black Bellied Hummingbird and the Magenta Throated Woodstar. Out on the trails the highlights included Immaculate Antbird, Slaty Throated Nightingale Thrush, Slaty Throated Redstart, Red Faced Spinetail and American Dipper.



Violet Sabrewing

Other Fauna

Whilst not specifically looking for any animals we did come across the following species;

Howler Monkey (Selva Verde, La Paz), Spider Monkey (Selva Verde), Three Toed Sloth (Laguna, La Selva), White-faced Capuchin (Selva Verde), White-nosed Coati (Laguna, La Paz, Selva Verde), Raccoon (La Paz), Variegated Squirrel (various), Red Tailed Squirrel (various), Tamandua (Lesser Anteater) (Laguna), Collared Peccary (La Selva) and River Otter (La Selva). I also had large feline tracks 50m from our bedroom at Selva Verde. The tracks were on the river bank and one of the guides identified them, from a photograph, as Puma (Mountain Lion), which had been reported in the area!

Large Caiman, huge Iguana and Basilisk Lizard (Jesus Christ Lizard) were seen at all the rainforest sites, with a number of unidentified snakes, but the non-bird highlights were the poison dart frogs, the Blue Jeans Strawberry Poison Dart Frog and the Green and Black Poison Dart Frog, both looking like children's plastic toys sat amongst the leaf litter !



Sooty Thrush

Trip List:

COSTA RICA : 25/02/12 - 10/03/12	Hotel Beuna Vista (25/02/12 & 10/03/12)	Laguna Del Lagarto Lodge (26- 28/02/12)	Selva Verde Lodge (29/02- 01/03/12)	La Selva OTS (02/03/12)	Paraiso Del Quetzal (03- 04/03/12)	Savegre Mountain Lodge (05- 06/03/12)	Rancho Naturalista (07- 09/03/12)	La Paz Waterfall Gardens (10/03/12)
Great Tinamou <i>Tinamus major</i>				1				
Grey-headed Chachalaca <i>Ortalis cinereiceps</i>							1	
Crested Guan <i>Penelope purpurascens</i>				1			1	
Black Guan <i>Chamaepetes unicolor</i>					1			
Great Curassow <i>Crax rubra</i>		1		1				
Anhinga <i>Anhinga anhinga</i>		1						
Wood Stork <i>Mycteria Americana</i>			1					
Fasciated Tiger Heron <i>Tigrisoma fasciatum</i>			1					
Bare-throated Tiger Heron <i>Tigrisoma mexicanum</i>		1						
Agami Heron <i>Agamia agami</i>				1				
Great Blue Heron <i>Ardea herodias</i>		1					1	
Great Egret <i>Ardea alba</i>		1					1	
Snowy Egret <i>Egretta thula</i>			1					
Little Blue Heron <i>Egretta caerulea</i>			1					
Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		1					1	
Tricoloured Heron <i>Egretta tricolor</i>		1						
Green Heron <i>Butorides virescens</i>							1	
Black-crowned Night Heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>							1	

