



*Field Guides Tour Report*

**Guatemala: Shade-grown Birding 2017 (with Tikal & Guacamayas Pre-tour)**

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*White-winged Tanager was one of the many striking species we got the chance to see well. Photo by participant Carla Bregman.*

This was a special trip for me. It was the first trip I guided using our new *Field Guide to the Birds of Northern Central America* guide (Fagan and Komar)! I was very pleased with the reception and comments you all made. And the group couldn't have been better. Many of you I knew from previous trips, and I enjoyed meeting several new folks.

Guatemala is a super birdy country, and this year was no exception. With 364 bird taxa we had an awesome total! There were a bunch of highlights, including Highland Guans (do you all remember the sound of their wing rattle?!), Ornate Hawk-Eagle (soaring over us at Las Guacamayas), Fulvous Owl (that cackling pair at Finca Las Nubes), Black-and-white Owl (two different sites), the tiny Wine-throated Hummingbird, Resplendent Quetzal (new for Simone!), wild Scarlet Macaws, and Pink-headed Warbler (really "Frosty-headed" Warbler). The Cacomistle was very cool, too.

Thanks for a great, memorable trip. Many thanks, too, to all the local fincas and our local guides: Miguel (Tikal NP), Cornelio (Las Guacamayas), Don Chus (Finca Los Andes), Fernando (Finca Las Nubes), and Josue (Finca Los Tarrales). I hope to see you all again soon.

Best of birding for 2017 and beyond,

--Jesse (aka Motmot) from Lima, Peru

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**KEYS FOR THIS LIST**

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

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**BIRDS**

Tinamidae (Tinamous)

**GREAT TINAMOU** (*Tinamus major*) [\*]

**LITTLE TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus soui*) [\*]

**SLATY-BREASTED TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus boucardi*) [\*]

**THICKET TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus cinnamomeus*) [\*]

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

**MUSCOVY DUCK** (*Cairina moschata*) – Several seen along the Rio San Pedro at Las Guacamayas.

**BLUE-WINGED TEAL** (*Anas discors*)

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

**PLAIN CHACHALACA** (*Ortalis vetula*) – Small numbers at Cerro Cahui and again at Las Guacamayas.

**WHITE-BELLIED CHACHALACA** (*Ortalis leucogastra*) – Good looks at Finca Patrocinio and Finca Los Tarrales. Endemic to the Pacific slope.

**CRESTED GUAN** (*Penelope purpurascens*) – Wow. This was a good year for seeing and hearing Crested Guans! Both slopes.

**HIGHLAND GUAN** (*Penelopina nigra*) – Lots seen and heard on the Pacific slope. It's cool to hear their cracking wing noise made in flight between perches. [E]

**GREAT CURASSOW** (*Crax rubra*) – One female in the garden at Las Guacamayas.

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

**BUFFY-CROWNED WOOD-PARTRIDGE** (*Dendrortyx leucophrys*) – Amazing looks along the trail at Cayala in Guatemala City. Heard again at Finca Las Nubes.

**SPOTTED WOOD-QUAIL** (*Odontophorus guttatus*) [\*]

**SINGING QUAIL** (*Dactylortyx thoracicus*) – Wonderful close studies of a singing bird from the parking lot at Finca El Pilar.

Phasianidae (Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies)

**OCELLATED TURKEY** (*Meleagris ocellata*) – Not many, but they were wandering around the grounds at Tikal NP.

Podicipedidae (Grebes)

**LEAST GREBE** (*Tachybaptus dominicus*)

**PIED-BILLED GREBE** (*Podilymbus podiceps*)

**EARED GREBE** (*Podiceps nigricollis*) – My first for NCA! Very cool to see this rare wintering resident on Lake Atitlan.

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

**NEOTROPIC CORMORANT** (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Anhingidae (Anhingas)

**ANHINGA** (*Anhinga anhinga*)

Pelecanidae (Pelicans)

**BROWN PELICAN** (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) – A pair of juveniles were on Lake Peten-Itza where uncommon.

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

**BARE-THROATED TIGER-HERON** (*Tigrisoma mexicanum*) [\*]

**GREAT BLUE HERON** (*Ardea herodias*)

**GREAT EGRET** (*Ardea alba*)

**SNOWY EGRET** (*Egretta thula*)

**LITTLE BLUE HERON** (*Egretta caerulea*)

**CATTLE EGRET** (*Bubulcus ibis*)

**GREEN HERON** (*Butorides virescens*)

**AGAMI HERON** (*Agamia agami*) – One one was seen in the shadowy edge of the Rio Sac-Cluc and again at dusk along the Rio San Pedro, Las Guacamayas.

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

**BOAT-BILLED HERON** (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) – In the Peten. Our first were at the small aguada near our lodge at Tikal.

