



Customized Birding Tour in Guatemala: 8-16 May 2009

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SUMMARY

Claudia and Knut of Cayaya Birding organized a nine day custom tour that provided an excellent cross-section of the country. While my goal was to see some of the birds that have eluded me in previous visits to Guatemala and southern Mexico (and others that I just like to see over and over again!), my friend Rich is a novice birder who wanted to have a sampling of tropical birdlife. We started on the Pacific slope (Finca Los Tarrales, Cerro Tecpán), then headed north to the cloud forest (Chelemhá Reserve, Biotopo del Quetzal), foothills (Hun Nal Ye Reserve), and finally, the drier forest of Tikal National Park.

Highlights included close and prolonged looks at Hook-billed Kite, Great Curassow, and Orange-breasted Falcon (the latter with two chicks at its eyrie on Temple IV) at Tikal; a spectacular array of colorful and animated toucans, motmots, oropendolas, jays, trogons, parrots, tanagers, manakins, and orioles; and a very cooperative Hooded Grosbeak near Tecpán that rewarded us with eye-level scope views after keeping us waiting for two hours! Hummingbirds were also a major attraction, with twenty species seen; including leks of Wine-throated and both hermits.

Knut was an outstanding guide, as on my previous tour. His knowledge of the birds is encyclopedic, and his sharp eyes and perseverance were greatly appreciated. We also had the pleasure of being escorted nearly everywhere by the tourism police – a national

service provided free of charge to ensure the safety of tourists. In summary, an outstanding experience for novice and veteran birders alike.

270 Total Species (48 heard only).

ITINERAY

Day 1, May 8: Arrival in Guatemala City, Cerro Alux (afternoon), evening in Los Tarrales Reserve.

Day 2, May 9: Los Tarrales Reserve (morning), Cerro Tecpán (afternoon), evening in Guatemala City (Hotel Best Western).

Day 3, May 10: Drive to Chelemhá (morning stop in Motagua Valley), evening in Chelemhá lodge.

Day 4, May 11: Chelemhá Reserve.

Day 5, May 12: Chelemhá lodge (morning), Biotopo del Quetzal (afternoon), evening in Hun Nal Ye lodge.

Day 6, May 13: Hun Nal Ye Reserve.

Day 7, May 14: Hun Nal Ye lodge (morning), drive to Tikal (stop at wetland near Las Pozas), evening in Tikal National Park (Jaguar Inn).

Day 8, May 15: Tikal National Park.

Day 9, May 16: Departure from Flores.

BIRDING SITES

Biotopo del Quetzal: A brief afternoon stop in a private reserve produced brief looks at Emerald Toucanet, Unicolored Jay and Slate-throated Redstart; but little else.

Cerro Alux: A small reserve near Guatemala City that protects a nice patch of mature high elevation (2200 m) pine-oak forest. There are several well-maintained trails through the forest, as well as clearings with restrooms and picnic facilities. Unfortunately, we arrived on a Friday afternoon, when the picnic area was full of happy (and noisy) people, and had to content ourselves with looking at a few Eastern Bluebirds, Rufous-collared Sparrows, and Rufous-collared Robins. Time did not permit further exploration. A lunch stop at the nearby Swiss restaurant produced numerous hummingbirds; including Rufous Sabrewing, Green Violetear, Blue-tailed, White-eared, Azure-crowned, and Magnificent.

Cerro Tecpan: A high elevation (2100+ m) pine-oak forest east of Lake Atitlán, part of which is easily accessed near a roadside restaurant, where we ate during a driving hailstorm! We also visited a site Knut recently discovered which had some seeding thistles, thus affording an outstanding look at Black-capped Siskin; as well as Steller's Jays, Rufous-collared Robins, White-naped Brush-Finches, and a gorgeous Hooded Grosbeak (see summary). Our main target at the former spot was Pink-headed Warbler, which was cooperative, although our birding was hampered by the cold and damp conditions following the passage of a brutal cold front.

