

St. Lucia and Trinidad&Tobago

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As usual when we are starting to plan a new trip, my goal is to combine some birding with a relaxing holiday together with some nice weather. I have to take into consideration that my wife is not a birder but she likes to hike and is interested in nature. Our last journeys have gone south to Africa and east to Malaysia so west was our first choice. I had heard that Trinidad was a good choice for birding and Tobago for relaxing so we started to investigate our options. I contacted a travel agency and asked what they could offer. As there are direct flights from London to Trinidad with British Airways we had several options. The stay on Trinidad was just for birding and there is a famous birding lodge on the island, Asa Wright Nature Centre, where we would like to stay. On the premises they have a cave where you can see oilbirds but only if you stay minimum three days so that was our choice. Then we were going to spend around 10 days on Tobago. But suddenly I realised that the flight from London made a stop at St. Lucia so we changed our plans and extended our trip with some days. So our trip ended up like this, 4 nights at St. Lucia, 3 nights on Trinidad and 9 nights on Tobago. We also decided to stay at three different places on Tobago, 4 nights at Blue Waters Inn on the north-eastern coast, 1 night at Cuffie River Nature Resort in the rainforest and 4 nights at Crown Point in the southwest. The trip was arranged through Afro-Caribbean Travel in Stockholm. Everything went according to the plans and we are very pleased with the whole trip. In general we had very pleasant weather with very little rain, the only small

complain is that it is not cheap here and that is in spite of the fact that the USD is low again strong SEK. Both the currency on St. Lucia, East Caribbean dollar, and the T&T dollar are fixed against the US dollar, which during our stay was about 6, 50 SEK for a USD.

For a change it was not an early flight out of Copenhagen. Instead we flew at six in the afternoon to Heathrow and then we had to travel to Gatwick by bus. As the flight to St. Lucia leaves in the morning we had to stay the night at Gatwick at a hotel named Yotel in a very small room with a small bed if you are two. But it is located at the airport so it is very convenient, down the elevator and you are in the hall. We went to the airport lounge for a nice free breakfast due to the fact that we both have Priority Passes. Soon we boarded the plane for the 8 hours flight to St. Lucia. We were picked up at the airport and were told it was an almost 1,5 hour drive to our hotel Bay Gardens Resort on the north-western coast. But we were booked at their twin hotel Bay Gardens Inn, which was not at the beach but only ten minutes walk away. The inn is smaller, closer to restaurants and the village so we thought this should be OK for us. First we went to the Inn but were told we should go to the Resort instead and that turned out to be our lucky day. The resort is beautifully located at the beach, have a nice garden, a beautiful pool area and two restaurants. This is a much better place to stay at and of course more expensive. It was really nice to be upgraded to this place. The road from the airport is a nice but winding one and on the way we saw some common birds but also an American kestrel, the only one for the trip. There was not much light left after check-in so birding had to wait and after dinner we went to bed early a little bit tired.

Of course we woke up early at 5 o'clock due to the time difference and it was raining quite a lot. But at 8 o'clock the sun was shining and we had no more rain during our stay, just some dark clouds from time to time. The breakfast is really good at this place, the best during our trip. During the breakfast I suddenly saw a guy with binoculars and realised that it was a birder from the neighbourhood in Sweden. Henrik and I of course started to discuss birding and as he had already been here for 8 days, he gave me some good advice. We also decided to take a walk together later in the afternoon. Most of the time was spent at the beach but before breakfast and dinner I went around birding along the beach and in the garden of the hotel. But also the area around the hotel, which contained a lot of nice villas with big gardens. Common birds here were for example gray kingbird, bananaquit, Carib grackle, tropical mockingbird, lesser Antillean bullfinch and royal tern. Other birds seen in this area were green-throated Carib, Antillean crested hummingbird, brown booby, zenaida dove, scaly-breasted thrasher and eared dove. In the afternoon Henrik took me to a trail starting where the beach ends in south behind a small shed where they serve beer I think. It is an easy trail up the slope with dense vegetation and quite of lot of interesting birds but also with some nice views. Here we had my first endemic of the five on St. Lucia, the beautiful St Lucia warbler. We also had some other nice birds like spectacled thrush, black-faced grassquit, mangrove cuckoo, Caribbean elenia, grey trembler and lesser Antillean saltator.

In good time before going to St. Lucia I contacted a local guide named Adams Toussaint and asked him to help me for a day in order to get all the endemics. We agreed to get in contact again in the beginning of December to settle all the details. I tried to contact him again but did not hear from him and was thinking of other options when I suddenly got an email saying



St Lucia pewee



White-breasted thrasher

he had to go to Europe but he had arranged a substitute, details would follow. But three days before our trip nothing was heard. I then contacted another guide named Stephen Lesmond, who also worked within in the Forest Dept of St. Lucia. It then turned out that he was the substitute so in the end it worked out really fine. Stephen, which I really can recommend, picked me up early in the morning and along the way we stopped at local place for some morning tea and local cake. The first place we went to is called Des Cartier's trail, a trail through dense rainforest on the southern part of the island not that far from the airport. This is the place for the endemic St. Lucia parrot. We walked for about 30 minutes to a clearing due to a landslide and here we had at least 7-8 of them flying around. But other nice birds here were a pair of rufous-throated solitaire, which he imitated and they got quite close but due to bad light no photos of them. We also saw lesser Antillean swift, scaly-napped pigeon, Antillean euphonia, black-whiskered vireo and purple-throated Carib. So now I had only three endemics left, two easy, the pewee and black finch, and one tricky, the oriole. Next stop was in an area called Frigate and we just turned off the main road into a small opening. We just walked less than 100 meters to a small stream and within 30 seconds we had the St. Lucia black finch, pewee and the near endemic white-breasted thrasher. The thrasher is about to be a split and a new endemic to St. Lucia. Now we were only missing the oriole and

Stephen was not that optimistic as it is bird that is moving around. There is only one place at the moment where the chances are good but you have to go far and best time is late in the afternoon. But suddenly Stephen thought he heard something suspicious and after a while he said, it is somewhere around us. After a while he pointed to some bushes and said, there it is!!! First I couldn't see it, then suddenly it moved and I got a good view of it. Mission accomplished and that was before 12 o'clock!! We also saw lesser Antillean fly-catcher, lesser Antillean saltator, Caribbean elenia and heard a bridled quail-dove. As we had seen all the possible interesting birds we decided to go back but before that we had a well deserved lunch. So at two in the afternoon I was back at the hotel very pleased with the day. After dinner I celebrated with a glass of nice old rum together with the coffee.