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

**BLACK VULTURE** (*Coragyps atratus*)

**TURKEY VULTURE** (*Cathartes aura*)

**KING VULTURE** (*Sarcoramphus papa*) – Both slopes: a pair soaring at Las Guacamayas and again one briefly at Finca Los Tarrales. Rare and local on the Pacific slope.

Pandionidae (Osprey)

**OSPREY** (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

**WHITE-TAILED KITE** (*Elanus leucurus*)

**ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE** (*Spizaetus ornatus*) – Wonderful encounter at Las Guacamayas with an adult bird that came in low to check us out.

**BLACK-COLLARED HAWK** (*Busarellus nigricollis*) – Rare and local in NCA, we had a pair at the big lagoon near the ruins of El Peru.

**SHARP-SHINNED HAWK (WHITE-BREASTED)** (*Accipiter striatus chionogaster*) – One adult male was seen in flight during our ride up through the finca at Las Nubes.

**COOPER'S HAWK** (*Accipiter cooperii*) – Uncommon as a migrant and wintering resident in NCA. We saw one at Finca Los Andes.

**ROADSIDE HAWK** (*Rupornis magnirostris*)

**WHITE HAWK (SNOWY)** (*Pseudastur albicollis ghiesbreghti*) – A perched immature was seen at Finca Los Tarrales. The adults become nearly all white bodied unlike birds on the Caribbean slope which maintain black black in the wings.

**GRAY HAWK** (*Buteo plagiatus*)

**BROAD-WINGED HAWK** (*Buteo platypterus*)

**SHORT-TAILED HAWK** (*Buteo brachyurus*)

*Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)*

**RUDDY CRAKE** (*Laterallus ruber*) [\*]

**RUSSET-NAPE WOOD-RAIL** (*Aramides albiventris*) – A close encounter was had with a curious bird at the small pond behind the visitor's center at Tikal NP.

**COMMON GALLINULE** (*Gallinula galeata*)

**AMERICAN COOT** (*Fulica americana*)

*Heliornithidae (Finfoots)*

**SUNGREBE** (*Heliornis fulica*) – A male was scooting along under the river vegetation at Las Guacamayas.

*Aramidae (Limpkin)*

**LIMPKIN** (*Aramus guarauna*) – Good numbers calling in the marshes at Las Guacamayas.

*Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)*

**BLACK-NECKED STILT** (*Himantopus mexicanus*)

*Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)*

**COLLARED PLOVER** (*Charadrius collaris*) – On the runway in Flores!

**KILLDEER** (*Charadrius vociferus*)

*Jacanidae (Jacanas)*

**NORTHERN JACANA** (*Jacana spinosa*)

*Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)*

**LAUGHING GULL** (*Leucophaeus atricilla*) – At Peten-Itza (where rare) and again on Lake Atitlan.

**ROYAL TERN** (*Thalasseus maximus*)

**SANDWICH TERN** (*Thalasseus sandvicensis*) – Two on Lake Peten-Itza were rare and not expected. Increasing inland?

*Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)*

**ROCK PIGEON** (*Columba livia*) [I]

**PALE-VENTED PIGEON** (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

**RED-BILLED PIGEON** (*Patagioenas flavirostris*)

**BAND-TAILED PIGEON** (*Patagioenas fasciata*)

**EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE** (*Streptopelia decaocto*) – Have now expanded throughout the Peten region. Seen in Flores. [I]

**RUDDY GROUND-DOVE** (*Columbina talpacoti*)

**BLUE GROUND-DOVE** (*Claravis pretiosa*) [\*]

**RUDDY QUAIL-DOVE** (*Geotrygon montana*)

**WHITE-TIPPED DOVE** (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

**WHITE-FACED QUAIL-DOVE** (*Zentrygon albifacies*) – Briefly a few times at Finca Las Nubes. [E]

**WHITE-WINGED DOVE** (*Zenaida asiatica*)

*Cuculidae (Cuckoos)*

**GROOVE-BILLED ANI** (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*)

**STRIPED CUCKOO** (*Tapera naevia*) [\*]

**PHEASANT CUCKOO** (*Dromococcyx phasianellus*) [\*]

**SQUIRREL CUCKOO (MIDDLE AMERICA)** (*Piaya cayana thermophila*)

*Tytonidae (Barn-Owls)*

**BARN OWL** (*Tyto alba*) – A memorable scene as two flew over our boat on an almost full moon. Rio San Pedro, Las Guacamayas.

*Strigidae (Owls)*

**VERMICULATED SCREECH-OWL (GUATEMALAN)** (*Megascops guatemalae guatemalae*) [\*]

**NORTHERN PYGMY-OWL (GUATEMALAN)** (*Glaucidium gnoma cobanense*) – Fantastic experience with this species at Las Nubes. A first record for the finca. Some authorities (including myself) treat this as a separate species, Guatemalan Pygmy-Owl.

