

# Costa Rica 28/1-17/2 2012



Scarlet Macaw at Cerro Lodge

## Introduction

This small and very friendly Central American country is a well visited birding and nature destination. That's why there is no need for a longer presentation of Costa Rica.

There are loads of trip reports out on the internet to give the reader an idea of where and when to go. With today's navigating systems it's very easy to drive by oneself between the lodges/hotels without wasting time of reading a map or even choose the wrong way. The only thing to complain about is the rather poor signing of roads and directions. After arriving to the birding area/the lodge just hire a guide on spot to help you fill in the gaps of the wish list. There are good local birders in every main birding area.

This trip was done as a family vacation with my wife, and therefore not a 24-hour a day birding trip. Even though she very often joins me in a birding walk all has an end and a rainforest walk never last forever in my family company!

We decided to do not so much driving, instead we stayed several nights at the same place and had a real look around instead of rushing away. We both agreed afterwards that this was not so bad at all. Because of that we just visited a smaller area of Costa Rica, only had one longer

drive when changing locations. We also both agreed that we will surely go back there in a couple of years and see another part of the country! Maybe this trip report can give someone in the same situation an idea of what to do and see.

***So remember when reading the rest – this was not a hardcore 24-hours-a-day birding trip.*** This was a nice a relaxed family vacation even though we managed to record around 360 species at the end.

## **Logistics**

Flight tickets were bought from Ticket agency in Sweden, to a cost of about 1300 USd each.

The car was rented with help from Pieter Westra, Aratinga Tours to a cost of USd 1720 for the three weeks, incl navigator, full insurance and an emergency cell phone with one hour free calls. The rental agency delivered and picked up the car at our hotel. This was very much appreciated. Everything worked out fine with these arrangements and we can really recommend Pieters services.

All hotels and lodges were booked from Sweden via email contact direct to the hotel or lodge from a driving route we had planned from the beginning. All contacts and bookings worked out excellent. This is not a must because there are places to stay everywhere so drive and decide on spot is not a problem, but maybe time consuming in the end.

***Just one tip, do not use #contacts# from web pages, these seems to work less good.*** I received a couple of answers quite late with excuses of emails in the spam folder. Look for the contact info/email adress on the web page and use that from your own email instead. All lodges and hotels we emailed replied quickly and booking online was mostly just by an email reply to confirm, a few hotels attached fill-in-forms that we emailed back.

Driving around with the help of the navigator caused us no problems at all, except that the battery in the Garmin satnav broke down, but lucky for us that was on the way to Manuel Antonio, one of the easiest destinations to reach without GPS. As the car rental company had an

office in Quepos, less than 10 km from Manuel Antonio, we went in to their office when passing by and they switched on spot.

## **Hotels and Lodges**

### **Hotel Buena Vista, Alajuela** (27-28/1 and 16-17/2)

Located just 20 minutes from the airport and a, by birders, often used hotel as an overnight option if arriving late as we did. Friendly atmosphere, good start up birding in their garden along the Coffee trail, which is just downstairs their garden. They have a free shuttle bus service to and from the airport.

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### **Poas Volcano Lodge** (28-30/1)

Only an hours drive away from Alajuela and close to both the Poas Volcano and La Paz Waterfall garden. The rooms are rather small and rustic but well-functioning, though it gets a little chilly at night. The staff was very friendly and service minded and the food was good.

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### **Hotel Gavilan, Puerto Viejo** (30/1-2/2)

This is a well-used lodge by birders. It's situated only a few minutes' drive from La Selva. They can easily arrange with boat trips on the Rio Sarapiquí, but failed to be clear about confirming a guided tour in La Selva for us. The management at place did however arrange a guided bird watching tour for us early one morning. The atmosphere here is relaxed and very friendly with good and varied food. Add to those; bird rich surroundings including some shorter, really good trails.

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### **Hotel Montana, Monteverde** (2-6/2)

This was actually our second choice up in Monteverde (the first – Belmar was full). It's a nice hotel with a very friendly staff. As this was not a hardcore birding tour we wanted an accomodation closer to town for

more dinner options. The rooms were spacious and clean with a nice view over the Pacific hillside. We did not try their restaurant but it seemed to be at the same price level as out on town. We think this was good value for the money.

[www.monteverdemountainhotel.com](http://www.monteverdemountainhotel.com)

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Phone nr: +506 2645-5046 or 2645-5338

### **Cerro Lodge** (6-9/2)

This lodge was open up about four years ago. They are advertising as a birdwatcher lodge. Really friendly atmosphere there, good food and a very service minded staff. The villas have plenty of space for two (or even 3 people), are clean and with a charming outdoor toilet and shower.

The lodge is not more than 15-20 minutes from the boat trips on Tarcoles River or a rainforest walk in Carara N.P. They organized with both things in advance if one wish, on spot they seemed to arrange it for the next day in most cases.

The negative thing was that they don't take plastic money, just cash. I did tell them this was a minus for them.

But in the end, with that knowledge, I can really recommend this lodge.

[www.cerrolodge.net](http://www.cerrolodge.net)

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### **Inn on the Park Hotel, Manuel Antonio** (9-14/2)

This little hotel is just 100 meters before the new entrance to the national park. Which actually is the exit mentioned in the guide Where to Watch Birds Costa Rica, B. Lawson.

Spacious rooms, a friendly staff on their bonus, the less good was a rather poor garden with both a small pool and a tiny parking area. Nice views of the hillside but partly hidden behind some palms. There is other nearby options with probably much better possibilities for birding while the Mrs/Ms is still asleep.

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### **Trogon Lodge, San Gerardo de Dota** (14-16/2)

Wonderful placed on a hillside in the same valley as the more well-known Savegre Mountain Lodge. After been visiting Savegre for a buffet style lunch and walked one of their trails it's our point of view that Trogon is the better lodge. That was the feeling we had when leaving.

Trogon Lodge also has an employed very good bird watcher named Isaac. We used him for a half day and he did not disappoint us.

A little minus for Trogon is that it's very steep to the upper cabins/houses. Their trails are maybe not as good as Savegres but we birded along the main road and that was very good.

Trogon Lodge is a part of Grupo Mawamba, which also runs other lodges in Costa Rica.

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### **Visited sites and places**

#### **Poas Volcano Lodge** (28-30/1)

This lodge was beautifully placed in an area of mixed farmland and patches of forest. The lodge was badly damaged by the earthquake 2009, but is now rebuilt and the main house is completely refreshed. They have 3 own trails of different length and walking grade. We tried the most of their stretches during one afternoon. They can for sure be very productive an early morning. The Quetzal trail is the longest and probably the best. Be aware that the marking is not the best but with common sense one makes it. The other trails were named Oakwood Trail (second longest) and meets the Quetzal. "Lodge" Trail is short but not unproductive at all, going around the main building through a small patch of forest and is, without birds, done in 5-10 minutes.

#### **La Paz Waterfall Garden** (29/1)

A tourist trap, but as it is close to the Poas Volcano Lodge, we gave it a try. It's more like a mini zoo with a hummingbird garden (feeders) big enough to get a Costa Rica beginner rather frustrated. They also have a waterfall trail which ends by a small souvenir shop and a shuttle bus service back to the entrance – for free. There are also some fruit tables for tanagers placed along the trail right behind the reception.

They also served buffet lunch, which was included in the entrance fee. For the new arrived birder this was not a bad option at all.

Entrance fee: USd 48, buffet lunch included as well as entrance to all facilities like the butterfly garden.

### **Cinchona Restaurant and lookout (29/1)**

This tiny local restaurant is situated just a few km further along the road after passing La Paz, with a few feeders and fruit table. We stayed here for an hour and recorded a few species but not any of the barbets. Make a small donation so they can keep on feeding the birds.



Emerald Toucanet on Restaurant Cinchona's fruit table.

### **Monteverde area (2-5/2)**

This is a very well known site because of the cloud forest. We walked the trails for more than three hours and never get bored because of the forest itself, even though we did not see that much with birds.

There are a lot of other places to visit in the area as well, depending of interest. We visited Selvatura Park with a zip line, hanging bridges and a small hummingbird garden as well as butterfly garden, frogs and snakes. Also a touristy area but the hanging bridges trail is good and quite close to St Elena reserve, which makes the area bird rich. We headed for the first tour of the day and there were not so many people on the trails. They also provide lunch in their restaurant.

We joined a birding tour around hotel El Bosque with guide Adrian Mendez a couple of hours one morning and also a night walk in the same area with our guide Eduardo.

Entrance fees: Monteverde Cloudforrest USd18/pers. No guide included. The ticket is valid the whole day. That means you can go in for a morning walk, go back home and have breakfast, rest and come back in the afternoon on the very same ticket. Compare with Manuel Antonio later on.

Selvatura: USd36/each – lunch not included – but transportation both ways, with pick up from the hotel.

Birding tour & night walk at El Bosque: USd 40/each per tour. Transportation from and back to the hotel. The morning tour included also breakfast at Stella's bakery.

### **Cerro Lodge** and surroundings (6-9/2)

The entrance road is very good for an afternoon or a morning walk. The lodge garden got Scarlet Macaws, flying by Muscovy Duck, some "hummer" species, Turquoise-browed Motmot and Stripe-headed Sparrow to name a few.

### **Carara N.P**

No need for a long presentation, together with La Selva the most famous national park in Costa Rica. We hired a guide for a morning walk along River Trail and walked the trails around the head quarter by ourselves, with good result both times.

Entrance fee: USd 10/each.

A guided (see below) 2-hour trip is USd40/each, entrance fee included, we added another USd 10 each for a relaxing 3-hour walk.

### **Tarcoles River** (boat trip)

We was guided by Lois Campos, he got many years on the river and no crocodile feeding.

Price including transportation from and to our lodge was USd 55/each.