Next day it was time to say good-bye to St. Lucia and go to Trinidad, which is just a 45 minute flight with the BA flight from Gatwick, which is making a stop at St. Lucia. Our impression of the island is that St. Lucia is a very beautiful and friendly place to visit. Bay Garden Resort is very good place to stay. Birding is rather easy if you get help to see the endemics. If you just want a relaxing place and not thinking of birding, St. Lucia is the place we would choose to go back to rather than Trinidad & Tobago

We landed at 5 pm and first we could not find our driver from Asa Wright but after a few minutes he arrived. It took almost 1,5 hour to drive to the lodge as it is up in the mountains and it is a really narrow and winding road. So we arrived too late for birding but in good time for dinner. We got a room in a nice cabin not far from the main building and as it is cooler up here we slept well. There are several options for birding trips out of Asa Wright but you cannot book them in advance as it is depending on guides available and how many people who wants to go. Then there is the trip to the cave with oilbirds which is in the morning and they don't know which day until you arrive. The visit to the cave is not done every day in respect to the birds and this you don't want to miss. I wanted to go on a full day to Aripo Cattle ranch and Nariva swamp but that was just available the same day as the oilbirds. We had to hurry back after the visit to the oilbirds so we had a late start for that trip but it work out fine in spite of that. Our last day we were going to the airport at about 2 pm so there was time for a trip up the famous Blanchisseuse Road in order to get back to lunch, but no guide was available But suddenly there was a cancellation due to the fact the cattle ranch was closed on Sundays so we ended up with Dave for couple of hours and he was really good. All the tours are decided in the morning so if you are a smaller party there can be some difficulties. Depending on the tours I think you pay between 40-90 USD per person.

Next morning we woke up to many new sounds mostly from birds. Soon I was on the famous veranda overlooking a beautiful valley and there were a lot of birds, mostly tanager, hummingbirds and honeycreepers. It was really frustrating to see all these birds not able to identify them at first sight, but soon there was a guide there to help us. Some of the birds I had that morning were white-chested emerald, white-necked Jacobin, little hermit, palm tanager, white-lined tanager, silver-beaked tanager, torquise tanager, golden-headed manakin,

white-bearded manakin, orange-winged parrot, channel-billed toucan, guianan trogon and cocoa thrush. After a nice breakfast it was time for a complementary morning walk together with the local guide Molly. Around the lodge it is not that hard to see 50-60 species and the total list for the lodge is more than 150 species. We were seven persons who slowly started to walk the Discovery trail and all the time we saw new birds like blue dacnis, boat-billed flycatcher, yellow-breasted flycatcher, band-rumped swift, rufous-breasted hermit and white-flanked antwren. We also had a big tiger lizard, sack-winged bat, the non-venomous beautiful tigre snake and a big funny looking legless lizard. At the end of the trail, which is not more than 500-700 meters, is the place to look for the bearded bellbird. Very soon we heard first one and later another but they were very hard to see, what a strange and funny sound they have. On the way back we had golden-fronted greenlet, white-necked thrush, Euler's flycatcher, great antshrike, plain-brown woodcreeper and slaty-capped flycatcher. During our stay there were no birds at the lek grounds for the manikins and that was a pity.

We had nothing more decided for that day so went up the entrance road to main road and did some birding. We went to the natural pool and tried that and I did some birding from the veranda. New birds were northern waterthrush, white hawk, zon-tailed hawk, green hermit, the fantastic violaceous euphonia, black-throated mango and ochre-bellied flycatcher. After dinner we joined the night walk which took about an hour and was very interesting. We saw big spiders, a snake, land crabs, bats and many small creatures. Before going to bed an American couple showed me a short-tailed nighthawk which was flying around the cabins.



Violaceous euphonia



Tufted coquette

Next morning I heard a ferruginous pygmy-owl calling just outside the cabin. Before breakfast I did some birding from the veranda and this morning I manage to get real nice

photos of the lovely tufted coquette. After breakfast we went to the famous Dunston Cave to see the oilbirds. This is perhaps the most accessible colony in the world. On the way there we had cocoa woodcreeper and red-crowned ant-tanager. It was an almost 30 minute's walk to the place and soon you were sweating, but it was worth it. We were the first pair to see them as we had to go back at once as we were going on a trip to Aripo and Nariva. The oilbird is really an odd bird and has an odd name but we got an explanation. As the chicks are much bigger than the adults and very fat, the natives boiled the chicks and used the oil for heating and lighting. We soon headed back and on the way we run into another big tigris snake, good to know that it was not venomous. So back to the lodge and off with the guide. First stop was Aripo Livestock Station which is an active cattle ranch and dairy farm own by the government. This is the place to see some special birds as it is what they call a savannah. We stopped at the office and got permission to proceed and very soon new birds were seen like smooth-billed ani, white-winged swallow, shiny cowbird, yellow-chinned spintail, pied water-tyrant and white-headed marsh-tyrant. After a while we were lucky to see two of the target species here and this is perhaps the only place to see them, grassland yellow-finch and the rare ruddy-breasted seedeater. But unfortunately both savannah hawk and the long-winged harrier were not seen. We drove to the milking unit and on the way we saw red-breasted blackbird, green-rumped parrotlet, solitary sandpiper and yellow-headed caracara. There were a lot of black vultures in this area.

Next stop was Nariva swamp and on the way there suddenly a raptor flew over the road and disappeared. As I have seen crane hawk in Costa Rica I immediately recognised the tail pattern and the wing form and the guide was excited as it is not a common bird. On the way to the eastern coast we also stopped to watch a tree with nesting yellow-rumped cacique. We had lunch at the beautiful beach at Manzanilla Bay and the drove slowly along the coast to look mainly for savannah hawk and soon we had two of them. We stopped at a bridge on the edge of a mangrove area. The guide started to use his IPod in order to see black-chested ant-shrike and it did not take that long before we saw both a male and a female. Then he started another try and this time it was silvered antbird and soon we had two of them, nice. We crossed the road at the bridge and looked up the river and here we saw golden-fronted greenlet, green kingfisher, rufous-breasted wren and red-rumped woodpecker. We drove on and soon came the Nariva River where it runs into the ocean and here on a sandbank we had a single grey plover and a flock of sanderlings. After a while we turned off the main road and started to drive within Nariva swamp which consists of a big marsh area with a lot of reeds and water channels. Surprisingly a lot of people live here along the roads. Our main targets were long-winged harrier and pinnated bittern and we missed both of them, but they are hard birds to find. But we found some other nice birds like yellow-chinned spintail, pied water tyrant, gray-line hawk (a recent split from gray hawk), yellow oriole and blue-black grassquit.