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

**MOTTLED OWL** (*Ciccaba virgata*)

**BLACK-AND-WHITE OWL** (*Ciccaba nigrolineata*) – Awesome seeing this bird so well from the tower at Las Guacamayas, but finding it again at Finca Los Andes. A new record for the finca. It is rare on the Pacific slope.

**FULVOUS OWL** (*Strix fulvescens*) – Yes! Yes! Yes! A wonderful experience at Finca Las Nubes. [E]

*Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)*

**LESSER NIGHTHAWK** (*Chordeiles acutipennis*)

**COMMON PAURAUQUE** (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

**YUCATAN POORWILL** (*Nyctiphrynus yucatanicus*) – One made a quick flyby in the dry forest at Tikal NP.

**MEXICAN WHIP-POOR-WILL** (*Antristomus arizonae vermiculatus*) – Nice looks in the light in the quinine plantation at Finca Los Andes.

*Nyctibiidae (Potoos)*

**NORTHERN POTOO** (*Nyctibius jamaicensis*)

*Apodidae (Swifts)*

**WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT** (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

**VAUX'S SWIFT** (*Chaetura vauxi*)

**WHITE-THROATED SWIFT** (*Aeronautes saxatalis*) – A pair were low over the forest at Finca El Pilar.

**LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT** (*Panyptila cayennensis*) – Two over the lowland forest at Tikal NP.

*Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)*

**WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN** (*Florisuga mellivora*)

**LONG-BILLED HERMIT** (*Phaethornis longirostris*)

**STRIPE-THROATED HERMIT** (*Phaethornis striigularis*)

**MEXICAN VIOLETEAR** (*Colibri thalassinus*)

**PURPLE-CROWNED FAIRY** (*Heliodytes barroti*)

**GREEN-BREASTED MANGO** (*Anthracothorax prevostii*)

**MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD** (*Eugenes fulgens*)

**LONG-BILLED STARHROAT** (*Heliomaster longirostris*) – One at the Finca Los Andes feeders was unexpected.

**GREEN-THROATED MOUNTAIN-GEM** (*Lampornis viridipallens*) – This endemic was seen at Finca Las Nubes and again (a male) at Fuentes Georginas. [E]

**RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Archilochus colubris*)

**WINE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Atthis ellioti*) – Displaying males were a treat at Fuentes Georginas. [E]

**CANIVET'S EMERALD (CANIVET'S)** (*Chlorostilbon canivetii canivetii*)

**SCALY-BREASTED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Phaechroa cuvierii*) – Folks saw this species around their cabins at Tikal NP. It was also singing in the tall forest at Las Guacamayas.

**WEDGE-TAILED SABREWING** (*Campylopterus curvipennis*)

**RUFOUS SABREWING** (*Campylopterus rufus*) – This endemic was first seen at Cabana Suiza, our lunch spot outside of Guatemala City. Also, fairly regular at the Los Andes feeders. [E]

**VIOLET SABREWING** (*Campylopterus hemileucurus*)

**WHITE-BELLIED EMERALD** (*Amazilia candida*)

**AZURE-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Amazilia cyanocephala*)

**BERYLLINE HUMMINGBIRD** (*Amazilia beryllina devillei*) – This NCA subspecies with the white leggings was seen at Cabana Suiza and a few other spots. Very similar to the next species. [E]

**BLUE-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Amazilia cyanura guatemalae*) [E]

**RUFOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Amazilia tzacatl*)

**CINNAMON HUMMINGBIRD** (*Amazilia rutila*)

**BLUE-THROATED GOLDENTAIL** (*Hylocharis eliciae*) – Seen well in the scope at Finca Los Tarrales. Several were singing mid-canopy.

**WHITE-EARED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Hylocharis leucotis*)

*Trogonidae (Trogons)*

**RESPLENDENT QUETZAL** (*Pharomachrus mocinno*) – Seen feeding against the setting sun along the slopes of Volcan Atitlan. A nice experience for all of us.

**SLATY-TAILED TROGON** (*Trogon massena*)

**BLACK-HEADED TROGON** (*Trogon melanocephalus*)

**GARTERED TROGON** (*Trogon caligatus*)

**MOUNTAIN TROGON** (*Trogon mexicanus*) [\*]

**COLLARED TROGON** (*Trogon collaris*)

*Momotidae (Motmots)*

**TODY MOTMOT** (*Hylomanes momotula*) – We saw this species at Tikal NP and again at Finca Los Andes. More often than not we never see it, so twice on one tour was remarkable!

