



# Costa Rica Birding Tour

November 7-18, 2015

## Bird Sightings List



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By all accounts our inaugural Solipaso Costa Rica tour was a success. Despite a bit more rain than usual, we saw over 400 species of birds in just twelve days of birding at a steady, but comfortable pace. We enjoyed the diversity of this small country – highlands, lowlands, middle elevations and both sides of the continental divide as we traveled our route. Toucans, trogons and such were obvious crowd pleasers, but we won't soon forget all the hummingbirds, tanagers, owls – or those wrens, antbirds, woodcreepers and others that took a bit more effort to see well!

Below please find a listing of all species observed by one or more participants with locations notes, followed by a summary of daily locations visited and select daily highlights. Thanks again to all for joining us. Birding is supposed to be fun and that was certainly the case throughout this tour!

*Kip and Vernon*

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#### TINAMIDAE - Tinamous

\_\_\_ Great Tinamou - *Carara*

#### ANATIDAE - Ducks

\_\_\_ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck - *Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro*

\_\_\_ Muscovy Duck - *Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro*

\_\_\_ Blue-winged Teal - *Caño Negro*

\_\_\_ Lesser Scaup - *Caño Negro*

#### CRACIDAE - Curassows, Chachalacas & Guans

\_\_\_ Gray-headed Chachalaca - *San Isidro*

\_\_\_ Crested Guan - *Punta Leona, Arenal, La Selva*

\_\_\_ Black Guan - *Savegre*

\_\_\_ Great Curassow - *Arenal*

#### CICONIIDAE - Storks

\_\_\_ Wood Stork - *Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro*

#### FREGATIDAE - Frigatebirds

\_\_\_ Magnificent Frigatebird - *Carara, Rio Tárcoles*

#### PHALACROCORACIDAE - Cormorants

\_\_\_ Neotropic Cormorant - *Talari, Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*

#### PELECANIDAE - Pelicans

\_\_\_ Brown Pelican - *Carara region, Rio Tárcoles*

#### ANHINGIDAE - Anhingas

\_\_\_ Anhinga - *Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*

#### ARDEIDAE - Herons

\_\_\_ Rufescent Tiger-Heron - *Caño Negro*

\_\_\_ Fasciated Tiger-Heron - *Rio San Jose*

\_\_\_ Bare-throated Tiger-Heron - *Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro, La Selva*

\_\_\_ Great Blue Heron - *Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*

\_\_\_ Great Egret - *Widespread*

\_\_\_ Snowy Egret - *San Isidro, Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*

\_\_\_ Little Blue Heron - *Robledal, San Isidro, Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*

\_\_\_ Tricolored Heron - *Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro*

\_\_\_ Cattle Egret - *Widespread*

\_\_\_ Green Heron - *Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*

\_\_\_ Black-crowned Night-Heron - *Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*

- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - *Rio Tárcoles*
- Boat-billed Heron - *Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro*

**THRESKIORNITHIDAE - Ibises & Spoonbills**

- White Ibis - *Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro*
- Green Ibis - *Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*
- Roseate Spoonbill - *Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro*

**CATHARTIDAE - New World Vultures**

- Black Vulture - *Widespread*
- Turkey Vulture - *Widespread*
- Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture - *Caño Negro*
- King Vulture - *North of Dominical, La Selva*

**PANDIONIDAE - Ospreys**

- Osprey - *San Isidro, Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*

**ACCIPITRIDAE - Kites, Hawks & Eagles**

- Pearl Kite - *San Isidro*
- White-tailed Kite - *Cartago, Caño Negro*
- Snail Kite - *Caño Negro*
- Black-collared Hawk - *Caño Negro*
- Common Black Hawk - *Rio Tárcoles*
- Great Black Hawk - *Arenal*
- Roadside Hawk - *Talari, Pacific lowlands, Caño Negro*
- Broad-winged Hawk - *Savegre, Tolomuco, Arenal*
- Gray Hawk - *Pacific and Caribbean lowlands*
- Short-tailed Hawk - *San Isidro, Arenal, Cinchona*
- Zone-tailed Hawk - *Rio Tárcoles*
- Red-tailed Hawk - *Savegre*
- Ornate Hawk-Eagle - *Arenal*