Last stop of the day was the old abandoned Waller airfield, used by Americans during World War II. Best time to go here is late in the afternoon and we were going to look for the very rare moriche oriole and this is the place to go as there are moriche palms here. Most of the time they see it but we missed it. But we saw another bird here which made the guide exciting, red-bellied macaw. These birds have been missing from this area for a time and guide told us that they thought the birds had abandoned this site, so this was good news and we had four of them. But we had two other birds just seen at this place, sulphury flycatcher and fork-tailed palmswift. We also heard a little tinamou here. Now it was getting dark so it was time to go back for rum punch and dinner.

Next morning it was birding on the veranda before breakfast and today I found a blue-chinned sapphire. As soon as the girl in the reception arrived I tried to get a guide for a half day up the Blanchisseuse road. There was time for that before leaving for the airport at 2 o'clock. All the guides were booked and she even tried to call some but no luck. Then suddenly a party that had booked the same trip as us, Aripo and Nariva, realised as it was Sunday Aripo was closed. They then cancelled the trip and postponed it one day and then the problem was solved for us. Our guide Dave, a really nice and good guide, took us up along the road and we were aiming for new birds due to the higher elevation. After a short while we stopped and had a golden-crowned warbler and red-crowned ant tanager. At the highest point along the road we stopped and had a least three green-backed trogon and an olive-striped flycatcher. We stopped several time along the road and other nice birds were tropical pewee, black-faced ant thrush, 2-3 bearded bellbirds were heard, American redstart, spectacled tanager, stripe-breasted spintail, blue dacnis, common black hawk, white-collared swift and collared trogon. So with five new lifers we went back to the lodge for some lunch and I even managed to some more photos of the birds in the garden before heading for the airport.

Asa Wright is a really nice place to stay and have very good guides but 3 nights are too short. The cost of the guides was between 40-90 USD depending on where you were going. The transport and lunch were included if needed. We didn't have the time to go to Caroni swamp which you should do and a full day trip down to the southern part is also recommended. The tour up the Blanchisseuse road is actually a full day tour and then you have the endemic Trinidad piping guan. The best place to see that bird is on the north-eastern part and that could be a whole day effort. So 5-6 days is the minimum you should stay if you want a decent list of birds, but as my wife is not a birder you have to adjust. I am not complaining as I think I got good value during these days.

The flight to Tobago took only 25 minutes so soon we landed and was meet by our driver. We were going to stay at the north-eastern part of the island at a place called Blue Waters Inn. Normally this trip takes about 1 hour and 15 minutes but as it was the day before the local election everybody was out partying, dancing in the streets in the villages and blocking the roads. I could write a long story about this trip but let me just say that it took almost four hours. We had too little to drink in the car but luckily manage to get some water along the

way. Sometimes we were just stuck for 15-20 minutes without moving and as the time went we more and more felt the need for a toilette. It was a relief when we arrived late the evening, so we just had a beer and a burger before going to bed.

Next morning I had to go up early as I was going on a birding trip with a guide named Newton George, who lives nearby in Speyside. We left at 06.30 and headed for the road between Roxborough and Parlatuvier, which is crossing the island and also passing the famous Gilpin trail. This trail is situated in Tobago Main Ridge Reserve, the oldest natural reserve in the western hemisphere. Along this road we stopped at several places to bird and at the first stop we were joined by two Americans, Malcolm and Eleonor. We met briefly at Asa Wright and now they were staying on the western part of the island. Some of the birds we had along the road were Trinidad motmot, grey kingbird, red-crowned wood-pecker, rufous-tailed jacamar, cocoa woodcreeper and golden-olive woodpecker. We also stopped at a blooming tree and here we had red-legged treecreeper. At one point along the road there was a big tree with small fruits and here we saw some special birds like yellow-legged thrush, blue-backed manakin and Venezuelan flycatcher. The main stop was the Gilpin trail and we started slowly to walk along it. Soon we had both rufous-breasted hermit and white-tailed sabrewing. We heard both olivaceous woodcreeper and stripe-breasted spinetail but failed to see them. Just before we turned back again we heard a calling great black hawk, which according to Newton had a nest around this place. On the way back we manage to see a blue-backed manakin quite close but also a fuscous flycatcher and an American redstart. We drove further along the road to a picnic site with tables and here we found white-fringed antwren, red-rumped wood-pecker, white-tailed sabrewing and scrub greenlet. Along the road we also had broad-winged hawk and merlin. We dropped of Malcolm and Eleonor at their place and went back to Blue Waters Inn. I had a well deserved beer and went down to the lovely beach for a swim. Later in the evening we had a nice dinner with some wine at the restaurant.

Next morning I went for an early walk in the garden of the hotel but also walked a trail which starts at the gate of the entrance. It is a trail that goes up the hill above the hotel and besides birding you have a beautiful view from here. Birds seen at the hotel and the trail were for example short-tailed swift, osprey, rufous-vented chachalaca, Trinidad motmot, brown booby, rufous-breasted hermit, black-throated mango, red-crowned wood-pecker, barred antshrike, pale-vented dove, brown-crested flycatcher, scrub greenlet, blue-black grassquit and white-fringed antwren. You are also able to see the red-billed tropicbirds late in the afternoon. At two in afternoon it was time for the trip to Little Tobago and today Agnetha joined me. Also this time it was Newton who was the guide and once again in the nice company of Malcolm and Eleonor. We got there by a glass-bottom boat and it took about 20 minutes. On the way up the steep island we first tried to see some Audubon's shearwater. Newton took a look at some holes where he suspected they nested in but we failed to see one. You have to be here late in the evening but I think that is impossible. Newton took us to a viewing point where we saw a lot of tropicbirds but also frigatebirds, brown booby and red-footed booby. This was

the same place where David Attenborough filmed an episode during the work with BBC Life. It was really fantastic to stand here and see all the tropicbirds flying around and it was hard work trying to get good photos of them, they are really fast. We also had some tropicbirds on nest on the island. Other birds seen on Little Tobago were belted kingfisher, yellow-bellied elenia, white-tipped dove, brown-crested flycatcher, shiny cowbird, spectacled thrush and ruby topaz. On the way back we went slowly and one guy guided us and showed us many fishes, giant clams and corals through the glass-bottom boat. Some of us were lucky to see a big barracuda.