**BLUE-THROATED MOTMOT** (*Aspatha gularis*) – Great looks at Finca El Pilar. [E]

**LESSON'S MOTMOT** (*Momotus lessonii lessonii*)

*Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)*

**RINGED KINGFISHER** (*Megaceryle torquata*)

**BELTED KINGFISHER** (*Megaceryle alcyon*)

**GREEN KINGFISHER** (*Chloroceryle americana*)

**AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER** (*Chloroceryle aenea*) – The tiniest of the New World kingfishers. Seen well along the Rio Sac-Cluc in the Peten.

*Bucconidae (Puffbirds)*

**WHITE-WHISKERED PUFFBIRD** (*Malacoptila panamensis*) – Miguel spotted one for us during our walk in the ruins at Tikal.

*Galbulidae (Jacamars)*

**RUFOUS-TAILED JACAMAR** (*Galbula ruficauda*) – Lots in the Peten.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

**EMERALD TOUCANET (EMERALD)** (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus virescens*) – The subspecies on the Pacific side.

**COLLARED ARACARI** (*Pteroglossus torquatus*)

**KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN** (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*)

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

**ACORN WOODPECKER (ACORN)** (*Melanerpes formicivorus lineatus*)

**YUCATAN WOODPECKER** (*Melanerpes pygmaeus*) – My first for Guatemala! A good bird to find in the Peten and only recently discovered to be resident in this part of NCA.

**GOLDEN-FRONTED WOODPECKER (VELASQUEZ'S)** (*Melanerpes aurifrons dubius*) – This distinctive looking subspecies was seen in the Peten.

**GOLDEN-FRONTED WOODPECKER (VELASQUEZ'S)** (*Melanerpes aurifrons santacruxi*) – Found in the interior montane valleys and on the Pacific slope. This will be a potential split, Velasquez's Woodpecker.

**YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER** (*Sphyrapicus varius*)

**SMOKY-BROWN WOODPECKER** (*Picoides fumigatus*)

**HAIRY WOODPECKER (SOUTH MEXICAN)** (*Picoides villosus sanctorum*)

**GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER** (*Colaptes rubiginosus*)

**NORTHERN FLICKER (GUATEMALAN)** (*Colaptes auratus mexicanoides*) [E]

**CHESTNUT-COLORED WOODPECKER** (*Ceelus castaneus*)

**LINEATED WOODPECKER** (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

**PALE-BILLED WOODPECKER** (*Campephilus guatemalensis*)

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

**BARRED FOREST-FALCON** (*Micrastur ruficollis*) [\*]

**COLLARED FOREST-FALCON** (*Micrastur semitorquatus*) – More enjoyable than seeing this species was listening to its climaxing calls during our evening at Finca Los Tarrales.

**CRESTED CARACARA** (*Caracara cheriway*)

**LAUGHING FALCON** (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)

**AMERICAN KESTREL** (*Falco sparverius*)

**BAT FALCON** (*Falco ruficularis*)

**ORANGE-BREASTED FALCON** (*Falco deiroleucus*) – A pair was breeding on Temple III this year. A very rare raptor in Central America.

Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots)

**BARRED PARAKEET** (*Bolborhynchus lineola*) – Well, we did see them! ;-)

**ORANGE-CHINNED PARAKEET** (*Brotogeris jugularis*)

**BROWN-HOODED PARROT** (*Pyrilia haematotis*)

**WHITE-CROWNED PARROT** (*Pionus senilis*)

**RED-LORED PARROT** (*Amazona autumnalis*)

**YELLOW-NAPED PARROT** (*Amazona auropalliata*) – This large Amazon was seen nicely perched and in flight at Finca Patrocinio. Their calls sound like little babies talking.

**WHITE-FRONTED PARROT** (*Amazona albifrons*)

**MEALY PARROT** (*Amazona farinosa*) [\*]

**OLIVE-THROATED PARAKEET** (*Eupsittula nana*)

**ORANGE-FRONTED PARAKEET** (*Eupsittula canicularis*)

**SCARLET MACAW** (*Ara macao*) – A breeding pair had arrived back to Las Guacamayas. Nearly extirpated from the Peten and most parts of NCA.

**PACIFIC PARAKEET** (*Psittacara strenuus*) – Hundreds in the coastal lowlands and foothills of the Pacific slope, like Finca Patrocinio. [E]

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

**GIANT ANTSHRIKE** (*Batara cinerea*) [\*]

**BARRED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)

**PLAIN ANTVIREO** (*Dysithamnus mentalis*)

**DUSKY ANTBIRD** (*Cercomacroides tyrannina*) – Good numbers in the understory at Las Guacamayas.

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

**SCALED ANTPITTA** (*Grallaria guatemalensis guatemalensis*) [\*]

Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

**BLACK-FACED ANTTHRUSH (MAYAN)** (*Formicarius analis moniliger*)

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

**TAWNY-THROATED LEAFTOSSER** (*Sclerurus mexicanus*) [\*]

**SCALY-THROATED LEAFTOSSER** (*Sclerurus guatemalensis*)

**OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER** (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)

**WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)

**NORTHERN BARRED-WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*)

**STRONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*) – This was a nice surprise at El Peru. Rare in the lowlands on the Caribbean slope.