**RALLIDAE - Crakes & Rails**

- Gray-necked Wood-Rail - *Talari, Caño Negro*

**HELIORNITHIDAE - Sungrebes**

- Sungrebe - *Caño Negro*

**ARAMIDAE - Limpkin**

- Limpkin - *Caño Negro*

**RECURVIROSTRIDAE - Stilts & Avocets**

- Black-necked Stilt - *Rio Tárcoles*

**CHARADRIIDAE - Plovers**

- Southern Lapwing - *Caño Negro*
- Black-bellied Plover - *Rio Tárcoles*
- Semipalmated Plover - *Rio Tárcoles*
- Killdeer - *Caño Negro*

**JACANIDAE - Jacanas**

- Northern Jacana - *Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro*

**SCOLOPACIDAE - Sandpipers**

- Spotted Sandpiper - *Rio Tárcoles, Arenal, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*
- Willet - *Rio Tárcoles*
- Lesser Yellowlegs - *Caño Negro*
- Whimbrel - *Rio Tárcoles*
- Marbled Godwit - *Caldera*
- Least Sandpiper - *Rio Tárcoles*
- Western Sandpiper - *Rio Tárcoles*

\_\_\_ Short-billed Dowitcher - *Rio Tárcoles*

#### **LARIDAE - Gulls & Terns**

- \_\_\_ Laughing Gull - *Caldera*
- \_\_\_ Black Tern - *Caldera, Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Common Tern - *Caldera*
- \_\_\_ Royal Tern - *Caldera*

#### **COLUMBIDAE - Pigeons & Doves**

- \_\_\_ Rock Pigeon - *Urban Areas*
- \_\_\_ Pale-vented Pigeon - *Carara region, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*
- \_\_\_ Red-billed Pigeon - *Robledal, Punta Leona, Arenal, Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Band-tailed Pigeon - *Towers Rd*
- \_\_\_ Ruddy Pigeon - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Inca Dove - *Robledal, Punta Leona, Guacimo Rd, Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Common Ground-Dove - *Guacimo Rd*
- \_\_\_ Ruddy Ground-Dove - *Widespread*
- \_\_\_ White-tipped Dove - *Talari, Sueño Azul*
- \_\_\_ Gray-headed Dove - *Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ White-winged Dove - *Robledal, Carara region, Caño Negro*

#### **CUCULIDAE - Cuckoos**

- \_\_\_ Squirrel Cuckoo - *Arenal, Sueño Azul, La Selva, Rio Corinta Trail*
- \_\_\_ Smooth-billed Ani - *San Isidro*
- \_\_\_ Groove-billed Ani - *Widespread*

#### **STRIGIDAE - Owls**

- \_\_\_ Pacific Screech-Owl - *Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Tropical Screech-Owl - *Robledal, Talari*
- \_\_\_ Bare-shanked Screech-Owl - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Crested Owl - *Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Costa Rican Pygmy-Owl - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl - *Robledal*
- \_\_\_ Mottled Owl - *Robledal*
- \_\_\_ Black-and-white Owl - *Arenal, Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Striped Owl - *Caño Negro*

#### **CAPRIMULGIDAE - Nightjars**

- \_\_\_ Common Pauraque - *Talari, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*
- \_\_\_ Dusky Nightjar - (heard) *Savegre*

#### **NYCTIBIIDAE - Potoos**

- \_\_\_ Great Potoo - *Caño Negro*

#### **APODIDAE - Swifts**

- \_\_\_ Spot-fronted Swift - *La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Chestnut-collared Swift - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ White-collared Swift - *Savegre, El Potro, Domatical, Guacimo Rd*
- \_\_\_ Vaux's Swift - *San Isidro, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Costa Rican Swift - *Dominical*
- \_\_\_ Gray-rumped Swift - *Sueño Azul, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift - *Sueño Azul*