The day after I run into a birder and started to talk to him and after a while I suddenly recognised him. It was Colin and Denise whom I had met in Texas in 2006, it is a small world. He gave me some advice about birding there area. For instance that there was a great black hawk that sometimes was soaring over the ridge above the hotel. The best place to see the hawk was out on the jetty so I went there and suddenly it appeared. Rest of our stay at Blue Water Inn I just birded the garden and the trail above the hotel. The Blue Waters Inn is a really nice relaxing place to stay and a lot of birders stay at the place as it is close to The Gilpin trail and Little Tobago. We had all the meals at the Inn as it is situated a little bit isolated so if you want to go to another place you have to call a taxi. Walking into Speyside is quite a distance and it is up and down. We think the food was excellent here but small portions and it was lovely to sit here in the evenings. We stayed here for four nights which was perfect.



red-billed tropicbird



white-tailed sabrewing

Before going to the southern part of Tobago we were going to stay one night at Cuffie River Nature Retreat. We were picked up at eleven and after more than an hour we arrived in time

for lunch. The place is located at the edge of the rainforest and the main building is an old beautiful house and the hostess/owner Regina will take good care of you. The lunch was really good and so were all the meals here, very tasty and authentic Tobago style. This day was our first day during our trip with rain so we had stay inside after lunch. But between the showers I manage to do some birding around the house. They have feeders here so there are a lot of birds around the place for example six different hummingbirds, barred antshrike, spectacled thrush, Trinidad motmot, Venezuelan flycatcher, a lot of orange-winged amazon and a northern waterthrush. At dinner we were joined by a British couple, the same couple who had been with us to the oilbirds on Trinidad, and they told us that most evenings a common potoo is coming and sits on a specific branch at about 07.30. Sometimes it is joined by a white-tailed nightjar. So during the excellent dinner we kept our eyes open and suddenly the potoo was there and 15 minutes later the nightjar was sitting next to it, fantastic.

Next morning we were scheduled for a walk with the local guide Desmond and we were joined by three Canadians. Desmond not only talked about birds but also about plants, animals and the history of this place, very interesting and highly recommendable. Birds we saw during this 2,5 hours walk through different habitats were red-legged honeycreeper, rufous-tailed jacamar, scrub greenlet, white-fringed antwren, short-tailed swift, broad-winged hawk, peregrine and fuscous flycatcher. During the walk it was really hot and humid so it was really nice to take a swim in the pool when we got back. The pool is really fantastic and you can bird while you are relaxing in the sun. That morning a guy showed up to take the British couple on a full day tour around the island and I started to speak to him. It turned out that he was a bird guide living just 10 minutes away from our next stay at Crown Point so I asked him if he was available for a half day later on. He said yes and that was really good because that was something I wanted to arrange.

After lunch our driver picked us up and drove us to our last stop, Crown Point Beach hotel. It is located at the southern part of Tobago where most of the tourists are staying. The first night we stayed in a room in the main building but the three last night we stayed in a cabana in the big garden. The cabana is better located but the room was in better shape, the cabana needed a fresh up but it was OK. The best thing with the cabana is that it is nearer to the beach so you don't have to stay there, you can get your tan by the cabana and are close to the beer in your fridge. During the stay here I just did a little birding along the shore and in the garden and there were some new birds here for the trip. One bird I was hoping for was the Caribbean martin, which should be starting to return after the migration. Malcolm and Eleonor had seen two at their place but I had failed so far. But one day on the way to the beach I saw a big swallow flying along the coast and luckily I had my binoculars with me. I was very happy to see this beautiful bird. Other new birds here were laughing gull, white-winged swallow and cayenne tern (Cabot's tern?), otherwise it was just common birds but one day I found a green-rumped parrotlet in the garden. Most of the time we were just relaxing and enjoying ourselves.

But one morning Kelton, the bird guide, picked me up for half a day of more serious birding. First we went to the mangrove area south of Bon Accord lagoon. This is an area which is slowly disappearing due to development. Here we had both black-headed and yellow-headed night-heron but also green heron, cattle egret, snowy egret, great egret, moorhen and big flock of short-tailed swifts. Then we went to another mangrove area south-east of the airport (very close to it) where we also walked a bit along the shore. Here we had whimbrel, sanderling, yellow-headed caracara, barred antshrike, white-fringed antwren and in a small pond three white-chinned pintails, a really nice bird here. We then continued to an area around the former Hilton hotel and the golf course there. This area contains a few small lakes and ponds as well as grassland, small marsh areas and groves. You have to have permission to get around here and Kelton has that. We first stopped at a larger pond at the entrance where we had anhinga, green heron, tricoloured heron and snowy egret. On the grass around the pond there were many southern lapwings. Then we went to the golf course and to a special grove for warbler and there we found blackpoll warbler, yellow warbler and mangrove cuckoo. We went to another grove nearby looking for prothonotary warbler and after a while we found it, a lifer as I manage to miss it several times in USA. We also found a dead tree with nesting red-crowned woodpecker and green-rumped parrotlet. Next stop was some ponds with reeds and here we had black-bellied whistling-duck, blue-winged teal, least grebe and lesser yellowlegs, so a couple of new species for the trip. We also had a nice peregrine hunting over the ponds. As we have found all our target species and as it was quite hot that day we stopped birding at noon, a really nice day at the end of our trip. The remaining time at Crown Point I just birded in the garden and one day we walked to Pigeon Point but nothing special except for the last day. It was not that easy to find some nice place to eat in the evenings. The hotel was OK but a change is always nice. We found an Italian pizza restaurant further up the road past Coconut Reef Resort and they served one of the best pizzas we ever had tasted. There is also a pasta restaurant if you walk a little bit further from the pizza place and turn left towards Pigeon Point, very tasty and not that expensive.

The last day we had to leave to cabana at eleven but before that I went down to the shore with the scope just to pass some time. I saw an anchored boat with some birds sitting on it. I started to go through them and found just royal tern and laughing gulls but the last one at the stern was something else. It didn't take that long before I realised that I was looking at a first winter black-headed gull, the first for the trip. I looked in the guide book and it said: rare visitor to the coasts of T&T, seven birds in last 12 year. I phoned Kelton and told him that I was looking at a black-headed gull and first he didn't believe me. But as I described the bird he got excited and said he was coming being just 10 minutes away. But it took almost half an hour before he turned up and luckily the bird was still sitting there. That was a new bird for Tobago for him and he told me that he thought it was the second find but the first documented as I had taken photos of it. A nice thing is that Kelton is a member of rare bird committee and he was very pleased to see the bird. Back in Sweden I found a page on the web with rare sightings from T&T and found out that this was the fourth find for Tobago.