**IVORY-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*)  
**SPOTTED WOODCREEPER** (*Xiphorhynchus erythrogygius*)  
**STREAK-HEADED WOODCREEPER** (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*) [\*]  
**SPOT-CROWNED WOODCREEPER** (*Lepidocolaptes affinis*) – Our first was at El Pilar. Good looks.  
**PLAIN XENOPS** (*Xenops minutus*)  
**SCALY-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (*Anabacerthia variegaticeps*) – Fairly common in the forest foothills along the Pacific slope.  
**RUDDY FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (*Clibanornis rubiginosus*) – One was at the army ant swarm on the Los Andes property!  
**RUFOUS-BREASTED SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis erythrothorax*) – Amazing looks while birding the upper coffee plantation at Tarrales.

*Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)*

**YELLOW-BELLIED TYRANNULET** (*Ornithion semiflavum*)  
**NORTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET** (*Camptostoma imberbe*)  
**GREENISH ELAENIA** (*Myiopagis viridicata*)  
**OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER** (*Mionectes oleagineus*)  
**SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER** (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*)  
**PALTRY TYRANNULET** (*Zimmerius vilissimus*) – Terrible name, right?  
**NORTHERN BENTBILL** (*Oncostoma cinereigulare*) – Common by voice at Tikal. We saw the curved (bent) bill at Cerro Cahui.  
**COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER** (*Todirostrum cinereum*)  
**EYE-RINGED FLATBILL** (*Rhynchocyclus brevirostris*)  
**YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER** (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*)  
**STUB-TAILED SPADEBILL** (*Platyrinchus cancrominus*)  
**RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER** (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*)  
**SULPHUR-RUMPED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiobius sulphureipygius*)  
**TUFTED FLYCATCHER** (*Mitrephanes phaeocercus*)  
**OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER** (*Contopus cooperi*) – Always a good bird to find wintering in NCA. One was at Finca El Pilar above Antigua.  
**GREATER PEWEE** (*Contopus pertinax*)  
**EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE** (*Contopus virens*) [\*]  
**TROPICAL PEWEE** (*Contopus cinereus*)  
**YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER** (*Empidonax flaviventris*)  
**LEAST FLYCATCHER** (*Empidonax minimus*)  
**HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER** (*Empidonax hammondi*)  
**YELLOWISH FLYCATCHER** (*Empidonax flavescens*)  
**BLACK PHOEBE** (*Sayornis nigricans*)  
**BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTLA** (*Attila spadiceus*)  
**RUFOUS MOURNER** (*Rhytipterna holerythra*)  
**YUCATAN FLYCATCHER** (*Myiarchus yucatanensis*) [\*]  
**DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)  
**GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiarchus crinitus*)  
**BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)  
**GREAT KISKADEE** (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)  
**BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER** (*Megarynchus pitangua*)  
**SOCIAL FLYCATCHER** (*Myiozetetes similis*)  
**TROPICAL KINGBIRD** (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)  
**COUCH'S KINGBIRD** (*Tyrannus couchii*) – This Tropical look-alike was best identified by voice at Tikal NP. Seen (or heard) a few times.  
**WESTERN KINGBIRD** (*Tyrannus verticalis*)  
**FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER** (*Tyrannus savana*)

*Pipridae (Manakins)*

**LONG-TAILED MANAKIN** (*Chiroxiphia linearis*) – A male was feeding in a fruiting ficus tree at Finca Los Tarrales. There were a few females around and young males which take 5 years to reach adult plumage.  
**WHITE-COLLARED MANAKIN** (*Manacus candei*)  
**RED-CAPPED MANAKIN** (*Ceratopipra mentalis*) – A male was visiting the fruiting bushes near the dining hall at Las Guacamayas.

*Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)*

**BLACK-CROWNED TITYRA** (*Tityra inquisitor*)  
**MASKED TITYRA** (*Tityra semifasciata*)  
**NORTHERN SCHIFFORNIS** (*Schiffornis veraepacis*)  
**GRAY-COLLARED BECARD** (*Pachyramphus major*) [\*]  
**ROSE-THROATED BECARD** (*Pachyramphus aglaiae*)

*Vireonidae (Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis)*

**RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE** (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) [\*]  
**GREEN SHRIKE-VIREO** (*Vireolanius pulchellus*) [\*]  
**TAWNY-CROWNED GREENLET** (*Tunchiornis ochraceiceps*)  
**LESSER GREENLET** (*Pachysylvia decurtata*)

**WHITE-EYED VIREO** (*Vireo griseus*)

**MANGROVE VIREO** (*Vireo pallens*) – Finally caught up with this species in the dry forest (not mangroves!) at Tikal NP.