Chelemhá Lodge: A small and cozy (no electricity) lodge perched on a steep slope below pristine cloud forest at an elevation of 2000-2500 m. While the star attraction is the large number of nesting Resplendent Quetzals, we were not well rewarded, seeing just a single male flying above the ridge on the day we arrived. However, that was enough to stir the senses! We were more than compensated by the nesting Blue-throated Motmots at the lodge, and particularly by the antics of the hordes of Garnet-throated, Amethyst-throated, Magnificent, and White-eared Hummingbirds, and

Green-throated Mountain-gems that constantly fought over the feeders; while a single female Slender Sheartail on the first afternoon was tantalizing. Birding inside the forest was more challenging, where we were serenaded by Black and Mountain Robins, Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrushes, Brown-backed and Slate-colored Solitaires, Mountain Trogons, Rufous-browed Wrens, Gray-breasted Wood-Wrens, and Slate-throated Redstarts on each hike; but the dense growth of ferns, vines and epiphytes only permitted occasional glimpses of the singers. The notable exception was a cooperative pair of Blue-crowned Chlorophonias that rewarded us the first afternoon. It rained in quantity each evening, significantly limiting our opportunities for owling (we neither saw nor heard any), and making the trails extremely slippery. Nonetheless, a morning hike to the top of the ridge rewarded Knut and me (Rich was feeling the effects of the high altitude and long days) with outstanding looks at displaying Wine-throated Hummingbirds, as well as three fly-by Barred Parakeets (which I initially mistook for White-collared Swifts due to their long pointed wings). This was a magical place despite the rain, mud and paucity of Quetzals!

Los Tarrales Reserve: A large ornamental plant and coffee plantation on the southern slope of the Atitlán volcano. This is one of the prime ecotourism destinations in the region, with very comfortable accommodations in several newly renovated buildings and excellent trails through forest ranging in elevation from 760-2500 m. Some of the lower trails have interpretive signs that identify the plant species, and are home to a wide variety of lowland and mid-elevation birds; including regional endemics such as White-bellied Chachalaca, Pacific Parakeet, and Long-tailed Manakin. We encountered two of the latter who seemed ready to perform their whimsical dance almost directly above the road, but apparently decided to seek a more concealed location for that activity. We were also entertained by trios of Rufous-naped Wrens and Collared Aracari near the office, an adorable Common Tody-Flycatcher wagging and fanning his tiny tail, and an eye-level perched Crested Guan at the Manakin spot. Time did not permit an excursion

to the higher slopes, but we were told that Horned Guan and Azure-rumped Tanager had been seen in previous days.

Hun Nal Ye Lodge: A new ecotourist lodge in the foothills (500 m) a short distance north of Cobán. They were still having some teething problems (intermittent electricity and hot water), but the birding was excellent. We explored several trails inside the forest, but the edges and pastures produced the best birding, where we had outstanding looks at Keel-billed Toucans, Chestnut-colored Woodpecker, Ringed Kingfishers, Crimson-collared Tanagers, Red-capped and White-collared Manakins, and a few jumping Blue-black Grassquits. A colony of Montezuma Oropendolas and its attendant Giant Cowbirds was thoroughly enjoyable, much more so than the Nightingale Wren we pursued inside the forest, which teased us with his fluty song and afforded a mere glimpse after getting close to inspect a small speaker placed a few meters from us.

Motagua Valley: We made a brief early morning stop at a roadside facility by a river while enroute to Chelemhá. The sun had just risen, stirring the insect life, which resulted in a flurry of flycatching behavior by Turquoise-browed and Russet-crowned Motmots, Golden-fronted Woodpeckers, Altamira and Streak-backed Orioles, and Great Kiskadee.

