

# Costa Rica

Naturetrek Tour Report

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## Day 0

Sunday 27th January

### Outbound from UK to San Jose via Miami

Our outbound BA flight from Heathrow left 40 minutes late at 10.20 and we arrived in Miami about nine hours later at 14.20 (local). After negotiating immigration and customs we settled down to wait for our onward 2.5-hour flight to the Costa Rican capital, San Jose, which left almost on time at 20.15. On arrival in San Jose at 21.45 (local) a short delay resulted from the non-arrival of one bag before we were met by Simon Ellis, our local guide, and quickly transferred to our city hotel for some much needed rest.

## Day 1

Monday 28th January

San Jose (c1000m a.s.l.); Finca Mirador de Quetzales (c2600m a.s.l.); San Gerardo Valley (c2200m a.s.l).

**Weather:** cool but dry and bright in the mountains, a little breezy, warmer in San Jose.

Our day began just before dawn with coffee and sandwiches at the hotel before we set off at 06.00 for the highlands to the south. At 07.40 we arrived at Finca Mirador de Quetzales and soon began to notch up a few highland specialities such as Volcano Hummingbirds, Black-capped Flycatcher, Flame-coloured Tanagers, Sooty and Mountain Thrushes and Black-billed Nightingale-thrush outside the restaurant where we had breakfast. Carlos, our local guide, led a walk through the nearby wooded valley after breakfast and we were quickly rewarded with prolonged good views of our main quarry here, a male and several female Resplendent Quetzales.

Other notable birds seen before we returned to the restaurant for lunch at 12.00 were Fiery-throated Hummingbirds, a couple of Ruddy Treerunners, Slate-throated and Collared Redstarts, Flame-throated Warblers, Black Guan and numerous Slaty Flowerpiercers, Sooty-capped Bush Tanagers and Spangle-cheeked Tanagers.

After lunch, we set off at 12.45 on the 45-minute drive to Savegre Mountain Lodge in the San Gerardo Valley. After arrival a couple of hours were spent exploring the immediate vicinity of the lodge where many good birds were found including Swallow-tailed Kites, Red-tailed Hawk (subspecies *costaricensis*) and White-collared Swifts overhead, another male Quetzal, several Acorn Woodpeckers and Canary-winged Parakeets, Yellowish Flycatcher, Mountain Elaenia and Yellow-winged Vireo in the trees and shrubs and Magnificent, Volcano and Scintillant Hummingbirds plus Green Violet-ears and White-throated Mountain-gems at the feeders.

At 15.15, we began our return journey to San Jose, managed to miss the worst of the rush hour traffic and arrived at the San Gildar at 17.45, in plenty of time to shower and change before dinner during which the missing bag arrived.

## Day 2

Tuesday 29th January

En route to Villa Lapas via Rio Garita Reservoir, Orotina and Rio Tarcoles Bridge; Villa Lapas (<100m a.s.l.); Tarcoles Estuary (<100m a.s.l.).

**Weather:** Dry bright and sunny, rather hot and humid at Carara but pleasantly warm after dark, slight breeze

After breakfast at 06.30, we set off just after 07.00 towards the Pacific coast. First stop this morning was at Rio Garita Reservoir where a hundred or so Blue-winged Teal were on the water with four Least Grebes, several Montezuma Oropendolas flew around, both Chestnut-mandibled and Keel-billed Toucans were in the trees and a Short-tailed and several Broad-winged Hawks joined the numerous Vultures rising on the first thermals. About 40 minutes later we arrived in the small town of Orotina and were quickly enjoying excellent views of the resident pair of Black-and-white Owls there along with a slumbering Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth and a couple of Variegated Squirrels. Soon afterwards, we arrived at Tarcoles Bridge where there was time for a quick coffee before we spent 40 minutes scanning the river from the bridge itself. A Collared Plover was a prized find amongst the assembled waterbirds and several large American Crocodiles.

A few minutes later we were settling into our rooms at the Villa Lapas Hotel. After lunch and a short rest we set off for an evening walk along a quiet side road a few km to the south which produced a couple of Violaceous Trogons, at least three Ferruginous Pygmy Owls (complete with a mobbing groups of Tanagers and Warblers) and our first spectacular Scarlet Macaws flew by.

## Day 3

Wednesday 30th January

Carara National Park and Rio Tarcoles Bridge (<100m a.s.l.).

**Weather:** Dry and mostly sunny, hot in the middle of the day, otherwise pleasantly warm, slight breeze

Today was devoted to exploration of nearby Carara National Park with the morning spent slowly walking along the river trail as far as the oxbow lake and back.

Amongst the more widespread or migratory species seen were more localised specialities such as Black-hooded Antshrikes, Dot-winged Antwrens, Scaly-breasted Hummingbirds and a White-whiskered Puffbird. At the oxbow itself an American Pygmy Kingfisher was the pick of the four Kingfisher species present with other highlights including several Boat-billed Herons and a couple of Roseate Spoonbills.

Back at Villa Lapas there was time to explore some of the trails either side of lunch with particular highlights including a lek of stunning Orange-collared Manakins, Long-billed Gnatwrens and Chestnut-mantled and Dusky Antbirds. We returned to the River Trail at Carara NP as the temperature started to subside at 15.00, the obvious highlight being a splendid Red-capped Manakin amongst various other species that came down to drink from a small stream. Soon after 17.00 we returned to Tarcoles Bridge for the last 40 minutes of daylight and were rewarded with some excellent views of Lesser Nighthawks amongst others.

## Day 4

Thursday 31st January

Rio Tarcoles Mangrove Cruise (sea level); En route to Monteverde; Hotel Montana and Monteverde Hummingbird Gallery (c1400m a.s.l).

**Weather:** Sunny and hot then fresher and rather overcast at Monteverde and rather breezy

The day began with a short drive to Tarcoles where a boat was waiting to take us on a three hour excursion around the estuary and mangroves creeks. After a few minutes admiring the assembled gulls, terns and Pelicans on a sandbar we made our way into the mangroves where an early highlight was the first of three American Pygmy Kingfishers. Soon afterwards a Mangrove Vireo gave some fleeting views and soon after that another local speciality appeared and we had reasonable but brief views of a Mangrove Hummingbird. A Zone-tailed Hawk overhead was rather a surprise before we made our way back to the main channel where a group of Southern Lapwings was a good find. All the while we were accompanied by Mangrove Swallows that periodically perched on the boat as we sailed past numerous Herons and Egrets and others.

Back at the Villa Lapas we quickly loaded the bus and set off towards our base for the next two nights at Monteverde at 11.20. By 13.00 we had survived the bumpy dirt track that leads up to Monteverde, seen White-throated Magpie-jays en route, and were sitting down to lunch at the Montana Hotel. Later on, a 20 minute drive delivered us to the famous Hummingbird Gallery near the entrance to Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve where we spent an hour or so admiring the various species that appeared at the feeders: Violet Sabrewings, Green-crowned Brilliants, Coppery-headed Emeralds, Magenta-throated Woodstars, Purple-throated Mountain-gems, Green Hermit, Stripe-tailed Hummingbirds and Bananaquits.

## Day 5

Friday 1st February

Monteverde Cloud Forest Preserve (c1500m a.s.l).

**Weather:** rather overcast and periodically drizzly in the morning at the Preserve, brighter and drier in the afternoon, brighter at Monteverde village all day though a little breezy

Today was devoted to exploration of the Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve in the company of our local guide Bernal, though not before an early highlight in the shape of a White-throated Thrush at the hotel.

In the dark interior of the forest birds were predictably rather hard to see but three hours later we emerged with quite an impressive list including Black-faced Solitaire, Scale-crested Pygmy-tyrant, Ochraceous Wren, Spotted Barbtails, Spotted Woodcreeper, Prong-billed Barbets and a covey of four Black-breasted Wood-quails that crossed the path right beside us.

Back at the entrance some chose to revisit the Hummingbird Gallery while others enjoyed views of Black Guan, Yellowish Flycatcher and White-naped Brush-finch around the car park. After lunch, we returned to the Cloudforest Preserve and set off along the Waterfall Trail. Birds came thick and fast during the next couple of hours with highlights including large feeding flocks containing Brown Scimitarbill, Slaty Antwrens, a female Resplendent Quetzal, Slaty-backed Nightingale-thrushes and many others. Finally, Bernal took us to a roost site of a Bare-shanked Screech-owl which showed well through the scope.

## Day 6

## Saturday 2nd February

Monteverde Pig farm Road (c 1300m a.s.l.); en route to Hacienda Solimar; Hacienda Solimar lodge and Estero Madrigal (<100m a.s.l.).

**Weather:** bright, sunny and a little breezy at Monteverde, hot and sunny at Hacienda Solimar.

A walk along the Pig Farm Road at Monteverde proved productive before we left the area at 10.00 with Crested Guan and White-eared Ground Sparrows the avian highlights and a Three-toed Sloth was also seen. After stocking up on beer at a local supermarket we headed back down the bumpy road and onward towards Hacienda Solimar, our base for the next three nights.