After all this excitement it was time to leave and it was a long journey back home. First we had a short flight to Trinidad, then we boarded the plane for London which made a stop at St Lucia. We landed 45 minutes ahead of schedule at Gatwick so no problem with the bus connection to Heathrow, so we landed on time in Copenhagen. We didn't know that the plane to London stopped at St Lucia on the way back. So it is possible to do St Lucia on the way back and then the journey back home would be easier and shorter in time. So check this out if you are thinking of doing a trip like ours.

To sum up the trip we think St Lucia was overall the best island. It is a very beautiful place with friendly people, not many different birds but good quality. I saw just 44 species but of them 5 were endemic and 28 lifers, but you will need help to get all of the endemics and a bit of luck. The best birding place is Trinidad and here you need at least 6-7 days and help from a guide. I think the only reason for going to Trinidad is birding and that is a good one. Tobago is more like St Lucia, more relaxing and not that many birds. But there are 13 species on Tobago not found on Trinidad and we managed to see 11 of them. The ones we missed were striped owl (very hard to find) and wing-barred seedeater, which is extremely rare. My goal for the trip was 200 species and of them 100 lifers, the result was 192 species and exactly 100 lifers. So the most important number was a success and so was the whole trip.

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For Trinidad I recommend using the guides at Asa Wright



rufous-tailed jacamar



ruby topaz

List of birds on St Lucia (North America list)

- 1 Cattle egret** (*Bubulcus ibis*) common
- 2 Magnificent Frigatebird** (*fregata mangificens*) common along the coast
- 3 Brown pelican** (*pelecanus occidentalis*) a few seen at Rodney Bay
- 4 Brown booby** (*sula leucogaster*) 4-5 seen at Rodney Bay
- 5 American kestrel** (*falco sparverius*) one seen along the road to the airport
- 6 Osprey** (*pandion haliaetus*) two seen around Rodney Bay
- 7 Broad-winged hawk** (*buteo platypterus*) 3 seen along the roads
- 8 Spotted sandpiper** (*actitis macularius*) one seen at the Marina at Gros Islet
- 9 Ruddy turnstone** (*arenaria interpres*) 5-6 seen at the beach Rodney Bay
- 10 Royal tern** (*sterna maxima*) common at Rodney Bay
- 11 Rock dove** (*columba livia*) common
- 12 Scaly-naped pigeon** (*columba squamosa*) 4-5 seen at the parrot place Des Cartier's trail
- 13 Eurasian collared dove** (*streptopelia decaocto*) 2 at Rodney Bay

- 14 Eared dove** (*zenaida auriculata*) common
- 15 Zenaida dove** (*zenaida aurita*) a few seen Rodney Bay
- 16 Common ground dove** (*columbina passerina*) 1 pair seen Rodney Bay
- 17 Bridled quail-dove** (*geotrygon mystacea*) one heard at the place with the pewee
- 18 St Lucia parrot** (*amazona versicolor*) 7-8 flying around at the site on Des Cartier's trail, endemic
- 19 Mangrove cuckoo** (*coccyzus minor*) 1 seen at the beginning of the trail up the hill at the southern end of the beach Rodney Bay
- 20 Lesser Antillean swift** (*chaetura martinica*) 5-6 flying over the valley Des Cartier's trail
- 21 Purple-throated carib** (*eulampis jugularis*) 2 seen along Des Cartier's trail
- 22 Green-throated carib** (*eulampis holosericeus*) quite common around the gardens in Rodney Bay
- 23 Antillean crested hummingbird** (*orthorhyncus cristatus*) a pair frequently visited the garden and the pool area at the hotel, 2-3 other sightings on the birding day to see the endemics
- 24 Caribbean elaenia** (*elaenia martinica*) one seen along the trail starting at the southern part of beach at Rodney Bay, a few seen and heard along Des Cartier's trail
- 25 St Lucia pewee** (*contopus oberi*) one seen at a special place in a area which Stephen called Frigate, endemic
- 26 Gray kingbird** (*tuyrannus dominicensis*) very common
- 27 Lesser Antillean flycatcher** (*myiarchus oberi*) 1 seen at the pewee place.
- 28 Black-whiskered vireo** (*vireo altiloquus*) 2 seen Des Cartier's trail and one at the pewee place
- 29 Tropical mockingbird** (*mimus gilvus*) common
- 30 White-breasted thrasher** (*ramphocinclus brachyurus*) 1 seen at the pewee place, could be a split in the near future and then an endemic, it is endangered
- 31 Scaly-breasted thrasher** (*allenia fusca*) 4-5 seen in the Rodney Bay area, also seen at Des Cartier's trail
- 32 Gray trembler** (*cinclocerthia gutturalis*) one seen at the end of the trail starting at the southern part of beach at Rodney Bay, the place with the view and a small hut

- 33 Rufous-throated solitaire** (*myadestes genibarbis*) a pair seen Des Cartier's trail, Stephen mimiced them and got them really close
- 34 Spectacled thrush** (*turdus nudigenis*) a pair seen at the start of the trail Rodney Bay
- 35 St Lucia warbler** (*dendroica delica*) 2 seen along the trail up the slope southern part of Rodney Bay, 2-3 heard and seen at Des Cartier's trail, endemic
- 36 St Lucia oriole** (*icterus laudabilis*) one seen at the pewee place, endemic
- 37 Shiny cowbird** (*molothrus bonariensis*) a few seen but probably common
- 38 Carib grackle** (*quiscalus lugubris*) common
- 39 Bananaquit** (*coereba flaveola*) very common
- 40 Black-faced grassquit** (*tiaris bicolor*) common
- 41 Lesser Antillean bullfinch** (*loxigilla noctis*) common
- 42 St Lucia black finch** (*melanospiza richardsoni*) one seen at the pewee place, endemic
- 43 Antillean euphonia** (*euphonia musica*) 2-3 seen at Des Cartier's trail
- 44 Lesser Antillean saltator** (*saltator albicollis*) 1 seen at the end of the trail Rodney Bay, and 2 at Des Cartier's trail

List of birds on Trinidad & Tobago (South America list)

Tri= Trinidad

Tob= Tobago

- 1 Rufous-vented chachalaca** (*ortalis ruficauda*) common on Tob, only present Tob
- 2 Black-bellied whistling-duck** (*dendrocygna autumnalis*) 8-10 seen former Hilton area with its ponds and the golf course area, Tob
- 3 Blue-winged teal** (*anas discors*) 3 seen former Hilton area with its ponds and the golf course area, Tob
- 4 White-cheeked pintail** (*anas bahamensis*) 3 seen in mangrove area south-east of airport, Tob
- 5 Least grebe** (*tachybaptus dominicus*) 1 pair seen former Hilton area with its ponds and the golf course area, Tob
- 6 Black-crowned night heron** (*nycticorax nycticorax*) 2 seen around Bon Accord, Tob

