



Costa Rica Birding Tour Sightings List

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Trip Sightings List

Too much fun could be a good way to describe our 2017 Costa Rica tour. With three leaders, an easy going group and great sightings followed by more great sightings, it was everything a birding tour is supposed to be. Much of the credit goes to Vernon Campos, our primary guide. As always Vernon was friendly and knowledgeable about all things Costa Rican - birds and otherwise - and eager to share. We're pretty sure everyone left for home with a strong desire to return again!

During our 11 days of birding we saw **over 400 species of birds** while birding at a steady, but quite reasonable pace. We enjoyed the amazing natural diversity offered by this small country—highlands, lowlands and middle elevations on both the Pacific and Caribbean slopes as we traveled our route. Toucans, parrots, motmots, trogons and such are always the obvious crowd pleasers that come to mind when thinking about a Costa Rica tour, but we won't soon forget all those hummingbirds, tropical tanagers or even the challenging interior forest species—antbirds, woodcreepers, wrens and others that tested our skills and patience.

On the following pages is a listing of all species observed by one or more participants during the tour with locations notes; followed by a summary of the daily locations we visited and a few select daily highlights. Thanks again to all for joining us on this tropical adventure. It was great fun—just the way birding is supposed to be!



Species	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Locations
TINAMIFORMES: Tinamidae												
Great Tinamou		H					H					<i>Heard at La Selva & Carara</i>
Little Tinamou							H					<i>Heard along Guacimo Road</i>
ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae												
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck			X	X			X	X				<i>Caño Negro & Pacific lowlands</i>
Muscovy Duck			X									<i>Caño Negro</i>
Blue-winged Teal								X				<i>Tarcoles River</i>
GALLIFORMES: Cracidae												
Gray-headed Chachalaca		X		X	X				X			<i>La Selva, Bogarín Trail, Arenal, Talari</i>
Crested Guan		X			X	X						<i>La Selva, Arenal</i>
Black Guan										X		<i>Savegre</i>
Great Curassow					X	X						<i>Arenal</i>
GALLIFORMES: Odontophoridae												
Marbled Wood-Quail							H					<i>Heard at Punta Leona</i>
Spotted Wood-Quail										X		<i>Savegre - incredible close view!</i>
COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae												
Rock Pigeon	X	X	X	X		X		X	X		X	<i>Widespread in urban locations</i>
Pale-vented Pigeon			X									<i>Caño Negro</i>
Red-billed Pigeon	X					X					X	<i>Hotel Robledal, Arenal</i>
Band-tailed Pigeon					X	X			X	X		<i>Arenal, Savegre</i>
Ruddy Pigeon									X			<i>Savegre</i>
Inca Dove	X						X	X				<i>Hotel Robledal, Pacific lowlands</i>
Common Ground-Dove							X					<i>Guacimo Road</i>
Plain-breasted Ground-Dove			X									<i>Caño Negro</i>
Ruddy Ground-Dove	X	X	X	X			X	X				<i>Caribbean & Pacific lowlands</i>
Olive-backed Quail-Dove		X										<i>La Selva</i>
White-tipped Dove		X	X	X				X	X			<i>Caribbean & Pacific lowlands</i>
Gray-chested Dove		X										<i>La Selva</i>
Gray-headed Dove				X								<i>Caño Negro</i>
White-winged Dove	X		X	X		X	X	X			X	<i>Widespread</i>
CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae												
Squirrel Cuckoo		X		X		X						<i>La Selva, Caño Negro, Arenal</i>
Mangrove Cuckoo												
Lesser Ground-Cuckoo							X					<i>Guacimo Road</i>
Smooth-billed Ani									X			<i>San Isidro area</i>
Groove-billed Ani	X		X	X		X	X	X				<i>Common in lowlands</i>

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CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae												
Common Pauraque	x		x		x							Caño Negro, Arenal
Dusky Nightjar										x		Savegre
NYCTIBIIFORMES: Nyctibiidae												
Common Potoo			x									Caño Negro
APODIFORMES: Apodidae												
White-collared Swift	x	x										La Paz Waterfall Gardens, La Selva
Vaux's Swift		x										La Selva
Costa Rican Swift								x	x			Pacific Lowlands, Talari
Gray-rumped Swift		x										La Selva
APODIFORMES: Trochilidae												
White-necked Jacobin		x			x	x						Old Butterfly Gardens, Arenal
Bronzy Hermit			x									La Quinta
Band-tailed Barbthroat			x									La Quinta
Green Hermit	x				x							La Paz Waterfall Gardens, Arenal
Long-billed Hermit		x	x		x							La Selva, La Quinta, Arenal
Stripe-throated Hermit		x			x		x					La Selva, Arenal, Pacific lowlands
Brown Violetear	x											La Paz Waterfall Gardens
Lesser Violetear (Green Violetear)									x	x	x	La Georgina, Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal
Purple-crowned Fairy					x							Arenal
Green-breasted Mango	x											Hotel Robledal
Green Thorntail	x											La Paz Waterfall Gardens
Black-crested Coquette						x						Arenal Sky Tram
White-crested Coquette									x			Bosque del Tolumuco
Green-crowned Brilliant	x								x	x		La Paz, Bosque del Tolumuco, Savegre
Talamanca Hummingbird (Magnificent)									x	x	x	La Georgina, Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal
Fiery-throated Hummingbird									x	x	x	La Georgina, Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal
Long-billed Starthroat									x			Bosque del Tolumuco
White-bellied Mountain-gem	x											La Paz Waterfall Gardens
Purple-throated Mountain-gem	x											La Paz Waterfall Gardens
White-throated Mountain-gem										x	x	Savegre
VolCaño Hummingbird									x	x	x	La Georgina, Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal
Scintillant Hummingbird									x	x		Savegre
Violet-headed Hummingbird		x			x	x						Old Butterfly Gardens, Arenal
Scaly-breasted Hummingbird		x	x		x	x	x	x	x			Widespread, great views from deck at Talari
Violet Sabrewing	x								x			La Paz Waterfall Gardens, Bosque del Tolumuco

