



Chichén Itzá

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INTRODUCTION

After having visited the Oriental region twice on family vacations we decided on this occasion to go west. Yucatan peninsula with the famous Maya ruins, the coral reef just outside the west coast and with several interesting areas for birding was quite quickly selected as the destination.

Like previous reports we will give an immediate warning – *this is no hard core birding 12 hours a day report* - this was a family holiday.

The bird activity on Yucatan was much the same as in Asia, with almost no birds seen in the jungle during the hot hours in the middle of the day. We also felt that bird activity was a little bit slower here than in Asia during the late afternoon.

We enjoyed the birding very much though there was a new species for both of us around almost every corner. HEP had been to US a few times on family vacations before and therefore had some knowledge of the more common species and families, for LO this was the first western trip outside WP.

We birded almost every morning from dawn until breakfast at 9-9.30, a few mornings a little longer. Then some different activities such as looking around and bathing took place. There is a lot to do along the coast, but it's quite expensive. If the children want to swim with dolphins at Puerto Aventuras or Xcaret, for example - look at the prices first!

There are also a lot of ruins from the ancient Maya culture and one of the most famous along the coast are those in Tulum some 60 km south of Playa del Carmen. This can easily be combined with good bathing and birding. There are several nice hotels in the area where lunch is served.

GENERAL INFORMATION

We bought this charter trip from Ving/My Travel with the small hotel Pelicano Inn as our base. The flight with Novair was without stopovers both ways.

Pelicano Inn was situated on the beach and not more than one minute from the shopping street Avenida 5, in the middle of Playa del Carmen. The hotel gave us only one positive thing, the site – on the beach and close to the city centre. We cannot recommend Pelicano Inn.

We made a road trip for five days visiting Coba for both ruins in the jungle and birdwatching. Then further north to Rio Lagartos and the famous flamingo reserve and ending up at the fantastic ruins at Chichén Itzá.

Along the coast it seems that there will be a highway within the next few years. A guess is that this road will run from Cancun to Tulum and with at least two lanes in each direction. Parts of the road south of Playa del Carmen were under construction. The road south of Tulum to Muyil was also under reconstruction. The small unmetalled road called La Ruta de los Cenotes, going inland just opposite the entrance to Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín, outside Puerto Moreles was very bad in some parts but under reconstruction. The surface is raised by some 30-40 cm and rebuilt, by the time of our stay the road could be quite time consuming especially on our way back home with a lot of lorries and heavy plant. A guess is that at least the first 20-25 km will be in good shape next winter.

Prices for meals and shopping were quite expensive, even a little more than expected.

For visiting Mexico on a 2-3 week vacation no visa is needed. The Yucatan are 7 hours behind Swedish normal time. Bring some insect repellent if visiting for example the botanical garden just outside Puerto Moreles and other places with jungle.

We used various websites, such as Club300, Birdtours and Surfbirds to search for trip reports and other information about birding. As a tourist we used the quite new Rough Guide to Yucatan and that one was really good. It has useful maps for the ruin sites and a lot of excellent general information for a first time visitor.

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

We rented a car for ten days, a Nissan from Hertz for the total of 10,035 Mexican pesos, free mileage and full insurance. We had great help with the car getting around; visiting different places; leaving when we were ready; not to be in need of taxis, local buses and so on. Even though the car rental was quite expensive.

Roads are generally good, except for parts of the road from Coba to Rio Lagartos, which were full of pot holes.

The traffic was quite fast on the highway, people seemed to take no notice of speed limits and the average speed was much higher than expected. We did not see any accidents and had no problems with the police. By the way, avoid making contact with the police except for the tourist police and along roads “the green assistance police”. If charged for a speed ticket it is a rule to pay off immediately, often with an extra fee to the policeman himself.

Driving around was actually no problem at all, often well signed and the major towns had convenient one way systems.

ACCOMODATION & GUIDES

In Coba we stayed at Villa Arqueological situated on the shore of the small lake. They charged 869 pesos per night for a nice double room. You can eat at the hotel and pay everything by card when checking out.

In San Felipe we were told to stay at a small 2 star hotel some ten minutes from Rio Lagartos. This small charming place was situated right on the waterfront with – at low tide in the morning – great birding right from the room. Ask for a room with view over the sea. We actually stared at pelicans, Wood Stork, White Ibis, herons, Yellow-crowned Night Heron and soaring frigatebirds less than 50 m from the window and even a Willet on the second morning. They charged about 480 pesos per night, *but they do not take plastic*. Food and service was excellent. We stayed two nights here.

The last night on the road trip was at Chichén Itzá and here we also stayed at Villa Arqueological. We checked the price at the flashing Hotel Hacienda but they charged 190 US dollars for a night, which we found a little expensive for just sleeping a few hours. Another alternative is a five star hotel named Mayaland, just some 50 m from the entrance to the ruins but we did not enquire about the price. Villa Arqueological was not more than a few hundred meters away anyhow. There are more hotels in the neighbourhood.

We used two guides during our visit. At Rio Lagartos we went to restaurant Isla Contoy and asked for Diego Nuñez. The restaurant is situated at the end of Calle 19, turn left quite early when coming in to Rio Lagartos. I even think there was a small sign with a flamingo showing the direction.

He had moved with his family to the city of Tizimin some 50 km south of RL. The people at Isla Contoy phoned him for us and we decided to do a boat trip to the flamingos with him the next morning. He charged 70 US dollars for a 3-4 hour boat trip showing us almost every bird on our wishlist. We can truly recommend him, he speaks good English and definitely knows his birds. In short – an excellent bird guide and a man with a great sense of humour.

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We also used Diego the next morning and got a good lesson for 500 Mexican pesos.

Our second guide was Luis Kú Quiñores. He works at Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín in Puerto Moreles. We met him there one morning and he offered us a free tour through the garden, showing us several new species in a short time. When asking for a birding trip he offered us to join him and an English birder on a trip south of Tulum. He charged 260 US dollars for the whole trip, to be split between the three of us. Water, fruit, yoghurt and some bread was included as a light breakfast. He brought us to a small area at the outskirts of the great Sian Ka'an reserve, near the village of Muyil. Luis does not speak fluent English but he knows the bird names in English and moreover, he is an excellent birdwatcher with a sharp eye and he knows the bird calls which is a must in the jungle. He really made our day and was well worth the money. We would unequivocally recommend him. Ask for him at the garden or call him.