#### **TROCHILIDAE - Hummingbirds**

- \_\_\_ White-necked Jacobin - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Bronzy Hermit - *Sueño Azul*
- \_\_\_ Band-tailed Barbthroat - *La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Green Hermit - *Cinchona, La Paz*

- Long-billed Hermit - *Arenal, La Selva, Sueño Azul*
- Stripe-throated Hermit - *Carara*
- Green Violetear - *Paraiso Quetzal, Savegre, Tolmuco, La Paz*
- Purple-crowned Fairy - *Arenal*
- Green-breasted Mango - *Guacimo Rd, Caño Negro*
- Green-crowned Brilliant - *Tolomuco, Cinchona, La Paz*
- Magnificent Hummingbird - *Paraiso Quetzal, Savegre, La Georgina*
- Fiery-throated Hummingbird - *Paraiso Quetzal, Savegre, La Georgina*
- Long-billed Starthroat - *Tolomuco*
- White-bellied Mountain-gem - *Cinchona, La Paz*
- Purple-throated Mountain-gem - *La Paz*
- White-throated Mountain-gem - *Miriam's Cafe, Savegre*
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird - *Caldera, Arenal, Caño Negro*
- Volcano Hummingbird - *Paraiso Quetzal, Savegre, La Georgina*
- Scintillant Hummingbird - *Savegre*
- Violet-headed Hummingbird - *Arenal, Caño Negro*
- Scaly-breasted Hummingbird - *Talari, La Selva*
- Violet Sabrewing - *Tolomuco, Cinchona, La Paz*
- Stripe-tailed Hummingbird - *Savegre, Talari*
- Black-bellied Hummingbird - *La Paz*
- White-tailed Emerald - *Talari*
- Coppery-headed Emerald - *Cinchona, La Paz*
- Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer - *La Selva*
- Crowned Woodnymph (Violet-crowned) - *Arenal*
- Blue-chested Hummingbird - *La Selva*
- Charming Hummingbird - *Punta Leona*
- Snowy-bellied Hummingbird - *Tolomuco*
- Rufous-tailed Hummingbird - *Widespread*
- Cinnamon Hummingbird - *Robledal*
- Blue-throated Goldentail - *Carara*

**TROGONIDAE - Trogons**

- Slaty-tailed Trogon - *Carara, Arenal*
- Black-headed Trogon - *Caño Negro*
- Baird's Trogon - *Punta Leona*
- Gartered Trogon (Violaceous) - *Carara, Arenal*
- Black-throated Trogon - *Carara*
- Collared Trogon - *Savegre*
- Orange-bellied Trogon - *Arenal*
- Resplendent Quetzal - *Savegre*

**MOMOTIDAE - Motmots**

- Blue-crowned Motmot - *Talari, Punta Leona*
- Rufous Motmot - *La Selva*
- Keel-billed Motmot - *Arenal*
- Broad-billed Motmot - *La Selva*
- Turquoise-browed Motmot - *Rio Tárcoles, Guacimo Rd*

**ALCEDINIDAE - Kingfishers**

- Ringed Kingfisher - *Pacific lowlands, Arenal, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*
- Amazon Kingfisher - *Pacific lowlands, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*
- Green Kingfisher - *Caño Negro*
- American Pygmy Kingfisher - *Caño Negro*



**BUCCONIDAE – Puffbirds**

- \_\_\_ White-whiskered Puffbird - *Carara, Sueño Azul*
- \_\_\_ White-fronted Nunbird - *Arenal*

**GALBULIDAE - Jacamars**

- \_\_\_ Rufous-tailed Jacamar - *Arenal, La Selva*

**CAPITONIDAE - American Barbets**

- \_\_\_ Red-headed Barbet - *Talari*

**SEMNORNITHIDAE - Toucan-Barbets**

- \_\_\_ Prong-billed Barbet - *La Paz*

**RAMPHASTIDAE - Toucans**

- \_\_\_ Emerald Toucanet - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Collared Aracari - *Arenal, Sueño Azul*
- \_\_\_ Fiery-billed Aracari - *Talari, Punta Leona*
- \_\_\_ Keel-billed Toucan - *Arenal, Caño Negro, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Black-mandibled Toucan (Chestnut-mandibled) - *San Isidro, Caño Negro, La Selva*