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Stripe-tailed Hummingbird										X	X	Arenal
Black-bellied Hummingbird	X											La Paz Waterfall Gardens
White-tailed Emerald									X			Bosque del Tolumuco
Coppery-headed Emerald	X											La Paz Waterfall Gardens
Snowcap		X				X						Old Butterfly Gardens, Arenal
Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer						X						Arenal
Crowned Woodnymph		X										Old Butterfly Gardens
Mangrove Hummingbird								X				Tarcoles mangroves
Steely-vented Hummingbird							X					Carara NP
Snowy-bellied Hummingbird									X			Bosque del Tolumuco
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Widespread, seen all locations except highlands
Cinnamon Hummingbird	X						X				X	Hotel Robledal, Guacimo Road
Blue-throated Goldentail					X	X						Arenal
GRUIFORMES: Rallidae												
White-throated Crake			X	X								Medio Queso, feeders (!) at Sendero Bogarín in La Fortuna
Russet-naped Wood-Rail (Gray-necked)	X	X		X								La Quinta, La Selva, Caño Negro
Gray-cowled Wood-Rail (Gray-necked)								X				Talari
Uniform Crake				X								Sendero Bogarín in La Fortuna
Yellow-breasted Crake				X								Caño Negro
Purple Gallinule			X									Medio Queso
CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae												
Double-striped Thick-knee							X	X				Punta Leona
CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae												
Black-necked Stilt								X				TarcolesRiver
CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae												
Southern Lapwing				X	X							Caño Negro, Arenal
Black-bellied Plover								X				Tarcoles River
Semipalmated Plover								X				Tarcoles River
Killdeer								X				Tarcoles River
CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae												
Northern Jacana				X								Caño Negro
CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae												
Whimbrel								X				Tarcoles River
Ruddy Turnstone								X				Tarcoles River
Sanderling								X				Tarcoles River
Least Sandpiper								X				Tarcoles River

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Spotted Sandpiper			X	X				X	X			<i>Medio Queso, Caño Negro, Tarcoles River</i>
Willet								X				<i>Tarcoles River</i>
CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae												
Royal Tern								X				<i>Tarcoles River</i>
EURYPYGIFORMES: Eurypygidae												
Sunbittern		X										<i>La Selva (along the forest trail!)</i>
CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae												
Jabiru			X									<i>Lifer for Daveed! Caño Negro region</i>
Wood Stork			X	X			X	X				<i>Caño Negro, Pacific lowlands</i>
SULIFORMES: Fregatidae												
Magnificent Frigatebird							X	X				<i>Pacific lowlands</i>
SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae												
Neotropic Cormorant			X	X				X				<i>Caño Negro, Tarcoles River</i>
SULIFORMES: Anhingidae												
Anhinga			X	X				X				<i>Caño Negro, Tarcoles River</i>
PELECANIFORMES: Pelecanidae												
Brown Pelican							X	X				<i>Pacific lowlands</i>
PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae												
Bare-throated Tiger-Heron			X	X				X				<i>Caño Negro, Tarcoles River</i>
Great Blue Heron	X		X	X				X				<i>Caño Negro, Tarcoles River</i>
Great Egret	X		X	X				X				<i>Caño Negro, Tarcoles River</i>
Snowy Egret			X	X				X				<i>Caño Negro, Tarcoles River</i>
Little Blue Heron			X	X				X				<i>Caño Negro, Tarcoles River</i>
Tricolored Heron			X	X				X				<i>Caño Negro, Tarcoles River</i>
Cattle Egret	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	<i>Widespread, seen most days</i>
Green Heron		X	X	X				X				<i>Caño Negro, Tarcoles River</i>
Black-crowned Night-Heron								X				<i>Tarcoles River</i>
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron								X				<i>Tarcoles River</i>
Boat-billed Heron				X				X				<i>Caño Negro, Tarcoles River</i>
PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae												
White Ibis			X					X				<i>Caño Negro, Tarcoles River</i>
Green Ibis			X	X								<i>Caño Negro, Tarcoles River</i>
CATHARTIFORMES: Cathartidae												
Black Vulture	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Widespread, seen daily</i>
Turkey Vulture	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Widespread, seen daily</i>
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture			X									<i>Medio Queso</i>