**YELLOW-THROATED VIREO** (*Vireo flavifrons*)

**BLUE-HEADED VIREO** (*Vireo solitarius*)

**PLUMBEOUS VIREO (CENTRAL AMERICAN)** (*Vireo plumbeus montanus*) – It was a treat finding this resident "Plumbeous" at Finca Los Tarrales. These aren't really Plumbeous Vireos, a comprehensive study needs to be done on Solitary Vireos of Mexico and Central America.

**PHILADELPHIA VIREO** (*Vireo philadelphicus*) – At least four (!) in one tree along the entrance road to Tikal NP. A cool birding to find on its wintering grounds.

**WARBLING VIREO** (*Vireo gilvus*)

*Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)*

**BLACK-THROATED JAY** (*Cyanolyca pumilo*) – Yes! A wandering group was seen and heard below Fuentes Georginas. [E]

**WHITE-THROATED MAGPIE-JAY** (*Calocitta formosa*)

**BROWN JAY** (*Psilorhinus morio*)

**BUSHY-CRESTED JAY** (*Cyanocorax melanocyaneus*) [E]

**YUCATAN JAY** (*Cyanocorax yucatanicus*) – Always good to find this species in Guatemala. Seen well at Las Guacamayas.

**STELLER'S JAY (CENTRAL AMERICAN)** (*Cyanocitta stelleri ridgwayi*) [E]

**UNICOLORED JAY** (*Aphelocoma unicolor*) – Another good jay find was this species at Fuentes Georginas. Romney spotted it first!

*Hirundinidae (Swallows)*

**BLACK-CAPPED SWALLOW** (*Atticora pileata*) – This NCA endemic was seen at Finca El Pilar and again at Fuentes Georginas. [E]

**NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW** (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*)

**NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (RIDGWAY'S)** (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis ridgwayi*) – This was the resident subspecies nesting on the walls of the Tikal ruins. They look quite different from the nominate/northern wintering birds.

**GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN** (*Progne chalybea*)

**MANGROVE SWALLOW** (*Tachycineta albilinea*)

**VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW** (*Tachycineta thalassina*)

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

**CLIFF SWALLOW** (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*)

*Troglodytidae (Wrens)*

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

**RUFOUS-BROWED WREN** (*Troglodytes rufociliatus*) [E]

**CAROLINA WREN (WHITE-BROWED)** (*Thryothorus ludovicianus albinucha*) [\*]

**BAND-BACKED WREN** (*Campylorhynchus zonatus*)

**RUFOUS-NAPED WREN (RUFOUS-BACKED)** (*Campylorhynchus rufinucha nigricaudatus*)

**SPOT-BREASTED WREN** (*Pheugopedius maculipectus*)

**CABANIS'S WREN** (*Cantorchilus modestus*) – This was a recent split of the Plain Wren.

**WHITE-BELLIED WREN** (*Uropsila leucogastra*)

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

**GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN** (*Henicorhina leucophrys*)

*Poliophtilidae (Gnatcatchers)*

**LONG-BILLED GNATWREN** (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)

**BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER** (*Poliophtila caerulea*)

**TROPICAL GNATCATCHER** (*Poliophtila plumbea*)

*Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)*

**EASTERN BLUEBIRD** (*Sialia sialis*)

**BROWN-BACKED SOLITAIRE** (*Myadestes occidentalis*)

**ORANGE-BILLED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH** (*Catharus aurantiirostris*)

**RUDDY-CAPPED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH** (*Catharus frantzii*) [\*]

**SPOTTED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH** (*Catharus dryas*) – It will be hard to get better looks this species. A rare Pacific army ant swarm at Finca Los Andes gave us the opportunity to study this bird well.

**SWAINSON'S THRUSH** (*Catharus ustulatus*) – Most of them on the Pacific side were the "Russet-backed" types from western US.

