

# Thanksgiving in Trinidad & Tobago Species Report | November 23 – December 2, 2024 with Naturalist Journeys



Species list report compiled by tour host Rick Weiman with local guides Dave Ramlal, Mukesh Ramdass, and Lester Nanan on Trinidad and Jason Radix on Tobago. We also had a special guest appearance by Martyn Kenefick, the author of *"Birds of Trinidad & Tobago"*. Martyn, a longtime friend of Peg and Naturalist Journeys, spent the days of November 27 & 28 in Trinidad birding with us. Our 10 wonderful clients were: Mary, Andy, Laurie, Cliff, Teresa, Elizabeth, Anindya, Danny, Mary Alice, and Dan

Our Thanksgiving in Trinidad & Tobago tour officially started at the Asa Wright Nature Center in Arima where we enjoyed the bird filled veranda viewing, afternoon tea and pastries, and exploring their heavily forested trails with the local guides. Day trips to the northern range gave us new species of birds along the lush roadsides and a trip to Grand Riviere led us to great tree top views the regionally endemic Trinidad Piping Guan. From Grand Riviere we moved to the Hacienda Jacana ecolodge, nestled in 22 acres of forest in the Talparo region. The grounds there were also birdy, including a small pond with jacanas, caiman, and gallinules. From here we had day trips to the Aripo Savannah habitat, Caroni Swamp with its glowing Scarlet Ibis and American Flamingoes, and Manzanilla Beach and Nariva Swamp. At Hacienda Jacana our fine chef Paul even prepared a special Trinidad style Thanksgiving dinner for us, and yes, they had turkey and cranberry sauce. Our next excursion was a short flight to the sister island of Tobago where we met guide Jason Radix who led us from the plane to the Bon Accord and Centre Street treatment ponds. Many ducks, gallinules, grebes, shorebirds, herons, and egrets awaited us. We spent the final 3 days of the tour at the Cuffie River Nature Retreat in the remote and lush Runnemede valley, birding the grounds there and adding new bird species daily, like the White-tailed Sabrewing hummingbird, Blue-backed Manakin, and White-tailed Nightjar. Day trips to the Main Ridge Forest Preserve, Adventure Farm, Fort James in Plymouth, and Little Tobago Island for tropicbirds and boobies were also all part of this grand adventure.

The eBird link below details the 189 species of birds our group observed or heard during the tour. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.

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**BIRDS (189 species were recorded, of which 2 were endemic, 3 were heard only, and 3 were an introduced species).**

**Family or Species Common Name Scientific Name**

## **TINAMOUS: Tinamidae (1)**

**Little Tinamou** *Crypturellus soui*—Part of the group heard one call during a morning walk around Pax Guest House.

## **DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae (5)**

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis*—Observed on Tobago at the Bon Accord Sewage Treatment ponds and also a few in Caroni Swamp.

**Blue-winged Teal** *Spatula discors*—A single bird was mixed with other ducks at the Centre Street pond in Tobago.

**White-cheeked Pintail** *Anas bahamensis*—Good numbers also seen at the aforementioned Tobago ponds, both locations. A life bird for many of us.

**Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis*—A female was observed at the Centre Street ponds.

**Ring-necked Duck** *Aythya collaris*—A pair observed at the Centre Street ponds.

### **GUANS AND CHACHALACAS: Cracidae (2)**

**Rufous-vented Chachalaca** *Ortalis ruficauda*—Heard several times, observed well on Tobago at Cuffie River.

**Trinidad Piping-Guan (E)** *Pipile pipile*—Dave did a great job finding a group of 5 at Grand Riviere just as the rain had subsided. We had nice treetop looks and lots of great pictures were captured.

### **FLAMINGOS: Phoenicopteridae (1)**

**American Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus ruber*—One spotted in the Caroni Swamp rice fields and then another 20 during the Caroni Swamp boat tour.