### **Manuel Antonio N.P** (10-14/2)

We were a little unlucky here because some of the trails were closed for reparation though to a heavy storm a month earlier. We were, for example, not allowed to walk the "Cathedral trail" to the lookout where one can have a look at the Brown Booby colony or have a chance of Spot-fronted Swift.



Otherwise this park is not to be recommended. Hears of tourists led by over enthusiastic guides showing sloths and monkeys receiving applause from the tourists were our impression. The park is not too bird rich (Diego Aráuz pers comment).

Entrance fee: USd10/each and the ticket is only valid one time, so having both a morning and an afternoon walk will double the cost.

### **Esquipulas**

This is actually a tiny village some 40 minutes inland from Manuel Antonio. We were brought here by our guide Diego Aráuz.

We walked along a main (gravel) road with him and had a wonderful morning, full of birds. As this is a rather new area even for Diego he still finds new species on his visits. His list is now of about 110 species and with a fair chance of Spot-crowned Euphonia and King Vulture this guide and area is to recommend. Other species regularly seen is Blue-crowned Manakin, White-throated Shrike-Tanager and Fiery-billed Aracari, although we did not see them.

### **Guides**

Monteverde: Adrian Mendéz (bird trip) and Eduardo (night walk).

Both are young men but very skillful with sharp eyes and well educated. Adrian had moved from the Carara area some years ago, where he had been working at Villa Lapas and their trails.

Around Stellas bakery is the place to find guides early in the morning, or ask for El Bosque birding trip at any of the tourist informations and they will surely phone him.

All our trips and tours around Monteverde were booked at the very first small tourist information some km before St Elena. A very nice, young lady named Ani Venezulana helped us with all bookings. She is advertising for free coffee which is very handy after the drive up the mountain on a rather rough dirt road. All the "pick ups" and trips we booked and paid for here worked out excellent.

Tarcoles River: Lois Campos, advertising with 17 years on the river and no crocodile show. That's very positive for a birder.

It's a nice man but maybe a little too much eager for the money and not negotiable about the time of the trip.



He is advertising "The only boat tour on the Tarcoles River created by Birders for Birders". Daily tours 6 am, 9 am and 3 pm.

He charged USd 40 each + 15 each for transportation from Cerro Lodge.

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**Carara N.P.**: Victor Mora Chaves, speaks excellent English, know the birds in and around Carara N.P even though he seemed a little unsure of flycatcher calls, but who is not! Also a well educated nature guide.

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**Manuel Antonio**: We came in touch with Diego Aráuz through one of the many tourist information offices in Manuel Antonio, one of four guides with focus upon birds in this area.

Diego charged USd 60 each for 4 hours, but at the end it turned out to be more like a half day. He also guides people inside Manuel Antonio national park but his opinion is that the park is poor with birds.

He speaks excellent English and is a guy who easily adapts to ones wishes and don't waste time on species already on the list. He is really enthusiastic and also worth to mention, a well educated wildlife guide.

He took us to a small village called Esquipulas and we had a wonderful day walking along the main road. This was a rather small dirt road with very few vehicles and very nice scenery. Diego is also a very good alternative when comes to find the rather tricky Mangrove Hummingbird. He has a stake out area for them!

We can highly recommend his services.

His father also runs mangrove boat trips, named Monkey Tours, at the small village of Damas. Coming from Quepos turn left at big sign for Puebla Real a few km before Damas. Drive to the very end of the road where there is a small jetty.

The Aráuz family lives on the left side along the very same road, after a km or so. There is a not too visible sign with contact information. We did the mangrove tour the same afternoon and we can really recommend this. It was actually Diego who was guiding this tour as well. The price is USd 65 per person, maybe a little expensive at first thought but in the end it turned out to be absolutely the best mangrove tour I have ever made.

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**Trogon Lodge:** Isaac Quiros Mora is employed by the lodge. Also one of those quiet but very skillful guides we met. Isaac was very quick to understand that we already had seen a lot of species so he asked what we had seen so far and focused on the missing ones that were present in his region.

We asked for a 4 hour birding trip, the lodge also offers a 2 hour Quetzal walk. We birded from early morning for a couple of hours had a break for breakfast and then we continued almost to lunch. We really enjoyed his company.

Ask for him at the reception or simply book a morning. The lodge charged USd 40/each and the fee was put on the room and payed for when we left.

## **Litterature**

For bird identification we used Birds of Costa Rica, R. Garrigues, R. Dean. I left the old but still (text) useful A. Skutch bird guide at home, mainly because of size and weight.

For the locations we made most of the research from Where to Watch Birds Costa Rica, B. Lawson. Add to this excellent book also various trip reports found on the internet.

For mammals we locally bought a small leaflet about Costa Rica's most commonly seen animals.

## **Daily log**

**27/1.** We had a morning flight from Stockholm/Arlanda to Newark airport, New York and then an afternoon connection to Santamaria airport, Alajuela. Hotel Buena Vista picked us up with their shuttle bus and we checked in an hour before midnight.

**28/1.** We birded the hotel grounds in the morning before breakfast. Our rental car arrived to the hotel in time and by 11 am we were safely directed by our Garmin navigator towards Poas Volcan Lodge. Checked in and birded their trails in the afternoon.

**29/1.** After breakfast we drove to and visited La Paz Waterfall Garden and restaurant/mirador Cinchona.

**30/1.** Left the Poas Volcan Lodge after breakfast and headed towards the Poas volcano. The weather was fine until we arrived to the volcano so any crater or lake was not to be seen. After that we drove towards Puerto Vieja and Gavilan Lodge a little earlier than expected. Arrived just after lunch so we checked in and drove to Puerto Vieja for lunch. Birded the lodge grounds in the afternoon.

**31/1.** Birded La Selva entrance road after breakfast and later also El Tigre marsh. After a lunch at Gavilan Lodge we had a magnificent boat trip (2-5 pm) with skipper Adolphus along the river Sarapiquí. Shallow water he said, so no Sungrebe showed up.

**1/2.** Started with an early morning in La Selva, guided by excellent guide Christian. Back to the lodge for breakfast and later we drove to Heliconias Island Lodge and walked around their garden and had a lazy time until lunch. The afternoon was spent around Hotel Gavilan.

**2/2.** Checked out and left Gavilan for Monteverde just after breakfast. This was thought to be a very time consuming drive but we arrived at Hotel Montaña around 3 pm. Stopped en route (Caldera) for lunch. Had a break at the first info center/ticket both before arriving to Santa Elena. The girl at the center, Ani Venezulana, was very helpful and suddenly we had agreed to some activities during our stay.

**3/2.** Morning visit to the Selvatura Park where we walked the hanging bridges trail. We also visited their tiny hummingbird garden and had lunch. In the afternoon we visited Don Juan Coffee Plantation just a short way from Selvatura, so we had to go the same rough way twice the very same day.

**4/2.** We started early with a pre booked morning birding with a guide around Hotel El Bosque. This was a part of the dry wood on the Pacific slope. Rather windy morning so the result was not as good as expected. After breakfast we headed for the cloud forest and spend almost 5 hours there, without any guide.

**5/2.** Today we decided to tick off the quetzal and drove to the cloud forest entrance at first light. Had breakfast at Stella's bakery and then we birded around Hotel Montaña for a while. After lunch we drove back and birded around the hummingbird feeders. Nice and relaxing. Early

dinner and ended the day with a two hour night walk around Hotel El Bosque.

**6/2.** Had a lazy morning, and after breakfast we packed the car and drove to Cerro Lodge. The GPS stopped working 3 km before the lodge! Rested until late afternoon, then we birded the entrance road at Cerro Lodge with very good result.

**7/2.** Early breakfast and picked up 06.45 by Lois Campos for a boat trip on the Tarcoles River. After 2 hours he drove us back to the lodge. Had lunch and after that we went to Carara N.P and walked the trails around the head quarter by ourselves for a couple of hours with much more birds seen than expected.

Late afternoon we walked the entrance road.



White Ibis

Little Blue Heron

**8/2.** Once again an early breakfast and off to Carara N.P for a guided morning walk along the River trail with Victor Mora. The 3-hour walk was very productive and we really enjoyed his company. He speaks excellent English and knows where to find the birds. After that we drove the gravel road past Villa Lapas all the way up to the small village of Bijugal and had lunch. Late afternoon we drove to the village of Tarcoles and walked along the dirtiest beach we ever seen. Not much of birds either, except a small lagoon with some waders and a lot of boobies, gulls & terns around some fishing boats, far out.

**9/2.** I went up early and birded around the lodge and the entrance road before we left Cerro Lodge for Manuel Antonio. Arrived there well before lunch and had to wait for our room. We took a long walk, had lunch and

went back to our hotel. In the afternoon we walked around in the surroundings and relaxed on the balcony.

**10/2.** I took a morning walk around our hotel before breakfast. Directly after the meal we went to the national park. The most commercial park we visited with loads of tourists screaming and applauding monkeys and sloths. We did not use any guide and walked around ourselves. Unfortunately some of the trails were closed for reparation after a heavy storm a month earlier. We left the park for lunch and as the ticket only was valuable one time we did not go back. Instead we had a lazy afternoon in the sun.

**11.2.** A very early start for a pick up of Diego Aráuz, our guide, at an agreed meeting point in Quepos at 6am. We then drove straight to an area near the tiny village of Esquipulas and birded until lunch. We gave Diego a ride back to his home near Quepos though he had a stake out for Mangrove Hummingbird. I got brief views of a female. We both agreed to go with Diego on a mangrove trip in the afternoon, arranged by his fathers company.

**12.2.** We had a well deserved lazy morning with late breakfast. Decided to take the car and go for some sightseeing. Drove towards Damas and took a dirt road following the Parrita River down to the sea. We went back to Manuel Antonio for lunch and after that we had another very relaxing afternoon.