**WOOD THRUSH** (*Hylocichla mustelina*) – We were happy to find them so common at Tikal NP.

**MOUNTAIN THRUSH** (*Turdus plebejus*)

**CLAY-COLORED THRUSH** (*Turdus grayi*)

**WHITE-THROATED THRUSH** (*Turdus assimilis*)

**RUFOUS-COLLARED ROBIN** (*Turdus rufitorques*) – This NCA endemic was seen sitting on top of the pine trees at Finca El Pilar. [E]

*Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)*

**BLUE-AND-WHITE MOCKINGBIRD** (*Melanotis hypoleucus*) – One perched in the open at Cayala was a rare sighting. [E]

**GRAY CATBIRD** (*Dumetella carolinensis*)

**TROPICAL MOCKINGBIRD** (*Mimus gilvus*)

*Ptilionotidae (Silky-flycatchers)*

**GRAY SILKY-FLYCATCHER** (*Ptiliogonys cinereus*)

*Peucedramidae (Olive Warbler)*

**OLIVE WARBLER** (*Peucedramus taeniatus*) [\*]

*Parulidae (New World Warblers)*

**OVENBIRD** (*Seiurus aurocapilla*)

**WORM-EATING WARBLER** (*Helmitheros vermivorum*)

**LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH** (*Parkesia motacilla*) – One was seen at Finca Los Tarrales on the compost pile!

**NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH** (*Parkesia noveboracensis*)

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

**CRESCENT-CHESTED WARBLER** (*Oreothlypis superciliosa*) – We actually saw the crescent! Nice looks at Fuentes Georginas.

**TENNESSEE WARBLER** (*Oreothlypis peregrina*)

**NASHVILLE WARBLER (RIDGWAYI)** (*Oreothlypis ruficapilla ridgwayi*)

**MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER** (*Geothlypis tolmiei*)

**KENTUCKY WARBLER** (*Geothlypis formosa*)

**COMMON YELLOWTHROAT** (*Geothlypis trichas*)

**HOODED WARBLER** (*Setophaga citrina*)

**AMERICAN REDSTART** (*Setophaga ruticilla*)

**TROPICAL PARULA** (*Setophaga pitiayumi*) – A singing bird at Tikal NP was rare for the Peten. Miguel indicated that there may be seasonal movement involved since they are absent most months of the year.

**MAGNOLIA WARBLER** (*Setophaga magnolia*)

**YELLOW WARBLER** (*Setophaga petechia*)

**CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER** (*Setophaga pennsylvanica*)

**TOWNSEND'S WARBLER** (*Setophaga townsendi*) – This was the common wintering warbler on the Pacific side.

**BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER** (*Setophaga virens*)

**FAN-TAILED WARBLER** (*Basileuterus lachrymosus*) – We saw this species in the army ant swarm at Finca Los Andes. Rare and local in Guatemala.

**RUFOS-CAPPED WARBLER (SALVINI)** (*Basileuterus rufifrons salvini*) – The subspecies seen at Laguna Lodge on Lake Atitlan.

**RUFOS-CAPPED WARBLER (CHESTNUT-CAPPED)** (*Basileuterus rufifrons delatirii*) – The subspecies seen at Finca Patrocinio with all yellow underparts and extensive chestnut in the face.

**GOLDEN-BROWED WARBLER** (*Basileuterus belli*)

**GOLDEN-CROWNED WARBLER** (*Basileuterus culicivorus*)

**WILSON'S WARBLER** (*Cardellina pusilla*)

**PINK-HEADED WARBLER** (*Cardellina versicolor*) – Emblematic bird of the NCA highlands. Only found in Chiapas, MX and western Guatemala.

We had to work hard to find one, but it paid off with close, eye-level views. A lovely bird. [E]

**SLATE-THROATED REDSTART** (*Myioborus miniatus*) – Birds here have "Guatemalan" Orange underparts.

**YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT** (*Icteria virens*)

*Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)*

**GRAY-HEADED TANAGER** (*Eucometis penicillata*)

**BLACK-THROATED SHRIKE-TANAGER** (*Lanio aurantius*) – We saw several females in the tall forest at Tikal.

**BLUE-GRAY TANAGER** (*Thraupis episcopus*)

**YELLOW-WINGED TANAGER** (*Thraupis abbas*)

**AZURE-RUMPED TANAGER** (*Tangara cabanisi*) – Another local endemic that we saw well in the scope at Finca Los Andes. [E]

**GOLDEN-HOODED TANAGER** (*Tangara larvata*)

**RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER** (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)

**GREEN HONEYCREEPER** (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

**CINNAMON-BELLIED FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa baritula*) – We saw them nectar robbing at Fuentes Georginas.

**THICK-BILLED SEED-FINCH** (*Sporophila funerea*)

**WHITE-COLLARED SEEDEATER (WHITE-COLLARED)** (*Sporophila torqueola morelleti*) – This subspecies (males are tawny below) was seen on the Caribbean slope.