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King Vulture		X										La Selva
ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae												
Osprey			X					X		X		Medio Queso, Tarcoles River, Savegre
ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae												
Pearl Kite									X			San Isidro area
White-tailed Kite	X		X									Caribbean lowlands
Black-collared Hawk				X								Caño Negro
Crane Hawk								X				Tarcoles mangroves
Common Black Hawk								X				Tarcoles mangroves
Great Black Hawk					X							Arenal
Roadside Hawk			X	X				X	X			Roadsides in Caribbean & Pacific Lowlands
White-tailed Hawk			X									Medio Queso
Semiplumbeous Hawk		X										La Selva
Gray Hawk					X		X	X				Arenal, Pacific lowlands
Broad-winged Hawk	X	X	X					X				Caribbean lowlands, Talari
Short-tailed Hawk	X	X						X				Caribbean lowlands, Talari
Red-tailed Hawk	X								X	X	X	La Virgen, Cerro de la Muerte, Savegre
Ornate Hawk-Eagle	X											Caribbean lowlands - along road en route to La Quinta Lodge. Wow!
STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae												
Pacific Screech-Owl				X								Caño Negro
Tropical Screech-Owl								X				Talari (the "earthquake tremor owl")
Crested Owl		X										Caribbean lowlands - near Cope's
Spectacled Owl		X										Caribbean lowlands - near Cope's
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	X											Hotel Robledal
Mottled Owl											X	Hotel Robledal - great after dinner views. Nice way to conclude the tour!
Black-and-white Owl				X								Arenal
Striped Owl			X									Caño Negro
TROGONIFORMES: Trogonidae												
Slaty-tailed Trogon		X			X		X	X				La Selva, Arenal, Pacific lowlands
Black-headed Trogon			X	X			X					Caño Negro, Pacific lowlands
Gartered Trogon (Violaceous)		X										La Selva
Black-throated Trogon		X										La Selva
Collared Trogon										X		Savegre
Orange-bellied Trogon						X						Arenal
Resplendent Quetzal										X		Savegre - crowd pleasing is an understatement!

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CORACIIFORMES: Momotidae												
Lesson's Motmot (Blue-crowned)								x	x			Talari
Rufous Motmot		x										La Selva
Keel-billed Motmot					x							Arenal (lake road)
Broad-billed Motmot					x	x						Arenal
Turquoise-browed Motmot							x					Guacimo Road
CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae												
Ringed Kingfisher			x	x								Caño Negro
Belted Kingfisher										x		Savegre
Amazon Kingfisher			x	x				x				Caño Negro, Tarcoles River
Green Kingfisher			x									Caño Negro
American Pygmy Kingfisher								x				Tarcoles mangroves
PICIFORMES: Bucconidae												
Pied Puffbird				x								Caño Negro (roadside en route to Arenal)
White-whiskered Puffbird		x					x					La Selva, Carara
PICIFORMES: Galbulidae												
Rufous-tailed Jacamar		x			x							La Selva, Arenal
PICIFORMES: Capitonidae												
Red-headed Barbet									x	x	x	Bosque del Toluco, Savegre
PICIFORMES: Semnornithidae												
Prong-billed Barbet	x											La Paz Waterfall Gardens
PICIFORMES: Ramphastidae												
Collared Aracari	x	x	x			x						La Quinta (at feeders!), La Selva, Arenal
Fiery-billed Aracari									x			Talari (at feeders!)
Yellow-eared Toucanet						x						Arenal Sky Tram Trail - one of several highlights on this walk
Keel-billed Toucan	x	x			x	x						Caribbean lowlands, Arenal
Yellow-throated Toucan (Chestnut-mandible)	x	x				x		x				Caribbean lowlands, Arenal, Punta Leona
PICIFORMES: Picidae												
Acorn Woodpecker									x	x	x	Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal
Golden-naped Woodpecker								x				Roadside between Dominical & San Isidro
Black-cheeked Woodpecker	x	x	x	x	x	x						Caribbean lowlands, Arenal
Red-crowned Woodpecker								x	x			Talari
Hoffmann's Woodpecker	x		x	x			x	x			x	Hotel Robledal, Caño Negro, Pacific lowlands
Smoky-brown Woodpecker			x			x						La Quinta, Arenal
Rufous-winged Woodpecker		x										La Selva
Golden-olive Woodpecker					x	x						Arenal