After a spot of lunch, and admiring the Ruby-throated Hummingbirds and a Canivet's Emerald in the Hacienda garden, we set off in the cool of the evening to explore the Estero Madrigal wetlands. Good numbers of waterbirds, including our first Limpkins, were in open areas before we stopped to view a Jabiru nest containing both adults and three half-grown youngsters. Nearby we disembarked again to explore an area of the wetland where a large Wood Stork colony was in full swing and as we watched these small birds came to prominence in the shape of Spot-breasted Orioles, Stripe-headed Sparrows, Cinnamon Hummingbirds and others as a Snail Kite sailed past and Roseate Spoonbills flew around. A short walk to another viewing area provided good looks at a flock of Orange-fronted Parakeets and others and we spent some time admiring the assembled waterbirds that included several Bare-throated Tiger Herons as hundreds of Cattle Egrets flew to roost.

## Day 7

## Sunday 3rd February

Hacienda Solimar: Gallery Forest and Finca Pavones (<100m a.s.l.).

**Weather:** Dry and sunny, rather hot and humid by late morning but cooler later, light breeze.

Early risers were treated to a roosting Pacific Screech Owl in a small tree near our rooms along with Turquoise-browed Motmot and others. After breakfast a short drive took us to the start of a trail through an area of Gallery Forest. Before setting off along the trail highlights in the open areas included a few Painted Buntings, Olive Sparrows and a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher.

The trail itself soon yielded a couple of elusive Long-tailed Manakins, Slaty-headed Tody-flycatcher and others before we emerged into a more open landscape where a Black-headed Trogon posed for the scope followed soon after by a very obliging Plain-capped Starthroat. Back on the trail a Hook-billed Kite showed briefly and some were lucky to see a Thicket Tinamou scuttling through the undergrowth. We were back on the bus by 11.00 and retired to the Hacienda to sit out the heat of the day.

As the temperature subsided a short drive took us to an area of dry forest at Finca Pavones where two more Hook-billed Kites were quickly found and soon after a flurry of activity produced our only Banded Wren and a superb male Long-tailed Manakin in the scope. A perched Broad-winged Hawk was soon eclipsed by stellar views of a Double-toothed Kite which gave Demetrio particular delight as it is a very scarce bird in this area. The day concluded with excellent views of a Ferruginous Pygmy Owl perched above the bus.

## Day 8

Monday 4th February

Hacienda Solimar: Primary Forest and Colorado Salinas (<100m a.s.l).

**Weather:** fine and dry, rather hot by late morning but cooler by 15.00, light breeze

After breakfast we visited an area of primary forest ten minutes drive away in search of Spectacled Owl and Collared Forest Falcon. The owl was found very quickly and gave some great views but the Forest-falcons, which we could hear calling, proved more elusive. However, while crunching through the leaf litter we saw four or five Common Pauragues, one of which put on a great show in the scope and other birds included Northern Parula and various others. In a more open area a small flock of Variable Seed eaters of the piebald Pacific race were watched and the Forest-falcons started calling again from a different block of woodland where we succeeded in finding one that allowed reasonable scope views. As we returned towards the bus a White-winged Becard was a bonus.

Tidal conditions dictated an early lunch and a visit to the high tide roost at Colorado Salinas in the heat of the day. On arrival there was a light breeze so it wasn't quite so inferno-like as feared and we soon started to work our way through the waders assembled on the salt pans. A Surfbird amongst a large flock of Grey Plovers was a surprise and we spent the next couple of hours watching the assembled Western, Semi-palmated, Stilt and Least Sandpipers, Willets, Lesser Yellowlegs and Marbled Godwits, a single Wilson's Plover and several Semi-palmated Plovers. It wasn't all waders though as 30 or so Black Skimmers joined the roosting Laughing Gulls and a few Royal and single Gull-billed Terns were also present. Turning our attention to the mangroves we found Panama and Scrub Flycatchers along with Prothonotory and 'Mangrove Warblers' as Magnificent Frigatebirds wheeled overhead. Back at the ranch we enjoyed a well deserved rest and a few sundowners in the very peaceful setting.

## Day 9

Tuesday 5th February

En route to Selva Verde via Lake Arenal and Tabacon (c 600m a.s.l); Selva Verde Lodge (<100m a.s.l).

**Weather:** fine and dry throughout, rather warm and humid at Selva Verde.

Today was essentially a travelling day though it was not to be without interest as we skirted Lake Arenal on our way across the country to the Caribbean lowlands.

Setting off after breakfast, during which several Crested Bobwhites were scoped in a nearby cattle yard, we reached the western end of Lake Arenal within an hour and soon after stopped for a coffee break at a pleasant German bakery. In the distance the spectacular peak of Arenal Volcano was clearly visible and our route took us closer and closer as the morning progressed and fortunately the cloud stayed away. A short birding session along the road east of Tabacon allowed some photos of the peak and produced three Crested Guans and a fleeting Rufous Motmot.

Another stop a little later provided our first Black-cowled Orioles, White-shouldered Tanagers, Black-headed Saltators and Passerini's Tanagers before we pulled up and ate our lunch at the roadside right below the still fully visible volcano that smouldered gently. Pressing on we left the volcano behind and stopped after an hour or so at a small café in Muelle where Ice Cream and a photo call with several large Green Iguanas was the order of the day. We were in our rooms at Selva Verde Lodge by 15.30 and soon assembled to do some birding in the lush hotel grounds. Before darkness fell new birds seen included Olive-backed Euphonias, Orange-billed Sparrows and Buff-rumped Warbler but the undoubted highlight was a superb Sunbittern along the river near the restaurant.

## Day 10

Wednesday 6th February

Selva Verde Lodge and surrounding area (c100m a.s.l.).

**Weather:** sunny and dry, rather humid and hot by late morning, fresher later

Early risers were treated to views of Shining Honeycreepers, a Broad-billed Motmot and a superb Great Tinamou in the grounds before breakfast at the very civilised hour of 07.30. After breakfast our local guide Luis led us across the road to explore the gardens and primary forest patches there. A Stripe-throated Hermit was rather fleeting but more obliging were Green Honeycreepers, Lesser Greenlets and Black-cheeked Woodpeckers and numerous Variable Seedeaters and others. Some took a short diversion to search for Spider Monkeys and instead succeeded in seeing a Black-throated Trogon and White-collared Manakin while the rest saw Slaty-tailed Trogons and others before we regrouped to watch a feeding flock in the primary forest gully that contained our first Cinnamon Becard, Northern Barred and Cocoa Woodcreepers and several others. By 10.30 it was becoming decidedly warm and sticky and we retired to the lodge area before lunch at 12.30.

Prior to setting off again at 15.00 there was ample opportunity to explore the leafy grounds near our rooms where Collared Aracaris (plus Keel-billed and Chestnut-mandibled Toucans), White-collared Manakins, White-breasted Wood-wrens and Red-throated Ant-tanagers were found amongst the commoner species. Our evening walk took us along a farm road just east of the lodge where large numbers of Parakeets and Parrots gave good perched views and new birds came in the shape of Band-backed and Plain Wrens, Yellow Tyrannulets, Blue-black Grosbeaks, Southern Rough-winged Swallows and Piratic Flycatcher. After dark several people had close encounters with a Nine-banded Armadillo in the lodge grounds.

## Day 11

Thursday 7th February

Virgen De Socorro (c1100m a.s.l.); Vera's Hummingbird Restaurant (c1300m a.s.l.) Near La Selva (<100m a.s.l.).

**Weather:** bright and sunny, dry, pleasantly warm but rather hot around midday

After an early breakfast we boarded the bus at 06.00 and 45 minutes later arrived at Virgen de Socorro where we walked slowly down the road to the river. Bird activity was generally high with early highlights including Sooty-faced Finch, Emerald Tanagers, Golden-bellied Flycatchers and several Tropical Parulas. A little lower down the valley a feeding flock contained several Bay-headed and Silvery-throated Tanagers and Blackburnian Warblers, Tufted Flycatcher, Barred Becard and several others. In the warming air Barred and White hawks appeared overhead as we watched a Brown-eared Violet, American Dippers and Torrent Tyrants from the bridge over the river.

After a short drive we arrived at Vera's Hummingbird Garden at Chinchona and while Vera made us coffee and Tortillas we watched the assembled hummingbirds, Silvery-throated Tanagers, Red-headed Barbet and others at the feeders. Particular highlights here were another brown Violet-ear, Green Thorntail and White-bellied Mountain Gem.

By 11.30 we were back at Selve Verde for a rest during the heat of the day. In the evening we drove the short distance to La Selva and spent a couple of hours along a farm road near there. Fruiting trees in a small garden attracted honeycreepers and hummingbirds including our first Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer and a couple of showy White-necked Jacobins. Further along the road a Scarlet-thighed Dacnis was new as were Rufous-winged Woodpeckers as bird activity increased dramatically in the cooling air.

## Day 12

Friday 8th February

La Selva (<100m a.s.l.); Helicornia Butterfly Garden

**Weather:** dry, bright and warm/hot

Another early breakfast saw us arrive at La Selva in time to enjoy the early morning rush of bird activity along the entrance road. Birds were everywhere as we disembarked from the bus with perched Brown-hooded Parrots and a Long-tailed Tyrant much appreciated. As we made our way slowly along the road, where a Collared Peccary showed well, new birds came thick and fast with Smoky-brown and Chestnut-coloured Woodpeckers showing particularly well, Fasciated Antshrikes were similarly obliging and Black-striped Sparrows skulked in the herbage. As we approached the research station, a couple of Snowy Cotingas put on a performance. After a quick coffee the group divided with Luis leading half through the primary forest over the bridge where Black-headed Tody-tyrant and more Collared Peccary's were highlights. The rest explored a trail parallel to the river where a large slow moving feeding flock contained Black-headed Tody-flycatcher, Black-thighed Grosbeak, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Stripe-throated Hermit, Golden-winged Warbler, Black-throated Trogons and many others; those who happened to be looking in the right place at the right time saw a Semiplumbeous Hawk dart across the path.