Yellow-crowned Night Heron <i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>							1	
Boat-billed Heron <i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>							1	
Green Ibis <i>Mesembrinibis cayennensis</i>		1		1			1	
Sunbittern <i>Eurypyga helias</i>							1	
Black Vulture <i>Coragyps atratus</i>	1	1	1	1		1	1	1
Turkey Vulture <i>Cathartes aura</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
King Vulture <i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>		1	1					
Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>				1		1		
Hook-billed Kite <i>Chondrohierax uncinatus</i>		p						
Swallow-tailed Kite <i>Elanoides forficatus</i>						1		
White-tailed Kite <i>Elanus leucurus</i>							1	
Bicoloured Hawk <i>Accipiter bicolor</i>							1	
Barred Hawk <i>Leucopternis princeps</i>						p		
Roadside Hawk <i>Buteo magnirostris</i>		1						
Broad-winged Hawk <i>Buteo platypterus</i>		1					1	
Grey-lined Hawk <i>Buteo nitidus</i>		1						
Short-tailed Hawk <i>Buteo brachyurus</i>	1						1	
Swainson's Hawk <i>Buteo swainsoni</i>			p					
Red-tailed Hawk <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>						1		
Black Hawk-Eagle <i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>				1				
Barred Forest Falcon <i>Micrastur ruficollis</i>							h	
Yellow-headed Caracara <i>Milvago chimachima</i>							1	
Laughing Falcon <i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>							h	
Grey-necked Wood Rail <i>Aramides cajanea</i>		1		1				
Purple Gallinule <i>Porphyrio martinica</i>							1	
Northern Jacana <i>Jacana spinosa</i>							1	
Sungrebe <i>Heliornis fulica</i>				1				
Spotted Sandpiper <i>Actitis macularius</i>			1					
Common Pigeon <i>Columba livia feral</i>	1							
Red-billed Pigeon <i>Patagioenas flavirostris</i>	1						1	
Band-tailed Pigeon <i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>					1	1		
Ruddy Pigeon <i>Patagioenas subvinacea</i>							1	
Short-billed Pigeon <i>Patagioenas nigrirostris</i>				1			1	
White-winged Dove <i>Zenaida asiatica</i>	1							
Inca Dove <i>Columbina inca</i>	1							
Ruddy Ground Dove <i>Columbina talpacoti</i>		1					1	
White-tipped Dove <i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>		1						
Sulphur-winged Parakeet <i>Pyrrhura hoffmanni</i>						1		
Olive-throated Parakeet <i>Aratinga nana</i>				1				
Finsch's Parakeet <i>Aratinga finschi</i>							1	
Orange-chinned Parakeet <i>Brotogeris jugularis</i>		1						
Red-fronted Parrotlet <i>Touit costaricensis</i>							1	
Brown-hooded Parrot <i>Pionopsitta haematotis</i>		1						

White-crowned Parrot <i>Pionus senilis</i>	1	1		1			1	
Great Green Macaw <i>Ara ambiguus</i>		1		1				
Scarlet Macaw <i>Ara macao</i>		1						
White-fronted Amazon <i>Amazona albifrons</i>	1							
Red-lore Amazon <i>Amazona autumnalis</i>		1		1				
Mealy Amazon <i>Amazona farinosa</i>		1	1					
Squirrel Cuckoo <i>Piaya cayana</i>		1		1			h	
Groove-billed Ani <i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>		1						
Bare-shanked Screech Owl <i>Megascops clarkii</i>					1			
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl <i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>							1	
Vermiculated Screech Owl <i>Megascops vermiculatus</i>				h				
Dusky Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus saturatus</i>					1			
Lesser Nighthawk <i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>							1	
White-collared Swift <i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	1	1		1		1		1
Grey-rumped Swift <i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i>		1						
Band-tailed Barbthroat <i>Threnetes ruckeri</i>							1	
Green Hermit <i>Phaethornis guy</i>							1	
Long-billed Hermit <i>Phaethornis longirostris</i>		1	1					
Stripe-throated Hermit <i>Phaethornis striigularis</i>		1	1				1	
Violet Sabrewing <i>Campylopterus hemileucurus</i>							1	1
Fiery-throated Hummingbird <i>Panterpe insignis</i>					1			
Green-crowned Brilliant <i>Heliodoxa jacula</i>							1	1
Magnificent Hummingbird <i>Eugenes fulgens</i>					1	1		
Scaly-breasted Hummingbird <i>Phaeochroa cuvierii</i>		1						
Purple-crowned Fairy <i>Heliothrix barroti</i>							1	
Blue-chested Hummingbird <i>Amazilia amabilis</i>				1				
White-necked Jacobin <i>Florisuga mellivora</i>		1					1	
Garden Emerald <i>Chlorostilbon assimilis</i>							1	
Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer <i>Chalybura urochrysis</i>		1	1					
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird <i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>		1	1				1	
Green-breasted Mango <i>Anthracothorax prevostii</i>							1	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird <i>Archilochus colubris</i>							1	
Brown Violetear <i>Colibri delphinae</i>							1	1
Green Violetear <i>Colibri thalassinus</i>					1	1		
Stripe-tailed Hummingbird <i>Eupherusa eximia</i>						1		
Black-bellied Hummingbird <i>Eupherusa nigriventris</i>								1