### **GREBES: Podicipedidae (1)**

**Least Grebe** *Tachybaptus dominicus*—We saw multiple birds at the Bon Accord and Centre Street ponds on Tobago.

### **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (5)**

**Rock Pigeon (I)** *Columba livia*—Observed multiple times during the tour.

**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis*—Common, often heard calling as well.

**Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti*—Also fairly common, observed at multiple locations.

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*—Another common dove seen on multiple days.

**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata*—A pair in a tree were observed well near Bon Accord.

### **CUCKOOS: Cuculidae (3)**

**Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major*—We enjoyed viewing over a dozen of these large prehistoric looking birds on a walk along the road before our Caroni Swamp boat tour.

**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani*—Observed several times, with close looks every day at our lodge at Hacienda Jacana.

**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana*—One flew out of the trees across the road at the Aripo Savannah Agriculture Station.

### **NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (2)**

**Common Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis*—Seen along the road by those in the front of the bus on one of our late returns to Hacienda Jacana.

**White-tailed Nightjar** *Hydropsalis cayennensis*—Observed at night on the driveway at Cuffie River Nature Retreat.

### **POTOOS: Nyctibiidae (1)**

**Common Potoo** *Nyctibius griseus*—One perched sleeping bird was spotted on the manakin trail at Asa Wright.

### **SWIFTS: Apodidae (2)**

**Band-rumped Swift** *Chaetura spinicaudus*—A flock of 20 observed flying over the Bajnath Estate.

**Short-tailed Swift** *Chaetura brachyura*—The most common swift on Trinidad for us, also on Tobago.

### **HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (14)**

**White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora*—Very common yet always fun to watch feeding and displaying.

**Rufous-breasted Hermit** *Glaucis hirsutus*—Our best looks were on Tobago at Cuffie River.

**Green Hermit** *Phaethornis Guy*—Seen on 5/7 days on Trinidad, active at feeders and wild ginger.

**Little Hermit** *Phaethornis longuemarues*—As the name suggests, an elusive little bird, but we found a place it liked to perch and feed outside the house on the hill at Hacienda Jacana and Laurie and others finally got a good look.

**Brown Violetear** *Colibri delphinae*—Observed daily at Asa Wright, also a few at the Bajnath Estate.

**Ruby-topaz Hummingbird** *Chrysolampis mosquitus*—Voted one of the favorite birds of the trip, single birds observed at Pax Guest House, the Bajnath Estate, and Adventure Farm on Tobago. An amazingly beautiful bird, especially the males.

**Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis*—Mostly seen at the Pax and Asa Wright feeders.

**Green-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax viridigula*—One seen in the Caroni Swamp rice fields and also a perched bird at Caroni Swamp on the boat tour. A hummingbird who likes mangrove habitat.

**Tufted Coquette** *Lophornis ornatus*—Observed at Pax, Hacienda Jacana, and Asa Wright. A fan favorite for sure.

**Long-billed Starthroat** *Heliomaster longirostris*—We had perched males at Asa Wright on most mornings there.

**White-tailed Sabrewing** *Campylopterus ensipennis*—Observed at the feeders at Cuffie River in large numbers and also at Main Ridge Forest Reserve. This very large hummingbird is only found on Tobago, not Trinidad.

**Copper-rumped Hummingbird** *Saucerottia tobaci*—Very common, observed on most days.

**White-chested Emerald** *Chrysuronia brevirostris*—Observed at all Trinidad locations with feeders.

**Blue-chinned Sapphire** *Chlorestes notata*—Early arrivers saw him at the Pax feeders and also at Asa Wright and Bajnath.

### **RAILS, CRAKES, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (3)**

**Gray-cowled Wood-Rail** *Aramides cajaneus*—Heard several times at Hacienda Jacana (its call is reminiscent of a car alarm) but sadly never seen.

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata*—Good looks of several on Trinidad in the Caroni Swamp rice fields and also on Tobago at the Bon Accord and Centre Street ponds.

**Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinica*—A family was seen at Hacienda Jacana in Trinidad and one was also observed on Tobago at the Bon Accord ponds.

### **STILTS & AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (1)**

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus*—Five were observed at the Caroni Swamp rice fields.

### **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (2)**

**Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis*—Somewhat common, very protective (and vocal) of their chicks and nest sites.

**Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus*—One was observed in a roadside ditch at Bon Accord on Tobago.

### **JACANAS: Jacanidae (1)**

**Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana*—Very common on the pond at Hacienda Jacana, as one would imagine, and also seen at Nariva Swamp and Bon Accord.

### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (6)**

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*—We had a lone bird at the Orange Valley mudflats.

**Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*—Another lone bird on the rocks at Blue Waters Inn on Tobago.

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*—Spotted (no pun intended) several times along waterways.

**Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa soitaria*—Observed at Bon Accord in roadside ditch.

**Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca*—Also observed at Bon Accord in roadside ditch.

**Willet** *Tringa semipalmata*—You'll never guess, also observed at Bon Accord in a very productive roadside ditch.

### **GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (1)**

**Royal Tern** *Thalasseus maximus*—On our June 2023 tour we had 10 species in this family. This tern was our only one of this tour, seen at Fort James on Tobago over the sea.

### **TROPICBIRDS: Phaethontidae (1)**

**Red-billed Tropicbird** *Phaethon aethereus*—Over 200 flying and circling in for landing on their nest sites on Little Tobago Island right in front of our overlook viewpoint. Quite an amazing site.

### **PETRELS & SHEARWATERS: Procellariidae (1)**

**Sargasso Shearwater** *Puffinus lherminieri*—One bird was only partially seen (tail end) in a nest hole on Little Tobago Island in a location where they commonly nest.

### **FRIGATEBIRDS: Fregatidae (1)**

**Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens*—Very common along the ocean and sea including well over 500 over St. Giles Island where they nest, visible in the distance off of the Little Tobago Island viewpoint.

### **BOOBIES AND GANNETS: Sulidae (2)**

**Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster*—Over a dozen seen on the Little Tobago Island tour.

**Red-footed Booby** *Sula sula*—About 100 were nesting on Little Tobago Island with all 3 races represented.

### **ANHINGAS: Anhingidae (1)**

**Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga*—Observed in Caroni Swamp and at the Bon Accord and Centre Street ponds.

### **PELICANS: Pelecanidae (1)**

**Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis*—Spotted multiple times near the sea and ocean.

### **HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (9)**

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*—Observed multiple times during the tour wherever water and fish were abundant.

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*—Quite common with the highest numbers in Caroni Swamp as they flew in to roost.

**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea*—Quite a few observations of adults and white immature birds. Dan had an adult on the Cuffie River near our lodge.

**Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor*—Also seen multiple times, including roosting in Caroni Swamp.

**Western Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*—Often seen along the roadsides with cattle and at the Tobago sewage ponds.

**Green Heron** *Butorides virescens*—Observed on Tobago at the Bon Accord ponds.

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striata*—Native to Trinidad and observed there at both Nariva and Caroni swamps and Hacienda Jacana.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*—Over a dozen at the Bon Accord and Centre Street ponds, including immature birds.

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea*—We only spotted one on the Caroni Swamp boat tour.

### **IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (1)**

**Scarlet Ibis** *Eudocimus ruber*—We had approximately 2700 coming in to roost on our Caroni Swamp boat tour.

### **NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (2)**

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*—Too many to count on this tour – all on Trinidad.

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*—Also common, but not as common as Black Vultures. Interestingly, Tobago has no vultures, so both species were only observed on Trinidad.

### **OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)**

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*—Observed a few times during the tour over water hunting or perched on a rock ledge.