After lunch back at Selve Verde we left the lodge an hour earlier than usual at 14.00 and drove for 45 minutes to reach an abandoned butterfly garden near Braullio Carillo NP which is often favoured by Hummingbirds attracted to the Vervain plants around the car park. We were in luck today as after about 10 minutes the first of two or three stunning male Snowcaps appeared at the flowers and during the 40 minutes we were there we were also lucky to see two Black-crested Coquettes and a Green Thorntail amongst the commoner Violet-headed Hummingbirds. The rest of the evening was spent along the farm road near La Selva where more views of Hummingbirds were savoured.



**Day 13/14****Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th February**

Selva Verde; En route to San Jose; En route to the UK via Miami

**Weather:** Dry, bright and warm

Our return journey commenced after breakfast at 07.00 and we arrived at San Jose Airport just after 10.00 having made a brief stop for photos at La Paz waterfall and for coffee at a vast coffee plantation on the edge of the Central Valley. Check-in and immigration formalities were swift and efficient and our flight to Miami left on time. After a couple of hours at Miami our flight to Heathrow left on time at 20.45 and we settled down for a night over the Atlantic. With favourable tail winds we made good time and landed a little ahead of time at 09.45. Our bags all eventually appeared on the carousel and we said our goodbyes before dispersing to our respective corners of the UK.

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## SYSTEMATIC SPECIES LISTS:

### BIRDS

Taxonomy, species order and nomenclature generally follow the Garrigues and Dean list in *Birds of Costa Rica* (Helm), 2007 (p341ff) which, in turn, follows the American Ornithologists Union Checklist. Species in square brackets are not included in the species total, either because they were not seen by any group members, were heard only, or were not fully confirmed. Species seen only by the tour leader or guides are marked (L/O) and species not seen by the leader or guides are marked (N/L)

Key for restricted ranges species:

[E]: Endemic to Costa Rica

[EBA 019]: largely or wholly confined to the Central American Caribbean slope Endemic Bird Area

[EBA 020]: largely or wholly confined to the Costa Rica and Panama highlands Endemic Bird Area

[EBA 021]: largely or wholly confined to the South Central American Pacific slope Endemic Bird Area

[C. Am]: confined to Central America (northern Mexico to southern Panama)

[C. Am+]: largely confined to Central America but also occurs marginally in North or South America (i.e. southern Arizona/ Texas or northern Colombia).

For more information on Endemic Bird Areas, including EBA 024, see:

<http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/ebas/index.html>

### TINAMIDAE

1 Great Tinamou *Tinamus major fuscipennis*

One showed well on two occasions in the grounds of Selve Verde Lodge

2 Thicket Tinamou *Crypturellus cinnamomeus praepes*

One along the Gallery Forest trail at Hacienda Solimar was seen by just a couple of group members. [C. Am]

### ANATIDAE

3 Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis autumnalis*

Fifteen were seen during our second visit to Rio Tarcoles Bridge and up to 30 were at Hacienda Solimar

4 Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata*

A wild looking bird flew past at the Rio Tarcoles Bridge and several feral looking birds were at widespread wetland sites

5 Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors*

Over 100 were at Rio Garita Reservoir with another 30 or so at Estero Madrigal at Hacienda Solimar

6 Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

Two were with Blue-winged Teals at Hacienda Solimar

### CRACIDAE

7 Gray-headed Chachalaca *Ortalis cinereiceps*

Three were at Hotel Montana in Monteverde, three at Selve Verde and about 10 at La Selva. [C. Am+]

8 Crested Guan *Penelope purpurascens aequatorialis*

One along the Pig Farm Road at Monteverde was followed by three more near Tabacon

9 Black Guan *Chamaepetes unicolor*

Two were seen at Finca Mirador de Quetzales and three at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve. [EBA 020]

## ODONTOPHORIDAE

10 Crested Bobwhite *Colinus cristatus dickeyi*

Up to 30 were seen on successive mornings in the stables and cattle yards below Hacienda Solimar Lodge

11 Black-breasted Wood-Quail *Odontophorus leucolaemus*

Four of these normally very secretive birds crossed the trail right in front of us at Monteverde.[EBA 020]

## PODICIPEDIDAE

12 Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus brachypterus*

At least four were at Rio Garita reservoir

## PELECANIDAE

13 Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis carolinensis*

About 50 were at the Tarcoles Estuary

## PHALACROCORACIDAE

14 Neotropical Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasiliannus brasilianus*

One at Rio Garita Reservoir was followed by about 10 at Tarcoles

## ANHINGIDAE

15 Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga leucogaster*

Five were seen at Tarcoles/ Carara NP with another 20 or so at Hacienda Solimar

## FREGATIDAE

16 Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*

About 10 at the Tarcoles Estuary and the coast near there were followed by about eight at Colorado Salinas

## ARDEIDAE

17 Bare-throated Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma mexicanum*

Six at Tarcoles/ Carara NP were followed by about 15 at Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am+]

18 Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias herodias*

Up to 20 were seen at widespread wetland sites

19 Great Egret *Ardea alba egretta*

Most wetlands visited held a few birds, about 50 were seen in total

20 Snowy Egret *Egretta thula thula*

Distribution and numbers were very similar to the last species

21 Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*

About 60 were seen, most wetlands held at least a few

22 Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor ruficollis*

Eight were recorded at Tarcoles and one at Hacienda Solimar

23 Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Quite common and widespread in the lowlands and foothills, normally in association with cattle

24 Green Heron *Butorides virescens virescens*

Most of the 25 seen were in the Tarcoles/ Carara NP area with a couple at Hacienda Solimar

25 Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax boactli*

One at Carara NP's oxbow was followed by four during the Tarcoles boat trip

26 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea violacea*

About ten were seen at Tarcoles

27 Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius phillipsi* and *panamensis*

Carara NP's oxbow held about 15 roosting birds, two were seen during the Tarcoles boat trip and a couple more were at Hacienda Solimar

*THRESKIORNITHIDAE*28 White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*

Most of the 60 or so seen were at Tarcoles with others near Carara NP and at Hacienda Solimar

29 Roseate Spoonbill *Ajaia ajaja*

Four at Tarcoles/ Carara NP were followed by six at Hacienda Solimar where birds were nesting at Estero Madrigal

*CICONIIDAE*30 Jabiru *Jabiru mycteria*

A pair with three half-grown young were at a nest at Hacienda Solimar

31 Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*

About 70 at Tarcoles/ Carara NP were followed by over 300 at Hacienda Solimar where there was a large breeding colony in trees at Estero Madrigal

*CATHARTIDAE*32 Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

Common and widespread, more common than the next species at higher elevations but seen throughout

33 Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura aura*

Common and widespread, especially in the lowlands

34 King Vulture *Sarcorampbus papa*

Adults were over Selve Verde Lodge and Virgen de Socorro

*ACCIPITRIDAE*35 Osprey *Pandion haliaetus carolinensis*

After the first at Rio Garita Reservoir a further 20 were seen at Tarcoles, Hacienda Solimar, Colorado Salinas and Selve Verde

36 Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus uncinatus*

A total of three were noted at Hacienda Solimar

37 Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus ssp*

At least five were overhead at Savegre Mountain Lodge

38 White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus majusculus*

After the first over San Jose a further four were noted at Tarcoles, Hacienda Solimar and near Selve Verde

39 Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis sociabilis*

Up to four were noted at Estero Madrigal at Hacienda Solimar

40 Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus bidentatus fasciatus*

One showed very well at Finca Pavones at Hacienda Solimar, quite a local rarity

41 Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea*

A perched bird obliged us during the Tarcoles boat trip

42 Barred Hawk *Leucopternis princeps*

Three were overhead at Virgen de Socorro as the temperature began to rise

43 Semiplumbeous Hawk *Leucopternis semiplumbea*

One flew across the trail right in front of some of the group at La Selva

44 White Hawk *Leucopternis albicollis costaricensis*

After a flying bird near Lake Arenal two more were watched soaring at Virgen de Socorro and perched birds were seen from the moving bus near Braulio Carrillo NP and La Paz

45 Mangrove Black-Hawk *Buteogallus subtilis*

At least four were seen during the Tarcoles boat trip

46 Roadside Hawk *Buteo magnirostris griseocauda*

One at Hacienda Solimar was followed by two near Selve Verde (NL)

47 Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus platypterus*

Three were over Rio Garita Reservoir, one at Hacienda Solimar and two at Virgen de Socorro

48 Gray Hawk *Asturina nitida costaricensis*

Three at Villa Lapas and nearby Carara NP were followed by two at Hacienda Solimar and one near Tabacon

49 Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus fuliginosus*

One was over Rio Garita Reservoir, three were around Hacienda Solimar and one at Virgen de Socorro