**13.2.** After a rather late breakfast we drove to a spice plantation called Villa Vanilla and participated in a guided tour. This was really an educational trip with some new tasty experiences. In the afternoon we had a boat trip to a nearby beach for snorkeling (very poor) and some sunset views.

**14.2.** This, the last morning in Manuel Antonio, started with an early morning walk. I found a small trail leading in to a well forested area. We left the touristy Manuel Antonio for the much calmer high altitudes around San Gerardo de Dota after breakfast. We had booked a couple of nights at Trogon Lodge close to the well known Savegre. We arrived safely to the lodge in the early afternoon after a lunch stop at Restaurant Georgina. After the check in and had carried our luggage to the top cabin we had an afternoon walk on one of their trails.



**15.2.** Since we had pre booked a half day with the local bird guide, named Isaac it was an early wake up. Started with a cup of coffee in the restaurant and then we walked to the small Savegre stream and started to bird. Back for breakfast and then we drove down through the valley, made some stops along the road. We birded the rest of the morning around the trout farm. After having said goodbye to Isaac we drove down to the Savegre Lodge, had lunch and then we walked the Los Quebrados trail.



Female Resplendent Quetzal

**16.2** I went up at 06.00 birded along the main road until breakfast. Then packing and check out and started to drive our back towards San José. First we went up to Cerro de la Muerte and birded for an hour. Not much was seen. Arrived safely to Hotel Buena Vista in the afternoon, our car was to be picked up at 17.00 by the rental company. Birded the Coffee Trail in the late afternoon.

**17.2** Morning birding around the hotel. At 10.30 we were taken to the airport by the shuttle bus service and started our journey back to

Sweden. Arrived to Stockholm via Newark and Heathrow/London after an overnight flight in the late afternoon 18.2.

## **Species List**

### **Great Tinamou** (*Tinamus major*)

1 heard La Selva 1/2 and 1 heard Carara N.P 7/2.

### **Little Tinamou** (*Crypturellus soui*)

1 heard Hotel Gavilan 1/2 and 1 heard near Cerro Lodge 6/2.

### **Muscovy Duck** (*Cairina moschata*)

2 seen flying by daily Cerro Lodge 6-9/2 and 2 Tarcoles River 7/2.

### **Gray-headed Chachalaca** (*Ortalis cinereiceps*)

1 Hotel Gavilan 31/1, 7 passing through the garden Hotel Gavilan 2/2 and 2 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2.

### **Crested Guan** (*Penelope purpurascens*)

1 La Selva 1/2 and 2 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2.

### **Black Guan** (*Chamaepetes unicolor*)

1 Poas Volcano Lodge 29/1, 1 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2, 2 Monteverde 1/2, 2 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2 and 1 Sendero los Quebrada trail, Savegre Lodge 15/2.

### **Wood Stork** (*Mycteria americana*)

1 seen soaring over La Selva entrance road 1/2, 13 passing over Cerro Lodge 6/2, 5 Tarcoles River 7/2, 1 Damas 11/2 and 1 Parrita River 12/2.

### **Magnificent Frigatebird** (*Fregata magnificens*)

Common along the Pacific coast.

### **Brown Booby** (*Sula leucogaster*)

20 seen from the Tarcoles public beach 8/2 and up to 70 seen around the breeding cliff Manuel Antonio 9-13/2.

### **Neotropic Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

2 seen on the boat trip Rio Sarapiquí 31/1.



**Anhinga** (*Anhinga anhinga*)

1 Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, 10 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2 and 2 seen in a roadside pond between Quepos-Parrita 12/2.

**Brown Pelican** (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)

Fairly common along the Pacific coast.

**Bare-throated Tiger-Heron** (*Tigrisoma mexicanum*)

1 seen Hotel Gavilan 31/1-2/2, 2 on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2 and 1 on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2.



Anhinga

Bare-throated Tiger-heron

**Great Blue Heron** (*Ardea herodias*)

1 Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, 1 Heliconias Island 1/2, 5 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2, 1 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2, 2 seen on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2 and 1 Manuel Antonio 13/2.

**Great Egret** (*Ardea alba*)

Fairly common in wet grassland and along rivers.

**Snowy Egret** (*Egretta thula*)

1 roadside, near Caldera 2/2, 20 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2, 10 seen on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2 and 10 along Parrita River 12/2.

**Little Blue Heron** (*Egretta caerulea*)

1 Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, 15 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2, 1 Manuel Antonio 10/2, 5 seen on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2 and 5 along Parrita River 12/2.

**Tricolored Heron** (*Egretta tricolor*)

5 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2, 1 on the public beach in Tarcoles 8/2, 5 seen on thre mangrove tour Damas 11/2 and 1 along Parrita River 12/2.

**Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*)

A common roadside bird.

**Green Heron** (*Butorides virescens*)

1 Hotel Gavilan 1/2, 5 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2 and 1 Manuel Antonio 13/2.

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** (*Nyctanassa violacea*)

20 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2.

**Boat-billed Heron** (*Cochlearius cochlearius*)

3 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2 and 1 when reaching the river along River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2.

**White Ibis** (*Eudocimus albus*)

6 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2, 13 seen Tarcoles 8/2, 50 seen on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2, 5 along Parrita River 12/2 and 1 Manuel Antonio 13/2.



Boat-billed Heron

**Roseate Spoonbill** (*Platalea ajaja*)

4 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2, 5 seen on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2, 3 along Parrita River 12/2 and 3 seen in a roadside pond between Quepos and Parrita 12/2.

**Black Vulture** (*Coragyps atratus*)

Common, seen all days.

**Turkey Vulture** (*Cathartes aura*)

Common, but not so numerous as previous species.

**King Vulture** (*Sarcoramphus papa*)

3 adults Esquipulas 11/2.

**Osprey** (*Pandion haliaetus*)

1 La Selva entrance road 31/1, 1 Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, 1 Heliconias Island 1/2, 5 Tarcoles River 7/2, 2 Tarcoles 8/2, 2 Damas 11/2 and 1 Parrita River 12/2.

**Swallow-tailed Kite** (*Elanoides forficatus*)

5 Esquipulas 11/2 and 4 Savegre Lodge 15/2.

**White-tailed Kite** (*Elanus leucurus*)

1 seen along the main road just outside Quepos 11/2.

**Double-toothed Kite** (*Harpagus bidentatus*)

1 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Plumbeous Kite** (*Ictinia plumbea*)

1 flying by at Cerro Lodge 6/2 and 1 seen nicely perched on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2.

**Barred Hawk** (*Leucopternis princeps*)

1 adult seen between La Selva entrance road and Hotel Gavilan 1/2.

**White Hawk** (*Leucopternis albicollis*)

1 adult River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2.

**Common (Mangrove) Black-Hawk** (*Buteogallus anthracinus*)

2 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2.

**Roadside Hawk** (*Buteo magnirostris*)

1 La Selva entrance road 31/1, 1 Cerro Lodge 7/2, 3 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2, 2 Manuel Antonio 9 and 12/2 also 1 there 13/2 and 2 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Broad-winged Hawk** (*Buteo platypterus*)

1 seen near Hotel Gavilan 30/1 and 1 La Selva entrance road 31/1.

**Gray Hawk** (*Buteo nitidus*)

1 seen near Hotel Gavilan 31/1, 1 roadside 6/2, 1 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2, 1 Esquipulas 11/2 and 1 Manuel Antonio 12/2.

**Short-tailed Hawk** (*Buteo brachyurus*)

2 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Black Hawk-Eagle** (*Spizaetus tyrannus*)

1 adult Esquipulas 11/2.

**Barred Forest-Falcon** (*Micrastur ruficollis*)

1 seen perched along River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2.

**Crested Caracara** (*Caracara cheriway*)

Seen in small numbers on the Pacific side.

**Yellow-headed Caracara** (*Milvago chimachima*)

1 Caldera 2/2, 5 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2, 2 Cerro Lodge 9/2, 2 Manuel Antonio 9/2 and 1 Manuel Antonio 12/2.

**Laughing Falcon** (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)

1 heard calling Esquipulas 11/2.

**White-throated Crake** (*Laterallus albigularis*)

1 heard Manuel Antonio 11/2.

**Gray-necked Wood-Rail** (*Aramides cajanea*)

1 heard Esquipulas 11/2.

**Purple Gallinule** (*Porphyrio martinica*)

5 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2, 10 seen in a small wetland along the entrance road to Cerro Lodge 7/2 and 2 young birds Damas 11/2.

**Southern Lapwing** (*Vanellus chilensis*)

1 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2 and 4 along Parrita River 12/2.

**Black-bellied Plover** (*Pluvialis squatarola*)

1 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2, 7 seen on the public beach Tarcoles 8/2, 20 on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2 and 2 Parrita River 12/2.

**Collared Plover** (*Charadrius collaris*)

2 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2.

**Wilson's Plover** (*Charadrius wilsonia*)

1 seen on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2.

**Semipalmated Plover** (*Charadrius semipalmatus*)

5 on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2.

**Black-necked Stilt** (*Himantopus mexicanus*)

1 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2, 1 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2, 3 Damas 11/2 and 45 along Parrita River 12/2.

**Northern Jacana** (*Jacana spinosa*)

10 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2, 4 Damas 11/2 and 4 along Parrita River 12/2.

**Spotted Sandpiper** (*Actitis macularius*)

Common along rivers and on beaches.

**Greater Yellowlegs** (*Tringa melanoleuca*)

2 seen on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2.

**Willet** (*Tringa semipalmata*)

1 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2, 14 seen on the public beach Tarcoles 8/2, 20 seen on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2 and 3 along Parrita River 12/2.

**Whimbrel** (*Numenius phaeopus*)

1 Caldera 2/2, 8 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2, 11 seen on the public beach Tarcoles 8/2, 10 seen on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2 and 5 along Parrita River 12/2.

**Marbled Godwit** (*Limosa fedoa*)

3 seen on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2.