Coppery-headed Emerald <i>Elvira cupreiceps</i>								1
Purple-throated Mountaingem <i>Lampornis calolaemus</i>								1
White-throated Mountaingem <i>Lampornis castaneiventris</i>						1		
Black-crested Coquette <i>Lophornis helenae</i>		1					1	
Green Thorntail <i>Discosura conversii</i>							1	1
Violet-crowned Woodnymph <i>Thalurania colombica</i>		1					1	
Snowcap <i>Microchera albocoronata</i>							1	
Magenta-throated Woodstar <i>Calliphlox bryantae</i>								1
Volcano Hummingbird <i>Selasphorus flammula</i>					1	1		
Scintillant Hummingbird <i>Selasphorus scintilla</i>					1	1		
Violaceous Trogon <i>Trogon violaceus</i>				1			1	
Black-throated Trogon <i>Trogon rufus</i>			1	1				
Collared Trogon <i>Trogon collaris</i>							1	
Slaty-tailed Trogon <i>Trogon massena</i>		1	1	1				
Resplendent Quetzal <i>Pharomachrus mocinno</i>					1	1		
Blue-crowned Motmot <i>Momotus momota</i>							1	
Broad-billed Motmot <i>Electron platyrhynchum</i>				1				
Ringed Kingfisher <i>Megaceryle torquata</i>		1		p			1	
Amazon Kingfisher <i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>			1	1				
Green Kingfisher <i>Chloroceryle americana</i>		1						
American Pygmy Kingfisher <i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>		1						
White-fronted Nunbird <i>Monasa morphoeus</i>		1						
Rufous-tailed Jacamar <i>Galbula ruficauda</i>				1				
Collared Aracari <i>Pteroglossus torquatus</i>		1	1	1			1	
Chestnut-mandibled Toucan <i>Ramphastos swainsonii</i>		1	1	1				
Keel-billed Toucan <i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>		1		1				
Acorn Woodpecker <i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>					1	1		
Black-cheeked Woodpecker <i>Melanerpes pucherani</i>		1		1			1	
Hoffmann's Woodpecker <i>Melanerpes hoffmannii</i>	1						1	
Hairy Woodpecker <i>Picoides villosus</i>					1			
Rufous-winged Woodpecker <i>Piculus simplex</i>				1				
Golden-olive Woodpecker <i>Colaptes rubiginosus</i>							1	
Cinnamon Woodpecker <i>Celeus loricatus</i>				1				
Chestnut-coloured Woodpecker <i>Celeus castaneus</i>				1				
Lineated Woodpecker <i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>		1						
Pale-billed Woodpecker <i>Campephilus guatemalensis</i>			1	1				

Red-faced Spinetail <i>Cranioleuca erythrops</i>								1
Ruddy Treerunner <i>Margarornis rubiginosus</i>					1	1		
Spotted Barbtail <i>Premnoplex brunnescens</i>							1	1
Buffy Tuftedcheek <i>Pseudocolaptes lawrencii</i>						1		
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner <i>Automolus ochrolaemus</i>							1	
Tawny-throated Leaftosser <i>Sclerurus mexicanus</i>							1	
Plain Xenops <i>Xenops minutus</i>							1	
Northern Barred Woodcreeper <i>Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae</i>				1				
Long-tailed Woodcreeper <i>Deconychura longicauda</i>								1
Olivaceous Woodcreeper <i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i>							1	
Plain-brown Woodcreeper <i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i>		1					1	
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper <i>Glyphorynchus spirurus</i>		p	1					
Cocoa Woodcreeper <i>Xiphorhynchus susurrans</i>							1	
Spot-crowned Woodcreeper <i>Lepidocolaptes affinis</i>						1		
Spotted Woodcreeper <i>Xiphorhynchus erythropygius</i>							1	1
Streak-headed Woodcreeper <i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>		1	1				1	
Brown-billed Scythebill <i>Campylorhamphus pusillus</i>							1	
Barred Antshrike <i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>							1	
Fasciated Antshrike <i>Cymbilaimus lineatus</i>				1				
Black-hooded Antshrike <i>Thamnophilus bridgesi</i>		1						
Great Antshrike <i>Taraba major</i>				1				
Dusky Antbird <i>Cercomacra tyrannina</i>							1	
Chestnut-backed Antbird <i>Myrmeciza exsul</i>			1					
Immaculate Antbird <i>Myrmeciza immaculata</i>								1
Dull-mantled Antbird <i>Myrmeciza laemosticta</i>							1	
Plain Antvireo <i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i>							1	
Checker-throated Antwren <i>Epinecrophylla fulviventris</i>							1	
Slaty Antwren <i>Myrmotherula schisticolor</i>							1	
White-flanked Antwren <i>Myrmotherula axillaris</i>		p						
Thicket Antpitta <i>Hylopezus dives</i>							1	
Paltry Tyrannulet <i>Zimmerius vilissimus</i>		1					1	
Mountain Elaenia <i>Elaenia frantzii</i>					1			
Yellow-bellied Elaenia <i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>							1	
Piratic Flycatcher <i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>							1	
Yellow-olive Flatbill <i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>							1	
Slaty-capped Flycatcher <i>Leptopogon superciliaris</i>							1	