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We used Luis at the very end of our two week stay and that was a bit of a luck. Jeff, our English friend during that morning had been here just three days so almost every bird we discovered was new to him. He admitted that it was quite frustrating. We could leave the common species and put the focus on the new ones. We ended up with 18 new species that day.

SITES

There are so many good trip reports on the internet that more than well describe the main birding areas we visited. What we do want to put a finger on is that if it is a first trip to Yucatan, as our, and not too familiar with the birds, then one do not have to bother too much. There will be enough to do in the beginning anyhow. We soon realized that if we stopped and birded in a small area, for example a clearing along the road, we could be standing there for the rest of the morning, especially if finding a fruiting or flowering tree.

Most of our mornings we left Playa del Carmen well before first light and went straight to **La Ruta de los Cenotes**. When coming from the south leave the highway when signed for Puerto Moreles. (You leave the highway well before the crossing into the town and will pass just outside the entrance to the botanical garden). Keep on to the crossing with traffic lights, take to the right and do an immediate U-turn (watch Your back). At the traffic lights turn to the left (going towards Playa del Carmen again) but be sure to take the inside road – not the highway – otherwise You will miss the the Cenote road. The entrance to the road is well marked by a concrete arch, impossible to miss if taking the right part of the road. Along this road there were quite a lot of settlements (small "ranches"), several small tracks to different cenotes and of course barking dogs. Some of those cenote names are to be mentioned. We stopped outside **Cenote la Selvatica** where we found a nice fruiting tree with many Rose-throated Becards and both Masked and Black-crowned Tityras one morning. Around the **3 Bocas Cenote** was also good as around **Cenote de Puma**.

We were very pleased with this area even though it took us about half an hour to get there and a little more to get back to breakfast.

When speaking to Luis about this road he told us that the whole area from Cancun to Tulum was still suffering from hurricane Wilma and the cenote road was not as good as it had been before.

Along the road between Playa del Carmen and Puerto Moreles we noticed belatedly a lot of small ponds on the right hand when going north. If one can find a place to pull off the highway and find a track through the area it seems to have a potential for good birding.

We also must comment the situation in the northern parts of Playa del Carmen. When reading Roger Holmberg´s short but interesting trip report (in Swedish on www.club300.se/reserapporter) he mentioned a small jungle area where he had very good birding during his stay in 2002. That forested area has disappeared and has been replaced by buildings. Playa del Carmen seems to grow quite fast at the moment. We had really been looking forward to this small area as "our morning site".

Sorry to say, but it seems that the whole stretch between Cancun and Tulum will in the near future be developed with huge, fenced off "all inclusive" Spa & Resort complexes and some activity parks like X-care with huge entrance fees. If interested in the "all inclusive" kit stay near Tulum instead. Much better birding, but your wife will not have any evening shopping.

We cannot leave the "sites part" without mentioning Rio Lagartos. Go there and you will understand why so many trip reports says "I would have stayed here more days if time was no problem" or "the best site on our whole trip" or something like that. The same is for the neighbouring village San Felipe, it is not more than ten minutes between those places. These are small lovely fishing villages with an absolute magnificent atmosphere, and great birding around the corner. Include a guide like Diego and the stay will be unforgettable.

LITTERATURE

We realized that there is no field guide covering the whole Mexican avifauna. In the field we used *Collins Field Guide Birds of Mexico & Central America*, Ber van Perlo. This one is more like a species list with poor paintings and text. We also used *Birds of North America*, David Sibley or part of that one, for example the volume covering the eastern part.

Best text is found in *A Guide to the Birds of Mexico & Northern Central America*, Steve N.G Howell & Sophie Webb. This book is too big and heavy for use in the field and does not cover the American warblers.

The old Peterson guide is too old and inaccurate and does not include paintings of the American vagrants.

For the localities use Steve N.G Howell's *Where to Watch Birds in Mexico*. Still very useful. The only thing to add is that the comment about no use of tripods inside Chichen Itzá is inaccurate. We had no problem with that.

TAXONOMY

The species list is produced in and follows the taxonomy in Wildlife Computing program.

ITINERARY

21-22/1. Left Sundsvall on Sunday evening for a night at Ibis hotel, Arlanda though the departure time was early in the morning. Even though we were quite early at the check in desks the whole procedure took much longer than usual. New rules for hand luggage, very long queues or too few security control desks were the main problem. We therefore did not have time for breakfast. Finally we boarded the aircraft just to be told that we were going to be delayed one hour. Flight time is a little more than 11 hours and we landed at Cancun airport 12.15 local time. Inside the terminal everything went fine and then a bus transfer for about 50 minutes to our hotel. We took an afternoon walk trying to find the little forested area in the northern parts of PdC, but failed because it was gone and replaced by buildings.

23/1. Got up at the first light and started to walk northwards towards a small wet area near Grand Coco Beach hotel that we discovered from the transfer bus yesterday. The morning was warm but cloudy. We had just reached the small wetland when it started to rain so we headed back. It was quite a long walk and we had now realized that a rental car was a must for having any chance of morning birding. We had breakfast and then we started to negotiate prices with rental companies, discuss with each other and finally we agreed a Nissan from Hertz. Parking outside our hotel was impossible so we were told to use Walmart's parking area, some ten minutes away from the hotel. Picked up the rest of the families and headed north to Puerto Moreles while the sky was clearing up and the sun began to dry the wet roads. Enjoyed the small village, had lunch and decided to search for the "cenote road" on our way back. No problem, we drove a few km along the road, found an area with low bushes and

birded for half an hour. Highlight this afternoon **Red-billed Pigeon** and **Blue Bunting**. Back to PdC before dark.