**Ruddy Turnstone** (*Arenaria interpres*)

12 seen on the public beach Tarcoles 8/2 and 2 seen on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2.

**Western Sandpiper** (*Calidris mauri*)

5 seen on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2.

**Least Sandpiper** (*Calidris minutilla*)

2 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2 and 50 seen on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2.

**Short-billed Dowitcher** (*Limnodromus griseus*)

30 seen on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2.

**Laughing Gull** (*Leucophaeus atricilla*)

500 roosting Caldera 2/2 and 20 seen Tarcoles 8/2.

Many gulls and tern were seen around a couple of fishing boats from the public beach in Tarcoles on the evening 8/2, but not identified because of the distance.

**Royal Tern** (*Thalasseus maximus*)

35 Caldera 2/2, 5 Parrita River 12/2 and 10 Tarcoles 8/2.

**Sandwich Tern** (*Thalasseus sandvicensis*)

1 seen along Parrita River 12/2.

**Rock Pigeon** (*Columba livia*)

Common in bigger villages and in cities.

**Pale-vented Pigeon** (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

1 seen Hotel Gavilan 2/2, common in Manuel Antonio 9-14/2 and 2 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Scaled Pigeon** (*Patagioenas speciosa*)

1 nicely perched and calling Hotel Gavilan 31/1.

**Red-billed Pigeon** (*Patagioenas flavirostris*)

Around 5 seen Poas Volcano Lodge 29-30/1, 1 Monteverde 3/2, 10 El

Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2, at least 5 Hotel Buena Vista 16-17/2.  
Probably much under recorded.

**Band-tailed Pigeon** (*Patagioenas fasciata*)

2 heard Sendero los Quebrada, Savegre 15/2.

**Ruddy Pigeon** (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)

1 heard calling Sendero los Quebrada, Savegre 15/2.

**Short-billed Pigeon** (*Patagioenas nigrirostris*)

1 heard Hotel Gavilan and 1 seen on the boat trip Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, 3 heard La Selva 1/2, 1 calling River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2 and 1 seen Esquipulas 11/2.

**White-winged Dove** (*Zenaida asiatica*)

5 Hotel Buena Vista 28/1, 2 Poas Volcano Lodge 29/1, 5 Caldera 2/2 and common Cerro Lodge 6-9/2.

One of those common species that was paid less attention and therefore probably under recorded.

**Inca Dove** (*Columbina inca*)

2 Caldera 2/2, 2-4 Cerro Lodge 6-9/2, 4 Esquipulas 11/2 and up to 4 Manuel Antonio 9-14/2.

**Common Ground-Dove** (*Columbina passerina*)

Common around Cerro Lodge 6-9/2.

**Plain-breasted Ground-Dove** (*Columbina minuta*)

1 pair along the entrance road to Cerro Lodge 6/2.

**Ruddy Ground-Dove** (*Columbina talpacoti*)

Common in the lowlands.

**Blue Ground-Dove** (*Claravis pretiosa*)

1 seen and heard Hotel Gavilan 30/1-1/2, 1 heard Villa Vanilla 13/2.

**White-tipped Dove** (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

1 Hotel Gavilan 31/1, 1 Bijugal 8/2, 5 Esquipulas 11/2, 1 Parrita 12/2 and 2 Villa Vanilla 13/2.

**Gray-chested Dove** (*Leptotila cassini*)



1 Hotel Gavilan 1/2, 2 Carara N.P 7/2, 1 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2 and 2 Manuel Antonio N.P. 10/2.

**Sulphur-winged Parakeet** (*Pyrrhura hoffmanni*)

6 nicely perched and some more flying by San Gerardo de Dota 15/2.

**Crimson-fronted Parakeet** (*Aratinga finschi*)

20-30 Hotel Buena Vista 28/1 and 17/2.

**Orange-fronted Parakeet** (*Aratinga canicularis*)

10 seen Tarcoles River 7/2 and 10 seen nicely perched Tarcoles 8/2.

**Great Green Macaw** (*Ara ambiguus*)

2 seen flying by at La Selva 1/2.

**Scarlet Macaw** (*Ara macao*)

Up to 10 Cerro Lodge 6-9/2, 4 Carara N.P. 7/2, 5 on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2, 10 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2 and 2 Bijugal 8/2.

**Orange-chinned Parakeet** (*Brotogeris jugularis*)

2-10 Hotel Gavilan 30-31/1, 10 Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, 4 La Selva entrance road 31/1, 5 Heliconias Island 1/2, 5 Guidamal 6/2, several hundreds flying to night roost Cerro Lodge 6/2, 2 Bijugal 8/2, 10-15 Manuel Antonio 9-14/2, 10 Esquipulas 11/2 and 4 Parrita River 12/2.

**Brown-hooded Parrot** (*Pyrrhura haematotis*)

2 La Selva 1/2, 2 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2, and 8 Monteverde 5/2.

**White-crowned Parrot** (*Pionus senilis*)

2 La Paz Waterfall Garden, 4 Mirador Cinchona 29/1 and 2 Poas Volcano Lodge 29/1, 4 La Selva entrance road 31/1, 2 Hotel Gavilan and 2 La Selva 1/2, 1 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2, 4 Cerro Lodge 9/2, 2-3 Manuel Antonio 10-14/2 and 4 Esquipulas 11/2.

**White-fronted Parrot** (*Amazona albifrons*)

6 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2, 4 Monteverde 5/2 and 2 Cerro Lodge 6/2.

**Red-lored Parrot** (*Amazona autumnalis*)

4 La Selva 1/2 and 2 Gavilan 2/2.

**Mealy Parrot** (*Amazona farinosa*)

2 Hotel Gavilan 31/1, 2 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2 and 2 Cerro Lodge 9/2.

**Yellow-naped Parrot** (*Amazona auropalliata*)

4 Cerro Lodge and 4 Tarcoles River 7/2.

**Squirrel Cuckoo** (*Piaya cayana*)

1 La Selva entrance road 31/1, 1 La Selva 1/2 and 1 Carara N.P. 8/2.

**Smooth-billed Ani** (*Crotophaga ani*)

5-10 Manuel Antonio 9-12/2.

**Groove-billed Ani** (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*)

10 Hotel Gavilan 1/2, 5 Cerro Lodge 7/2 and 10 Tarcoles 8/2.

**Pacific Screech-Owl** (*Megascops cooperi*)

1 pair Cerro Lodge 7/2.

**Spectacled Owl** (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*)

1 pair Hotel Gavilan 30/1-1/2.



Spectacled Owl

**Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)

1 heard Cerro Lodge 7/2, 1 heard Manuel Antonio 9/2 and 1 heard Esquipulas 11/2.

**Common Pauraque** (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

1 heard Hotel Gavilan 31/1, 2 seen La Selva 1/2, 1 heard Monteverde 3/2, 1 heard Cerro Lodge 6/2 and 1 heard Manuel Antonio 9/2.

**Dusky Nightjar** (*Caprimulgus saturatus*)

1 heard Poas Volcano Lodge 28/1.

**Black Swift** (*Cypseloides niger*)

10 Bijugal 8/2.

**White-collared Swift** (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

50 Esquipulas 11/2, 25 Trogon Lodge 14/2 and 5 there 15/2, 10 Sendero los Quebrada/Savegre 15/2 and 25 Hotel Buena Vista 16/2.

**Costa Rican Swift** (*Chaetura fumosa*)

2 Cerro Lodge 7/2.

**Gray-rumped Swift** (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)

10 El Tigre marsh 31/1 and 20 La Selva 1/2.

**Bronzy Hermit** (*Glaucis aeneus*)

1 Hotel Gavilan 31/1.

**Green Hermit** (*Phaethornis guy*)

5 La Paz Waterfall Garden and 1 Mirador Cinchona 29/1 and also 2 Monteverde 4-5/2.

**Long-billed Hermit** (*Phaethornis longirostris*)

1 Villa Vanilla 13/2.

**Stripe-throated Hermit** (*Phaethornis striigularis*)

1 seen perched and singing Manuel Antonio N.P. 10/2.

**Green Violetear** (*Colibri thalassinus*)

2 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2, 3 Monteverde 5/2, 3 restaurant La Georgina 14/2, 10 Trogon Lodge 14-16/2, 10 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2, 20 Sendero los Quebrada/Savegre Lodge 15/2.



Green Violetear



Green-crowned Brilliant

**Purple-crowned Fairy** (*Heliostyris barroti*)

2 displaying seen along River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2.

**Green Thorntail** (*Discosura conversii*)

1 male La Paz Waterfall Garden 29/1.

**Green-crowned Brilliant** (*Heliostyris jacula*)

20 La Paz Waterfall Garden and 2 Mirador Cinchona 29/1, 5 Vulcan Poas 30/1, 10 Selvatura park, St Elena 3/2, 10 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2, 1 female El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2 and 15 Monteverde 5/2.

**Magnificent Hummingbird** (*Eugenes fulgens*)

2 restaurant La Georgina 14/2, 5 Trogon Lodge 14/2, 2 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2 and 2 Sendero los Quebrada/Savegre Lodge 15/2.

**Long-billed Starthroat** (*Heliomaster longirostris*)

2 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Fiery-throated Hummingbird** (*Panterpe insignis*)

2 restaurant La Georgina 14/2 and 2 Trogon Lodge 14/2.

**Purple-throated Mountain-gem** (*Lampornis calolaemus*)

2 Poas Volcano Lodge 28/1, 5 La Paz Waterfall Garden 29/1, 10 Selvatura park, St Elena 3/2, 10 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2 and 15 Monteverde 5/2.