Tikal National Park: The highlight of the trip without a doubt! We were greeted by a close pair of Red-lored Parrots in the trees above the Jaguar Inn the first afternoon, and a Vermiculated Screech-Owl that responded nicely to a recording, several gobbling Ocellated Turkeys, and a Roadside Hawk having a snake for breakfast early the following morning along the road that used to be the old airstrip. A mid-morning walk through the ruins rewarded us with the incredible sight of a male Great Curassow and a Coatimundi trailing a group of Spider Monkeys to feast on their discarded fruit just a few meters from us – probably my personal highlight. A few minutes later we climbed the steep ladders to the top of Temple IV, Knut having received permission to view the Orange-breasted Falcon eyrie nearly 70 meters above the ground.

The hen graciously permitted our presence, briefly flying off her perch to harass a passing Turkey Vulture, then departing about thirty minutes later to seek a meal for her two chicks (and no doubt give the tardy tiercel a thorough scolding for making her leave the chicks unattended) which gave Knut his best opportunity to photograph them. While atop Temple IV we were also treated to a soaring pair of Hook-billed Kites, and several Plumbeous Kite nests in large epiphytes. The experience of a lifetime! Other notable sightings included groups of Black-headed Trogons plus smaller numbers of Violaceous and Slaty-tailed Trogons among the ruins, a nice assortment of parrots (Red-lored, White-fronted, White-crowned, Mealy, and Olive-throated Parakeet), and a perched Hook-billed Kite on the airstrip road while we searched in vain for a Pheasant Cuckoo. What a perfect reason to return!

SPECIES LIST

TINAMIDAE

1. Great Tinamou *Tinamus major* (H)
2. Thicket Tinamou *Crypturellus cinnamomeus* (H)

ANATIDAE

3. Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*
4. Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata*

CRACIDAE

5. Plain Chachalaca *Ortalis vetula*
6. White-bellied Chachalaca *Ortalis leucogastra*
7. Crested Guan *Penelope purpurascens*
8. Highland Guan *Penelopina nigra*
9. Great Curassow *Crax rubra*

PHASIANIDAE

10. Ocellated Turkey *Meleagris ocellata*

ODONTOPHORIDAE

11. Buffy-crowned Wood-Partridge *Dendrortyx leucophrys* (H)
12. Crested Bobwhite *Colinus cristatus* (H)

PHALACROCORACIDAE

13. Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

ARDEIDAE

14. Bare-throated Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma mexicanum*
15. Great Egret *Ardea alba*
16. Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*
17. Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*
18. Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*
19. Green Heron *Butorides virescens*

CATHARTIDAE

20. Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*
21. Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

ACCIPITRIDAE

22. Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*
23. Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus*
24. Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea*
25. Roadside Hawk *Buteo magnirostris*
26. Gray Hawk *Buteo nitidus*

FALCONIDAE

27. Orange-breasted Falcon *Falco deiroleucus*

RALLIDAE

28. Ruddy Crake *Laterallus ruber* (H)
29. Gray-necked Wood-Rail *Aramides cajanea*

SCOLOPACIDAE

30. Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*

COLUMBIDAE

31. Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*
32. Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*
33. Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa*
34. Red-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas flavirostris*
35. Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata*
36. Short-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas nigrirostris* (H)
37. White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica* (H)
38. Inca Dove *Columbina inca*
39. Common Ground-Dove *Columbina passerina*
40. Plain-breasted Ground-Dove *Columbina minuta*
41. Ruddy Ground-Dove *Columbina talpacoti*
42. Blue Ground-Dove *Claravis pretiosa* (H)
43. White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*
44. White-faced Quail-Dove *Geotrygon albigacies* (H)
45. Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon montana* (H)

PSITTACIDAE

46. Pacific Parakeet *Aratinga strenua*
47. Olive-throated Parakeet *Aratinga nana*
48. Orange-fronted Parakeet *Aratinga canicularis*

49. Barred Parakeet *Bolborhynchus lineola*
50. Orange-chinned Parakeet *Brotogeris jugularis*
51. Brown-hooded Parrot *Pyrilia haematotis*
52. White-crowned Parrot *Pionus senilis*
53. White-fronted Parrot *Amazona albifrons*
54. Red-lored Parrot *Amazona autumnalis*
55. Mealy Parrot *Amazona farinosa* (H)