24/1. The morning was clear, calm and warm. We drove the cenote road some more km than yesterday. Found a track through the jungle and took a walk. Highlights were **Thicket Tinamou** and **Squirrel Cockoo**. After breakfast we went to Akumal and a small lagoon named Tel-Ha where we had lunch, went snorkelling and did some birdwatching. On the way back to PdC we stopped and looked around and at one of those stops where we had good views of our first hummingbird, a Cinnamon and our first **Orange Oriole**.

During the afternoon the weather turned cloudy and rather windy with a little rain.

25/1. Cloudy weather with only a few glimpses of the sun before breakfast. Once again an early morning along the cenote road. Drove another few km further along the road, found a clearing and birded there for the rest of the morning. Best birds were **Olive Sparrow**, **Olivaceous Woodcreeper** and our first **Rose-throated Becard**.

After breakfast we drove to Puerto Aventuras where one can pay to swim with the dolphins. We enjoyed this spectacle for a while before heading further south, to Tulum. Found a lovely peaceful beach where we were almost the only visitors. Had lunch at a bungalow hotel called Diamante K. This was a charming place in Maya style and good food also. Visited the famous ruins during the afternoon while the sky cleared and we enjoyed a fantastic end to the day. Quite good birding in the ruin area with a lot of orioles, including our first Black-cowled. Also a nice show of a **Cinnamon Hummingbird** feeding in a flowering tree.

26/1. The morning was rather cloudy and chilly, not more than +20. Drove the cenote road non stop until we reached the entrance to cenote La Selvatica where we found a nice fruiting tree with becards and tityras. Headed back towards Puerto Moreles and visited the botanical garden for an hour or so. Met a group of American birdwatchers with local guides. They were really helpful even though we did not belong with them. Highlights this morning were **Olive-throated Parakeet**, **Black-headed Trogon**, **Masked & Black-crowned Tityra**.

After breakfast we went to Akumal for bathing and family life. Finished the day with a quick drive to Aktun Chen. Looked around and asked if we could go inside and do some birding, but they allowed only guided tours inside the gates. Got views of a agouite and up to ten coatis along entrance the road. The surrounding forest looked pretty interesting with quite huge trees good for woodpeckers and woodcreepers.

27/1. The morning trip was cancelled today though we were going for our road trip to see some ancient Maya cities and to have a look around of the inner parts of the Yucatan peninsula. Left PdC at 10 o'clock and headed to the small beach in Tulum for a break. Really nice weather and we stayed here until 14.30. Drove the last 42 km to Coba and checked in at Villa Arqueológica by the lakeside. Went out and birded along the lake until almost dusk. At dusk we looked out over the lake and found at least 2 huge crocodiles swimming around. The bird life was different from the one along the coast and several new species were seen during the afternoon. To mention some of them we recorded **Limpkin** (2), **Northern Jacana**, **Yellow-winged Tanager** and **Black-headed Saltator**. When we were eating dinner a **Common Pauraque** started to call. We went outside and tried to locate the bird, just to discover that there was also a **Yucatan Nightjar** calling a little further away.

28/1. Started the morning walk by 06.30 and headed straight to the entrance of ruin site. The sky was cloudy and by 7 it started to rain. We found some shelter

inside the area and got stuck there for almost an hour. Finally some nice birding with both **Violaceous** and **Black-headed Trogons** and **Lineated Woodpecker** as top birds. Headed back to the hotel for breakfast at 10.30 we went inside the ruin area for the tourist part of the visit. Found a pair of Red-throated Ant-tanager, but this was just the only species to mention from that part of the visit. Had lunch at the entrance and headed towards Rio Lagartos. Went to the neighbour village San Felipe and found the small two star hotel San Felipe de Jesus by the waterfront. Yes, really by the waterfront. The wind was rather strong and was howling in the windows, but what a view. We decided to stay here two nights instead of rushing away.

Late afternoon we went to Rio Lagartos to look for Diego Nuñez. Found the restaurant Isla Contoy quite easily but he was not there, because he had moved to Tizmin with his family after hurricane Wilma. The people at Isla Contoy phoned him for us and we made an agreement for a boat trip tomorrow after breakfast, with our families. On our way to Rio Lagartos we had a **Crested Caracara** on the road, feeding on a road kill.

29/1. We went to the salines at Las Coloradas before breakfast. Found a small track down to the salt ponds and we quickly discovered a huge gathering of waders. Sorry to say it was rather bad light though, as we had the rising sun in our eyes.

On our way back a guy on a scooter turned up and it was Diego who was out searching for us. He offered us an one hour birding around the San Salvador ranch. We were not disappointed, in less than an hour he had showed us **Yucatan Wren, Mexican Sheartail, Lesser Roadrunner, Laughing Falcon, Canivet's Emerald** and when going back he raised his voice – **JABIRU**. This was absolutely the rarity of the trip.

After breakfast we met Diego for a boat trip to see various wetland birds, and maybe especially the flamingos for our wives. Our excellent guide showed us some species we just dreamt off when looking at them in the fieldguides, some species we had not even been thinking off. To mention a few **Bare-throated Tiger Heron, Boat-billed Heron, American Oystercatcher, Marbled Godwit** and **Forster's Tern**, as well as a couple of huge crocodiles. The day until lunch time offered us a wonderful day, sunny, calm and warm. Gone was yesterday's strong winds. After a lunch at Isla Contoy we drove the road to Las Coloradas and stopped at a public beach for a while. A Grey Fox crossing the road was the most exciting thing that turned up. During the afternoon the weather got worse again. Headed back to our hotel rather late and between the Rio Lagartos/San Felipe crossing and San Felipe a **Gray-necked Wood-rail** was standing on the roadside. Another of those unforgettable memories from the visit in the Rio Lagartos area.