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Cinnamon Woodpecker			X									Caño Negro
Chestnut-colored Woodpecker		X										La Selva
Lineated Woodpecker				X			X		X			Caño Negro, Pacific lowlands, Talari
Pale-billed Woodpecker					X	X						Arenal
FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae												
Laughing Falcon			X					X	X			Caño Negro, Pacific lowlands, Talari
Crested Caracara		X	X			X		X	X			Caribbean lowlands, Arenal, Pacific lowlands
Yellow-headed Caracara	X			X	X			X	X			Hotel Robledal, Caño Negro, Arenal, Tarcoles River, Talari
American Kestrel	X											En route to La Paz waterfall Gardens
Bat Falcon	X											La Virgen - nicely perched in a dead tree
Peregrine Falcon		X	X					X				La Selva, Caño Negro, Tarcoles River
PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae												
Sulphur-winged Parakeet										X		Savegre
Olive-throated Parakeet				X								Caño Negro
Scarlet Macaw							X	X				Punta Leona, Carara, Tarcoles River (Pacific lowlands)
Crimson-fronted Parakeet	X		X		X	X		X	X		X	Widespread - overhead flocks seen most days
Barred Parakeet											X	Savegre - fast moving flocks and very high overhead!
Orange-chinned Parakeet			X	X				X				Caño Negro, Tarcoles River
Brown-hooded Parrot					X							Arenal
Blue-headed Parrot												
White-crowned Parrot	X				X	X		X	X			Hotel Robledal, Arenal, Talari
White-fronted Parrot						X						Arenal
Red-lored Parrot	X		X	X								Hotel Robledal, Caño Negro
Mealy Parrot	X	X										Caribbean lowlands
Yellow-naped Parrot	X							X				Hotel Robledal, Tarcoles River
PASSERIFORMES: Thamnophilidae												
Fasciated Antshrike	X	X										Pueblo Nuevo (near La Quinta), La Selva
Great Antshrike	X				X							Pueblo Nuevo, Arenal
Barred Antshrike	X											Pueblo Nuevo
Black-hooded Antshrike							X					Punta Leona, Carara
Black-crowned Antshrike (Western Slaty-)		X										La Selva
Russet Antshrike						X						Arenal Sky Tram Trail
Streak-crowned Antwren					X							Arenal
Dot-winged Antwren							X					Carara
Dusky Antbird						X	X					Arenal Sky Tram Trail, Carara
Bare-crowned Antbird					X							Arenal (lake road)

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Chestnut-backed Antbird							X					<i>Punta Leona, Carara</i>
Dull-mantled Antbird					X							<i>Arenal</i>
Spotted Antbird					X	X						<i>Arenal</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Grallariidae												
Streak-chested Antpitta							H					<i>Heard at Carara</i>
Thicket Antpitta					X							<i>Arenal - a tough bird to see, but Vernon made it happen!</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Rhinocryptidae												
Silvery-fronted Tapaculo											X	<i>Paraiso Quetzal - another tough one Vernon made happen!</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Formicariidae												
Black-faced Antthrush							X					<i>Carara</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Furnariidae												
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper				X	X	X						<i>Caño Negro, Arenal</i>
Northern Barred-Woodcreeper		X										<i>La Selva</i>
Cocoa Woodcreeper		X										<i>La Selva</i>
Spotted Woodcreeper	X					X						<i>La Paz, Arenal</i>
Brown-billed Scythebill						X						<i>Arenal Sky Tram Trail - wow, another highlight from this walk!</i>
Streak-headed Woodcreeper		X			X	X	X		X			<i>La Selva, Arenal, Pacific lowlands, Talari</i>
Spot-crowned Woodcreeper										X		<i>Savegre</i>
Plain Xenops						X	X					<i>Arenal</i>
Lineated Foliage-gleaner										X		<i>Savegre</i>
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner					X							<i>Arenal</i>
Spotted Barbtail	X											<i>La Paz Waterfall Gardens</i>
Ruddy Treerunner									X	X	X	<i>Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal</i>
Red-faced Spinetail	X											<i>La Paz Waterfall Gardens</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Tyrannidae												
Yellow Tyrannulet			X									<i>Caño Negro</i>
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet								X				<i>Hacienda Baru</i>
Greenish Elaenia			X									<i>Caño Negro</i>
Yellow-bellied Elaenia		X		X					X			<i>La Selva, Caño Negro, Talari</i>
Mountain Elaenia										X		<i>Savegre</i>
Torrent Tyrannulet										X		<i>Savegre</i>
Olive-striped Flycatcher										X		<i>Savegre</i>
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher		X					X		X			<i>La Selva, Carara, Talari</i>
Slaty-capped Flycatcher					X							<i>Arenal</i>
Paltry Tyrannulet	X			X					X	X		<i>La Paz, Caño Negro, Bosque del Tolomuco, Savegre</i>
Northern Scrub-Flycatcher								X				<i>Tarcoles mangroves</i>