- 7 Yellow-headed night-heron** (*nyctanassa violacea*) 2 seen mangrove area south-east of airport, Tob
- 8 Green heron** (*butorides virescens*) 3-4 seen former Hilton area with its ponds and the golf course area, Tob
- 9 Cattle egret** (*bubulcus ibis*) common both T&T
- 10 Great egret** (*ardea alba*) 8-10 sightings T&T
- 11 Tricolored hereon** (*egretta tricolor*) 2 seen Bon Accord and one seen at former Hilton area with its ponds and the golf course area, Tob
- 12 Little blue heron** (*egretta cerulea*) 2 seen at Nariva swamp, Tri, one seen at Speyside, To
- 13 Snowy egret** (*egretta thula*) 2 seen at former Hilton area with its ponds and the golf course area, Tob
- 14 Red-billed tropicbird** (*phaethon aetereus*) common breeder on Little Tobago and can be seen from the mainland at Blue Waters Inn
- 15 Magnificent frigatebird** (*fregata mangificens*) common along the coasts
- 16 Brown pelican** (*pelecanus occidentalis*) small numbers along the coast Tob
- 17 Red-footed booby** (*sula sula*) 3-4 seen at Little Tobago, nesting?
- 18 Brown booby** (*sula leucogaster*) 3 on nest and 8-10 flying around at Little Tobago
- 19 Anhinga** (*anhinga anhinga*) 5-6 seen at former Hilton area with its ponds and the golf course area, Tob
- 20 Turkey vulture** (*carhartes aura*) common Tri
- 21 Black vulture** (*coragyps atratus*) common Tri, especially around Aripo Livestock station,
- 22 Yellow-headed caracara** (*milvago chimachima*) 2 Aripo Livestock station, 2 Nariva swamp, Tri, 1 at the mangrove area south-east of the airport Tob
- 23 Merlin** (*falco columbarius*) 1 sitting in a tree along Roxborough-Parlatuvier road, Tob
- 24 Peregrine falcon** (*falco pregrinus*) 1 at Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob, 1 at former Hilton area with its ponds and the golf course area, Tob
- 25 Osprey** (*pandion haliaetus*) 1 Blue Waters Inn, Tob, 2-3 Crown Point Tob
- 26 Crane hawk** (*geranospiza caerulescens*) 1 flying over the road on the way to Nariva

- 27 White hawk** (*leucopternis albicollis*) 1 soaring above Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 28 Common black hawk** (*buteogallus antracinus*) 1 along Blanchisseuse Road, Tri
- 29 Great black hawk** (*buteogallus urubitinga*) 1 heard Gilpin trail, Tob and 1 soaring above Blue Waters Inn, Tob
- 30 Savannah hawk** (*buteogallus meridionalis*) 3 seen at and around Nariva Swamp, Tri
- 31 Grey-lined hawk** (*buteo nitidus*) 1 seen at Nariva Swamp, Tri
- 32 Broad-winged hawk** (*buteo platypterus*) 1 seen Blanchisseuse Road, Tri, 2 seen along Roxborough-Parlatuvier road, Tob, 1 seen Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob
- 33 Zon-tailed hawk** (*buteo albonotatus*) 1 soaring above Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 34 Purple gallinule** (*porphyrio martinica*) 3 former Hilton area with its ponds and the golf course area, Tob
- 35 Common moorhen** (*gallinula chloropus*) 8-10 seen Bon Accord area, 2 at former Hilton area with its ponds and the golf course area, Tob
- 36 Southern lapwing** (*vanellus chilensis*) 4 at Aripo Livestock station, Tri, 8-10 Nariva swamp, Tri, 8-10 former Hilton Hotel area and the golf course, Tob
- 37 Black-bellied plover** (*pluvialis squatarola*) 1 at Nariva river estuarine, Tri
- 38 Wattled jacana** (*jacana jacana*) common Aripo Livestock station, Tri and Nariva swamp, Tri, a few seen former Hilton Hotel area and the golf course, Tob
- 39 Whimbrel** (*numenius phaeopus*) 8 on the south coast of Tob
- 40 Lesser yellowlegs** (*tringa flavipes*) 1 at former Hilton area with its ponds and the golf course area, Tob
- 41 Solitary sandpiper** (*tringa solitaria*) 2 at Aripo Livestock station, Tri, 1 at former Hilton area with its ponds and the golf course area, Tob
- 42 Spotted sandpiper** (*actitis macularius*) 3-4 Bon Accord area, Tob
- 43 Ruddy turnstone** (*arenaria interpres*) 8-10 Pigeon Point, Tob
- 44 Sanderling** (*calidris alba*) 17 at Nariva river estuarine, Tri, 3 on the south coast of Tob
- 45 Common black-headed gull** (*larus ridibundus*) 1 sitting on a boat at Crown Point, 4 find for Tobago and first documented
- 46 Laughing gull** (*larus atricilla*) common Crown Point

- 47 Sandwich tern** (*thalasseus sandvicensis eurygnatha*) a few seen Crown Point, Tob, I think this is now called Cabot's tern and has been splitted by some organizations, the birders on Tobago called them Cayenne terns, the bill is yellow
- 48 Royal tern** (*sterna maxima*) common Crown Point
- 49 Pale-vented pigeon** (*columba cayennensis*) widespread on Tobago
- 50 Eared dove** (*zenaida auriculata*) common T&T
- 51 Common ground-dove** 1 pair seen Nariva Swamp, Tri
- 52 Ruddy ground-dove** (*columbina talpacoti*) common T&T
- 53 White-tipped dove** (*leptitila verreauxi*) 2 seen on Little Tobago, a few seen at Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob
- 54 Gray-fronted dove** (*leptotila rufaxilla*) a few seen at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri and at the old Waller airfield
- 55 Red-bellied macaw** (*orthopsittaca manilata*) 4 at Waller airfield at the place with moriche oriole
- 56 Green-rumped parrotlet** (*forpus passerinus*) a small flock at Aripo Livestock station, Tri 2 at a dead tree with nests at former Hilton area with its ponds and the golf course area, Tob, 1 at Crown Point, Tob
- 57 Orange-winged amazon** (*amazona amazonica*) common T&T
- 58 Mangrove cuckoo** (*coccyzus minor*) 1 at the golf course former Hilton Hotel
- 59 Smooth-billed ani** (*crotophaga ani*) common T&T
- 60 Ferruginous pygmy owl** (*glaucidium brasilianum*) I heard at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 61 Oilbird** (*steatomis caripensis*) 8-10 seen in Dunston Cave at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 62 Common potoo** (*nyctibius griseus*) 1 at Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob
- 63 Short-tailed nighthawk** (*lurocalis semitorquatus*) 1 hunting in the evening between the cabins at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 64 White-tailed nightjar** (*caprimulgus cayennensis*) 1 at Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob
- 65 White-collared swift** (*streptoprocne zonaris*) 3 over Blanchisseuse Road, Tri