### **HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (11)**

**Snail Kite** *Rostrhanus sociabilis*—Several spotted near Manzanilla Beach.

**Gray-headed Kite** *Leptodon cayanensis*—Rick spotted a distant bird at Las Lapas Trace that was confirmed by Dave.

**Common Black Hawk** *Buteogallus anthracinus*—Multiple sightings on Trinidad of perched or flying birds.

**Savanna Hawk** *Buteogallus meridionalis*—Nice looks of several in fields at Aripo Savannah.

**Great Black Hawk** *Buteogallus urubitinga*—We had an awesome view of one circling on our morning walk with William at Cuffie River. This was right after he heard and pointed out the chachalaca alarm call to us. We heard the hawk call first before spotting it.

**White Hawk** *Pseudastur albicollis*—Multiple observations on Trinidad including a pair at Hacienda Jacana.

**Gray-lined Hawk** *Buteo nitidus*—Several observations including a perched immature on Trinidad.

**Broad-winged Hawk** *Buteo platypterus*—A good look at perched bird on a stop in Morne Bleu.

**Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus*—Also observed soaring on at least 2 of our days on Trinidad.

**Zone-tailed Hawk** *Buteo albonotatus*—This hawk looks remarkably like a Turkey Vulture in flight, even mimicking its dihedral flight pattern. Observed at Pax Guest House, Manzanilla Beach, and the melon fields at Nariva Swamp.

**White-tailed Hawk** *Geranoaetus albicaudatus*—An immature bird was observed near Manzanilla Beach in a pasture field perched in a tree. Identify confirmed by Martyn Kenefick who was present and visibly excited by the discovery. Many pictures were snapped. Apparently a very rare bird for Trinidad.

### **OWLS: Strigidae (2)**

**Tropical Screech-Owl** *Megascops choliba*—A pair were perched in the mangroves near the Caroni Swamp boat launch.

**Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum*—Heard only at Hacienda Jacana replying back to Dave.

### **TROGONS: Trogonidae (3)**

**Green-backed Trogon** *Trogon viridis*—Observed at Hacienda Jacana and Brasso Seco.

**Guianan Trogon** *Trogon violaceus*—Also spotted them at Hacienda Jacana and Brasso Seco.

**Collared Trogon** *Trogon collaris*—Observed at Morne Bleu and in the Tobago Forest Preserve-Gilpin Trace.

### **MOTMOTS: Momotidae (1)**

**Trinidad Motmot (E)** *Momotus bahamensis*—Multiple birds seen every day on Tobago, not as common on Trinidad.

### **KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (2)**

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon*—A flying bird seen from the bus near Grand Riviere and another quick look at Bon Accord on Tobago.

**American Pygmy Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle aenea*—Lester Nanan did an amazing job finding this petit bird in the mangrove roots at Caroni Swamp for us, and we all got excellent looks and some nice pictures.

### **JACAMARS: Galbulidae (1)**

**Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda*—Only a few observed on Trinidad but multiple looks on Tobago.

### **TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (1)**

**Channel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos vitellinus*—Around and heard calling on Trinidad, but only observed 3 or 4 times.

### **WOODPECKERS: Picidae (5)**

**Red-crowned Woodpecker** *Melanerpes rubricapillus*—Good looks on Tobago at Cuffie River and Adventure Farm.

**Red-rumped Woodpecker** *Dryobates kirkii*—Two spotted on a walk at Caroni Swamp and also on Tobago at Gipin.

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos*—A pair were observed feeding at Asa Wright and also at Hacienda Jacana.

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus*—Observed at the Pax Guest House and Asa Wright.

**Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus*—Several sightings on Trinidad.

### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (3)**

**Crested Caracara** *Caracara plancus*—A fly by at Aripo and also at Las Lapas Trace; one heard on Little Tobago also.

**Yellow-headed Caracara** *Daptrius chimachima*—Observed multiple times in Trinidad.

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*—A fly over at Bon Accord and also at the Centre Street ponds.