50 Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus*

One or two were seen well overhead during the Tarcoles boat trip

51 Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis costaricensis*

An adult was overhead at Savegre Mountain Lodge

*FALCONIDAE*52 Collared Forest-Falcon *Micrastur semitorquatus naso*

After some searching a calling birds was eventually tracked down in the primary forest at Hacienda Solimar and gave reasonable scope views

53 Crested Caracara *Polyborus cheriway*

The 10 seen were at Carara/ Tarcoles, below Monteverde, Hacienda Solimar and near La Selva, several of these were seen from the moving bus as we travelled between sites

54 Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima cordata*

At least five showed very well in the Tarcoles area

55 Laughing Falcon *Herpetheres cachinnans cachinnans*

One was seen at Villa Lapas and others were heard at Hacienda Solimar and La Selva (NL)

56 American Kestrel *Falco sparverius sparverius*

One near Tarcoles was followed by two between Hacienda Solimar and Tabacon (NL)

*RALLIDAE*57 Purple Gallinule *Porphyryla martinica*

A total of five were seen in the Tarcoles area including one during our boat trip on the river

*EURYPYGIDAE*58 Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias major*

One or two showed most evenings along the river near the restaurant at Selve Verde; always a favourite

*ARAMIDAE*59 Limpkin *Aramus guaranaa dolosus*

At least 10 were seen at Estero Madrigal at Hacienda Solimar

*BURHINIDAE*

60 Double-striped Thick-Knee *Burhinus bistriatus bistriatus*

After a rather distant bird from the Rio Tarcoles Bridge another six were seen well at Hacienda Solimar

*CHARADRIIDAE*

61 Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis cayennensis*

A group of 12 were along the Rio Tarcoles during our boat trip there

62 Grey (or Black-bellied) Plover *Pluvialis squatarola cynosurae*

About 50 were roosting at Colorado Salinas

63 Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris*

One showed reasonably well from the Rio Tarcoles Bridge during our first visit there

64 Wilson's Plover *Charadrius wilsonia beldingi*

A single bird was at Colorado Salinas

65 Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*

Colorado Salinas held about 15 birds

*RECURVIROSTRIDAE*

66 Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*

About half of the 60 or so recorded were at Colorado Salinas with others on most larger wetlands visited

*JACANIDAE*

67 Northern Jacana *Jacana spinosa spinosa*

Two near Selve Verde were preceded by about 20 at Tarcoles/ Carara NP and Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am+]

*SCOLOPACIDAE*

68 Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularia*

The most widespread wader species seen with at least a couple found at almost all wetlands, about 70 were recorded in total

69 Willet *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus inornatus*

About 30 were roosting at Colorado Salinas

70 Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*

Five were at Colorado Salinas

71 Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus*

After 10 at Tarcoles another 40 were at Colorado Salinas

72 Marbled Godwit *Limosa fedoa fedoa*

Colorado Salinas held about 15 birds

73 Surfbird *Aphriza virgata*

One roosting with Grey Plovers at Colorado Salinas came as a bit of a surprise

74 Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*

Colorado Salinas held at least 40 birds

75 Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*

Colorado Salinas held at least 40 birds

76 Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*

About 50 were at Tarcoles and 15 at Colorado Salinas

77 Stilt Sandpiper *Calidris himantopus*

Up to 20 were at Colorado Salinas

78 Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus* ssp

Colorado Salinas held about 50

*LARIDAE*79 Laughing Gull *Larus atricilla megalopterus*

At Tarcoles about 150 were on the estuary and 50 were roosting at Colorado Salinas

80 Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica vanrossemi*

One was at Colorado Salinas

81 Royal Tern *Sterna maxima maxima*

At Tarcoles about 150 were on the estuary and two were roosting at Colorado Salinas

82 Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis acyflavida*

One or two were at the Tarcoles Estuary

83 Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger niger*

A roosting flock of 22 birds was at Colorado Salinas

*COLUMBIDAE*

[‘Feral’ Rock Dove *Columba livia* (introduced)

‘Flying rats’ were seen in some urban contexts]

84 Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*

At least eight were seen around La Selva

85 Red-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas flavirostris*

The 15 or so recorded were shared between Carara NP/ Villa Lapas, Monteverde and La Selva. [C. Am+]



86 Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata crissalis*

One in flight at Finca Mirador de Quetzales was followed by a distant perched bird at Monteverde

87 Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea*

Two were seen at the Pig Farm Road at Monteverde and several more were heard in the highlands. [C. Am+]

88 Short-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas nigrirostris*

About 10 were seen at Selva Verde and La Selva, others were heard at Carara NP. [C. Am+]

89 White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica australis*

About 10 were seen in the lowlands, often from the moving bus

90 Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura turturilla*

A wintering flock of about 30 birds was in a field at Hacienda Solimar

91 Inca Dove *Columbina inca*

About 30 were seen, mostly in the Pacific lowlands. [C. Am+]

92 Common Ground-Dove *Columbina passerina neglecta*

About 40 were recorded at Hacienda Solimar

93 Ruddy Ground-Dove *Columbina talpacoti rufipennis*

Common and widespread in the lowlands and foothills but absent at the highest elevations

94 Blue Ground-Dove *Claravis pretiosa*

A male was on the trail at Carara NP briefly

95 White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi verreauxi*

Small numbers were seen in wooded lowland areas throughout, about 15 were seen in total

96 Gray-chested Dove *Leptotila cassinii rufinucha* and *cerviniventris*

Three at Carara NP and Villa Lapas were followed by one at Selva Verde. [C. Am+]

97 Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon montana montana*

One showed briefly at Carara NP

*PSITTACIDAE*98 Sulphur-winged Parakeet *Pyrrhura hoffmanni hoffmanni*

About 20 were feeding in an orchard at Savegre Mountain Lodge. [EBA 020]

99 Crimson-fronted Parakeet *Aratinga finschi*

After one at Tarcoles about 25 were seen around Selva Verde and La Selva. [C. Am]

100 Olive-throated Parakeet *Aratinga nana astec*

A flock of 15 were in trees at La Selva and several more were seen in flight there. [C. Am]

101 Orange-fronted Parakeet *Aratinga canicularis canicularis*

About 20 showed well at Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am]

102 Scarlet Macaw *Ara macao macao*

About 20 at Carara NP/ Villa Lapas and adjoining areas included a few perched birds, more unusually 12 flew over near Colorado

103 Orange-chinned Parakeet *Brotogeris jugularis jugularis*

Most of the 20 or so recorded were at Selva Verde and La Selva with others at Villa Lapas and Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am+]

104 Brown-hooded Parrot *Pionopsitta haematotis haematotis*

After a couple of flying birds near Selva Verde three showed well in a bare treetop at La Selva

105 White-crowned Parrot *Pionus senilis rubigularis*

Most of the 40 seen were in the Caribbean lowlands after earlier birds at Carara NP and Monteverde. [C. Am]

106 White-fronted Parrot *Amazona albifrons nana*

Four were seen at Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am]

107 Red-Lored Parrot *Amazona autumnalis salvini*

First positively identified at Monteverde but the rest of the 20 or so seen were in the Caribbean lowlands

108 Mealy Parrot *Amazona farinosa virenticeps*

Six were at Carara/ Villa Lapas, one at Monteverde and about 10 in the Caribbean lowlands

109 Yellow-naped Parrot *Amazona auropalliata auropalliata*

Three at Tarcoles preceded 15 at Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am]

*CUCULIDAE*110 Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana thermophila*

The 20 or so seen were at widespread wooded sites in the lowlands and lower foothills

111 Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*

Quite common and widespread at lower elevations

*STRIGIDAE*112 Pacific Screech-Owl *Megascops cooperi cooperi*

A roosting bird showed very well at Hacienda Solimar on one date. [C. Am]

113 Bare-shanked Screech-Owl *Megascops clarkii*

A roosting bird was watched near the Waterfall Trail at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve. (EBA's 020 and 024)

114 Spectacled Owl *Pulsatrix perspicillata saturata*

One gave good scope views in the primary forest at Hacienda Solimar

115 Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum ridgwayi*

Two or three near Villa Lapas were followed by a similar number at Hacienda Solimar, several more were heard. [C. Am+]

116 Black-and-white Owl *Ciccaba nigrolineata*

The usual pair gave great views in the small town park in Orotina

*CAPRIMULGIDAE*117 Short-tailed Nighthawk *Lurocalis semitorquatus noctivagus*

One or two fed over the river at Selve Verde on two evenings

118 Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis littoralis*

About 30 appeared just before dusk at the Rio Tarcoles Bridge and another flew past at Hacienda Solimar

119 Common Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis intercedens*

Calling birds at Monteverde proved elusive but four or five in the primary forest at Hacienda Solimar included one that posed well for the scope

*APODIDAE*120 White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris bouchelli*

About 20 put on a spectacular fly-past at Savegre Mountain Lodge

121 Costa Rican Swift *Chaetura fumosa*

Half a dozen showed rather distantly at Carara NP/ Villa Lapas. [C. Am+]

122 Gray-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris phaeopygos*

About 400 were seen at La Selva and Virgen de Socorro

*TROCHILIDAE*123 Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy coruscus*

Singles were at the Hummingbird Gallery at Monteverde, Vera's Hummingbird Garden and the Helicornia Butterfly Garden