Common Tody-Flycatcher <i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>		1	1				1	
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher <i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>				1			1	
Tawny-chested Flycatcher <i>Aphanotriccus capitalis</i>							1	
Sulphur-rumped Myiobius <i>Myiobius sulphureipygius</i>							1	
Bright-rumped Attila <i>Attila spadiceus</i>			1	1			1	
Rufous Mourner <i>Rhytipterna holerythra</i>		1		1			1	
Torrent Tyrannulet <i>Serpophaga cinerea</i>						1		
Long-tailed Tyrant <i>Colonia colonus</i>		1					1	
Eye-ringed Flatbill <i>Rhynchocyclus brevirostris</i>				1			1	
Dark Pewee <i>Contopus lugubris</i>						1		
Tropical Pewee <i>Contopus cinereus</i>		1					1	
White-throated Flycatcher <i>Empidonax albigularis</i>							1	
Black-capped Flycatcher <i>Empidonax atriceps</i>					1			
Yellowish Flycatcher <i>Empidonax flavescens</i>						1		
Northern Tufted Flycatcher <i>Mitrephanes phaeocercus</i>					1	1		1
Black Phoebe <i>Sayornis nigricans</i>						1	1	1
Dusky-capped Flycatcher <i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>		1	1	1			1	
Boat-billed Flycatcher <i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>			1				1	
Golden-bellied Flycatcher <i>Myiodynastes hemichrysus</i>							1	
Grey-capped Flycatcher <i>Myiozetetes granadensis</i>							1	
Social Flycatcher <i>Myiozetetes similis</i>				1			1	
White-ringed Flycatcher <i>Conopias albobittatus</i>				h				
Great Kiskadee <i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	1	1	1				1	
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher <i>Myiodynastes luteiventris</i>							1	
Tropical Kingbird <i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	1	1				1	1	
Cinnamon Becard <i>Pachyramphus cinnamomeus</i>			1	1			h	
Barred Becard <i>Pachyramphus versicolor</i>					1			1
White-winged Becard <i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>			1	1				
Black-crowned Tityra <i>Tityra inquisitor</i>			1				1	
Masked Tityra <i>Tityra semifasciata</i>			1	1			1	
Snowy Cotinga <i>Carpodectes nitidus</i>				1				
White-collared Manakin <i>Manacus candei</i>		1		1			1	
White-crowned Manakin <i>Pipra pipra</i>							1	
White-ruffed Manakin <i>Corapipo altera</i>							1	
Yellow-throated Vireo <i>Vireo flavifrons</i>			1				1	
Yellow-green Vireo <i>Vireo flavoviridis</i>							1	
Yellow-winged Vireo <i>Vireo carmioli</i>						1		
Lesser Greenlet <i>Hylophilus decurtatus</i>							1	