**WHITE-COLLARED SEEDEATER (WHITE-COLLARED)** (*Sporophila torqueola mutanda*) – Seen on the Pacific slope.

**BLACK-HEADED SALTATOR** (*Saltator atriceps*)

**GRAYISH SALTATOR** (*Saltator coerulescens*)

*Emberizidae (Buntings and New World Sparrows)*

**COMMON CHLOROSPINGUS (MIDDLE AMERICA)** (*Chlorospingus flavopectus postocularis*)

**GREEN-BACKED SPARROW** (*Arremonops chloronotus*)

**CHESTNUT-CAPPED BRUSHFINCH** (*Arremon brunneinucha*)

**RUFOS-COLLARED SPARROW** (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

**WHITE-EARED GROUND-SPARROW** (*Melospiza leucotis occipitalis*)

**PREVOST'S GROUND-SPARROW (PREVOST'S)** (*Melospiza biarcuata biarcuata*) – Seen well at Laguna Lodge. [E]

**RUSTY SPARROW** (*Aimophila rufescens*) [\*]

**WHITE-NAPED BRUSHFINCH (YELLOW-THROATED)** (*Atlapetes albinucha gutturalis*)

*Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)*



**SUMMER TANAGER** (*Piranga rubra*)  
**WESTERN TANAGER** (*Piranga ludoviciana*)  
**WHITE-WINGED TANAGER** (*Piranga leucoptera*)  
**RED-THROATED ANT-TANAGER** (*Habia fuscicauda*)  
**ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK** (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*)  
**GRAY-THROATED CHAT** (*Granatellus sallaei*) – This NCA/Yucatan endemic has a simple, sweet song which we heard well at Cerro Cahui. It was seen here and again at Tikal. [E]  
**BLUE SEEDEATER** (*Amaurospiza concolor*) – A really great find. Josue spotted one in the bamboo above the Tarrales lodge.  
**BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK** (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*)  
**BLUE BUNTING** (*Cyanocompsa parellina*)  
**BLUE GROSBEAK** (*Passerina caerulea*)  
**INDIGO BUNTING** (*Passerina cyanea*)  
**PAINTED BUNTING** (*Passerina ciris*)

*Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)*

**MELODIOUS BLACKBIRD** (*Dives dives*)  
**GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE** (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)  
**GIANT COWBIRD** (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)  
**BLACK-VENTED ORIOLE** (*Icterus wagleri*)  
**BAR-WINGED ORIOLE** (*Icterus maculialatus*) – Briefly, but a male was perched atop a tall tree during our picnic breakfast at Finca El Pilar. This is a Pacific slope NCA endemic. [E]  
**ORCHARD ORIOLE** (*Icterus spurius*)  
**YELLOW-BACKED ORIOLE** (*Icterus chrysater*)  
**YELLOW-TAILED ORIOLE** (*Icterus mesomelas*)  
**SPOT-BREASTED ORIOLE** (*Icterus pectoralis*)  
**ALTAMIRA ORIOLE** (*Icterus gularis*)  
**BALTIMORE ORIOLE** (*Icterus galbula*)  
**YELLOW-BILLED CACIQUE** (*Amblycercus holosericeus*)  
**MONTEZUMA OROPENDOLA** (*Psarocolius montezuma*)

*Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)*

**SCRUB EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia affinis*)  
**YELLOW-THROATED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia hirundinacea*)  
**ELEGANT EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia elegantissima*)  
**OLIVE-BACKED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia gouldi*)  
**BLUE-CROWNED CHLOROPHONIA** (*Chlorophonia occipitalis*) – Finally caught up with this pretty bird in the Pacific slope foothills at Finca Los Andes and Las Nubes.  
**BLACK-HEADED SISKIN** (*Spinus notatus*)  
**LESSER GOLDFINCH** (*Spinus psaltria*)

*Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)*

**HOUSE SPARROW** (*Passer domesticus*)

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## MAMMALS

**YUCATAN HOWLER MONKEY** (*Alouatta pigra*)  
**CENTRAL AMERICAN SPIDER MONKEY** (*Ateles geoffroyi*)  
**MEXICAN GRAY SQUIRREL** (*Sciurus aureogaster*)  
**YUCATAN SQUIRREL** (*Sciurus yucatanensis*)  
**DEPPE'S SQUIRREL** (*Sciurus deppei*)  
**CENTRAL AMERICAN AGOUTI** (*Dasyprocta punctata*)  
**GRAY FOX** (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*)  
**CACOMISTLE** (*Bassariscus sumichrasti*) – A fantastic animal that we saw in the evening looking for Black-and-white Owl at Finca Los Andes. Related to raccoons.  
**WHITE-NOSED COATI** (*Nasua narica*)  
**WHITE-TAILED DEER** (*Odocoileus virginianus*)

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## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Other interesting critters:

Central American Coral Snake (*Micrurus nigrocinctus*) = Seen and photographed at Finca Los Tarrales.

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**Totals for the tour: 364 bird taxa and 10 mammal taxa**