30/1. We had decided to meet up with Diego by 6.30 for a few hours of birding. We headed towards the San Salvador ranch again and we were not disappointed. Diego showed us another dozen new species. We had unforgettable views of **Mexican Sheartail**, a splendid male **Painted Bunting** and we found our first **Rufous-browed Peppershrike** to mention a few. Had breakfast at 9.30 and one hour later we drove towards Valladolid where we would have a look at the old Spanish colonial city. Stayed here a few hours including lunch. In the early afternoon we stopped at Cenote X-kekén near Dzitnup. The cenote was inside a big cave system where one was allowed to bath. Inside the cave we found several quite big bats and also 3 **Cave Swallows**. We drove the last km and arrived at Chichén Itzá at 17.00. Checked in at the Villa Arqueological. Situated just a few hundred meters from the entrance to the ruin area.

31/1. Just a short morning walk because we wanted an early breakfast to get into the ruins well before the crowds. This morning we was rewarded with a **Turquoise-browed Motmot**. We then visited the ancient Maya town until lunch and then we drove back towards Playa del Carmen with a stopover at beach in Tulum. The weather still mostly cloudy with a few rain showers during the drive. Arrived at our hotel in the late afternoon after a successful road trip.

1/2. Up early for another morning, birding along the cenote road. Birded mainly around the entrance to 3 Bocas Cenote. Top birds this morning were undoubtedly a **Scaled Pigeon**, a nice pair of **Barred Antshrike** and a pair of **Rose-throated Tanager**.

Drove back to Puerto Moreles and went in to the botanical garden. Today we met Luis Ku who kindly offered us a one hour guided tour through the garden. He showed us, among others, **Louisiana Waterthrush** and a singing male **Red-crowned Ant-tanager**. Also in the park six Spider Monkeys and an Agouite. Stopped at a small pond on our way back to PdC. We indulged ourselves for the rest of the day on the beach.

2/2. Our last day with the rental car. Got up even earlier to get even further inside the jungle along the cenote road. Started around the entrance at the cenote Puma. Here we found an **Olive-sided Flycatcher** and heard at least 2 calling **Blue-crowned Motmots**. Drove on and found a nice clearing around an abandoned small ranch. In a small fruiting tree 2 **Red-legged Honeycreepers** were feeding, really a big surprise. Drove back to the botanical garden and tried to find Luis for a guided tour the following day. He was not there so we birded around for almost an hour and found a **Lesser Greenlet**. Left the rental car at Hertz at lunch and spent the rest of the day on the beach. Called Luis in the afternoon and made an agreement for the next day.

3/2. Already at 5.10 we were on our way towards the small village Muyil, some 20 km south of Tulum. Here we birded together with an English birder called Jeff and Luis pointed out all the birds for us. The species list ended up with 86 species on this tour. Top birds was **Collared Aracari**, **Keel-billed Toucan** (only heard calling), **Royal Flycatcher**, **Gray-collared Becard**, **Grey-headed Tanager** and **Yellow-tailed Oriole**. We were back at the hotel at 14.15 and then we enjoyed the beach for the rest of the day. The weather had changed the in the last two days; more sun, less wind and really hot during the afternoons.

4/2. Our last full day and today we made a one day trip to Cozumel. We rented a car from Budget and drove to the south along the coast. Found a nice beach and did some snorkelling. It was really hot so bird activity was really slow. The only birds we found were **Banaquit** (a pair) and a singing **Cozumel Vireo**. Tried the "Bello Caribe" area in the afternoon but the only "species" we recorded was "Golden Warbler". Went back to PdC before dark and had dinner on the beach.

5/2. Bus transfer at 10.00 and then another 12 hour flight back to Stockholm/Arlanda where we arrived early in the morning. We than had to wait some hours for the train back to Sundsvall.

SPECIES LIST

Thicket Tinamou (*Crypturellus cinnamomeus*)

1 heard La Ruta de los Cenotes 24/1.

Plain Chachalaca (*Ortalis vetula*)

Fairly common along La Ruta de los Cenotes, at least 15 were seen or heard 24/1. Also recorded Tulum, Chichén Itzá and Muyil.

Yucatan Bobwhite (*Colinus nigrogularis*)

2 San Salvador ranch 29/1 and 10 San Salvador ranch 30/1.

Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*)

1 Playa del Carmen 22/1, 25 Coba lake 27/1 and 6 there 28/1, 50+6 around Las Coloradas 29/1, 20 Rio Lagartos 29/1 and 2 pairs in a small pond just north of Playa del Carmen 1/2.

Ring-necked Duck (*Aythya collaris*)

2 males and 1 female in a small pond just north of Playa del Carmen 1/2.

Least Grebe (*Tachybaptus dominicus*)

2 Coba lake 27/1 and 1 seen 28/1.

Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*)

10 Coba lake 27-28/1 and 1 Muyil 3/2.

Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber roseus*)

500 Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*)

1 seen flying just outside Akumal 24/1, 1 seen flying Tulum 25/1, 6 Rio Lagartos and 4 San Felipe 29/1, 4 seen soaring between Playa del Carmen-Cancun 5/2.

Jabiru (*Jabiru mycteria*)

1 adult came flying and landed on the old nest Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Diego told us that it was the first visit in the nest for almost a year. The most unexpected bird of the trip.

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*)

4 seen late in the evening San Felipe 28/1, at least 100 on the boat trip Rio Lagartos 29/1. 10 seen San Felipe in the afternoon 29/1 and 1 feeding at the hotel San Felipe 30/1.

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*)

1 seen flying Puerto Moreles 25/1 and 2 birds 1/2 and the day after 3 in a small pond just north of Playa del Carmen.

All sightings in the same area so it was probably birds from the same small flock seen at every occasion.

Roseate Spoonbill (*Ajaia ajaja*)

1 seen flying Akumal 24/1, 1 seen flying Tulum 25/1, 10 Rio Lagartos 29/1 and 1 San Felipe 30/1.

Bare-throated Tiger Heron (*Tigrisoma mexicanum*)

1 adult Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Boat-billed Heron (*Cochlearius cochlearius*)

At least 15 (both adults and younger birds) Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Definitely one of the target species and highlights of the trip.



Bare-throated Tiger-Heron



Boat-billed Heron foto: H-E Persson

Yellow-crowned Night Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*)

2 ad + 1 2K Rio Lagartos 29/1 and 1 adult San Felipe 30/1.

Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*)

1 Playa del Carmen 23/1, 1 Coba 27/1, 1 Rio Lagartos 29/1 and 1 Muyil 3/2.

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

100 along the road between Coba-San Felipe 28/1, 2 north of Playa del Carmen 1/2 and 10 between Cancun-Playa del Carmen 5/2.

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)

1 Akumal 26/1, 2 Coba lake 27-28/1 and at least 30 Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)

Fairly common. A few seen almost every day. Highest number seen at Rio Lagartos 29/1 where at least 30 were estimated.

Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*)

1 Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*)

1 Playa del Carmen 23/1, 1 Rio Lagartos 29/1, 1 San Felipe 29-30/1 and 2 Playa del Carmen 1/2.

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*)

1 Playa del Carmen 23/1, 3 Puerto Moreles 25/1, 1 Coba lake 27/1, 2 San Felipe 28/1, 50 Rio Lagartos 29/1 and 1 San Felipe 29/1.

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)

Common.

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*)

Common.

American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*)

At least 50 were seen both in San Felipe and Rio Lagartos 29/1 and 4 were seen just outside the hotel San Felipe 28 and 30/1.

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)

Common.

Neotropical Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

1 2nd winter Playa del Carmen 23/1, 2 Coba lake 27/1 and 1 San Felipe 28/1.

Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*)

1 2nd winter Akumal 24/1, 3-4 Coba lake 27-28/1, 3 San Felipe 28/1, at least 100 Rio Lagartos 29/1, 10 Playa del Carmen 1/2 and 1 Muyil 3/2.

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*)

2 Coba lake 27/1.

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)

Common.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes burrovianus*)

1 younger bird, probably in it's third cal.year San Felipe 29/1 and 2 adults Muyil 3/2.



Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture

foto: Hans-Erik Persson

American Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)

Common, especially inland.

Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*)

1 adult San Felipe 28/1, 3-4 Rio Lagartos 29/1 and 1 San Felipe 30/1.

Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)

4 different birds seen during the boat trip Rio Lagartos 29/1, 1 San Salvador ranch 29/1 and 1 between Cancun-Playa del Carmen 5/2.

More numerous than usual Diego told us and that depending on the unusual cold

weather in south of US and northern Mexico. "Anything can happen in this kind of weather" he said.

Merlin (*Falco columbarius*)

1 male San Felipe 28/1.

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

1 Akumal 24/1, 2 Puerto Aventuras 25/1, 1 Coba 27/1, 1 Tulum 27/1 and 5 Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Common Black Hawk (*Buteogallus anthracinus*)

4 Rio Lagartos 29/1, 2 San Felipe 30/1 and 1 Muyil 3/2.

Gray Hawk (*Asturina nitida*)

1 north of Tulum 31/1.

Great Black Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)

1 between San Felipe-Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*)

1 Cancun-Playa del Carmen 22/1, 3 La Ruta de los Cenotes 24/1, 1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 25/1, 1 between San Felipe-Rio Lagartos 29/1 and 2 Muyil 3/2.

Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*)

1 Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Grey-necked Wood Rail (*Aramides cajanea*)

1 seen just before dusk on the road between San Felipe-Rio Lagartos 29/1.
One of the bonus species.



Grey-necked Wood-rail

foto: Hans-Erik Persson

American Coot (*Fulica americana*)

10 in a small pond just north of Playa del Carmen 1/2 and 1 there 5/2.

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*)

2 seen and probably a third bird heard calling after dusk Coba lake 27/1 and the next morning 3 were seen along the shore.



Limpkin

foto: Hans-Erik Persson

American Oystercatcher (*Haematopus palliatus*)

2 seen on the boat trip Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*)

1 Las Coloradas 29/1, 20 Rio Lagartos 29/1 and 1 San Felipe 30/1.

Grey Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)

2 Las Coloradas 29/1 and 2 Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Wilson's Plover (*Charadrius wilsonia*)

1 Las Coloradas 29/1.

Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*)

1 Akumal 24/1, 6 on a field Akumal 26/1, 1 Coba 28/1 and 3 San Salvador ranch 29/1.

Northern Jacana (*Jacana spinosa*)

1 juvenile 27/1 and 2 adult Coba lake 28/1.

Short-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus*)

10 Las Coloradas 29/1.

Marbled Godwit (*Limosa fedoa*)

2 winter plumage birds Rio Lagartos 29/1 was really a big surprise.

Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)

20 Las Coloradas 29/1.

Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*)

At least 100 Las Coloradas 29/1.

Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*)

3 in a small pond near Las Coloradas 29/1.

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)

1 juvenile/winter plumage San Felipe 29/1.

Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*)

3 during the boat trip Rio Lagartos 29/1 and 1 just outside the hotel window San Felipe 30/1.

Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)

Up to 10 seen San Felipe 28-30/1, 10 and 12 recorded Playa del Carmen 4-5/2.

Sanderling (*Calidris alba*)

30 Playa del Carmen 22/1, 25 Playa del Carmen 27/1, 500 Las Coloradas 29/1 and a single Playa del Carmen 4/2.

Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*)

500 Las Coloradas 29/1 is probably an under estimated number.

Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*)

20 Las Coloradas 29/1.

Stilt Sandpiper (*Calidris himantopus*)

2-3 Las Coloradas 29/1.

Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*)

1 in a small roadside pond near Las Coloradas 29/1.

A first class rarity in Yucatan. We told Diego and his comment was – “It is a good pond for waders”, and he should try for it.

American Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus smithsonianus*)

1 2nd winter Playa del Carmen 22/1, 1 2nd winter San Felipe 28/1 and 1 adult Playa del Carmen 5/2.

Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*)

Common.

Gull-billed Tern (*Sterna nilotica*)

1 Las Coloradas 29/1.

Caspian Tern (*Sterna caspia*)

2 Tulum 27/1 and 4 Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Sandwich Tern (*Sterna sandvicensis*)

2 Playa del Carmen 22/1, 2 Puerto Aventuras 25/1 and 20 Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Royal Tern (*Sterna maxima*)

Fairly common along the coast both in Playa del Carmen and Rio Lagartos.

Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsteri*)

2 adult winter Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Also one of those unexpected species.