**White-throated Mountain-gem** (*Lampornis castaneiventris*)

2 Trogon Lodge 14-16/2 and 1 pair Sendero los Quebrada/Savegre Lodge 15/2.



Purple-throated Mountain-gem

Scintillant Hummingbird

**Magenta-throated Woodstar** (*Calliphlox bryantae*)

2 La Paz Waterfall Garden 29/1, 2 Selvatura park, St Elena 3/2, 2 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2 and 2 Monteverde 5/2.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** (*Archilochus colubris*)

Up to 5 seen Cerro Lodge 6-9/2.

**Volcano Hummingbird** (*Selasphorus flammula*)

Up to 4 Trogon Lodge 14-16/2, 2 Sendero los Quebrada/Savegre Lodge 15/2 and 8 Cerro de la Muerte 16/2.

**Scintillant Hummingbird** (*Selasphorus scintilla*)

3 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2 and 4 Sendero los Quebrada/Savegre Lodge 15/2.

**Scaly-breasted Hummingbird** (*Phaeochroa cuvierii*)

1 Hotel Gavilan 1/2, 1 Damas and 1 Esquipulas 11/2 also 1 Villa Vanilla 13/2.

**Violet Sabrewing** (*Campylopterus hemileucurus*)

10 La Paz Waterfall Garden and 2 Mirador Cinchona 29/1, 10 Selvatura park, St Elena 3/2, 10 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2, 5 Monteverde 5/2 and 1 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer** (*Chalybura urochrysis*)

1 La Selva 1/2.

**Violet-crowned Woodnymph** (*Thalurania colombica*)



1 male Manuel Antonio 10/2.

**Stripe-tailed Hummingbird** (*Eupherusa eximia*)

1 Hotel Gavilan 1/2, 2 Selvatura park, St Elena 3/2, 2 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2 and 5 Monteverde 5/2.

**Black-bellied Hummingbird** (*Eupherusa nigriventris*)

1 male La Paz Waterfall Garden 29/1.



Black-bellied Hummingbird

Stripe-tailed Hummingbird

**Coppery-headed Emerald** (*Elvira cupreiceps*)

1 male Selvatura park, St Elena 3/2, 5 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2 and 5 Monteverde 5/2.

**Mangrove Hummingbird** (*Amazilia boucardi*)

1 female Damas 11/2.

**Steely-vented Hummingbird** (*Amazilia saucerrottei*)

3 Cerro Lodge 9/2.

**Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** (*Amazilia tzacatl*)

Common.

**Cinnamon Hummingbird** (*Amazilia rutila*)

Up to 5 Cerro Lodge 6-9/2.

**Blue-throated Goldentail** (*Hylocharis eliciae*)

1 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2 and 1 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Resplendent Quetzal** (*Pharomachrus mocinno*)

6 Monteverde 5/2 and 1 pair at their nest San Gerardo de Dota 15/2.

**Violaceous Trogon** (*Trogon violaceus*)

1 male Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, 1 Hotel Gavilan 1-2/2, 1 Cerro Lodge 6-9/2 and 2 heard River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2.



Violaceous Trogon

**Slaty-tailed Trogon** (*Trogon massena*)

1 male Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, 1 pair La Selva 1/2 and 2 heard Esquipulas 11/2.

**Baird's Trogon** (*Trogon bairdii*)

1 heard calling along River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2.

**Black-throated Trogon** (*Trogon rufus*)

1 heard La Selva entrance road 31/1, 1-2 calling Manuel Antonio 9-10/2 and 1 pair + 1 calling male Esquipulas 11/2.

**Orange-bellied Trogon** (*Trogon aurantiiventris*)

2 male seen Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2.

**Collared Trogon** (*Trogon collaris*)

1 calling Selvatura park, St Elena 3/2, 1 calling Trogon Lodge 15/2 and 1 calling Sendero los Quebrada/Savegre 15/2.

**Blue-crowned Motmot** (*Momotus coeruliceps*)



1 Monteverde 2/2, 1 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2, 2 Monteverde 5/2, 1 heard Carara N.P. 8/2 and 1 heard Esquipulas 11/2.



Blue-crowned Motmot



Turquoise-browed Motmot

**Rufous Motmot** (*Baryphthengus martii*)

1 seen briefly and another heard calling La Selva 1/2.

**Broad-billed Motmot** (*Electron platyrhynchum*)

1 heard calling La Selva 1/2.

**Turquoise-browed Motmot** (*Eumomota superciliosa*)

1 Cerro Lodge 7-9/2 and 1 heard Carara N.P. 8/2.

**Ringed Kingfisher** (*Megaceryle torquata*)

1 female on the boat trip Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, 1 Heliconias Island 1/2, 1 Hotel Gavilan 1/2, 6 on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2 and 1 on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2.

**Belted Kingfisher** (*Megaceryle alcyon*)

1 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2.

**Amazon Kingfisher** (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

1 female seen on the boat trip Rio Sarapiquí 31/1 and 2 seen on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2.

**Green Kingfisher** (*Chloroceryle americana*)

8 on the boat trip Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, Heliconias Island 1/2, 4 on the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2, 1 Damas 11/2 and 2 on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2.

**American Pygmy Kingfisher** (*Chloroceryle aenea*)

1 Tarcoles River 7/2.

**White-necked Puffbird** (*Notharchus hyperrhynchus*)

1 La Selva 1/2.

**White-whiskered Puffbird** (*Malacoptila panamensis*)

1 male Carara N.P. 7/2.

**Rufous-tailed Jacamar** (*Galbula ruficauda*)

2 La Selva entrance road 31/1 and 1 Carara N.P. 7/2.



White-whiskered Puffbird

Rufous-tailed Jacamar

**Emerald Toucanet** (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus*) (6 fynd, 12 ex)

2 Mirador Cinchona 29/1, 1 Monteverde 3/2, 5 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2, 2 "sleeping" seen at the night walk El Bosque trail, Monteverde 5/2, 1 Monteverde 5/2 and 1 heard Sendero los Quebrada, Savegre lodge 15/2.

**Collared Aracari** (*Pteroglossus torquatus*)

5 La Selva entrance road 31/1 and 2 La Selva 1/2.

**Chestnut-mandibled Toucan** (*Ramphastos swainsonii*)

2 Hotel Gavilan 1-2/2, 5 on the boat trip Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, 1 Manuel Antonio 10/2, 2 Esquipulas 11/2 and 2 Manuel Antonio 13/2.

**Keel-billed Toucan** (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*)

15-20 La Selva entrance road 31/1, 2 Hotel Gavilan and 2 La Selva 1/2 and 1 Monteverde 5/2.

**Acorn Woodpecker** (*Melanerpes formicivorus*)

1 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2 and 2 Sendero los Quebrada, Savegre Lodge 15/2.

**Golden-naped Woodpecker** (*Melanerpes chrysauchen*)

3 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Black-cheeked Woodpecker** (*Melanerpes pucherani*)

2 Hotel Gavilan 30/1-1/2, 1 on the boat trip Rio Sarapiquí 31/1 and 1 La Selva 1/2.

**Red-crowned Woodpecker** (*Melanerpes rubricapillus*)

Fairly common Manuel Antonio 9-14/2 and 4 Parrita River 12/2.

**Hoffmann's Woodpecker** (*Melanerpes hoffmannii*)

2 Hotel Buena Vista 28/1, 1 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2, 2 Monteverde 5/2, 4 Cerro Lodge 6/2-9/2, 1 Carara N.P. 8/2, and 1 Hotel Buena Vista 17/2.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** (*Sphyrapicus varius*)

1 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Smoky-brown Woodpecker** (*Picoides fumigatus*)

1 male Hotel Gavilan 1/2.

**Hairy Woodpecker** (*Picoides villosus*)

1 Poas Volcano Lodge 29/1 and 1 Trogon Lodge 15-16/2.

**Golden-olive Woodpecker** (*Colaptes rubiginosus*)

1 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2.

**Lineated Woodpecker** (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

1 Cerro Lodge 6-9/2, 1 Tarcoles 8/2 and 1 Villa Vanilla 13/2.

**Pale-billed Woodpecker** (*Campephilus guatemalensis*)

2 heard La Selva 1/2 and 2 Carara N.P. 7/2.

**Slaty Spinetail** (*Synallaxis brachyura*)

1 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Red-faced Spinetail** (*Cranioleuca erythropis*)

1 Poas Volcano Lodge 29-30/1, 2 Selvatura park, St Elena 3/2 and 2 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2.

**Spotted Barbtail** (*Premnoplex brunnescens*)

2 Poas Volcano Lodge 30/1 and 1 Selvatura park, St Elena 3/2.

**Ruddy Treerunner** (*Margarornis rubiginosus*)

1 Poas Volcano Lodge 28-29/1, 2 Selvatura park, St Elena 3/2, 1 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2 and 2 Trogon Lodge 15/2.

**Plain Xenops** (*Xenops minutus*)

1 Manuel Antonio N.P. 10/2.

**Tawny-winged Woodcreeper** (*Dendrocincla anabatina*)

1 Carara N.P. 7/2.

**Ruddy Woodcreeper** (*Dendrocincla homochroa*)

1 Carara N.P. 7/2.

**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)

1 Poas Volcano Lodge 28/1 and 1 Mirador Cinchona 29/1.

**Wedge-billed Woodcreeper** (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)

1 La Selva 1/2.

**Northern Barred-Woodcreeper** (*Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*)

1 Heliconias Island 1/2.

**Cocoa Woodcreeper** (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*)

1 Hotel Gavilan 30/1 and 2 there 31/1, 2 on the boat trip Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, 1 Carara N.P. 7/2, 1 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2, 1 Manuel Antonio N.P. 10/2, 1 heard Damas 11/2, 2 Esquipulas 11/2, 1 heard Manuel Antonio 12/2 and 2 Villa Vanilla 13/2.

**Spotted Woodcreeper** (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*)

2 Monteverde 5/2.

**Streak-headed Woodcreeper** (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*)

1 Hotel Gavilan 1/2 and 1 Cerro Lodge 7/2.

**Spot-crowned Woodcreeper** (*Lepidocolaptes affinis*)

4 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2.