**PICIDAE - Woodpeckers**

- \_\_\_ Olivaceous Piculet - *Talari*
- \_\_\_ Acorn Woodpecker - *Miriam's Cafe, Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Golden-naped Woodpecker - *Dominical*
- \_\_\_ Black-cheeked Woodpecker - *Arenal, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Red-crowned Woodpecker - *Talari*
- \_\_\_ Hoffmann's Woodpecker - *Robledal, Carara region, La Paz*
- \_\_\_ Hairy Woodpecker - *Paraiso Quetzal, Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Rufous-winged Woodpecker - *La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Chestnut-colored Woodpecker - *Caño Negro, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Lineated Woodpecker - *Robledal, San Isidro, Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Pale-billed Woodpecker - *Punta Leona, La Selva*

**FALCONIDAE - Falcons**

- \_\_\_ Crested Caracara - *Robledal, Pacific lowlands, Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Yellow-headed Caracara - *Robledal, El Potro, Pacific lowlands*
- \_\_\_ Laughing Falcon - *Talari, Rio Tárcoles, Arenal, Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ American Kestrel - *Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Peregrine Falcon - *Talari*

**PSITTACIDAE - Parrots**

- \_\_\_ Sulphur-winged Parakeet - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Olive-throated Parakeet - *Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Orange-fronted Parakeet - *Guacimo Rd*
- \_\_\_ Crimson-fronted Parakeet - *Cartago, Pacific lowlands, Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Great Green Macaw - *La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Scarlet Macaw - *Punta Leona, Rio Tárcoles, Puerto Viajo*
- \_\_\_ Orange-chinned Parakeet - *Talari, Pacific lowlands, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Brown-hooded Parrot - *Arenal, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ White-crowned Parrot - *El Potro, Talari*
- \_\_\_ White-fronted Parrot - *Punta Leona*
- \_\_\_ Red-lored Parrot - *Arenal, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Mealy Parrot - *Punta Leona, La Selva*

**THAMNOPHILIDAE - Typical Antbirds**

- \_\_\_ Fasciated Antshrike - *La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Barred Antshrike - *Talari, Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Black-hooded Antshrike - *Carara*

- \_\_\_ Black-crowned Antshrike (Western Slaty-) - *Rio Corinta Trail*
- \_\_\_ Russet Antshrike - *Carara*
- \_\_\_ Streak-crowned Antwren - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Slaty Antwren - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Dot-winged Antwren - *Carara*
- \_\_\_ Dusky Antbird - *La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Bare-crowned Antbird - *Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Chestnut-backed Antbird - *Carara*
- \_\_\_ Spotted Antbird - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Bicolored Antbird - *Carara, Arenal*

**GRALLARIIDAE - Antpittas**

- \_\_\_ Streak-chested Antpitta - *Carara*
- \_\_\_ Thicket Antpitta - *Arenal*

**FORMICARIIDAE - Antthrushes**

- \_\_\_ Black-faced Antthrush - *Carara*

**FURNARIIDAE - Ovenbirds & Woodcreepers**

- \_\_\_ Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser - *La Paz*
- \_\_\_ Wedge-billed Woodcreeper - *Carara, Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Northern Barred-Woodcreeper - *La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Cocoa Woodcreeper - *Carara*
- \_\_\_ Spotted Woodcreeper - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Streak-headed Woodcreeper - *Talari, Carara, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Spot-crowned Woodcreeper - *Miriam's Cafe, Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Plain Xenops - *Carara*
- \_\_\_ Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner - *Carara, Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Spotted Barbtail - *La Paz*
- \_\_\_ Ruddy Treerunner - *Paraiso Quetzal, Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Red-faced Spinetail - *La Paz*
- \_\_\_ Slaty Spinetail - *Arenal*