Forsters Tern

foto: Hans-Erik Persson

Feral Pigeon (*Columba livia 'feral'*)

Common in cities and villages.

Scaled Pigeon (*Columba speciosa*)

1 male calling near 3 Bocas Cenote along La Ruta de los Cenotes road 1/2.

When asking Luis Ku Quinõres he said "common along Cenote road".

Red-billed Pigeon (*Columba flavirostris*)

Only seen along La Ruta de los Cenotes with a maximum of 8 birds 1/2.

Eurasian Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*)

5 Playa del Carmen 23/1 also 1 Puerto Moreles 23/1 and 2 Playa del Carmen 1/2.

White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*)

Common.

Common Ground Dove (*Columbina passerina*)

6 San Salvador ranch 30/1.

Ruddy Ground Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*)

Fairly common, especially around San Salvador ranch 29-30/1.

Blue Ground Dove (*Claravis pretiosa*)

2 La Ruta de los Cenotes 2/2.

Olive-throated Parakeet (*Aratinga nana*)

2 La Ruta de los Cenotes 26/1 and along the same road 15 were seen 1-2/2 and 2 Muyil 3/2.

White-fronted Parrot (*Amazona albifrons*)

5 La Ruta de los Cenotes 23 and 25/1, 1 pair Aktun Chen 26/1, 2 pairs Cenote X-kekén, Dzitnup 30/1 and 4 Chichén Itzá 31/1.

Many unidentified parrots were seen flying, especially along the cenote road.

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*)

Fairly common. Seen on every visit La Ruta de los Cenotes with up to 4 individuals. 4 Coba 28/1, 4 seen between Coba-San Felipe 28/1, 1 Chichén Itzá 31/1 and 4 Muyil 3/2.

Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*)

Common along La Ruta de los Cenotes, c. 200 San Salvador ranch 29/1 and 20 Chichén Itzá 31/1.

Lesser Roadrunner (*Geococcyx velox*)

1 pair San Salvador ranch 29/1 and 1 San Salvador ranch 30/1.

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)

1 seen La Ruta de los Cenotes 25/1, 1 seen Rio Lagartos 29/1, 1 seen and another heard calling San Salvador ranch 30/1, 2 Chichén Itzá 31/1 and 1 Muyil 3/2.

Lesser Nighthawk (*Chordeiles acutipennis*)

1 seen passing the road between San Felipe and Rio Lagartos at dusk 28/1.

Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

1 heard Coba 27/1.

Yucatan Nightjar (*Caprimulgus badius*)

1 heard Coba 27/1.



Lesser Roadrunner

foto: Hans-Erik Persson

Vaux's (Yucatan) Swift (*Chaetura vauxi gaumeri*)

10 Chichén Itzá 31/1 and 20 along the road between Chichén Itzá-Playa del Carmen 31/1.

Wedge-tailed Sabrewing (*Campylopterus curvipennis*)

1 Muyil 3/2.

Canivet's Emerald (*Chlorostilbon canivetii*)

1 San Salvador ranch 29/, 3 San Salvador ranch 30/1 and 2 Muyil 3/2.

Cinnamon Hummingbird (*Amazilia rutila*)

1 Akumal 24/1, 1 Tulum 25/1 and 27/1, 1 Coba 27/1, 1 San Salvador ranch 29/1, 1 Cenote X-kekén, Dzitnup 30/1, 1 San Salvador ranch 30/1, 1 Chichén Itzá 31/1 and 2 Muyil 3/2.



Cinnamon Hummingbird

foto: Hans-Erik Persson

Buff-bellied Hummingbird (*Amazilia yucatanensis*)

1 Muyil 3/2

White-bellied Emerald (*Amazilia candida*)

1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 25/1, 26/1 and 1/2.

Mexican Sheartail (*Doricha eliza*)

2 San Salvador ranch 29/1 and 5 San Salvador ranch 30/1.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*)

1 2nd winter male Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín 26/1, 1 San Salvador ranch 30/1 and 1 ad male + 2nd winter male Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín 1/2.

Black-headed Trogon (*Trogon melanocephalus*)

Along La Ruta de los Cenotes 1 was heard 25/1, 1 seen + 2 heard 26/1 and 1 heard 2/2, 1 seen Coba 28/1 and 1 pair showed very well Muyil 3/2.

Violaceous Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*)

2 Coba 28/1 and 1 pair Muyil 3/2.



Violaceous Trogon



Olivaceous Woodcreeper foto:HEP

Belted Kingfisher (*Megaceryle alcyon*)

1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 25/1, 1 male Coba 27-28/1, 1 between Coba-San Felipe 28/1 and 10 seen during the boat trip Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*)

2 heard calling La Ruta de los Cenotes 2/2.

Turquoise-browed Motmot (*Eumomota superciliosa*)

1 in the hotel garden Chichén Itzá 31/1.

Collared Aracari (*Pteroglossus torquatus*)

3 seen well Muyil 2/3 was one of the highlights of the trip.

Keel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*)

1 or 2 heard calling Muyil 3/2.

Red-vented (Yucatan) Woodpecker (*Melanerpes pygmaeus*)

1 Playa del Carmen 23/1, 1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 26/1, 1 Rio Lagartos 29/1 and 2 Muyil 3/2.

Golden-fronted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes aurifrons*)

Common. At Chichén Itzá 30/1 we estimated the number to at least 50 during a few hours of birding in the early morning.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*)

1 Coba 27/1, 1 Chichén Itzá 31/1 and 1 Muyil 3/2.

Ladder-backed Woodpecker (*Picoides scalaris*)

1 San Salvador ranch 30/1.

Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

1 Coba 28/1 and 1 Muyil 3/2.

Pale-billed Woodpecker (*Campephilus guatemalensis*)

1 flew across the road just in front of the car close to Cenote X-kekén, Dzitnup 30/1.

Black-crowned Tityra (*Tityra inquisitor*)

2 in a fruiting tree at the entrance to Cenote La Selvatica, La Ruta de los Cenotes 26/1 and 2 Muyil 3/2.

Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*)

At least 5 in a fruiting tree at the entrance to Cenote La Selvatica, La Ruta de los Cenotes 26/1, 1 Chichén Itzá 31/1, 1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 1/2 and 2 Muyil 3/2.

Grey-collared Becard (*Pachyramphus major*)

1 par + 1 male Muyil 3/2.

Rose-throated Becard (*Pachyramphus aglaiae*)

1 male La Ruta de los Cenotes 25/1, 3 males+5 females La Ruta de los Cenotes 26/1 and 1 pair Muyil 3/2.

Greenish Elaenia (*Myiopagis viridicata*)

2 Muyil 3/2.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia flavogaster*)

1 Coba 28/1.

Caribbean Elaenia (*Elaenia martinica*)

1 Muyil 3/2.

Northern Beardless Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma imberbe*)

1 San Salvador ranch 30/1.

Yellow-olive Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*)

2 Muyil 3/2.

Royal Flycatcher (*Onychorhynchus coronatus*)

2 Muyil 3/2.

Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus borealis*)

1 seen well La Ruta de los Cenotes 2/2.

When asking Luis Quinóres he told us that they discovered 1 at the same place (Cenote La Boca Puma) last November. Probably the same bird.

Eastern Wood Pewee (*Contopus virens*)

1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 2/2, 1 Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín 2/2 and 1 Muyil 3/2.

Tropical Pewee (*Contopus cinereus*)

2 La Ruta de los Cenotes 26/1, 1 Coba 28/1, 1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 1-2/2 and 4 Muyil 3/2.

Least Flycatcher (*Empidonax minimus*)

1 San Salvador ranch 30/1, 1 Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín 2/2 and 1 Muyil 3/2.

Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)

2 males+1 female just outside San Felipe 30/1.

Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*)

10 Coba 27-28/1, 4 Chichén Itzá 31/1 and 6 Muyil 3/2.

Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

Common.

Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarynchus pitangua*)

4 Coba 28/1, 3 Chichén Itzá 31/2, 2 La Ruta de los Cenotes 1-2/2 and 2 Muyil 3/2.

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Common.

Couch's Kingbird (*Tyrannus couchii*)

1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 26/1, 1 Coba 28/1, 1 San Salvador ranch 30/1 and 2 Muyil 3/2.
Identified by call.

Yucatan Flycatcher (*Myiarchus yucatanensis*)

1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 24/1 and 1/2.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)

1 San Salvador ranch 30/1 and 2 Muyil 3/2.

Bright-rumped Attila (*Attila spadiceus*)

1 Muyil 3/2.

Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)

1 pair showed very well La Ruta de los Cenotes 1/2 and on another spot along the cenote road 2 showed and another 2 were heard 2/2 and 1 Muyil 3/2.

Tawny-winged Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla anabatina*)

1 Muyil 3/2.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)

1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 25/1 and 2 Muyil 3/2.

Ivory-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*)

1 Muyil 3/2.

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*)

1 San Salvador ranch 30/1, 1 Chichén Itzá 31/1 and 2 Muyil 2/3.



Barred Antshrike, hona foto: Hans-Erik Persson

White-eyed Vireo (*Vireo griseus*)

Common.

Mangrove Vireo (*Vireo pallens*)

3 Rio Lagartos 29/1, 3 San Salvador ranch 30/1 and 1 Muyil 3/2.

Cozumel Vireo (*Vireo bairdi*)

1 heard Cozumel 4/2.

Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*)

2 La Ruta de los Cenotes 24/1, 1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 26/1, 1 Chichén Itzá 31/1 and 1 Muyil 3/2.

Yellow-green Vireo (*Vireo flavoviridis*)

1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 24/1, 1/2 and 2/2.

Yucatan Vireo (*Vireo magister*)

1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 24/1 and 1 Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín 26/1 and 1/2.

Lesser Greenlet (*Hylophilus decurtatus*)

1 Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín 2/2.

Yucatan Jay (*Cyanocorax yucatanicus*)

Common.

Green Jay (*Cyanocorax yncas*)

2 La Ruta de los Cenotes 25-26/1, 4 Coba 28/1, 2 Chichén Itzá 31/1 and 2 Muyil 3/2.

Brown Jay (*Cyanocorax morio*)

5-7 La Ruta de los Cenotes 25-26/1, and 2 Coba 28/1, 3 Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín 2/2 and 10 Muyil 3/2.

Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*)

4 San Felipe 30/1.

Mangrove Swallow (*Tachycineta albilinea*)

8 Coba lake 27/1 and 10 Muyil 3/2.

Purple Martin (*Progne subis*)

12 La Ruta de los Cenotes 26/1 and 1 Muyil 3/2.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*)

10 Akumal 24/1, 20 Tulum 25/1 and 5 Tulum 27/1.

Ridgway's Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx (serripennis) ridgwayi*)

10 Chichén Itzá 31/1.

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

8 San Felipe 28/1, 15 between San Felipe-Rio Lagartos 29/1 and 25 San Felipe 30/1.

Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*)

3 Cenote X-kekén, Dzitnup 30/1.

Yucatan Wren (*Campylorhynchus yucatanicus*)

1 pair San Salvador ranch 29/1.

Spot-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus maculipectus*)

2 heard La Ruta de los Cenotes 26/1, 1 heard Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín 1/2, 1 heard La Ruta de los Cenotes 1/2, 3 heard La Ruta de los Cenotes 2/2 and 2 seen and another 2 heard Muyil 3/2.

Blue-grey Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila caerulea*)

4 San Salvador ranch 29/1, 2 San Salvador ranch 30/1, 1 Chichén Itzá 31/1 and 2 seen and another 2 heard Muyil 3/2.

Grey Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*)

1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 25/1 and 2/2, 1 San Salvador ranch 30/1 and 3 Muyil 2/3.

Black Catbird (*Melanoptila glabrirostris*)

2 La Ruta de los Cenotes 25-26/1 and 1-2/2, 1 between Chichén Itzá-Playa del Carmen 31/1 and 3 Muyil 3/2.

Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*)

Common.