**Fasciated Antshrike** (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*)

2 Hotel Gavilan 1/2.

**Great Antshrike** (*Taraba major*)

1 heard La Selva entrance road 31/1 and 2 heard Carara N.P. 7/2.

**Black-hooded Antshrike** (*Thamnophilus bridgesi*)

1 Carara N.P. 7/2, 3 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2, 3 Manuel Antonio N.P. 10/2, 2 heard Esquipulas 11/2 and 1 heard Manuel Antonio 14/2.

**Plain Antvireo** (*Dysithamnus mentalis*)

1 Manuel Antonio N.P. 10/2.

**Dot-winged Antwren** (*Microrhoptias quixensis*)

2 Carara N.P. 7/2 and 1 female Esquipulas 11/2.

**Dusky Antbird** (*Cercomacra tyrannina*)

2 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2.

**Chestnut-backed Antbird** (*Myrmeciza exsul*)

2 Carara N.P. 7/2, 8 Manuel Antonio N.P. 10/2 and 2 Manuel Antonio 14/2.

**Spotted Antbird** (*Hylophylax naevioides*)

2 Hotel Gavilan 31/1.



Chestnut-backed Antbird

**Black-faced Antthrush** (*Formicarius analis*)

1 seen Carara N.P. 7/2 and 1 heard Esquipulas 11/2.

**Silvery-fronted Tapaculo** (*Scytalopus argentifrons*)

2 heard Selvatura Park, St Elena 3/2 and 1 seen and 1 heard Trogon Lodge 14/2.

**Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

3 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Yellow Tyrannulet** (*Capsiempis flaveola*)

1 Heliconias Island 1/2.

**Greenish Elaenia** (*Myiopagis viridicata*)

1 Manuel Antonio 10/2.

**Yellow-bellied Elaenia** (*Elaenia flavogaster*)

1 Hotel Buena Vista 28/1.

**Mountain Elaenia** (*Elaenia frantzii*)

1 La Paz Waterfall Garden 29/1, 1 Monteverde 3/2 and 1 there 5/2, 2 Trogon Lodge 14-16/2 and 1 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2.

**Torrent Tyrannulet** (*Serpophaga cinerea*)

1 Trogon Lodge 15/2.

**Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** (*Mionectes oleagineus*)

1 La Selva 1/2 and 1 Manuel Antonio N.P. 10/2.

**Paltry Tyrannulet** (*Zimmerius vilissimus*)

1 Hotel Gavilan 30/1.

**Northern Bentbill** (*Oncostoma cinereigulare*)

3 along River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2.

**Common Tody-Flycatcher** (*Todirostrum cinereum*)

1 Hotel Gavilan 31/1-1/2, 1 La Selva 1/2, 1 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2, 1 Esquipulas 11/2 and 2 Villa Vanilla 13/2.

**Eye-ringed Flatbill** (*Rhynchocyclus brevirostris*)

1 Poas Volcano Lodge 29/1 and 1 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2.

**Yellow-olive Flycatcher** (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*)

1 Carara N.P. 8/2.

**White-throated Spadebill** (*Platyrinchus mystaceus*)

1 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2.

**Royal Flycatcher** (*Onychorhynchus coronatus*)

1 nest building along River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2.

**Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher** (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*)

1 Carara N.P. 7/2.

**Tufted Flycatcher** (*Mitrephanes phaeocercus*)

2 Poas Volcano Lodge 28/1, 2 Selvatura park, St Elena 3/2, 2 Trogon Lodge 14/2 and 3 there 15/2 and also 5 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** (*Contopus cooperi*)

1 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Dark Pewee** (*Contopus lugubris*)

1 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2.

**Ochraceous Pewee** (*Contopus ochraceus*)

1 seen at a stake out near Trogon Lodge 15/2.

**Western Wood-Pewee** (*Contopus sordidulus*)

1 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** (*Empidonax flaviventris*)

1 Manuel Antonio 9/2 and 1 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Yellowish Flycatcher** (*Empidonax flavescens*)

2 Monteverde 5/2, 5 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2 and 2 Sendero los Quebrada, Savegre Lodge 15/2.

**Black-capped Flycatcher** (*Empidonax atriceps*)

2 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2, 1 Sendero los Quebrada, Savegre Lodge 15/2 and 2 Trogon Lodge 15-16/2.

**Black Phoebe** (*Sayornis nigricans*)

1 Trogon Lodge 15/2.



**Long-tailed Tyrant** (*Colonia colonus*)

1 seen just outside La Selva entrance 31/1.

**Bright-rumped Attila** (*Attila spadiceus*)

2 heard Hotel Gavilan 30/1-2/2, 2 heard Carara N.P. 8/2, 1 seen Manuel Antonio N.P. 9/2 and 1 heard Esquipulas 11/2.

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)

2 Heliconias Island 1/2 and 1 along the entrance road at Cerro Lodge 7/2.

**Great Crested Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus crinitus*)

1 Monteverde 3/2 and 1 Villa Vanilla 13/2.

**Brown-crested Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)

2 along the entrance road Cerro Lodge 6/2 and 1 there 9/2.

**Great Kiskadee** (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

Common.

**Boat-billed Flycatcher** (*Megarynchus pitangua*)

2 Hotel Gavilan 30/1, 2 La Selva entrance road 31/1, 2 Manuel Antonio 9/2, 2 Esquipulas 11/2 and 2 Villa Vanilla 13/2.

Probably under recorded.

**Social Flycatcher** (*Myiozetetes similis*)

Up to 4 Hotel Gavilan 30/1-2/2, 2 at the boat trip Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, 5 La Selva 1/2, 1 Cerro Lodge 6/2, 3 Manuel Antonio 10/2, 1 Monteverde 5/2, 1 Esquipulas 11/2 and 2 Villa Vanilla 13/2.

Probably much under recorded.

**Gray-capped Flycatcher** (*Myiozetetes granadensis*)

3 seen on the boat trip Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, 1 La Selva 1/2, 1 Esquipulas 11/2 and 3 Villa Vanilla 13/2.

**White-ringed Flycatcher** (*Conopias albobittatus*)

1 La Selva entrance road 31/1.

**Streaked Flycatcher** (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)

1 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Tropical Kingbird** (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)  
Common.

**Rufous Piha** (*Lipaugus unirufus*)  
1 heard Esquipulas 11/2.

**Snowy Cotinga** (*Carpodectes nitidus*)  
1 male seen nicely perched at La Selva 1/2.

**White-collared Manakin** (*Manacus candei*)  
4 Hotel Gavilan 31/1 and 5 there 1/2 and also 1 male La Selva 1/2.

**Orange-collared Manakin** (*Manacus aurantiacus*)  
4 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2.

**Black-crowned Tityra** (*Tityra inquisitor*)  
1 Rio Sarapiquí 31/1 and 5 Cerro Lodge 6/2.

**Masked Tityra** (*Tityra semifasciata*)  
2 Hotel Gavilan 1/2, 2 Esquipulas 11/2 and 2 Hotel Buena Vista 17/2.

**Cinnamon Becard** (*Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*)  
1 La Selva 1/2 and 1 Hotel Gavilan 2/2.

**White-winged Becard** (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)  
1 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2.

**Rose-throated Becard** (*Pachyramphus aglaiae*)  
1 female Cerro Lodge 9/2.

**Yellow-throated Vireo** (*Vireo flavifrons*)  
1 Poas Volcano Lodge 29/1 and 1 Carara N.P. 8/2.

**Yellow-winged Vireo** (*Vireo carmioli*)  
1 Trogon Lodge 14-15/2 and 2 there 16/2.

**Philadelphia Vireo** (*Vireo philadelphicus*)  
1 Cerro Lodge 6/2.

**Lesser Greenlet** (*Hylophilus decurtatus*)  
1 Bijugal 8/2 and 3 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2.

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*)

1 seen Monteverde 5/2, 1 heard San Gerardo de Dota 15/2 and 1 heard Trogon Lodge 15/2.

**White-throated Magpie-Jay** (*Calocitta formosa*)

Up to 4 seen around Cerro Lodge 6-9/2.

**Brown Jay** (*Psilorhinus morio*)

10 Hotel Buena Vista 28/1, 12 Monteverde 3/2 and 5 there 5/2, 5 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2, 5 Cerro Lodge 6-9/2 and 2 Hotel Buena Vista 17/2.

**Blue-and-white Swallow** (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*)

100 Hotel Buena Vista 28/1, 20 La Paz Waterfall Garden 29/1, 50 Monteverde 3/2 and 25 Trogon Lodge 15/2 are the higher counts during the 3 weeks.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*)

2 Monteverde 5/2 and 5 Esquipulas 11/2 were the only ones with a safe id.

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

5 Hotel Gavilan 30/1, 20 at the boat trip Rio Sarapiquí 31/1 and 10 Heliconias Island 1/2.

**Gray-breasted Martin** (*Progne chalybea*)

10 Tarcoles 8/2 and 10 Parrita River 12/2.

**Mangrove Swallow** (*Tachycineta albilinea*)

20 at the boat trip Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, 10 Heliconias Island 1/2, around 50 at the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2 and 20 at the mangrove tour Damas 11/2.

**Barn Swallow** (*Hirundo rustica*)

20 El Tigre Marsh 31/1, at least 10 at the boat trip Tarcoles River 7/2, 20 Tarcoles 8/2 and 100 Parrita River 12/2.

All swallow species are under recorded though very little attention where paid to scan and count gatherings. Add also the fact that we actually saw much less with swallows and swifts than expected.

**Cliff Swallow** (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*)

1 La Selva 1/2.

**Band-backed Wren** (*Campylorhynchus zonatus*)

1 seen and 1 heard La Selva 1/2.