### **PARROTS: Psittacidae (4)**

**Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus*—Dave identified three flying over us at Brasso Seco.

**Orange-winged Amazon** *Amazona amazonica*—The most common parrot on both islands, observed every day.

**Green-rumped Parrotlet** *Forpus passerinus*—We saw a few of these little guys at least 4 times on Trinidad and also at Bon Accord on Tobago.

**Blue-and-yellow Macaw** *Ara ararauna*—There were a pair nest building in a hole in a dead pam tree near Manzanilla Beach. When we passed the tree later in the afternoon we saw 5 more fly into a nearby tree.

### **ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae (5)**

**Black-crested Antshrike** *Sakesphorus canadensis*—Observed at Aripo (male and female) and at Hacienda Jacana.

**Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus*—Some really good looks on multiple days on both islands, often calling also.

**Plain Antvireo** *Dysithamnus mentalis*—A decent look in the Tobago Forest Reserve--Gilpin Trace.

**White-flanked Antwren** *Myrmotherula axillaris*—Observed along Blanchisseuse Road on Trinidad.

**Silvered Antbird** *Sclateria naevia*—Very nice look at a pair with a singing male in the mangroves near Aripo.

### **OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (8)**

**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus*—We had two in the Tobago Forest Reserve--Gilpin Trace.

**Cocoa Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus susurrans*—A very close view of one at Adventure Farm on Tobago.

**Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus*—We had one at Caroni Swamp where they reside in the mangroves.

**Streak-headed Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*—Observed on 2 separate days at Hacienda Jacana.

**Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans*—One spotted at Brasso Seco.

**Yellow-chinned Spinetail** *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*—Good looks at several in the Caroni Swamp rice fields.

**Pale-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis albescens*—A fleeting look at one at Aripo.

**Stripe-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis cinnamomea*—We located one along Blanchisseuse Road.

### **MANAKINS: Pipridae (3)**

**Blue-backed Manakin** *Chiroxiphia pareola*—Several were seen on the trails along the road at Cuffie River and also roadside birding near the Main Ridge Forest Preserve, Tobago.

**White-bearded Manakin** *Manacus manacus*—Our best looks were of several displaying males at the trails at Asa Wright.

**Golden-headed Manakin** *Ceratopipra erythrocephala*—We had a red-footed female on Blanchisseuse Road and then several of us had 2 males at Hacienda Jacana.



### **COTINGAS: Cotingidae (1)**

**Bearded Bellbird** *Procnias averano*—Great views of several birds on the trails at Asa Wright. Loudly calling also.

### **TITYRAS AND BECARDS: Tityridae (2)**

**Black-tailed Tityra** *Tityra cayana*—Viewed at Las Lapas Trace and Hacienda Jacana with a pair nest building.

**White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus*—Dave found us one on a morning walk at Hacienda Jacana.

### **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (17)**

**Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus*—Spotted at Pax and Aripo Agriculture Research Station.

**Ochre-ored Flatbill** *Tolmomyias flaviventris*—Located at Hacienda Jacana and Adventure Farm.

**Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum*—One was observed at Aripo Agriculture Research Station.

**Forest Elaenia** *Myiopagis gaimardii*—Spotted at Las Lapas Trace and Hacienda Jacana.

**Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster*—Several sightings on Trinidad.

**Northern Tropical Pewee** *Contopus bogotensis*—At least two along Blanchisseuse Road.

**Fuscous Flycatcher** *Cnemotriccus fuscatus*—A nice find at the Tobago Forest Reserve--Gilpin Trace during our rainforest hike there.

**White-headed Marsh-Tyrant** *Arundinicola leucocephala*—A pair were spotted perched together along the roads at the Caroni Swamp rice fields.

**Pied Water-Tyrant** *Fluvicola pica*—Observed multiple times on Trinidad including a pair nest building.

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer*—One was spotted at Brasso Seco.

**Venezuelan Flycatcher** *Myiarchus venezuelensis*—A pair were found with William off the pool deck at Cuffie River.

**Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus*—Another good find on Tobago at Bon Accord and Little Tobago.

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*—Fairly common, observed on multiple days on Trinidad, often calling.