66 Band-rumped swift (*Chaetura spinicauda*) a small flock over Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri

67 Grey-rumped swift (*Chaetura cinereiventris*) flying around the entrance to Aripo Livestock station, Tri also at Blanchisseuse Road, Tri

68 Short-tailed swift (*Chaetura brachyura*) seen at the coast at Nariva swamp, Tri

69 Fork-tailed palm swift (*Tachornis squamata*) 3 at the moriche palms at the old Waller airfield

70 Rufous-breasted hermit (*Glaucis hirsutus*) a few seen at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri, more common on Tobago

71 Green hermit (*Phaethornis guy*) 1 seen at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri

72 Little hermit (*Phaethornis longuemareus*) 1 seen at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri



blue-backed manakin

mangrove cuckoo

73 White-tailed sabrewing (*Campylopterus curvipennis*) 2 at Gilpin trail, Tob, at least one pair at Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob, a few seen along Roxborough-Parlatuvier road, Tob, only present on Tob

74 White-necked jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*) common at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri and at Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob

- 75 Black-troated mango** (*anthracothorax viridigula*) 2 at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri, 2 at Blue Waters Inn, Tob where a found a nest, 1 Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob, 1 at Little Tobago, 1 at the golf course former Hilton Hotel
- 76 Ruby topaz** (*chrysolampis mosquitos*) 1 pair at 1 Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob, 1 at Little Tobago
- 77 Tufted coquette** (*lophornis ornatus*) 1 pair at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 78 Blue-chinned sapphire** (*chlorostilbon notatus*) 1 at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 79 White-chested emerald** (*amazilia brevirostris*) 1 at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 80 Copper-rumped hummingbird** (*amazilia tobaci*) the most common hummingbird on T&T
- 81 Green-backed trogon or Amazonian white-tailed trogon** (*trogon viridis*) 3 at the highest point Blanchisseuse Road, Tri, along the road going in by the house
- 82 Guianan trogon** (*trogon violaceus*) 1 pair at Asa Wright Nature Centre
- 83 Collared trogon** (*trogon collaris*) 1 at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri, 2 along Blanchisseuse Road, Tri, 1 along Roxborough-Parlatuvier road, Tob
- 84 Green kingfisher** (*chloroceryle americana*) 1 at mangrove area Nariva Swamp, Tri
- 85 Belted kingfisher** (*megaceryle alcyon*) 1 at Little Tobago
- 86 Trinidad motmot** (*momotus bahamensis*) a recent split from Blue-crowned motmot and now endemic to T&T, 10-15 seen on Tobago at Blue Waters Inn, Gilpin trail and along the roads and a pair at Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob
- 87 Channel-billed toucan** (*ramphastos vitellinus*) 3 seen at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 88 Red-crowned woodpecker** (*melanerpes rubicapillus*) 2 along Roxborough-Parlatuvier road, Tob, 1 Blue Waters Inn, 1 at nest golf course former Hilton hotel, Tob, only present on Tob
- 89 Red-rumped woodpecker** (*venilliornis kirkii*) 1 mangrove area Nariva swamp, Tri and 1 along Roxborough-Parlatuvier road, Tob
- 90 Golden-olive woodpecker** (*piculus rubiginosus*) 1 Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri, 1 along Roxborough-Parlatuvier road, Tob, 1 Gilpin trail, Tob
- 91 Rufous-tailed jacamar** (*galbula ruficauda*) 6-7 along Roxborough-Parlatuvier Road, Tob, common during our hike at Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob

- 92 Bearded manakin** (*manacus manacus*) 3-4 at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 93 Blue-backed manakin** (*chiroxiphia pareola*) 2 along Roxborough-Parlatuvier Road, Tob,
2 at Gilpin trail, Tob, only present on Tob
- 94 Golden-headed manakin** (*pipra erythrocephala*) 3-4 at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri,
- 95 Bearded bellbird** (*procnias averano*) 1 heard and 1 seen at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri,
2 heard along Blanchisseuse Road, Tri
- 96 Forest elenia** (*myiopagis gaimardii*) 2 seen at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 97 Yellow-bellied elenia** (*elaenia flavogaster*) 1 Nariva swamp, 1 on Little Tobabo, 2 at
Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob, 1 golf course former Hilton hotel, Tob
- 98 Olive-striped flycatcher** (*mionectes olivaceus*) 1 along Blanchisseuse Road, Tri
- 99 Ochre-bellied flycatcher** (*mionectes oleagineus*) 1 along Blanchisseuse Road, Tri, 1 at
Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 100 Slaty-capped flycatcher** (*leptopogon superciliaris*) 1 at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 101 Yellow-breasted flycatcher** (*tolmomyias flaviventris*)
- 102 Euler's flycatcher** (*lathrotriccus euleri*) 1 Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 103 Olive-sided flycatcher** (*contopus cooperi*) 1 along Blanchisseuse Road, Tri
- 104 Pied water-tyrant** (*fluvicola pica*) 3 Aripo Livestock station, Tri, 2 Nariva swamp, Tri
- 105 White-headed marsh tyrant** (*arundinicola leucocephala*) 2 Aripo Livestock station, Tri
2 Nariva swamp, Tri
- 106 Great kiskadee** (*pitangus sulphuratus*) common Tri,
- 107 Boat-billed flycatcher** (*megarynchus pitangua*) 1 at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 108 Sulphury flycatcher** (*tyrannopsis sulphurea*) 3-4 at Waller airfield at the place with
morange oriole
- 109 Tropical kingbird** (*tyrannus melancholicus*) common T&T
- 110 Gray kingbird** (*tyrannus dominicensis*) 8-10 seen on Tob,
- 111 Venezuelan flycatcher** (*myiarchus venezuelensis*) 1 along Roxborough-Parlatuvier road,
Tob, 1 at Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob, only present on Tob
- 112 Brown-crested flycatcher** (*myiarchus tyrannulus*) 2 around Blue Waters Inn, Tob, 2
seen around mangrove area south-east of airport, Tob