124 Long-tailed Hermit *Phaethornis longirostris cephalus*

Six at Carara NP were the only ones seen

125 Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis saturatus*

Singles were seen at Selve Verde and La Selva

126 Scaly-breasted Hummingbird *Campylopterus curvieri*

About four were noted at Carara NP. [C. Am+]

127 Violet Sabrewing *Campylopterus hemileucurus mellitus*

Half a dozen attended feeders at Monteverde Hummingbird gallery and a few more were at Vera's Hummingbird Garden. [C. Am]

128 White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora mellivora*

After one was briefly at Virgen de Socorro at least three gave prolonged good views near La Selva

129 Brown Violet-ear *Colibri delphinae*

One was over the river at Virgen de Socorro and shortly afterwards another showed well at Vera's Hummingbird Garden

130 Green Violet-ear *Colibri thalassinus cyanotus/ cabanidis*

Quite common at Savegre Mountain Lodge where about 20 gathered and also at the Hummingbird Gallery at Monteverde where about 10 were seen

131 Green-breasted Mango *Anthracoceros prevostii gracilirostris*

One at Tarcoles was followed by four at Hacienda Solimar

132 Violet-headed Hummingbird *Klais guimeti merrittii*

A brief bird at Virgen de Socorro was followed by about six at the Heliconia Butterfly Garden

133 Black-crested Coquette *Lophornis helenae*

Two showed well at the Heliconia Butterfly Garden. [C. Am]

134 Green Thorntail *Discosura conversii*

Males were at Vera's Hummingbird Garden and the Heliconia Butterfly Garden

135 Canivet's Emerald *Chlorostilbon canivetti*

At least one came quite regularly to flowers at the garden at Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am]

136 Violet-crowned Woodnymph *Thalurania colombica venusta*

One was at Virgen de Socorro and another at the Heliconia Butterfly Garden. [C. Am+]

137 Fiery-throated Hummingbird *Panterpe insignis insignis*

At least eight were seen well at Finca Mirador de Quetzales. [EBA 020].

138 Mangrove Hummingbird *Amazilia boucardi*

One was seen briefly during our boat trip at Tarcoles. [E]

139 Steely-vented Hummingbird *Amazilia saucerrottei hoffmanni* C. Am+

Two were at Villa Lapas, one at Monteverde and about six at Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am+]

140 Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl tzacatl*

Half a dozen at Carara/ Villa Lapas and Monteverde were eclipsed by a about 40 in the Caribbean lowlands and foothills

141 Cinnamon Hummingbird *Amazilia rutila corallirostris*

About 10 were noted at Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am]

142 Striped-tailed Hummingbird *Eupherusa eximia*

About six attended feeders at the Hummingbird Gallery at Monteverde. [C. Am]

143 Coppery-headed Emerald *Elvira cupreiceps*

Four or five attended feeders at Monteverde Hummingbird Gallery and a couple more were at Vera's Hummingbird Garden. [E]

144 Snowcap *Microchera albocoronata parvirostris*

Two or three stunning males were a prized find at the Helicornia Butterfly Garden. [C. Am]

145 Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer *Chalybura urochrysis melanorrhoea*

One gave repeated good views near La Selva. Also known as Red-footed Plumeleteer, the subspecies melanorrhoea actually lacks a bronze tail

146 White-bellied Mountain-gem *Lampornis hemileucus*

A female showed quite briefly at Vera's Hummingbird Garden. [EBA 020]

147 Purple-throated Mountain-gem *Lampornis calolaema* ssp

After one at Finca Mirador de Quetzales about 10 gave great views at Monteverde Hummingbird Gallery with a few more in the nearby Cloudforest Preserve. [EBA 020]

148 White-throated Mountain-gem *Lampornis cinereicauda* E

Up to 10 attended feeders at Savegre Mountain Lodge. [EBA 020]

149 Green-crowned Brilliant *Heliodoxa jacula henryi*

Common at the Hummingbird Gallery at Monteverde and at Vera's Hummingbird Garden, both of which held about 20 birds, but not seen elsewhere

150 Magnificent Hummingbird *Eugenes spectabilis*

Only recorded at Finca Mirador de Quetzales and Savegre Mountain Lodge, about 10 were seen. [C. Am]

151 Purple-crowned Fairy *Heliobryx barroti*

Singles were seen briefly at Selve Verde and near La Selva (NL)

152 Plain-capped Starthroat *Heliomaster constantii constantii*

An obliging bird posed for the scope at Hacienda Solimar's Gallery Forest Trail. [C. Am]

153 Magenta-throated Woodstar *Calliphlox bryantae*

Two paid repeated visits to the feeders at Monteverde Hummingbird Gallery. [EBA 020]

154 Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*

Up to 15 attended flowers near the swimming pool at Hacienda Solimar

155 Volcano Hummingbird *Selasphorus flammula torridus*

About six at Finca Mirador de Quetzales were followed by a couple more at Savegre Mountain Lodge. [EBA 020]

156 Scintillant Hummingbird *Selasphorus scintilla*

Three or four at Savegre Mountain Lodge included at least one superb male. [EBA 020]

#### TROGONIDAE

157 Black-headed Trogon *Trogon melanocephalus*

After a couple at Carara/ Villa Lapas at least 14 were found at Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am]

158 Violaceous Trogon *Trogon violaceus concinnus*

Three near Villa Lapas were followed by two at La Selva.

159 Black-throated Trogon *Trogon rufus tenellus*

Two or three were at Selve Verde and a pair at La Selva

160 Slaty-tailed Trogon *Trogon massena hoffmanni*

Five or six were recorded at Selve Verde and La Selva

161 Resplendent Quetzal *Pharomachrus mocinno costaricensis*

At least six at Finca Mirador de Quetzales included two stunning males, a female was found at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve. [C. Am]

#### MOMOTIDAE

162 Blue-crowned Motmot *Momotus momota lessonii*

About 10 were seen around Monteverde after one had been heard at Carara NP

163 Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii semirufus*

One was seen along the road near Tabacon (NL)

164 Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum minor*

One showed several times at Selve Verde Lodge

165 Turquoise-browed Motmot *Eumomota superciliosa australis*

Two were recorded at Carara NP/ Tarcoles and at least three were at Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am]

*ALCEDINIDAE*166 Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*

The 15 or so seen were divided between Carara NP/ Tarcoles, Hacienda Solimar and Selve Verde

167 Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon*

Singles were seen at Hacienda Solimar and Selve Verde

168 Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona*

Five were at Carara NP/ Tarcoles and three at Selve Verde

169 Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana septentrionalis*

The 15 or so seen were divided between Carara NP/ Tarcoles, Hacienda Solimar and Selve Verde

170 American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea aenea*

At least three gave great views during our Tarcoles boat trip after one had been seen earlier at the Carara NP oxbow lake

*BUCCONIDAE*171 White-necked Puffbird *Bucco macrorhynchos hyperrhynchus*

Two showed well along the Gallery Forest Trail at Hacienda Solimar

172 White-whiskered Puffbird *Malacoptila panamensis fuliginosa*

One showed well at Carara NP

*GALBULIDAE*173 Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda melanogenia*

One was with a mixed species flock at La Selva

*RAMPHASTIDAE*174 Red-headed Barbet *Eubucco bourcierii salvini*

A female was feeding on fruit at Vera's Hummingbird Garden

175 Prong-billed Barbet *Semnornis frantzii*

Two or three at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve were followed by a couple more showy individuals at Vera's Hummingbird Garden. [EBA 020]

176 Emerald Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus prasinus caeruleogularis*

Eight were recorded at Monteverde with singles at Virgen de Socorro and Vera's Hummingbird Garden

177 Collared Aracari *Pteroglossus torquatus torquatus*

Eight were recorded at Selve Verde and La Selva

178 Keel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos sulfuratus brevicarinatus*

Most of the 15 noted were at Selve Verde and La Selve after earlier birds at Carara and Monteverde. [C. Am+]

179 Chestnut-mandibled Toucan *Ramphastos swainsonii*

About 25 were seen at Carara/ Tarcoles and in the Caribbean lowlands. [C. Am+]

#### PICIDAE

180 Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus striatipectus*

About six showed well at Savegre Mountain Lodge

181 Black-cheeked Woodpecker *Melanerpes pucherani*

Common in the Caribbean lowlands where about 25 were seen

182 Hoffmann's Woodpecker *Melanerpes hoffmannii*

Common in the Pacific lowlands and foothills where about 35 were recorded. [C. Am]

183 Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Veniliornis fumigatus sanguinolentus*

Three were together at La Selva entrance road

184 Rufous-winged Woodpecker *Piculus simplex*

Two or three were watched near La Selva. [C. Am]

[Cinnamon Woodpecker *Ceelus loricatus diversus*

Heard but not seen at La Selva]

185 Chestnut-colored Woodpecker *Ceelus castaneus*

Three showed well along the La Selva entrance road. [C. Am]

186 Pale-billed Woodpecker *Campephilus guatemalensis guatemalensis*

One or two were seen on two occasions at Villa Lapas with another at Selve Verde (NL). [C. Am]

#### FURNARIIDAE

187 Red-faced Spinetail *Craniolenca erythroptus rufigenis*

Four were noted at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve

188 Spotted Barbtail *Premnoplex brunnescens brunneicauda*

Up to six were found during our day at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve