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Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant						X						Arenal Sky Tram Trail
Northern Bentbill							X					Carara
Common Tody-Flycatcher		X	X	X	X				X			La Selva, Caño Negro, Arenal, Talari
Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher			X									La Quinta
Eye-ringed Flatbill		X					X					La Selva, Carara
Yellow-olive Flycatcher				X			X	X	X			Caño Negro, Pacific lowlands, Talari
Golden-crowned Spadebill							X					Carara
Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher					X							Arenal
Tufted Flycatcher	X									X		La Paz Waterfall Garden, Savegre
Eastern Wood-Pewee	X											Pueblo Nuevo
Tropical Pewee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			Widespread - seen on most days
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				X	X		X					Arenal, Pacific lowlands
Yellowish Flycatcher	X									X		Savegre
Black-caped Flycatcher										X	X	Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal
Black Phoebe										X		Savegre
Long-tailed Tyrant		X			X							La Selva, Arenal
Bright-rumped Attila						X	X					Arenal, Punta Leona
Dusky-capped Flycatcher		X	X	X	X	X						La Selva, Caño Negro, Arenal
Panama Flycatcher								X				Tarcoles mangroves
Nuttings Flycatcher							X					Guacimo Road
Great-crested Flycatcher								X				Pacific lowlands
Great Kiskadee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Widespread - seen on most days
Boat-billed Flycatcher	X	X				X	X	X			X	Widespread - seen on most days
Social Flycatcher	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Widespread - seen on most days
Gray-capped Flycatcher		X				X						La Selva, Arenal
White-ringed Flycatcher		X										La Selva
Streaked Flycatcher							X					Punta Leona
Tropical Kingbird	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Widespread - seen daily
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher						X						Carara
Fork-tailed Flycatcher			X									Medio Queso, Caño Negro
PASSERIFORMES: Tityridae												
Masked Tityra		X				X	X					La Selva, Arenal, Guacimo Road
Black-crowned Tityra		X	X									La Selva, Caño Negro
Barred Becard										X	X	Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal
Cinnamon Becard		X										La Selva
White-winged Becard							X					Carara

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Rose-throated Becard							X					Carara
PASSERIFORMES: Pipridae												
Long-tailed Manakin							X					Guacimo Road
White-ruffed Manakin					X	X						Arenal
Blue-crowned Manakin							X					Carara
White-collared Manakin		X			X							La Selva, Arenal
Orange-collared Manakin							X		X			Carara, Talari
PASSERIFORMES: Vireonidae												
Rufous-browed Peppershrike										X		Savegre
Tawny-crowned Greenlet					X							Arenal
Lesser Greenlet		X		X	X	X	X					La Selva, Arenal, Carara
Mangrove Vireo								X				Tarcoles mangroves
Yellow-throated Vireo		X	X	X	X		X					Caribbean lowlands, Arenal, Guacimo Road
Yellow-winged Vireo										X		Savegre
Philadelphia Vireo					X	X			X	X		Arenal, Savegre
Brown-capped Vireo									X	X		Savegre
Red-eyed Vireo		X		X			X					La Selva, Caño Negro, Guacimo Road
PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae												
White-throated Magpie-Jay							X					Guacimo Road
Brown Jay		X			X	X			X			La Selva, Arenal, Talari
PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae												
Gray-breasted Martin		X	X	X								La Selva, Caño Negro
Mangrove Swallow			X	X				X				Caño Negro, Tarcoles River
Blue-and-white Swallow	X								X	X	X	Hotel Robledal, Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				X				X				Caño Negro, Tarcoles River
Southern Rough-winged Swallow			X									Caño Negro
Barn Swallow	X	X	X	X			X	X	X			Widespread - seen most days
PASSERIFORMES: Troglodytidae												
Nightingale Wren					H							Not seen, but wonderfully heard at Arenal
House Wren		X	X	X	X				X			Caribbean lowlands, Talari
Ochraceous Wren	X				X							La Paz, Arenal
Timberline Wren									X		X	Cerro de la Muerte, Paraiso Quetzal
Band-backed Wren					X							Arenal
Rufous-naped Wren	X						X	X			X	Hotel Robledal, Pacific lowlands
Black-throated Wren		X										La Selva
Rufous-breasted Wren							X					Carara

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Spot-breasted Wren			X									Caño Negro
Rufous-and-white Wren								X				Tarcoles River
Stripe-breasted Wren					X	X						Arenal
Cabanis's Wren (Plain)							X					Guacimo Road
Canebrake Wren (Plain)				X								Caño Negro
Bay Wren		X		X								Old Butterfly Gardens, Caño Negro
Riverside Wren							X		X			Carara, Talari
White-breasted Wood-Wren					X	X						Arenal
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren	X									X		La Paz, Savegre
Song Wren					X							Arenal
PASSERIFORMES: Polioptilidae												
Tawny-faced Gnatwren					X							Arenal
Long-billed Gnatwren					X							Arenal
White-lored Gnatcatcher							X					Guacimo Road
Tropical Gnatcatcher		X										La Selva
PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae												
Black-faced Solitaire					X					X		Arenal, Savegre
Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush											X	Paraiso Quetzal
Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush									X			Talari
Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush	X											La Paz Waerfall Gardens
Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush										X	X	Savegre
Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush					X							Arenal
Swainson's Thrush		X		X	X	X			X	X	X	Widespread - seen on most days
Wood Thrush					X	X						Arenal
Sooty Thrush									X	X		Cerro de la Muerte, Savegre
Mountain Thrush										X	X	Savegre
Clay-colored Thrush	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Widespread - seen daily
PASSERIFORMES: Mimidae												
Tropical Mockingbird			X	X				X	X			En route to Caño Negro, Sendero Bogarín, San Isidro region
PASSERIFORMES: Ptilionotidae												
Black-and-yellow Silky-flycatcher											X	Paraiso Quetzal
Long-tailed Silky-flycatcher										X		Savegre
PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae												
House Sparrow		X	X	X					X		X	Urban areas, gas stations