**Rufous-naped Wren** (*Campylorhynchus rufinucha*)

10 Cerro Lodge 6-9/2, 4 Carara N.P. 7/2, 5 River trail, Carara N.P 8/2 and 2 Hotel Buena Vista 17/2.

**Black-bellied Wren** (*Pheugopedius fasciatoventris*)

1 Manuel Antonio N.P. 10/2 and 1 singing Esquipulas 11/2.

**Rufous-breasted Wren** (*Pheugopedius rutilus*)

1 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2.

**Black-throated Wren** (*Pheugopedius atrogularis*)

2 Hotel Gavilan 31/1 and 1 heard La Selva 1/2.

**Plain Wren** (*Cantorchilus modestus*)

2 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2 and 1 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Riverside Wren** (*Cantorchilus semibadius*)

1 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Bay Wren** (*Cantorchilus nigricapillus*)

1 Hotel Gavilan 31/1-1/2 and 1 Heliconias Island 1/2.

**House Wren** (*Troglodytes aedon*)

Up to 8 Hotel Gavilan 30/1-2/2, 2 La Selva 1/2, up to 4 seen on several places around Monteverde 2-6/2 and Esquipulas 11/2.

**Ochraceous Wren** (*Troglodytes ochraceus*)

1 Poas Volcano Lodge 28-29/1.

**Timberline Wren** (*Thryorchilus browni*)

2 Cerro de la Muerte 16/2.

**White-breasted Wood-Wren** (*Henicorhina leucosticta*)

2 La Selva 1/2.

**Gray-breasted Wood-Wren** (*Henicorhina leucophrys*)

1 heard Vulcan Poas 30/1, 2 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2, 3 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2, 1 heard Sendero los Quebrada, Savegre Lodge 15/2 and 2 Trogon Lodge 16/2.

**Long-billed Gnatwren** (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)

1 heard River trail, Carara N.P 8/2.

**White-lored Gnatcatcher** (*Polioptila albiloris*)

2 seen along the entrance road to Cerro Lodge 6/2.

**Tropical Gnatcatcher** (*Polioptila plumbea*)

2 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2, 1 Damas 11/2 and 1 Esquipulas 11/2.

**American Dipper** (*Cinclus mexicanus*)

1 Trogon Lodge 14/2 and 1 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2.

**Black-faced Solitaire** (*Myadestes melanops*)

2 heard La Paz Waterfall Garden 29/1, 2 seen and at least 4 heard Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2, 2 heard Monteverde 5/2, up to 2 heard Trogon Lodge 14-16/2 2 heard San Gerardo de Dota 15/2 and 2 heard along Sendero los Quebrada, Savegre Lodge 15/2.

**Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush** (*Catharus gracilirostris*)

1 seen and 1 heard Trogon Lodge 14/2 and 4 there 15-16/2.

**Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush** (*Catharus fuscater*)

1 heard Poas Volcano Lodge 29/1, 2 Vulcan Poas 30/1 and 1 heard Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2.

**Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush** (*Catharus frantzii*)

6 Vulcan Poas 30/1 and 1 Trogon Lodge 16/2.

**Wood Thrush** (*Hylocichla mustelina*)

2 Hotel Gavilan 1/2, 3 "sleeping" seen on the night walk El Bosque trail, Monteverde 5/2 and 1 Carara N.P. 7/2.

**Sooty Thrush** (*Turdus nigrescens*)

1 Trogon Lodge 14/2, 4 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2, 8 around Trogon Lodge 15/2 and 4 there 16/2.

**Mountain Thrush** (*Turdus plebejus*)

1 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2 and 1 at dusk there (just before the night walk) 5/2 and 1 Trogon Lodge 15-16/2.

**Clay-colored Thrush** (*Turdus grayi*)

Common.

Costa Rica's national bird.

**White-throated Thrush** (*Turdus assimilis*)

1 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2 and 1 Monteverde 5/2.

**Golden-winged Warbler** (*Vermivora chrysoptera*)

1 male Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2.

**Tennessee Warbler** (*Vermivora peregrina*)

10 Hotel Buena Vista 28/1, 1 Hotel Gavilan 1/2, 2 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2, 2 Cerro Lodge 6/2, 1 Carara N.P 7/2, 2 Manuel Antonio 10/2, 2 Damas 11/2, 2 Esquipulas 11/2, 5 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2, 5 Sendero los Quebrada, Savegre Lodge 15/2, 1 Trogon Lodge 15/2 and 2 there 16/2 and 20 Hotel Buena Vista 17/2.

**Flame-throated Warbler** (*Parula gutturalis*)

1 Trogon Lodge 15/2.

**Tropical Parula** (*Parula pitiayumi*)

1 Mirador Cinchona 29/1.

**Yellow Warbler** (*Dendroica petechia*)

1 Hotel Buena Vista 28/1, 1 Hotel Gavilan 1-2/2, 4 "mangrove Warbler" Tarcoles River 7/2, 1 Damas 11/2, 1 Manuel Antonio 13/2, 1 Villa Vanilla 13/2 and 2 Hotel Buena Vista 17/2.

**Long-tailed Silky-flycatcher** (*Ptilogonys caudatus*)

2 Poas Volcano Lodge 28/1 and up to 5 Trogon Lodge 14-16/2.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** (*Dendroica pensylvanica*)

1 Hotel Gavilan 30/1, 2 La Selva entrance road 31/1, 3 Hotel Gavilan and 5 La Selva 1/2, 1 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2 and 5 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Black-throated Green Warbler** (*Dendroica virens*)

1 Poas Volcano Lodge 28/1, 1 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2, 1 Trogon Lodge 14/2 and 2 there 15/2, 5 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2 and 1

Sendero los Quebrada, Savegre Lodge 15/2.

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

1 Poas Volcano Lodge 28/1, 1 La Selva entrance road 31/1 and 1 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2.

**American Redstart** (*Setophaga ruticilla*)

1 female colored Monteverde 5/2.

**Prothonotary Warbler** (*Protonotaria citrea*)

3 seen on the mangrove tour Damas 11/2 and another one seen in Damas village 11/2.

**Northern Waterthrush** (*Seiurus noveboracensis*)

1 La Selva entrance road 31/1, 1 on the boat trip on Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, 1 Damas 11/2 and 1 Villa Vanilla 13/2.

**Louisiana Waterthrush** (*Seiurus motacilla*)

1 Poas Volcano Lodge 29/1 and 1 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2.

**Kentucky Warbler** (*Oporornis formosus*)

2 seen along the entrance road Cerro Lodge 6/2.

**Wilson's Warbler** (*Wilsonia pusilla*)

Common in the highlands.

**Slate-throated Redstart** (*Myioborus miniatus*)

3 La Paz Waterfall Garden 29/1, 2 Mirador Cinchona 29/1, 4 Selvatura park, St Elena 3/2, 10 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2 and 2 Monteverde 5/2.

**Collared Redstart** (*Myioborus torquatus*)

Up to 4 Poas Volcano Lodge 28-29/1, 2 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2, up to 10 Trogon Lodge 14-15/2, 10 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2 and 4 along Sendero los Quebrada, Savegre Lodge 15/2.

**Golden-crowned Warbler** (*Basileuterus culicivorus*)

1 El Bosque trail, Monteverde and 1 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2.





Collared Redstart

**Black-cheeked Warbler** (*Basileuterus melanogenys*)

4 Poas Volcano Lodge 29/1, 1 seen Trogon Lodge 14-16/2, but in different parts of the area.

**Three-striped Warbler** (*Basileuterus tristriatus*)

1 Selvatura park, St Elena 3/2 and 2 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2.

**Buff-rumped Warbler** (*Phaeothlypis fulvicauda*)

2 Hotel Gavilan 31/1-1/2, 2 seen on the boat trip Rio Sarapiquí 31/1, 1 Heliconias Island 1/2, 1 La Selva 1/2 and 1 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Wrenthrush** (*Zeledonia coronata*)

2 (1 seen well and another singing) Trogon Lodge 15/2 and 1 heard San Gerardo de Dota 15/2.

**Bananaquit** (*Coereba flaveola*)

1 La Paz Waterfall Garden and 1 Mirador Cinchona 29/1, 2 Hotel Gavilan 31/1, 3 Monteverde hummingbird garden 4-5/2, 3 Esquipulas 11/2 and 2 Villa Vanilla 13/2.

**Common Bush-Tanager** (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*)

Fairly common in the highlands.

**Sooty-capped Bush-Tanager** (*Chlorospingus pileatus*)

Fairly common in the highlands.

**Dusky-faced Tanager** (*Mitrospingus cassinii*)

3 visiting the fruit feeders Hotel Gavilan 1-2/2.

**White-shouldered Tanager** (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*)

1 male River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2.

**White-lined Tanager** (*Tachyphonus rufus*)

1 Hotel Gavilan 31/1.

**Crimson-collared Tanager** (*Ramphocelus sanguinolentus*)

2 La Paz Waterfall Garden 29/1.

**Passerini's Tanager** (*Ramphocelus passerinii*)

Common on the Carribean side.

**Cherrie's Tanager** (*Ramphocelus costaricensis*)

Common on the Pacific side.

**Blue-gray Tanager** (*Thraupis episcopus*)

Common.

**Palm Tanager** (*Thraupis palmarum*)

Common, but less numerous than the previous species.

**Silver-throated Tanager** (*Tangara icterocephala*)

3 La Paz Waterfall Garden 29/1.



Common Bush-Tanager

Silver-throated Tanager

**Bay-headed Tanager** (*Tangara gyrola*)

1 seen Manuel Antonio 10/2.

**Golden-hooded Tanager** (*Tangara larvata*)

2 Hotel Gavilan 31/1-2/2, 5 La Selva entrance road 31/1, 5 La Selva 1/2, 2 Carara N.P. 8/2, 3 Manuel Antonio 10/2, 2 Esquipulas 11/2 and 1 Villa Vanilla 13/2.