Rufous-browed Peppershrike <i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>						1		
Brown Jay <i>Cyanocorax morio</i>	1						1	
Blue-and-white Swallow <i>Pygochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	1					1	1	1
Mangrove Swallow <i>Tachycineta albilinea</i>		1						
American Cliff Swallow <i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>							1	
Grey-breasted Martin <i>Progne chalybea</i>							1	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow <i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>							1	
Southern Rough-winged Swallow <i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>		1					1	
Tropical Gnatcatcher <i>Poliopitila plumbea</i>			1				1	
Long-billed Gnatwren <i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i>							1	
Band-backed Wren <i>Campylorhynchus zonatus</i>				1				
Rufous-naped Wren <i>Campylorhynchus rufinucha</i>	1							
Bay Wren <i>Thryothorus nigricapillus</i>				1				
Stripe-breasted Wren <i>Thryothorus thoracicus</i>			1				1	
Black-throated Wren <i>Thryothorus atrogularis</i>				1				
House Wren <i>Troglodytes aedon</i>		1		1				
Ochraceous Wren <i>Troglodytes ochraceus</i>						1		
Grey-breasted Wood Wren <i>Henicorhina leucophrys</i>						1		
White-breasted Wood Wren <i>Henicorhina leucosticta</i>				1			1	
Song Wren <i>Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus</i>		p						
Southern Nightingale-Wren <i>Microcerculus marginatus</i>							1	
Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush <i>Catharus gracilirostris</i>					1			
Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush <i>Catharus mexicanus</i>							1	
Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush <i>Catharus frantzii</i>						1		
Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush <i>Catharus</i>								1
Swainson's Thrush <i>Catharus ustulatus</i>							1	
Wood Thrush <i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>		1	1				1	
Black-faced Solitaire <i>Myadestes melanops</i>						1		
Sooty Thrush <i>Turdus nigrescens</i>					1			
Clay-coloured Thrush <i>Turdus grayi</i>	1	1	1	1		1		1
Mountain Thrush <i>Turdus plebejus</i>					1	1		
American Dipper <i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>						1		1
Long-tailed Silky-Flycatcher <i>Ptilogonys caudatus</i>						1		
Black-and-yellow Phainoptila <i>Phainoptila melanoxantha</i>					1			
Tennessee Warbler <i>Vermivora peregrina</i>	1		1				1	
Blue-winged Warbler <i>Vermivora pinus</i>							1	
Flame-throated Warbler <i>Parula gutturalis</i>					1	1		

Golden-winged Warbler <i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>							1	1
Tropical Parula <i>Parula pitaiayumi</i>							1	1
American Yellow Warbler <i>Dendroica petechia</i>	1		1					
Chestnut-sided Warbler <i>Dendroica pensylvanica</i>		1	1					
Blackburnian Warbler <i>Dendroica fusca</i>							1	
Black-throated Green Warbler <i>Dendroica virens</i>					1	1		
Black-and-white Warbler <i>Mniotilta varia</i>			1			1	1	
Prothonotary Warbler <i>Protonotaria citrea</i>							1	
American Redstart <i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	1							
Wilson's Warbler <i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>					1	1		
Louisiana Waterthrush <i>Seiurus motacilla</i>							1	
Northern Waterthrush <i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>		1					1	
Buff-rumped Warbler <i>Basileuterus fulvicauda</i>			1				1	
Mourning Warbler <i>Oporornis philadelphia</i>							1	
Grey-crowned Yellowthroat <i>Geothlypis poliocephala</i>							1	
Collared Whitestart <i>Myioborus torquatus</i>					1	1		
Slate-throated Whitestart <i>Myioborus miniatus</i>								1
Black-cheeked Warbler <i>Basileuterus melanogenys</i>						1		
Rufous-capped Warbler <i>Basileuterus rufifrons</i>							1	
Three-striped Warbler <i>Basileuterus tristriatus</i>								1
Golden-crowned Warbler <i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>							1	
Bananaquit <i>Coereba flaveola</i>		1					1	
Red-throated Ant Tanager <i>Habia fuscicauda</i>			1	1			1	
Common Bush Tanager <i>Chlorospingus ophthalmicus</i>						1		1
Sooty-capped Bush Tanager <i>Chlorospingus pileatus</i>					1	1		
Carmioli's Tanager <i>Chlorothraupis carmioli</i>							1	
White-lined Tanager <i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>							1	
Summer Tanager <i>Piranga rubra</i>		1	1				1	
Crimson-collared Tanager <i>Ramphocelus sanguinolentus</i>							1	
Flame-coloured Tanager <i>Piranga bidentata</i>					1	1		
Passerini's Tanager <i>Ramphocelus passerinii</i>		1		1			1	1
Bay-headed Tanager <i>Tangara gyrola</i>							1	1
Emerald Tanager <i>Tangara florida</i>							1	
Golden-hooded Tanager <i>Tangara larvata</i>		1		1			1	
Spangle-cheeked Tanager <i>Tangara dowii</i>						1		1
Speckled Tanager <i>Tangara guttata</i>							1	