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PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae												
American Pipit									x			<i>Cerro de la Muerte - the bird of the trip, at least in terms of CR rarity!</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae												
Scrub Euphonia							x					<i>Guacimo Road</i>
Yellow-crowned Euphonia	x	x				x			x			<i>Caribbean lowlands, Arenal, Talari</i>
Thick-billed Euphonia								x				<i>Hacienda Baru</i>
Yellow-throated Euphonia			x	x	x	x						<i>Caño Negro, Arenal</i>
Elegant Euphonia									x			<i>Bosque del Tolomuco</i>
Spot-crowned Euphonia								x				<i>Hacienda Buru</i>
Olive-backed Euphonia		x			x	x						<i>La Selva, Arenal</i>
Tawny-capped Euphonia	x				x	x						<i>La Paz, Arenal</i>
Yellow-bellied Siskin										x		<i>Savegre</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Passerellidae												
Yellow-thighed Finch	x									x	x	<i>La Paz, Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal</i>
Large-footed Finch										x	x	<i>Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal</i>
Orange-billed Sparrow		x					x		x			<i>La Selva, Punta Leona, Talari</i>
Sooty-faced Finch	x											<i>La Paz Waterfall Gardens</i>
Chestnut-capped Brushfinch	x									x		<i>La Paz, Arenal</i>
Olive Sparrow							x					<i>Guacimo Road</i>
Black-striped Sparrow			x	x	x							<i>Caño Negro, Arenal</i>
White-naped Brushfinch	x											<i>La Paz Waterfall Gardens</i>
Stripe-headed Sparrow							x					<i>Guacimo Road</i>
Rufous-collared Sparrow	x								x	x	x	<i>La Paz, Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal</i>
VolCaño Junco									x			<i>Cerro de la Muerte</i>
Common Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)	x									x		<i>La Paz, Savegre</i>
Sooty-capped Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)									x	x	x	<i>Cerro de la Muerte, Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Zeledoniidae												
Wrenthrush											x	<i>Paraiso Quetzal - another great find and effort by Vernon!</i>
PASSERIFORMES: Icteridae												
Eastern Meadowlark	x						x				x	<i>Roadsides to/from Hotel Robledal, Guacimo Road</i>
Yellow-billed Cacique					x							<i>Arenal</i>
Montezuma Oropendola	x	x	x	x	x	x						<i>Caribbean lowlands, Arenal</i>
Scarlet-rumped Cacique	x				x							<i>Pueblo Nuevo, Arenal</i>
Black-cowled Oriole	x	x	x		x							<i>Caribbean lowlands, Arenal</i>
Orchard Oriole				x								<i>Sendero Bogarín</i>
Streak-backed Oriole							x					<i>Guacimo Road</i>

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Spot-breasted Oriole	X										X	Hotel Robledal
Baltimore Oriole	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	Widespread - seen almost daily
Red-winged Blackbird			X	X								Caño Negro
Bronzed Cowbird									X		X	San Isidro region
Giant Cowbird	X											Along road en route to La Quinta Lodge
Melodious Blackbird	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	Widespread - seen almost daily
Great-tailed Grackle	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Widespread - seen almost daily
PASSERIFORMES: Parulidae												
Louisiana Waterthrush	X									X		Savegre
Northern Waterthrush		X			X			X				La Selva, Arenal, Tarcoles mangroves
Golden-winged Warbler	X	X			X				X	X		La Paz, La Selva, Arenal, Savegre
Black-and-white Warbler	X						X		X	X		La Paz, Carara, Bosque del Tolomuco, Savegre
Prothonotary Warbler				X				X				Caño Negro, Tarcoles River
Flame-throated Warbler									X	X		Savegre
Tennessee Warbler				X	X		X	X	X	X	X	Widespread - seen most days
Gray-crowned Yellowthroat	X											La Virgen
Mourning Warbler									X			Bosque del Tolomuco
Kentucky Warbler					X							Arenal
American Redstart			X									La Quinta
Tropical Parula	X					X						La Paz, Arenal Sky Tram Trail
Bay-breasted Warbler		X			X	X	X					La Selva, Arenal, Pacific lowlands, Guacimo Road
Yellow Warbler	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Widespread - seen most days
Chestnut-sided Warbler	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Widespread - seen most days
Blackpoll Warbler							X					Guacimo Road - uncommon migrant in Costa Rica
Black-throated Green Warbler									X	X		Savegre
Buff-rumped Warbler		X			X				X			La Selva, Arenal, Talari
Rufous-capped Warbler									X			Talari
Black-cheeked Warbler										X		Savegre
Golden-crowned Warbler					X					X		Arenal, Savegre
Wilson's Warbler	X					X			X	X	X	La Paz, Arenal, Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal
Slate-throated Redstart	X											La Paz
Collared Redstart										X	X	Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal
PASSERIFORMES: Mitrospingidae												
Dusky-faced Tanager		X										La Selva
PASSERIFORMES: Cardinalidae												
Hepatic Tanager						X						Arenal