**Spangle-cheeked Tanager** (*Tangara dowii*)

2 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2, 2 San Gerardo de Dota and 2 Trogon Lodge 15/2.

**Blue Dacnis** (*Dacnis cayana*)

1 male Manuel Antonio 10/2.

**Green Honeycreeper** (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

1 pair Hotel Gavilan 31/1-2/2 and 1 female La Selva entrance road 31/1.

**Shining Honeycreeper** (*Cyanerpes lucidus*)

1 pair visiting the fruit feeder Hotel Gavilan 1-2/2.

**Red-legged Honeycreeper** (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)

2 Manuel Antonio 10/2 and 1 male Villa Vanilla 13/2.

**Buff-throated Saltator** (*Saltator maximus*)

3 Mirador Cinchona 29/1, 2 Hotel Gavilan 30/1-1/2, 3 La Selva 1/2, 1 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2, 3 Monteverde 5/2, 1 Carara N.P. 8/2, 1 Manuel Antonio 10/2 and 2 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Black-headed Saltator** (*Saltator atriceps*)

Up to 5 Hotel Gavilan 31/1-1/2.

**Blue-black Grassquit** (*Volatinia jacarina*)

5 Heliconias Island 1/2, 4 Esquipulas 11/2 and 4 Parrita River 12/2.

**Variable Seedeater** (*Sporophila corvina*)

Up to 5 Hotel Gavilan 31/1-2/2 and 2 ex Manuel Antonio 10/2.

**White-collared Seedeater** (*Sporophila torqueola*)

4 Esquipulas 11/2 and 10 Parrita River 12/2.

**Yellow-faced Grassquit** (*Tiaris olivaceus*)

1 pair Mirador Cinchona 29/1, 1 male El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2, 10 3-6/2 and 5 Trogon Lodge 15/2.

**Peg-billed Finch** (*Acanthidops bairdii*)

1 Vulcan Poas 30/1 and 5 Cerro de la Muerte 16/2.

**Slaty Flowerpiercer** (*Diglossa plumbea*)

2 Poas Volcano Lodge 28-29/1, 3 San Gerardo de Dota 15/2, 6 Sendero los Quebrada, Savegre lodge 15/2 and 3 Trogon Lodge 15/2.

**Yellow-thighed Finch** (*Pselliophorus tibialis*)

Up to 5 Poas Volcano Lodge 28-29/1, 1 Vulcan Poas 30/1, up to 4 around Trogon Lodge 14-16/2 and 3 Sendero los Quebrada, Savegre Lodge 15/2.

**Large-footed Finch** (*Pezopetes capitalis*)

2 Trogon Lodge 14/2 and 3 in another area around Trogon Lodge 15/2.

**White-naped Brush-Finch** (*Atlapetes albinucha*)

3 Monteverde 3/2.

**Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch** (*Arremon brunneinucha*)

2 Poas Volcano Lodge 28/1 and 2 Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2.

**Orange-billed Sparrow** (*Arremon aurantiirostris*)

Up to 5 Hotel Gavilan 30/1-1/2, 2 La Selva entrance road 31/1, 1 La Selva 1/2, 4 Heliconias Island 1/2, 4 Carara N.P. 8/2 and 3 Esquipulas 11/2.

**Olive Sparrow** (*Arremonops rufivirgatus*)

1 Cerro Lodge 6/2.

**Black-striped Sparrow** (*Arremonops conirostris*)

5 Esquipulas 11/2

**White-eared Ground-Sparrow** (*Melospiza leucotis*)

3 Monteverde 3/2.

**Stripe-headed Sparrow** (*Aimophila ruficauda*)

Up to 7 seen at Cerro Lodge and along the entrance road to Cerro Lodge 6-8/2.

**Rufous-collared Sparrow** (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

Common in the highlands.

**Volcano Junco** (*Junco vulcani*)

2, probably a pair, Cerro de la Muerte 16/2.

**Summer Tanager** (*Piranga rubra*)

Fairly common.

**Flame-colored Tanager** (*Piranga bidentata*)

4 San Gerardo de Dota and 3 Trogon Lodge 15/2.

**Red-throated Ant-Tanager** (*Habia fuscicauda*)

Up to 3 seen around Hotel Gavilan 30/1-1/2.

**Black-faced Grosbeak** (*Caryothraustes poliogaster*)

2 Hotel Gavilan 31/1-1/2, 2 La Selva entrance road 31/1 and 2 La Selva 1/2.

**Black-thighed Grosbeak** (*Pheucticus tibialis*)

2 Trogon Lodge 15/2 and 1 there 16/2.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*)

1 male Hotel Buena Vista 16/2.

**Indigo Bunting** (*Passerina cyanea*)

1 younger male Esquipulas 11/2.

**Red-winged Blackbird** (*Agelaius phoeniceus*)

150 El Tigre Marsh 31/1 and 15 seen on the boat trip on Tarcoles River 7/2.

**Red-breasted Blackbird** (*Sturnella militaris*)

1 male El Tigre Marsh 31/1.

**Melodious Blackbird** (*Dives dives*)

2 La Paz Waterfall Garden and 2 Mirador Cinchona 29/1, 2-4 Cerro Lodge 6-9/2, 10 Monteverde 2-5/2, 5 Esquipulas 11/2 and 5 Villa Vanilla 13/2.

**Great-tailed Grackle** (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)

Common.

**Black-cowled Oriole** (*Icterus prothemelas*)

2 Hotel Gavilan 31/1-2/2 and 2 Esquipulas 11/2.

Not supposed to be on the Pacific side, but obviously they do.

**Baltimore Oriole** (*Icterus galbula*)

Common.

**Yellow-billed Caciue** (*Amblycercus holosericeus*)

1 Hotel Gavilan 31/1-1/2.

**Chestnut-headed Oropendola** (*Psarocolius wagleri*)

5 seen on the boat trip Rio Sarapiqui 31/1 and 10 La Selva 1/2.

**Montezuma Oropendola** (*Psarocolius montezuma*)

2 Hotel Buena Vista 28/1 and 17/2, common around Hotel Gavilan, La Selva and on the boat trip at Rio Sarapiqui 31/1-2/2, 4 Cerro Lodge 6/2  
2 River trail, Carara N.P. 8/2.

**Scrub Euphonia** (*Euphonia affinis*)

2 Cerro Lodge 6/2.

**Yellow-crowned Euphonia** (*Euphonia luteicapilla*)

1 pair Hotel Gavilan 1/2-2/2.

**Thick-billed Euphonia** (*Euphonia laniirostris*)

2 pairs Esquipulas 11/2.

**Yellow-throated Euphonia** (*Euphonia hirundinacea*)

3 Hotel Buena Vista 28/1, 2 El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2, up to 3  
Monteverde 2/2-5/2 and 2 Guidamal 6/2.

**Spot-crowned Euphonia** (*Euphonia imitans*)

2 male singing Esquipulas 11/2.

**Olive-backed Euphonia** (*Euphonia gouldi*)

1 female La Selva 1/2, 1 female Heliconias Island 1/2 and 1 pair Hotel  
Gavilan 2/2.

**Tawny-capped Euphonia** (*Euphonia annae*)

1 female Monteverde cloudforrest 4/2.

**Golden-browed Chlorophonia** (*Chlorophonia callophrys*)

2 pairs El Bosque trail, Monteverde 4/2 and 1 female Monteverde 5/2.

**Yellow-bellied Siskin** (*Spinus xanthogastrus*)

6 San Gerardo de Dota and 1 pair Sendero los Quebrada, Savegre Lodge 15/2.

**House Sparrow** (*Passer domesticus*)

Just a few seen Puerto Vieja 30/1 and when driving through Alajuela.

**Mammals**

**Common Opossum** (*Didelphis marsupialis*)

1 near our hotel late in the evening Manuel Antonio 10/2.

**Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth** (*Choloepus hoffmanni*)

1 El Bosque Trail 4/2.

**Three-toed Sloth** (*Bradypus variegatus*)

1 male seen La Selva and Heliconias Island 1/2 and 1 Manuel Antonio N.P. 10/2.

**White-throated Capuchin** (*Cebus capucinus*)

1 along the entrance road to cerro Lodge 6/2, 5 Carara N.P. 8/2, 10 Manuel Antonio N.P. 10/2 and 10 on the mangrove trip Damas 11/2.



White-throated Capuchin

Three-toed Sloth

**Central American Squirrel Monkey** (*Saimiri oerstedii*)

2 seen Manuel Antonio N.P. 10/2.

**Mantled Howler Monkey** (*Alouatta palliata*)

1 seen along the Sarapiquí River 31/1 and 6 Heliconias Island 1/2.



**Lesser Long-nosed Bat** (*Leptonycteris yerbabuenae*)

11 day roosting on a tree trunk along the Sarapiquí River 31/1.

**White-nosed Coati** (*Nasua narica*)

2 males Selvatura Park 3/2, 1 El Bosque Trail 5/2 and 3 near Bijugal 8/2.

**Crab-eating Raccoon** (*Procyon cancrivorus*)

Around 10 seen Manuel Antonio N.P. 10/2.

**Common (Northern) Raccoon** (*Procyon lotor*)

10 El Bosque Trail 5/2.

**Variegated Squirrel** (*Sciurus variegatoides*)

Common and the most frequent seen mammal. Seen at Hotel Buena Vista, Poas Volcano Lodge, La Paz, Heliconias Island, Selvatura Park, El Bosque Trail to mention some places.

**Alfaro's Pygmy Squirrel** (*Microsciurus alfari*)

1 Monteverde Cloudforrest 4/2 and 1 Esquipulas.

**Collared Peccary** (*Pecari angulatus*)

Around 15 seen La Selva 1/2.

**Central American Agouti** (*Dasyprocta punctate*)

1 El Bosque Trail 4/2 and 7 there on the night walk 5/2.

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