CUCULIDAE

56. Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*
57. Yellow-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus americanus*
58. Pheasant Cuckoo *Dromococcyx phasianellus* (H)
59. Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*

STRIGIDAE

60. Vermiculated Screech-Owl *Megascops guatemalae*
61. Mottled Owl *Ciccaba virgata* (H)

CAPRIMULGIDAE

62. Common Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*
63. Yucatan Poorwill *Nyctiphrynus yucatanicus* (H)
64. Whip-poor-will *Caprimulgus vociferus*

NYCTIBIIDAE

65. Northern Potoo *Nyctibius jamaicensis* (H)

APODIDAE

66. Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila*
67. White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonoris*
68. Vaux's Swift *Chaetura vauxi*

TROCHILIDAE

69. Long-billed Hermit *Phaethornis longirostris*
70. Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis*
71. Scaly-breasted Hummingbird *Phaeochroa cuvierii*
72. Rufous Sabrewing *Campylopterus rufus*
73. Violet Sabrewing *Campylopterus hemileucurus*
74. Green Violetear *Colibri thalassinus*
75. Canivet's Emerald *Chlorostilbon canivetii*
76. White-eared Hummingbird *Hylocharis leucotis*
77. White-bellied Emerald *Amazilia candida*
78. Azure-crowned Hummingbird *Amazilia cyanocephala*
79. Blue-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia cyanura*
80. Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl*
81. Cinnamon Hummingbird *Amazilia rutila*
82. Green-throated Mountain-gem *Lampornis viridipallens*
83. Amethyst-throated Hummingbird *Lampornis amethystinus*
84. Garnet-throated Hummingbird *Lamprolaima rhami*
85. Magnificent Hummingbird *Eugenes fulgens*
86. Long-billed Starthroat *Heliopteryx longirostris*
87. Slender Sheartail *Doricha enicura*
88. Wine-throated Hummingbird *Atthis ellioti*

TROGONIDAE

- 89. Black-headed Trogon *Trogon melanocephalus*
- 90. Violaceous Trogon *Trogon violaceus*
- 91. Mountain Trogon *Trogon mexicanus* (H)
- 92. Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris* (H)
- 93. Slaty-tailed Trogon *Trogon massena*
- 94. Resplendent Quetzal *Pharomachrus mocinno*

MOMOTIDAE

- 95. Blue-throated Motmot *Aspatha gularis*
- 96. Russet-crowned Motmot *Momotus mexicanus*
- 97. Blue-crowned Motmot *Momotus momota*
- 98. Turquoise-browed Motmot *Eumomota superciliosa*

ALCEDINIDAE

- 99. Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquatus*
- 100. Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana*

RAMPHASTIDAE

- 101. Emerald Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus prasinus*
- 102. Collared Aracari *Pteroglossus torquatus*
- 103. Keel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos sulfuratus*

PICIDAE

- 104. Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*
- 105. Black-cheeked Woodpecker *Melanerpes pucherani*
- 106. Golden-fronted Woodpecker *Melanerpes aurifrons*
- 107. Hairy Woodpecker *Picoides villosus*
- 108. Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Veniliornis fumigatus* (H)
- 109. Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus*
- 110. Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus*
- 111. Chestnut-colored Woodpecker *Celeus castaneus*
- 112. Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*
- 113. Pale-billed Woodpecker *Campephilus guatemalensis* (H)

FURNARIIDAE

- 114. Ruddy Foliage-gleaner *Automolus rubiginosus*
- 115. Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser *Sclerurus mexicanus* (H)
- 116. Tawny-winged Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla anabatina*
- 117. Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus* (H)
- 118. Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* (H)
- 119. Ivory-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster* (H)
- 120. Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius* (H)
- 121. Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*
- 122. Spot-crowned Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes affinis*

THAMNOPHILIDAE

- 123. Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus*
- 124. Dusky Antbird *Cercomacra tyrannina*