189 Ruddy Treerunner *Margarornis rubiginosus rubiginosus*

Two were at Finca Mirador de Quetzales and six at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve. [EBA 020]

190 Buffy Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes lawrencii lawrencii*

One was seen at Finca Mirador de Quetzales. [EBA 020]



[Lineated Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla subalaris lineata*  
One was at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve (LO)]

191 Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus ridgwayi* or *littoralis*  
A brief bird at Virgen de Socorro was followed next day by three or more obliging individuals at La Selva

192 Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus sylvioides*  
One was seen briefly at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve

193 Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus sublestus*  
Two were at Carara NP, one at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve and one at Virgen de Socorro

194 Northern Barred Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae sanctithomae*  
One at Hacienda Solimar was followed by four more at Selva Verde and La Selva

195 Cocoa Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus susurrans costaricensis*  
Three were recorded in the Caribbean lowlands

196 Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius punctigula*  
Up to five were recorded at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve

197 Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii compressus*  
The commonest Woodcreeper seen with 15 spread about lowland sites on both coasts and a couple at Monteverde

198 Spot-crowned Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes affinis neglectus*  
About four were found at Finca Mirador de Quetzales

199 Brown-billed Scythebill *Campylorhynchus pusillus borealis*  
One was seen briefly at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve

#### THAMNOPHILIDAE

200 Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus fasciatus*  
All of the six recorded were at La Selva

201 Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus pacificus* and *intermedius*  
Four at Carara NP/ Villa Lapas were followed by two at Hacienda Solimar and four in the Caribbean lowlands

202 Black-hooded Antshrike *Thamnophilus bridgesi*  
About 10 were found at Carara NP and at nearby Villa Lapas. [EBA 021]

203 Slaty Antwren *Myrmotherula schisticolor schisticolor*  
Three were seen at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve

204 Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhopias quixensis virgatus*

About five were found at Carara NP.

205 Dusky Antbird *Cercomacra tyrannina crepera*

Six were at Carara NP and Villa Lapas

[Bare-crowned Antbird *Gymnocichla nudiceps chiroleuca*

Heard but not seen at La Selva. [C. Am+]]

206 Chestnut-backed Antbird *Myrmeciza exsul occidentalis*

Five at Carara NP and Villa Lapas were followed by another five in the Caribbean lowlands

#### RHINOCRYPTIDAE

207 Silvery-fronted Tapaculo *Scytalopus argentifrons argentifrons*

One of several vocal birds gave some very fleeting views at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve, others were heard at Finca Mirador de Quetzales. [EBA 020]

#### TYRANNIDAE

208 Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola*

Two were just west of Selva Verde and one at La Selva

209 Greenish Elaenia *Myiopagis viridicata*

One was at Hacienda Solimar

210 Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster subpagana*

After one at Monteverde a further nine were recorded at Selva Verde and La Selva

211 Mountain Elaenia *Elaenia frantzii*

Three at Savegre Mountain Lodge were followed by three more at Monteverde

212 Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea*

A pair were at Virgen de Socorro and another was at La Paz Waterfall as we returned towards San Jose

213 Olive-striped Flycatcher *Mionectes olivaceus olivaceus*

One recorded at Selva Verde was well outside its usual altitudinal range (NL)

214 Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus dyscolus*

About five were seen in the Caribbean lowlands

215 Paltry Tyrannulet *Zimmerius vilissimus*

One at Carara NP was followed by two singles at Monteverde and four in the Caribbean lowlands. [C. Am+]

216 Northern Scrub Flycatcher *Sublegatus arenarum*

At least two were in mangroves at Colorado Salinas

217 Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant *Myiornis atricapillus*

One was seen at La Selva

218 Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus luteiventris*

A noisy bird gave a couple of decent views at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve

219 Northern Bentbill *Oncostoma cinereigulare*

One or two at Villa Lapas were followed by another on the Gallery Forest Trail at Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am]

220 Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus sylvia*

One showed well along the Gallery Forest Trail at Hacienda Solimar

221 Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum nigriceps*

One was heard and seen briefly at La Selva

222 Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*

Three were recorded at Carara NP/ Villa Lapas, four at Hacienda Solimar and seven in the Caribbean lowlands

223 Eye-ringed Flatbill *Rhynchocyclus brevirostris*

At least three were seen during our two visits to Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve

224 Yellow-olive Flycatcher *Tolmomyias sulphureus cinereiceps*

Four at Hacienda Solimar were followed by two at Virgen de Socorro

225 White-throated Spadebill *Platyrinchus mystaceus*

Two were seen at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve

226 Tufted Flycatcher *Mitrephanes phaeocercus aurantiiventris*

One was watched at Virgen de Socorro

227 Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus rhizophorus* and *brachytarsus*

One was at Hacienda Solimar and eight in the Caribbean lowlands and foothills

[Empidonax Flycatcher species

Two singles at Carara NP/ Villa Lapas and one at Hacienda Solimar defied specific identification but were probably either Acadian *E. virescens*, Alder *E. alnorum* or Willow Flycatchers *E. traillii*]

228 Yellowish Flycatcher *Empidonax flavescens flavescens*

One at Finca Mirador de Quetzales was followed by four at Monteverde. [C. Am]

229 Black-capped Flycatcher *Empidonax atriceps*

Only seen at Finca Mirador de Quetzales where it was fairly common with up to three around the car park and a few more along the forest trail. [EBA 020]

230 Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans amnicola*

Two at the Hotel Montana in Monteverde were followed by three more at Selve Verde and Virgen de Socorro

231 Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus leuconota*

Three showed well at and near La Selva

232 Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus*

After one at Hacienda Solimar one or two were seen most days in the Caribbean lowlands, mainly at Selve Verde Lodge

233 Rufous Mourner *Rhytipterna holerythra holerythra*

Singles were found at La Selva and Selve Verde

234 Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer connectens*

One was identified at Hacienda Solimar and two in the Caribbean lowlands

235 Panama Flycatcher *Myiarchus panamensis actiosus*

Two were seen briefly during our boat trip at Tarcoles with another was similarly brief at Colorado Salinas. [C. Am+]

236 Great Crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus crinitus*

The seven identified after the first at Rio Garita Reservoir were spread about the lowlands near Villa Lapas, Hacienda Solimar and Selve Verde

237 Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus brachyurus*

Singles were identified at Villa Lapas and Hacienda Solimar

238 Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus guatemalensis*

Common and widespread away from the highest elevations visited

239 Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarhynchus pitangua mexicanus*

About 15 were seen after the first at Rio Garita Reservoir, all were in the lowlands and on both sides of the country

240 Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis texensis* and *columbianus*

Common and widespread away from the highest elevations, over 40 were identified and many of the other unidentified yellow-bellied flycatchers seen will have been this species

241 Gray-capped Flycatcher *Myiozetetes granadensis granadensis*

Six in the Carara NP/ Villa Lapas area were followed by twice that number in the Caribbean lowlands

242 Golden-bellied Flycatcher *Myiodynastes hemichrysus*

Two were along wires at Virgen de Socorro. [EBA 020]

243 Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus insolens*

Singles were near Villa Lapas, at Monteverde and near Selve Verde

244 Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaius leucophaius* or *variegatus*

One was seen along the farm road just east of Selve Verde

245 Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus satrapa*

Very common and widespread away from the highest elevations and dense forest

246 Scissor-tailed Tyrant *Tyrannus forficatus*

One gave scope views near the Gallery Forest Trail at Hacienda Solimar

*INCERTAE SEDIS* (Incl. *TITYRIDAE* etc)

247 Barred Becard *Pachyramphus versicolor costaricensis*

A female at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve was followed by a male at Virgen de Socorro

248 Cinnamon Becard *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus fulvidior*

Five were seen in the Caribbean lowlands

249 White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus similis*

One was in the primary forest at Hacienda Solimar

250 Rose-throated Becard *Pachyramphus aglaiae latirostris*

About 20 were recorded on the eastern side of the country, mainly in the lowlands but with a couple at Monteverde. [C. Am+]

251 Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata costaricensis*

Two were at Villa Lapas, two at Monteverde and 10 at Selve Verde and La Selve

252 Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor fraserii*

One was noted at Carara NP (NL)

*COTINGIDAE*

253 Snowy Cotinga *Carpodectes nitidus*

At least three were seen at La Selva. [C. Am]

*PIPRIDAE*

254 White-collared Manakin *Manacus (manacus) candei* C. Am

In total about 10 were recorded at La Selve and Selve Verde

255 Orange-collared Manakin *Manacus (manacus) aurantiacus*

A lek near Villa Lapas contained about eight birds. [EBA 021]

256 Long-tailed Manakin *Chiroxiphia linearis fastuosa* C. Am

Five, including three adult males, were recorded at various sites at Hacienda Solimar

257 Red-capped Manakin *Pipra mentalis ignifera*

A male gave great views at a drinking pool at Carara NP, some of the female Manakins at the same place were probably this species

#### VIREONIDAE

258 Mangrove Vireo *Vireo pallens pallens* or *nicoyensis*

A noisy individual gave some brief views during our boat trip at Tarcoles. [C. Am]

259 Yellow-throated Vireo *Vireo flavifrons*

Singles were at Carara NP, Monteverde, Hacienda Solimar and Virgen de Socorro

260 Yellow-winged Vireo *Vireo carmioli*

One was seen at Savegre Mountain Lodge. [EBA 020]

261 Philadelphia Vireo *Vireo philadelphicus*

Two at Carara NP were followed by singles at Monteverde, Hacienda Solimar and Selva Verde

262 Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus olivaceus*

One at Hacienda Solimar was the only record

263 Lesser Greenlet *Hylophilus decurtatus decurtatus*

After four at Hacienda Solimar a further 20 were found in the Caribbean lowlands and foothills

#### CORVIDAE

264 White-throated Magpie-Jay *Calocitta formosa pompata*

Three on the road below Monteverde were followed by regular encounters with up to four birds near the lodge at Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am]

265 Brown Jay *Cyanocorax morio mexicanus*

Up to 10 in the Carara NP/ Villa Lapas area were followed by another 20 around Monteverde.