Clay-coloured Robin (*Turdus grayi*)

3 La Ruta de los Cenotes 26/1, 2 Coba 28/1, 10 Chichén Itzá 31/1 and 3 Muyil 2/3.

Tennessee Warbler (*Vermivora peregrina*)

1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 24/1.

Northern Parula (*Parula americana*)

Common.

Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*)

1 Tulum 27/1, 2 Coba 27-28/1, 5 Rio Lagartos 29/1 and 1 San Salvador ranch 30/1.

"Golden Warbler" (*Dendroica petechia rufivertex*)

2 Bello Caribe, Cozumel 4/2.

Magnolia Warbler (*Dendroica magnolia*)

1 Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín 1/2, 1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 2/2 and 2 Muyil 3/2.

Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Dendroica coronata*)

10 Coba 27/1 and 1 San Salvador ranch 30/1.

Black-throated Green Warbler (*Dendroica virens*)

Common.

Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica*)

Common.

Palm Warbler (*Dendroica palmarum*)

1 Akumal 24/1, 1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 26/1, up to 5 Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín 26/1 and 1-2/2 and 3 Coba 27/1.

Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*)

1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 24/1 and 1/2, 1 Coba 28/1, 1 Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín 1-2/2 and 3 Muyil 3/2.

American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*)

Common.

Northern Waterthrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*)

1-2 Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín 26/1 and 1/2, 1 Coba 28/1, 1 Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Louisiana Waterthrush (*Seiurus motacilla*)

1-2 Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín 1-2/2.

Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*)

1 Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín 2/2.

Grey-crowned Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis poliocephala*)

5 San Salvador ranch 30/1 and 2 Muyil 3/2.

Hooded Warbler (*Wilsonia citrina*)

1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 1-2/2.

Two different birds, seen on two different locations.

Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*)

1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 2/2.

Yellow-billed Cacique (*Cacicus holosericeus*)

1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 25/1.

Yellow-tailed Oriole (*Icterus mesomelas*)

1 adult male and 2nd winter male Muyil 3/2.

Black-cowled Oriole (*Icterus prothemelas*)

1 Tulum 25/1, 2 La Ruta de los Cenotes 1/2 and 1 Muyil 3/2.

Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*)

1 male La Ruta de los Cenotes 1/2.

Hooded Oriole (*Icterus cucullatus*)

Common.

Yellow-backed Oriole (*Icterus chrysater*)

1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 25/1 and a pair there 26/1, 1 seen Coba 28/1 and 1 along the road between Chichén Itzá-Playa del Carmen 31/1.

Orange Oriole (*Icterus auratus*)

1 pair Akumal 24/1 and 1 Muyil 3/2.

Altamira Oriole (*Icterus gularis*)

2 La Ruta de los Cenotes 24-26/1 and 1/2, 2 San Salvador ranch 30/1, 2 Chichén Itzá 31/1 and 3 Muyil 3/2.

Melodious Blackbird (*Dives dives*)

Common.

Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*)

20 Rio Lagartos 29/1.

Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)

Common.

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*)

1 pair Cozumel 4/2.

Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*)

5 San Salvador ranch 30/1 and 1 pair Muyil 3/2.

White-collared Seedeater (*Sporophila torqueola*)

5 Coba 27/1 and 60 Muyil 3/2.

Yellow-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris olivaceus*)

1 male La Ruta de los Cenotes 1/2, 10 Muyil 3/2 and 1 male Cozumel 4/2.

Olive Sparrow (*Arremonops rufivirgatus*)

2 (1 was singing) La Ruta de los Cenotes 25/1.

Green-backed Sparrow (*Arremonops chloronotus*)

1 seen well Muyil 3/2.

Grey-headed Tanager (*Eucometis penicillata*)

1 pair Muyil 3/2.

Yellow-winged Tanager (*Thraupis abbas*)

2 Coba 27/1, 1 Coba 28/1 and 3 Chichén Itzá 31/1.

Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)

2 (probably 1 2nd year male and a female) La Ruta de los Cenotes 2/2 and 1 female coloured Muyil 3/2.

A nice surprise, at least our own discovered birds were really unexpected though hurricane Wilma had a big impact on the cenote road.

Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*)

1 2nd winter male Playa del Carmen 22/1, 2 adult males Tulum 25/1, 1 2nd winter female Coba 27/1, 1 adult winter male Cenote X-kekén, Dzitnup 30/1 and 1 male + 1 female Muyil 3/2.

Rose-throated Tanager (*Piranga roseogularis*)

1 pair La Ruta de los Cenotes 1/2.



Rose-throated Tanager

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Red-crowned Ant Tanager (*Habia rubica*)

1 male singing Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín 1/2.

Red-throated Ant Tanager (*Habia fuscicauda*)

1 pair Coba 28/1 and 2 males + 1 female Muyil 3/2.

Scrub Euphonia (*Euphonia affinis*)

1 female Muyil 3/2.

Yellow-throated Euphonia (*Euphonia hirundinacea*)

4 Muyil 3/2.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*)

1 2nd winter San Salvador ranch 29/1 and 1 adult male + 1 female La Ruta de los Cenotes 1/2.

Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*)

1 male San Salvador ranch 29/1, 3 (2 males and a female) San Salvador ranch 30/1, 1 male La Ruta de los Cenotes 1-2/2 (on different locations) and 1 pair Muyil 3/2.

Black-headed Saltator (*Saltator atriceps*)

2 Coba 27/1, 4 Coba 28/1, 4 Chichén Itzá 31/1, 1 La Ruta de los Cenotes 2/2 and 2 Muyil 3/2.

Greyish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*)

1 Chichén Itzá 31/1 and 3 Muyil 3/2.

Blue Bunting (*Cyanocompsa parellina*)

1 Playa del Carmen 23/1.

Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*)

2 Playa del Carmen 23/1, 1 2nd winter female La Ruta de los Cenotes 26/1 and 1 adult male San Salvador ranch 30/1.

Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*)

Common.

Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*)

2 females Jardín Botánico Dr Alfredo Barrera Marín 26/1 and 1/2, 1 male San Salvador ranch 30/1 and 1 male Muyil 3/2.

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