FORMICARIIDAE

- 125. Black-faced Antthrush *Formicarius analis* (H)

TYRANNIDAE

- 126. Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet *Ornithion semiflavum* (H)
- 127. Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet *Camptostoma imberbe*
- 128. Greenish Elaenia *Myiopagis viridicata* (H)
- 129. Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*
- 130. Mountain Elaenia *Elaenia frantzii*
- 131. Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*
- 132. Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus* (H)
- 133. Paltry Tyrannulet *Zimmerius vilissimus*
- 134. Northern Bentbill *Oncostoma cinereigulare*
- 135. Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*
- 136. Yellow-olive Flycatcher *Tolmomyias sulphureus* (H)
- 137. Tufted Flycatcher *Mitrephanes phaeocercus*
- 138. Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi*
- 139. Greater Pewee *Contopus pertinax*
- 140. Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*
- 141. Eastern Wood-Pewee *Contopus virens*
- 142. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher *Empidonax flaviventris*
- 143. Yellowish Flycatcher *Empidonax flavescens*
- 144. Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*
- 145. Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus* (H)
- 146. Yucatan Flycatcher *Myiarchus yucatanensis*
- 147. Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*
- 148. Great Crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus crinitus* (H)
- 149. Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*
- 150. Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*
- 151. Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*
- 152. Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*
- 153. Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher *Myiodynastes luteiventris*
- 154. Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus*
- 155. Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*
- 156. Couch's Kingbird *Tyrannus couchii*
- 157. Thrush-like Schiffornis *Schiffornis turdina* (H)
- 158. Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata*
- 159. Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor*

PIPRIDAE

- 160. White-collared Manakin *Manacus candei*
- 161. Long-tailed Manakin *Chiroxiphia linearis*
- 162. Red-capped Manakin *Pipra mentalis*

VIREONIDAE

- 163. Mangrove Vireo *Vireo pallens*
- 164. Hutton's Vireo *Vireo huttoni* (H)
- 165. Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys* (H)
- 166. Yellow-green Vireo *Vireo flavoviridis*
- 167. Tawny-crowned Greenlet *Hylophilus ochraceiceps* (H)
- 168. Lesser Greenlet *Hylophilus decurtatus*
- 169. Green Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius pulchellus* (H)
- 170. Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*

CORVIDAE

- 171. Steller's Jay *Cyanocitta stelleri*
- 172. White-throated Magpie-Jay *Calocitta formosa*
- 173. Brown Jay *Cyanocorax morio*

174. Bushy-crested Jay *Cyanocorax melanocyaneus*
 175. Black-throated Jay *Cyanolyca pumilo* (H)
 176. Unicolored Jay *Aphelocoma unicolor*

HIRUNDINIDAE

177. Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*
 178. Mangrove Swallow *Tachycineta albilinea*
 179. Black-capped Swallow *Notiochelidon pileata*
 180. Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx
 serripennis*
 181. Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

AEGITHALIDAE

182. Bushtit *Psaltriparus minimus*

CERTHIIDAE

183. Brown Creeper *Certhia americana*

TROGLODYTIDAE

184. Band-backed Wren *Campylorhynchus zonatus*
 185. Rufous-naped Wren *Campylorhynchus rufinucha*
 186. Spot-breasted Wren *Thryothorus maculipectus*
 187. Carolina Wren *Thryothorus ludovicianus* (H)
 188. Plain Wren *Thryothorus modestus*
 189. House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*
 190. Rufous-browed Wren *Troglodytes rufociliatus*
 191. White-bellied Wren *Uropsila leucogastra* (H)
 192. White-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucosticta* (H)
 193. Gray-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys*
 194. Nightingale Wren *Microcerculus philomela*

SYLVIIDAE

195. Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus*

TURDIDAE

196. Eastern Bluebird *Sialia sialis*
 197. Brown-backed Solitaire *Myadestes occidentalis*
 198. Slate-colored Solitaire *Myadestes unicolor* (H)
 199. Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus
 aurantirostris*
 200. Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus frantzii*
 201. Black Thrush *Turdus infuscatus*
 202. Mountain Thrush *Turdus plebejus*
 203. Clay-colored Thrush *Turdus grayi*
 204. White-throated Thrush *Turdus assimilis*
 205. Rufous-collared Thrush *Turdus rufitorques*