#### HIRUNDINIDAE

266 Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea chalybea*

Occasional ones and twos were seen at a range of lowland sites in the west with about 20 recorded in total

267 Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*

At least two were with a large group of other hirundines at Rio Garita Reservoir

268 Mangrove Swallow *Tachycineta albilinea*

Fairly common in the Tarcoles area. [C. Am+]

269 Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca cyanoleuca*

Common at higher elevations but absent in the lowlands

270 Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*

About 50 were seen at Rio Garita Reservoir and around Tarcoles with a further 30 in the Caribbean lowlands

271 Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis decolor*

Half a dozen were seen in the Caribbean lowlands

272 Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica erythrogaster*

After the first at Rio Garita Reservoir dozens were recorded at Tarcoles/ Carara and even more at Hacienda Solimar

#### TROGLODYTIDAE

273 Band-backed Wren *Campylorhynchus zonatus costaricensis*

A total of eight were seen at Selve Verde and La Selva

274 Rufous-naped Wren *Campylorhynchus rufinucha capistratus* and *nicoyae*

After six at Carara NP, Tarcoles and Villa Lapas a further 15 or so were seen at Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am]

275 Bay Wren *Thryothorus nigricapillus castaneus*

Small numbers were regularly seen in the grounds of Selve Verde Lodge with another at La Selva. [C. Am]

[Rufous-breasted Wren *Thryothorus rutilus*

One was at Villa Lapas (LO)]

276 Rufous-and-white Wren *Thryothorus rufalbus castanonotus*

Four were recorded at Villa Lapas (NL). [C. Am]

277 Banded Wren *Thryothorus pleurostictus rarus*

One showed quite briefly at Finca Pavones, Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am]

278 Plain Wren *Thryothorus modestus zeledoni*

Two or three were along the farm road just east of Selve Verde. [C. Am]

279 House Wren *Troglodytes aedon intermedius*

A nesting pair at Villa Lapas were followed by six at Monteverde and two in the Caribbean lowlands

280 Ochraceous Wren *Troglodytes ochraceus ochraceus*

Three singles were recorded at Monteverde [EBA's 020 and 024]

281 White-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorbina leucosticta costaricensis*

About five were seen in the grounds of the lodge at Selve Verde

282 Gray-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorbina leucophrys collina*

Up to six at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve were followed by a couple more at Virgen de Socorro

#### CINCLIDAE

283 American Dipper *Cinclus mexicanus ardesiacus*

One at a stream in Monteverde was followed by at least four along the river at Virgen de Socorro

#### SYLVIIDAE

284 Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus panamensis*

One was watched along the trails at Villa Lapas. [C. Am]

285 Tropical Gnatcatcher *Poliophtila plumbea superciliaris*

Apart from two at Selve Verde the remaining 20 seen were at Hacienda Solimar; not all allowed close scrutiny or were heard and some may have been White-lored Gnatcatchers *P. albiloris* in non-breeding plumage

#### TURDIDAE

286 Black-faced Solitaire *Myadestes melanops*

One was seen briefly at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve. [EBA 020]

287 Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus g. gracilirostris*

Up to six showed well at Finca Mirador de Quetzales. [C. Am]

288 Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus fuscater bellmayri*

Two were watched at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve

289 Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus* ssp

Three or four at Villa Lapas preceded one at Selve Verde

290 Wood Thrush *Hylocichla mustelina*

A couple at Villa Lapas preceded up to eight in the Caribbean lowlands, mainly in the grounds of Selve Verde Lodge

291 Sooty Thrush *Turdus nigrescens*

Only seen at Finca Mirador de Quetzales where about six were noted. [EBA 020]

292 Mountain Thrush *Turdus plebejus plebejus*

Up to 10 were around Finca Mirador de Quetzales with a couple more at Monteverde. [C. Am]

293 Clay-colored Thrush *Turdus grayi casius*

Common and widespread away from the highest elevations south of San Jose. This is the national bird of Costa Rica after Guatemala beat them to Resplendent Quetzal! [C. Am+]



294 White-throated Thrush *Turdus assimilis cnephosus*

One was seen several times in the grounds of Hotel Montana at Monteverde

#### MIMIDAE

295 Gray Catbird *Dumetella carolinensis*

One was along the entrance road to La Selva

#### PTILOGONATIDAE

296 Black-and-yellow Silky-Flycatcher *Phainoptila melanoxantha melanoxantha*

One was seen at Finca Mirador de Quetzales. [EBA 020]

#### PARULIDAE

297 Golden-winged Warbler *Vermivora chrysoptera*

One was at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve, another at Virgen de Socorro and two at La Selva

298 Tennessee Warbler *Vermivora peregrina*

After a couple at Villa Lapas and Carara NP at least 15 were seen at Monteverde and two more at Hacienda Solimar

299 Flame-throated Warbler *Parula gutturalis*

Two showed well at Finca Mirador de Quetzales. [EBA 020]

300 Northern Parula *Parula americana*

One in the primary forest at Hacienda Solimar was a good find

301 Tropical Parula *Parula pitiayumi speciosa*

Up to 10 were seen at Virgen de Socorro

302 Yellow Warbler *Dendroica petechia*

Migrants of the *aestiva* group were seen quite regularly throughout with about 40 noted. Resident birds of the *erithachorides* group (so-called Mangrove Warbler) were seen at Tarcoles (1) and Colorado Salinas (c10). Some authors regard members of these two groups as separate species but this does not yet have the support of the American Ornithologists Union

303 Chestnut-sided Warbler *Dendroica pensylvanica*

The commonest wintering Warbler seen with several daily in lowland regions, especially on the Caribbean side of the country, but very few, if any, at higher elevations, about 50 were seen in total

304 Black-throated Green Warbler *Dendroica virens virens*

Two or three were in the grounds of the Hotel Montana in Monteverde

305 Blackburnian Warbler *Dendroica fusca*

Two were seen at Virgen de Socorro

306 Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*

Four were at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve, two at Hacienda Solimar and four at Virgen de Socorro

307 Prothonotary Warbler *Protonotaria citrea*

Three at Carara NP were followed by three more at Hacienda Solimar and Colorado Salinas

308 Northern Waterthrush *Seiurus noveboracensis*

About 25 were seen at widespread lowland sites

309 Olive-crowned Yellowthroat *Geothlypis semiflava*

One was near the bridge at Virgen de Socorro

310 Wilson's Warbler *Wilsonia pusilla*

Fairly common at Finca Mirador de Quetzales and nearby Savegre Mountain Lodge with a couple more at Monteverde

311 Slate-throated Redstart *Myioborus miniatus comptus* and *comptus*

One at Finca Mirador de Quetzales was followed by about 12 at Monteverde and two at Virgen de Socorro

312 Collared Redstart *Myioborus torquatus*

Two rather fleeting birds were seen at Finca Mirador de Quetzales. [EBA 020]

313 Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus culicivorus*

Four were found at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve

314 Rufous-capped Warbler *Basileuterus rufifrons delatarii*

One near Villa Lapas was followed by four more at Monteverde and one at Hacienda Solimar

315 Black-cheeked Warbler *Basileuterus melanogenys melanogenys*

One was seen at Finca Mirador de Quetzales [EBA 020]

316 Three-striped Warbler *Basileuterus tristriatus melanotis* or *chitrensis*

Up to 20 were noted at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve

317 Buff-rumped Warbler *Phaeothlypis fulvicauda leucopygia*

Two at Villa Lapas were followed by two more at Selve Verde

#### *INCERTAE SEDIS* (formerly *COEREBIDAE*)

318 Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola mexicana*

Four at Monteverde were followed by a further dozen in the Caribbean lowlands and foothills

#### *THRAUPIDAE*

319 Common Bush-Tanager *Chlorospingus ophthalmicus regionalis*

Fairly common at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve with others at Virgen de Socorro and Vera's Hummingbird Garden

320 Sooty-capped Bush-Tanager *Chlorospingus pileatus pileatus*

Common at Finca Mirador de Quetzales where about 20 were seen. [EBA 020]

321 White-shouldered Tanager *Tachyphonus luctuosus axillaris*

Three or four were near Tabacon

322 Red-throated Ant-Tanager *Habia fuscicauda fuscicauda*

Four or five were seen occasionally in the grounds of Selve Verde Lodge with a couple more at La Selva. [C. Am]