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Summer Tanager	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Widespread - seen daily
Scarlet Tanager	X	X										La Paz, La Selva
Flame-colored Tanager									X	X	X	Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal
Red-throated Ant-Tanager	X	X										La Quinta, La Selva
Carmioli's Tanager					X	X						Arenal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X							X	X			Hotel Robledal, Talari
Blue-black Grosbeak							X					Carara
PASSERIFORMES: Thraupidae												
Blue-and-gold Tanager						X						Arenal Sky Tram Trail - yet another walk highlight!
Blue-gray Tanager	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	Widespread - seen on most days
Palm Tanager	X		X	X	X	X		X	X			Widespread - seen on most days
Golden-hooded Tanager	X		X		X	X		X	X			Widespread - seen on most days
Speckled Tanager									X			Talari
Spangle-cheeked Tanager										X		Savegre
Rufous-winged Tanager					X							Arenal - a great find on the lodge grounds!
Bay-headed Tanager		X			X	X			X			La Selva, Arenal, Talari
Emerald Tanager					X	X						Arenal
Silver-throated Tanager	X				X	X			X	X	X	La Paz, Arenal, Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal
Slaty Flowerpiercer										X	X	Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal
Green Honeycreeper		X	X	X	X	X			X			Widespread - seen on most days
Blue-black Grassquit			X		X	X	X	X				Caño Negro, Arenal, Pacific lowlands
Gray-headed Tanager									X			Talari
White-shouldered Tanager							X					Carara
White-lined Tanager			X									La Quinta
White-throated Shrike-Tanager					X	X						Arenal, Arenal Sky Tram Trail
Crimson-collared Tanager			X		X							La Quinta, Arenal
Passerini's Tanager	X	X	X	X	X	X						Caribbean slope locations - lowlands & mid elevations
Cherrie's Tanager								X	X			Talari, Bosque del Tolomuco
Shining Honeycreeper		X	X				X					La Selva, La Quinta, Carara
Red-legged Honeycreeper			X	X	X	X	X		X			Widespread - seen on most days
Scarlet-thighed Dacnis		X			X							La Selva, Arenal
Blue Dacnis								X				Hacienda Baru
Bananaquit	X	X	X	X	X	X			X			Widespread - seen on most days
Yellow-faced Grassquit					X					X		Arenal, Savegre
Thick-billed Seed-Finch	X											Pueblo Nuevo
Nicaraguan Seed-Finch			X									Caño Negro

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Variable Seedeater	X	X	X	X	X	X			X			<i>Widespread - seen on most days</i>
White-collared Seedeater			X	X			X	X				<i>Caño Negro, Pacific lowlands</i>
Black-headed Saltator	X			X								<i>En route to La Quita Lodge, Sendero Bogarín</i>
Buff-throated Saltator	X	X	X	X	X				X			<i>Caribbean lowlands, Sendero Bogarín, Arenal, Talari</i>
Grayish Saltator			X	X								<i>Caño Negro, Sendero Bogarín</i>

Daily Birding Locations & Highlights Notes

Day 1 - Nov 5 - Birding Locations: Hotel Robledal, La Paz Waterfall Gardens, La Virgen and Pueblo Nuevo

Select Highlights of the Day: Kicking off the tour with a great morning and early afternoon at the La Paz Waterfall Gardens, where we found 10 species of hummingbirds at the feeders; "walk away" Bat Falcon views along the road near La Virgen; amazing views of a serendipitous Ornate Hawk-Eagle that flew in and perched as we were roadside birding in the lowlands; and wrapping up the day near Pueblo Nuevo with three Antshrike species in one location.

Day 2 - Nov 6 - Birding Locations: La Selva Biological Research Station (entrance road, office area & trails), "Old Butterfly Gardens" and Cope's Place

Select Highlights of the Day: Some great birds at La Selva including King Vulture, Semiplumbeous Hawk, Olive-backed Quail Dove and a Sunbittern that was practically at our feet; more hummingbird fun at the "Old Butterfly Gardens", including the spiffy Snowcap; and wrapping up the day with local guide and artist Cope, who led us to day roosts of a Crested Owl and a Spectacled Owl in a forest patch near his home.