Blue-grey Tanager <i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	1	1	1	1		1	1	1
Palm Tanager <i>Thraupis palmarum</i>		1		1			1	1
Silver-throated Tanager <i>Tangara icterocephala</i>						1	1	1
Blue Dacnis <i>Dacnis cayana</i>		1	1	1				
Scarlet-thighed Dacnis <i>Dacnis venusta</i>							1	
Green Honeycreeper <i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>		1	1	1			1	
Red-legged Honeycreeper <i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>		1	1					
Shining Honeycreeper <i>Cyanerpes lucidus</i>			1					
Thick-billed Seed Finch <i>Oryzoborus funereus</i>		1	1				1	
Variable Seedeater <i>Sporophila corvina</i>		1						
Blue-black Grassquit <i>Volatinia jacarina</i>		1						
Yellow-faced Grassquit <i>Tiaris olivaceus</i>		1				1	1	
Slaty Flowerpiercer <i>Diglossa plumbea</i>					1	1		
Large-footed Finch <i>Pezopetes capitalis</i>					1			
Sooty-faced Finch <i>Arremon crassirostris</i>								1
Yellow-thighed Finch <i>Pselliophorus tibialis</i>					1	1		1
Chestnut-capped Brush Finch <i>Arremon brunneinucha</i>				p		1		
Black-striped Sparrow <i>Arremonops conirostris</i>							1	
Orange-billed Sparrow <i>Arremon aurantiostris</i>			1				1	
House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>	1							
Rufous-collared Sparrow <i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>					1	1		1
Black-headed Saltator <i>Saltator atriceps</i>							1	
Buff-throated Saltator <i>Saltator maximus</i>			1	1			1	
Greyish Saltator <i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	1							
Slate-coloured Grosbeak <i>Saltator grossus</i>		p						
Black-faced Grosbeak <i>Caryothraustes poliogaster</i>				1				
Rose-breasted Grosbeak <i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	1					1	1	
Melodious Blackbird <i>Dives dives</i>				1			1	
Red-winged Blackbird <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>		1						
Eastern Meadowlark <i>Sturnella magna</i>		1						
Great-tailed Grackle <i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>		1					1	
Bronzed Cowbird <i>Molothrus aeneus</i>							1	
Giant Cowbird <i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>		1						
Black-cowled Oriole <i>Icterus prosthemelas</i>			1	1			1	
Baltimore Oriole <i>Icterus galbula</i>	1	1		1				
Scarlet-rumped Cacique <i>Cacicus uropygialis</i>			1	1				

Yellow-billed Cacique <i>Amblycercus holosericeus</i>							h	
Chestnut-headed Oropendola <i>Psarocolius wagleri</i>				1			1	
Montezuma Oropendola <i>Psarocolius montezuma</i>	1	1	1	1			1	
Golden-browed Chlorophonia <i>Chlorophonia callophrys</i>					1			
Olive-backed Euphonia <i>Euphonia gouldi</i>		1						
Tawny-capped Euphonia <i>Euphonia anneae</i>							1	
Yellow-crowned Euphonia <i>Euphonia luteicapilla</i>	1							
Yellow-throated Euphonia <i>Euphonia hirundinacea</i>							1	
Total = 313 species seen plus 5 heard (h) only and 6 probable's (p)	27	85	54	68	33	54	161	37
		5 p	1 p	2 p, 2 h		1 p	5 h	



It landed in the tree...which bloody tree?!!

Nick Hilton, April 2012