MIMIDAE

206. Gray Catbird *Dumetella carolinensis*
 207. Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus*
 208. Blue-and-white Mockingbird *Melanotis hypoleucus*

PEUCEDRAMIDAE

209. Olive Warbler *Peucedramus taeniatus*

PARULIDAE

210. Crescent-chested Warbler *Parula superciliosa*
 211. Black-throated Green Warbler *Dendroica virens*
 212. Blackburnian Warbler *Dendroica fusca*
 213. Wilson's Warbler *Wilsonia pusilla*
 214. Pink-headed Warbler *Ergaticus versicolor*
 215. Slate-throated Redstart *Myioborus miniatus*
 216. Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus*
 217. Golden-browed Warbler *Basileuterus belli*
 218. Gray-throated Chat *Granatellus sallaiei*

Genus INCERTAE SEDIS

219. Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*

THRAUPIDAE

220. Common Bush-Tanager *Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*
 221. Red-crowned Ant-Tanager *Habia rubica* (H)
 222. Red-throated Ant-Tanager *Habia fuscicauda*
 223. Rose-throated Tanager *Piranga roseogularis*
 224. White-winged Tanager *Piranga leucoptera*
 225. Crimson-collared Tanager *Ramphocelus sanguinolentus*
 226. Passerini's Tanager *Ramphocelus passerinii*
 227. Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*
 228. Yellow-winged Tanager *Thraupis abbas*
 229. Golden-hooded Tanager *Tangara larvata*
 230. Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus*

EMBERIZIDAE

231. Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*
 232. Variable Seedeater *Sporophila americana*
 233. White-collared Seedeater *Sporophila torqueola*
 234. Yellow-faced Grassquit *Tiaris olivaceus*
 235. Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer *Diglossa baritula*
 236. White-naped Brush-Finch *Atlapetes albinucha*
 237. Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch *Arremon brunneinucha*
 238. Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris*
 239. Green-backed Sparrow *Arremonops chloronotus*
 240. Prevost's Ground-Sparrow *Melospiza biarcuata*
 241. White-eared Ground-Sparrow *Melospiza leucotis* (H)
 242. Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus* (H)
 243. Stripe-headed Sparrow *Aimophila ruficauda*
 244. Rusty Sparrow *Aimophila rufescens*
 245. Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*

CARDINALIDAE

246. Grayish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* (H)
 247. Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus*
 248. Black-headed Saltator *Saltator atriceps*
 249. Blue-black Grosbeak *Cyanocopsa cyanoides*
 250. Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea*

ICTERIDAE

- 251. Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*
- 252. Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna* (H)
- 253. Melodious Blackbird *Dives dives*
- 254. Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*
- 255. Bronzed Cowbird *Molothrus aeneus*
- 256. Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus*
- 257. Yellow-backed Oriole *Icterus chrysater* (H)
- 258. Streak-backed Oriole *Icterus pustulatus*
- 259. Spot-breasted Oriole *Icterus pectoralis*
- 260. Altamira Oriole *Icterus gularis*
- 261. Yellow-billed Caciue *Amblycercus holosericeus* (H)
- 262. Chestnut-headed Oropendola *Psarocolius wagleri*
- 263. Montezuma Oropendola *Psarocolius montezuma*

FRINGILLIDAE

- 264. Scrub Euphonia *Euphonia affinis*
- 265. Yellow-throated Euphonia *Euphonia hirundinacea*
- 266. Olive-backed Euphonia *Euphonia gouldi*
- 267. Blue-crowned Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia occipitalis*
- 268. Black-capped Siskin *Carduelis atriceps*
- 269. Hooded Grosbeak *Coccothraustes abeillei*

PASSERIDAE

- 270. House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

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