Day 3 - Nov 7 - Birding Locations: La Quinta Lodge, Medio Queso wetlands and the Caño Negro region

Select Highlights of the Day: Collared Aracaris, Crimson-collared Tanagers, honeycreepers and others at the La Quinta feeders; a stop at the Medio Queso wetlands that yielded White-tailed Hawk and Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture overhead and Purple Gallinule and White-throated Crake below; a pair of magnificent Jabirus on the drive in to Caño Negro; and a night outing that yielded Striped Owl and potoo views.

Day 4 - Nov 8 - Birding Locations: Caño Negro wetlands & the Rio Frio boat trip, the drive to La Fortuna, and the Bogarín Trail and feeders

Select Highlights of the Day: Our morning boat trip on the Caño Negro wetlands with sightings of Black-collared Hawk and multiple species of wading birds; a stop en route to La Fortuna that yielded Pied Puffbird views; some easy - but awesome - afternoon birding watching the feeders at Sendero Bogarín in La Fortuna (and a walk on the trails to see Uniform Crake!); and wrapping up the day with a Black-and-White Owl below the lodge at Arenal.

Day 5 - Nov 9 - Birding Locations: Grounds of the Arenal Observatory Lodge and the Lake Arenal Road

Select Highlights of the Day: Early morning birding from the lodge deck as orpendolas, tanagers, honeycreepers and warblers visited the fruit feeders; exploring the lodge grounds where we found more tanagers, including Rufous-winged, Emerald and Bay-headed; and afternoon birding along nearby roads where Vernon worked his magic with Thicket Antpitta, Keel-billed Motmot and Bare-crowned Antbird.

Day 6 - Nov 10 - Birding Locations: Arenal Observatory Lodge grounds and the Arenal Sky Tram Hanging Bridges Trail

Select Highlights of the Day: A fantastic walk on the Arenal Sky Tram Trail where we enjoyed great views of a variety of less common species, including Black-crested Coquette, Blue-and-Gold Tanager, Brown-billed Sythebill and Yellow-eared Toucanet.

Day 7 - Nov 11 - Birding Locations: Punta Leona Resort grounds, Carara National Park trails, and dry tropical forest habitat along Guacimo Road

Select Highlights of the Day: Scarlet Macaws at Punta Leona and Carara; interesting forest interior species along the trail at Carara, including White-whiskered Puffbird and Golden-crowned Spadebill; and a very successful afternoon outing to the dry tropical forest habitat along Guacimo Road where we found Lesser Ground Cuckoo, Stripe-headed Sparrow, Turquoise-browed Motmot and other species typical of this habitat.

Day 8 - Nov 12 - Birding Locations: Tarcoles River & Mangroves Boat Trip, Hacienda Baru, Dominical area, and Talari Lodge.

Select Highlights of the Day: Another relaxed boat trip and a successful foray into the Tarcoles River mangroves, where we found Mangrove Vireo, "Mangrove" Yellow Warbler and the endemic Mangrove Hummingbird; an unexpected roadside Golden-naped Woodpecker en route to San Isidro (after we'd made an unsuccessful stop for one earlier); and wrapping up the day with a Tropical Screech Owl on the grounds at Talari.

Day 9 - Nov 13 - Birding Locations: Talari Lodge, San Isidro area, Bosque del Tolomuco, La Georgina Restaurant, and "Towers Road" on Cerro de la Muerte.

Select Highlights of the Day: Early morning birding from Talari's restaurant deck - Fiery-billed Aracaris, Speckled Tanagers, honeycreepers and others at the feeders and many others in eye-level trees; roadside Pearl Kites near San Isidro; more hummingbirds and tanagers at Bosque del Tolomuco; up close highland hummingbirds at Restaurante La Georgina; and a lifer (American Pipit) for Vernon on the Towers Road at Cerro de la Muerte, where we also found our target Volcano Juncos.

Day 10 - Nov 14 - Birding Locations: Savegre Mountain Lodge grounds & trails, the Savegre access road and Miriam's Café.

Select Highlights of the Day: Starting the day with hillside Quetzal views along the Savegre access road (!); birding the gardens & grounds of the Savegre Mountain Lodge, incredibly close views of a feeding group of Spotted Wood-Quail; easy afternoon birding from the deck at Miriam's Cafe where Flame-throated Tanagers, Acorn Woodpeckers and others came to the feeders, and wrapping up the day with sightings of Dusky Nightjar on a utility wire.

Day 11 - Nov 15 - Birding Locations: Savegre Mountain Lodge, Paraiso Quetzal access road & grounds, and Hotel Robledal.

Select Highlights of the Day: Catching up with Timberline Wren at the start of the Paraiso Quetzal entrance road; views of several often hard to locate/see species further along on the road including Barred Becard, Wrenthrush and Silvery-fronted Tapaculo; the highland hummingbird show at Paraiso Quetzal's feeders, including many Fiery-throated Hummingbirds; and wrapping up the tour with after dinner views of Mottled Owl on the grounds of Hotel Robledal.