**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua*—We had them at Pax, Brasso Seco, and Hacienda Jacana.

**Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus*— Also found with William off the pool deck at Cuffie River.

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus*—Very common, observed almost every day.

**Gray Kingbird** *Tyrannus dominicensis*—At Nariva Swamp and several on Tobago, including t Cuffie River.

### **VIREOS: Vireonidae (3)**

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis*—Heard more than seen but decent looks at Pax, Aripo, and Hacienda Jacana. One of Laurie's nemesis birds but she finally got a nice view of it.

**Golden-fronted Greenlet** *Pachysylvia aurantiifrons*—Several observations on Trinidad.

**Chivi Vireo** *Vireo chivi*—Good looks at Hacienda Jacana.

### **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (5)**

**Bank Swallow** *Riparia riparia*—Jason identified one flying over a soccer field near Fort James on Tobago.

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*—Observed several times on Trinidad.

**Gray-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea*—Observed on several days on Trinidad.

**White-winged Swallow** *Tachycineta albiventer*—Spotted on Tobago on multiple days.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirunda rustica*—Several at the Centre Street Ponds on Tobago.

### **GNATCATCHERS AND GNATWRENS: Polioptilidae (1)**

**Long-billed Gnatwren** *Ramphocaenus melanurus*—Observed at least 4x on Trinidad.

### **WRENS: Troglodytidae (2)**

**Southern House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*—Very common on both islands.

**Rufous-breasted Wren** *Pheugopedius rutilus*—Heard singing often with several looks on Trinidad and also at Main Ridge on Tobago.

### **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (1)**

**Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus*—Very common, observed almost every day on both islands.

### **THRUSHES: Turdidae (4)**

**Cocoa Thrush** *Turdus fumigatus*—Observed several times on Trinidad.

**Yellow-legged Thrush** *Turdus flavipes*—A juvenile and an adult were spotted at the Main Ridge Forest Preserve.

**White-necked Thrush** *Turdus albicollis*—Spotted sleeping on a night walk at Asa Wright.

**Spectacled Thrush** *Turdus nudigenis*—Observed multiple times on both islands.

### **WAXBILLS: Estrildidae (2)**

**Tricolored Munia (I)** *Lonchura malacca*—Observed in the Caroni Swamp rice fields.

**Common Waxbill (I)** *Estrilda astrild*—Also observed in the Caroni Swamp rice fields.

### **FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (1)**

**Violaceous Euphonia** *Euphonia violacea*—Fairly common, observed multiple times on Trinidad.

### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (8)**

**Red-breasted Meadowlark** *Leistes militaris*—Several seen in the fields at Aripo.

**Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus*—Spotted multiple times on Trinidad and also on Little Tobago Island.

**Yellow-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus cela*—We had multiple birds at Hacienda Jacana including a leucistic yellow morph bird.

**Yellow Oriole** *Icterus nigrogularis*—What a beauty, spotted several times near Pax Guest House and also Nariva Swamp.

**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis*—Had looks on Tobago at Adventure Farm.

**Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus*—A few were in a field by Grand Riviere and on a wire in Nariva Swamp.

**Carib Grackle** *Quiscalus lugubris*—Very common on both islands.

**Yellow-hooded Blackbird** *Chrysomus icterocephalus*—Spotted at the Caroni Swamp rice fields.

### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (4)**

**Northern Waterthrush** *Parkesia noveboracensis*—One of these migrants was seen bobbing its tail almost every day.

**American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla*—Mostly females or young males observed several times on Trinidad.

**Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga petechia*—We spotted a few roadside birding near Aripo.

**Golden-crowned Warbler** *Basileuterus culicivorus*—Nice views of one along Blanchisseuse Road.

### **TANAGERS: Thraupidae (17)**

**Masked Cardinal** *Paroaria nigrogenis*—Several amazing views in Caroni Swamp.

**White-lined Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufus*—Pretty common bird with males and females at multiple spots.

**Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo*—One of the favorites and also quite common.

**Blue-gray Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus*—Very common as well.

**Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum*—Speaking of common this bird was seen almost every day.

**Speckled Tanager** *Ixothraupis guttata*—Only Rick and Mukesh saw this bird at Las Lapas Trace before it flew off.

**Turquoise Tanager** *Tangara mexicana*—Observed at Pax, Hacienda Jacana, and along Blanchisseuse Road. One of the most beautiful tanagers on the two islands.



**Bay-headed Tanager** *Tangara gyrola*—Spotted along Blanchisseuse Road and also Las Lapas Trace.  
**Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana*—Observed at several locations in Trinidad, both males and females.  
**Purple Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes caeruleus*—Multiple sightings on Trinidad.  
**Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza*—Great looks at Asa Wright and on the feeders at the Bajnath Estate.  
**Bicolored Conebill** *Conirostrum bicolor*—Observed at Nariva Swamp by some of the group.  
**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola*—Several spotted in Caroni Swamp.

**Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina*—Called “Johnny Jumper” by the locals due to the male’s unique display habit of calling and jumping into the air from a perch, very common on both islands.

**Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola*—A very common but fun little guy to observe amongst the flowers and feeders.

**Black-faced Grassquit** *Melanospiza bicolor*—Spotted on Tobago at Cuffie River and Fort James.

**Olive-gray Saltator** *Saltator olivascens*—Spotted at Pax Guest House.

### **MAMMALS (5)**

**Jamaican Fruit-eating Bat** *Artibeus jamaicensis*—Observed in the evening at Asa Wright on the hummingbird feeders.

**Red-rumped Agouti** *Dasyprocta leporina*—Observed under the feeders at Asa Wright and also on Tobago.

**Red-tailed Squirrel** *Sciurus granatensis*—Observed several times during the tour.

**Proboscis Bat** *Rhynchonycteris naso*—About a dozen were observed roosting in the shade of a tree overhanging the water during the Caroni Swamp tour.

**Fishing Bat (also known as the Greater Bulldog Bat)** *Noctilio leporinus*—Multiple bats were observed fishing on our Caroni Swamp tour as the light was beginning to fade.

### **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (11)**

**Grenada Tree Anole (also known as Richard’s Anole)** *Anolis richardii*—At Cuffie River under the pool deck area. It is a very large anole.

**Ocellated Gecko** *Sphaerodactylus argus*—Several observed on Little Tobago Island.

**Spiny Tree Lizard** *Plica caribeanus*—Spotted at Asa Wright and Hacienda Jacana.

**Trinidad Ameiva** *Ameiva atrigularis*—Observed multiple times at Asa Wright and Cuffie River.

**Green Iguana** *Iguana iguana*—Dan spotted one of these at Cuffie River Nature Retreat.

**Cryptic Golden Tegu** *Tupinambis cryptus*—Spotted at Asa Wright near the feeders and trail edges.

**Spectacled Caiman** *Caiman crocodilus*—At the pond at Hacienda Jacana and also eye shine seen in Caroni Swamp.

**Cane Toad** *Rhinella marina*—These very large toads were spotted at Asa Wright and Hacienda Jacana at night.

**Common Tree Boa or Cook’s Tree Boa** *Corallus hortulanus cookii*—We had one on our night walk at Asa Wright with a full belly and Lester spotted one hanging lazily in the mangroves during the Caroni Swamp tour.

**Rattle-voiced Frog** *Hypsiboas crepitans*—Calling at night at Asa Wright.

**Tobago Ravine Frog (also known locally as the Bloody Bay Poison Frog)** *Mannophryne olmonae*—Many were calling throughout our rainforest walk in the Main Ridge Forest Preserve. This species is restricted to the forested areas of eastern and central Tobago where there are suitable streams. Despite its common name it is not poisonous.