- 113 Fuscous flycatcher** (*cnemotriccus fuscatus*) 1 at Gilpin trail, Tob
- 114 Great antshrike** (*taraba major*) 1 at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 115 Black-crested antshrike** (*sakesphorus canadensis*) 1 pair at a mangrove area Nariva swamp, Tri
- 116 Barred antshrike** (*thamnophilus doliatus*) common T&T
- 117 Plain antvireo** (*dysithamnus mentalis*) 1 at Gilpin trail, Tob
- 118 White-flanked antwren** (*myrmotherula axillaris*) 1 at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri,
- 119 White-fringed antwren** (*formicivora grisea*) common on Tob, only present on Tob
- 120 Silvered antbird** (*sclateria vaevia*) 1 pair at a mangrove area Nariva swamp, Tri
- 121 Black-faced ant-thrush** (*formicarius analis*) 1 seen along Blanchisseuse Road, Tri
- 122 Stripe-breasted spinetail** (*synallaxis cinnamomea*) 1 along Blanchisseuse Road, Tri, 1 heard at Gilpin trail, Tob
- 123 Yellow-breasted spinetail** (*certhiaxis cinnamomeus*) 2 Aripo Livestock station, Tri, 1 at Nariva swamp, Tri
- 124 Plain-brown woodcreeper** (*dendrocincia fuliginosa*) 1 at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri,
- 125 Olivaceous woodcreeper** (*sittasomus griseicapillus*) 1 heard at Gilpin trail and 1 heard and 1 seen at Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob, only present at Tobago
- 126 Cocoa woodcreeper** (*xiphorhynchus susurrans*) 1 at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri, 1 along Roxborough-Parlatuvier Road, Tob,
- 127 Rufous-browed peppershrike** (*cyclarhis gujanensis*) 2 at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri,
- 128 Golden-fronted greenlet** (*hylophilus aurantilifrons*) 2 at river crossing Nariva Swamp, Tri and 2 along Blanchisseuse Road, Tri,
- 129 Scrub greenlet** (*hylophilus flavipes*) common Tob, only present Tob,
- 130 White-winged swallow** (*tachycineta albiventer*) common Aripo Livestock station, Tri, a few seen around Crown point, Tob
- 131 Caribbean martin** (*progne dominicensis*) 1 seen flying along the coast Crown Point, Tob, starting to return at the end of January,

- 132 Grey-breasted martin** (*progne chalybea*) 5-6 seen at Aripo Livestock station, Tri,
- 133 Southern rough-winged swallow** (*stelgidopteryx ruficollis*) common on Tri,
- 134 Rufous-breasted wren** (*thryothorus rutilus*) 1 Nariva Swamp, Tri, 1 Gilpin trail, Tob
- 135 House wren** (*troglodytes aedon*) 2 Nariva swamp, Tri, 1 Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob, 1 at golf course former Hilton hotel, Tob,
- 136 Tropical mockingbird** (*mimus gilvus*) common T&T
- 137 Yellow-legged thrush** (*platycichla falivipes*) 3 along Roxborough-Parlatuvier Road, Tob
- 138 Cocoa thrush** (*turdus fumigatus*) 2 at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 139 Spectacled thrush** (*turdus nudigenis*) common T&T
- 140 White-necked thrush** (*turdus albicollis*) common on both islands in forest area
- 141 Yellow warbler** (*dendroica petechia*) 3 seen at former Hilton area with its ponds and the golf course area, Tob,
- 142 Blackpoll warbler** (*dendroica striata*) 1 at the golf course former Hilton hotel, Tob
- 143 American redstart** (*setophaga ruticilla*) 1 along Blanchisseuse Road, Tri, 1 Gilpin trail, Tob
- 144 Prothonotary warbler** (*protonotaria citrea*) 1 at the golf course former Hilton hotel, Tob
- 145 Northern waterthrush** (*seiurus noveboracensis*) 1 Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri, 1 Gilpin trail, Tob and 3-4 in the mangrove areas around Crown Point
- 146 Golden-crowned warbler** (*basileuterus ceulicivorus*) 3 along Blanchisseuse Road, Tri,
- 147 Crested oropendola** (*psarocolius decumanus*) common T&T
- 148 Yellow oriole** (*icterus nigrogularis*) 1 Nariva Swamp and 2 along the road to Nariva, Tob
- 149 Shiny cowbird** (*molothrus bonariensis*) common T&T
- 150 Carib grackle** (*quiscalus lugubris*) very common in lowlands T&T
- 151 Red-breasted blackbird** (*sturnella militaris*) 3 at Aripo Livestock station, Tri,
- 152 Bananaquit** (*coereba flaveola*) very common T&T and Tob
- 153 Grassland yellow finch** (*sicalis luteola*) 3 at Aripo Livestock station, Tri,
- 154 Blue-black grassquit** (*volatinia jacarina*) common Nariva swamp, Tri, common Tob

- 155 Ruddy-breasted seedeater** (*sporophila minuta*) 2 at Aripo Livestock station, Tri,
- 156 Black-faced grassquit** (*tiaris bicolor*) common Tob, only present on Tob
- 157 White-lined tanager** (*tachyphonus rufus*) common Tri, a few seen along Roxborough-Parlatuvier Road, Tob, a few at Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob
- 158 Silver-beaked tanager** (*ramphocelus carbo*) 1 pair at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 159 Blue-gray tanager** (*thraupis episcopus*) common T&T
- 160 Palm tanager** (*thraupis palmarum*) common T&T
- 161 Turquoise tanager** (*tangara mexicana*) 2-3 at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 162 Speckled tanager** (*tangara guttata*) 2 along Blanchisseuse Road, Tri
- 163 Bay-headed tanager** (*tangara gyrola*) many seen around Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri and Blanchisseuse Road, Tri
- 164 Blue dacnis** (*dacnis cayana*) 3-4 seen at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 165 Purple honeycreeper** (*cyanerpes caeruleus*) common at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 166 Red-legged honeycreeper** (*cyanerpes cyaneus*) 3 seen along Roxborough-Parlatuvier road, Tob 1 seen at the hike at Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Tob
- 167 Green honeycreeper** (*chlorophanes spiza*) 4-5 seen at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri
- 168 Red-crowned ant tanager** (*habia rubica*) a pair on the trail to the oilbirds Asa Wright Nature Centre, Tri, 1 along Blanchisseuse Road, Tri
- 169 Violaceous euphonia** (*euphonia violacea*) a few seen at Asa Wright Nature Centre, Aripo Livestock station and along Blanchisseuse Road, Tri, 2-3 along Roxborough-Parlatuvier road, Tob