323 Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra rubra*

About 30 were seen at widespread lowland and foothill locations

324 Flame-colored Tanager *Piranga bidentata citrea*

At least eight showed very well at Finca Mirador de Quetzales

325 Passerini's Tanager *Ramphocelus passerinii*

Common in the Caribbean lowlands around Selve Verde and La Selva. [EBA 019]

326 Cherrie's Tanager *Ramphocelus costaricensis*

A couple were recorded at Carara NP. (EBA 021)

327 Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus cana*

Common and widespread with about 60 seen in total

328 Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum atripennis*

Similar in distribution and numbers to the last species though slightly less common overall

329 Plain-colored Tanager *Tangara inornata rava*

One or two were at La Selva. [C. Am+]

330 Emerald Tanager *Tangara florida florida*

Two were seen quite briefly at Virgen de Socorro

331 Silver-throated Tanager *Tangara icterocephala frantzii*

A couple at Virgen de Socorro were eclipsed by about 30 on feeders at Vera's Hummingbird Garden

332 Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola bangsi*

A couple at Carara NP were followed by about 10 at Virgen de Socorro

333 Golden hooded Tanager *Tangara larvata centralis* and *franciscæ*

Three at Villa Lapas were followed by about a dozen in the Caribbean lowlands

334 Spangle-cheeked Tanager *Tangara dowii*

About 30, in two flocks, were seen at Finca Mirador de Quetzales. [EBA 020]

335 Scarlet-thighed Dacnis *Dacnis venusta venusta*

A male was near La Selva

336 Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana callaina*

One was at Villa Lapas and six were found in the Caribbean lowlands

337 Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza arguta*

Six were seen at Selve Verde and La Selva

338 Shining Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes lucidus isthmicus*

About 10 were at Selve Verde and La Selva. [C. Am+]

339 Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyanens carneipes*

Eight at Carara NP/ Villa Lapas were followed by about 20 in the Caribbean lowlands

#### EMBERIZIDAE

340 Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina splendens*

About 30 at Hacienda Solimar were followed by another dozen in the Caribbean lowlands

341 Variable Seedeater *Sporophila corvina corvina* and *hoffmannii*

Fifteen at Hacienda Solimar were followed by dozens in the Caribbean lowlands and two at Virgen de Socorro

342 Yellow-faced Grassquit *Tiaris olivacea pusillus*

Up to 10 fed on the lawns of Hotel Montana in Monteverde with others nearby and two at Vera's Hummingbird Garden

343 Slaty Flowerpiercer *Diglossa plumbea plumbea*

At least 10 were at Finca Mirador de Quetzales. [EBA 020]

344 Sooty-faced Finch *Lysurus crassirostris*

One was seen briefly at Virgen de Socorro (NL). [EBA's 020 and 024]

345 Yellow-thighed Finch *Pselliophorus tibialis*

One was seen at Finca Mirador de Quetzales. [EBA 020]

346 White-naped Brush-finch *Atlapetes albinucha gutturalis*

One showed well near the car park at Monteverde Cloudforest Preserve

347 Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris rufidorsalis*

Fairly common in the grounds of Selve Verde Lodge where several were seen each day

348 Olive Sparrow *Arremonops rufivirgatus superciliosus*

Two or three were seen at the Gallery Forest Trail at Hacienda Solimar

349 Black-striped Sparrow *Arremonops conirostris richmondi*

A couple were along the entrance road to La Selva

350 White-eared Ground-Sparrow *Melospiza leucotis leucotis*

One showed well at the Pig Farm Road in Monteverde. [C. Am]

351 Stripe-headed Sparrow *Aimophila ruficauda ruficauda*

Up to six were seen at Estero Madrigal, Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am]

352 Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis costaricensis*

Small numbers were found at Hotel San Gildar in San Jose, Finca Mirador de Quetzales, Hotel Montana at Monteverde and at Vera's Hummingbird Garden

#### CARDINALIDAE

353 Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus magnoides*

About 15 were seen in the Caribbean lowlands

354 Black-headed Saltator *Saltator atriceps atriceps* and *laterosus*

Two near Tabacon were followed by two more at La Selva. [C. Am]

355 Black-thighed Grosbeak *Pheucticus tibialis*

One was watched at La Selva, an unusually low elevation for this species [EBA 020]

356 Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus*

At least six were along the Pig Farm Road at Monteverde

357 Blue-black Grosbeak *Cyanocompsa cyanooides*

Two were along the farm road just east of Selva Verde

358 Painted Bunting *Passerina ciris pallidior*

Two or three showed briefly near the Gallery Forest Trail at Hacienda Solimar

#### ICTERIDAE

359 Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus grinnelli*

Half a dozen were seen in the Tarcoles area over two dates

360 Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna subulata*

Two were along the roadside as we drove through the outskirts of San Jose on day 1

361 Melodious Blackbird *Dives dives*

A noisy individual was at Tarcoles and a couple more were seen at Monteverde and La Selva. [C. Am]

362 Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus peruvianus*

Very common and widespread

363 Bronzed Cowbird *Molothrus aeneus aeneus*

About 15 associated with cattle along the Pig Farm Road at Monteverde. [C. Am+]

364 Black-cowled Oriole *Icterus dominicensis*

After the first near Tabacon a further 10 or so were found in the Caribbean lowlands. [C. Am]

365 Yellow-tailed Oriole *Icterus mesomelas salvinii*

One was at La Selva

366 Streak-backed Oriole *Icterus pustulatus sclateri*

Six or so were seen at Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am]

367 Spot-breasted Oriole *Icterus pectoralis espinachi*

Up to eight were recorded at Hacienda Solimar. [C. Am+]

368 Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula*

The 30 recorded were at very widespread localities

369 Chestnut-headed Oropendola *Psarocolius wagleri ridgwayi*

Five were noted at Selve Verde and La Selva

370 Montezuma Oropendola *Psarocolius montezuma*

Quite common and widespread away from the highest elevations, especially common in the Caribbean lowlands. [C. Am]

#### FRINGILLIDAE

371 Yellow-crowned Euphonia *Euphonia luteicapilla*

A couple were at Carara NP and two singles in the Caribbean lowlands. [C. Am]

372 Yellow-throated Euphonia *Euphonia birundinacea gnatho*

Up to eight were in and around Carara NP. [C. Am]

373 Olive-backed Euphonia *Euphonia gouldi praetermissa*

Quite common in the Caribbean lowlands, especially at Selve Verde, about 20 were seen in total. [C. Am]

374 Golden-browed Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia callophrys* Hi

One or two showed quite briefly at Finca Mirador de Quetzales. [EBA 020]

#### PASSERIDAE

[House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (Introduced)]

A couple at Muelle were followed by a couple more at San Jose Airport]

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## MAMMALS

Species order and nomenclature follows Fiona Reid's A Field Guide to the Mammals of Central America and Southeast Mexico (OUP) 1997

Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth *Choloepus hoffmanni*

One was in the little park at the town square in Orotina

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus variegatus*

One showed well at the top of the Pig Farm Road at Monteverde

Nine-banded Armadillo *Dasyops novemcinctus*

One was seen on several occasions in the grounds of Selve Verde Lodge

Tent-making Bat species *Uroderma* sp

One was roosting under palms at Villa Lapas

Bat species

Small- and medium-sized Bats were frequently seen

White-faced Capuchin *Cebus capuchinus*

Two were seen at Villa Lapas

Mantled Howler Monkey *Alouatta palliata*

About 40 were seen after the first at Monteverde with many others heard throughout

Variegated Squirrel *Sciurus variegatoides*

One at Orotina town park was followed by another 30 or so at widespread sites

Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis*

Only recorded on the Caribbean slope at Selva Verde and La Selva where about 10 were seen

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*

Four at Carara NP were followed by one at Monteverde

Northern Raccoon *Procyon lotor*

Singles were seen in the mangroves at Tarcoles and several times around Selve Verde

White-nosed Coati *Nasua narica*

One at Villa Lapas was followed by a further 15 or so at widespread localities, often along roadsides

[Ocelot *Leopardus pardalis*

Pug marks seen at Villa Lapas probably belonged to this species]

Neotropical River Otter *Lutra longicaudis*

Singles were seen on two occasions at Selva Verde

Collared Peccary *Tayassu tajacu*

A couple at Carara NP were followed by about five at La Selva

## SELECTED OTHER FAUNA

### REPTILES

American Crocodile *Crocodyles acutes*

At least 20 were under the road bridge over the Rio Tarcoles (some very large) with others on the nearby estuary and a couple more at Hacienda Solimar

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*

Quite common and widespread with dozens seen at lower elevations, a large gathering at Muelle was memorable, the adjacent café being named in their honour

Striped Basilisk *Basiliscus vittatus*

Seen several times at Villa Lapas, including some running across the water in characteristic 'Jesus Christ Lizard' fashion; also at Selva Verde

Snake species

An unidentified green snake was on the road east of Tabacon

Various Lizards, Skinks and Geckos were seen but not specifically identified

### AMPHIBIANS AND INVERTEBRATES

Amphibians were represented by some striking Poison Dart Frogs (*Dendrobates* sp.) at Selva Verde

Amongst the numerous Butterflies seen, dramatic Blue Morphos were recorded at several wooded sites and Owl Butterflies were at Hacienda Solimar. Other invertebrates noted included several encounters with Leaf-cutter Ants and Bullet Ants were found at La Selva