**TYRANNIDAE - Tyrant Flycatchers**

- \_\_\_ Brown-capped Tyrannulet - *Rio Corinta Trail*
- \_\_\_ Yellow Tyrannulet - *Arenal, Puerto Viejo*
- \_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Elaenia - *El Potro, Talari, Arenal, Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Mountain Elaenia - *Savegre, Tolomuco*
- \_\_\_ Torrent Tyrannulet - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Olive-striped Flycatcher - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Ochre-bellied Flycatcher - *Carara*
- \_\_\_ Paltry Tyrannulet - *Savegre, Tolomuco, Talari*
- \_\_\_ Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant - *Rio Corinta Trail*
- \_\_\_ Common Tody-Flycatcher - *Talari, Arenal, Puerto Viejo*
- \_\_\_ Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Eye-ringed Flatbill - *Carara*
- \_\_\_ Yellow-olive Flycatcher - *Talari*
- \_\_\_ Stub-tailed Spadebill - *Carara*
- \_\_\_ Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher - *Carara*
- \_\_\_ Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher - *Carara*
- \_\_\_ Tawny-chested Flycatcher - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Tufted Flycatcher - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Olive-sided Flycatcher - *El Potro*
- \_\_\_ Dark Pewee - *Savegre*



- \_\_\_ Western Wood-Pewee - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Tropical Pewee - *Caño Negro, Sueño Azul, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Least Flycatcher - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Yellowish Flycatcher - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Black-capped Flycatcher - *Paraiso Quetzal, Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Black Phoebe - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Long-tailed Tyrant - *Arenal, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Bright-rumped Attila - *Punta Leona, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Rufous Mourner - *La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Dusky-capped Flycatcher - *Talari, Arenal, Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Panama Flycatcher - *Rio Tárcoles*
- \_\_\_ Great Crested Flycatcher - *Carara*
- \_\_\_ Great Kiskadee - *Widespread*
- \_\_\_ Boat-billed Flycatcher - *Robledal, Punta Leona, Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Social Flycatcher - *Widespread*
- \_\_\_ Gray-capped Flycatcher - *Arenal, Sueño Azul, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ White-ringed Flycatcher - *Sueño Azul*
- \_\_\_ Streaked Flycatcher - *Punta Leona*
- \_\_\_ Tropical Kingbird - *Widespread*
- \_\_\_ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - *Guacimo Rd*
- \_\_\_ Fork-tailed Flycatcher - *San Isidro*

**TITYRIDAE - Becards, Tityras and allies**

- \_\_\_ Masked Tityra - *Arenal, Sueño Azul, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Cinnamon Becard - *Dominical, Arenal, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Rose-throated Becard - *Punta Leona*

**COTINGIDAE - Cotingas**

- \_\_\_ Rufous Piha - *Punta Leona*
- \_\_\_ Three-wattled Bellbird - *Arenal*

**PIPRIDAE - Manakins**

- \_\_\_ White-ruffed Manakin - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Red-capped Manakin - *Carara*
- \_\_\_ White-collared Manakin - *La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Orange-collared Manakin - *Talari, Carara*

**VIREONIDAE - Vireos**

- \_\_\_ Yellow-throated Vireo - *Talari*
- \_\_\_ Yellow-winged Vireo - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Brown-capped Vireo - *Savegre, Tolomuco*
- \_\_\_ Philadelphia Vireo - *Tolomuco*
- \_\_\_ Red-eyed Vireo - *La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Tawny-crowned Greenlet - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Lesser Greenlet - *Carara*
- \_\_\_ Rufous-browed Peppershrike - *Miriam's Cafe, Savegre*

**CORVIDAE - Jays**

- \_\_\_ White-throated Magpie-Jay - *Arenal, Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Brown Jay - *Talari, Arenal*

**HIRUNDINIDAE - Martins & Swallows**

- \_\_\_ Gray-breasted Martin - *Dominical, Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*
- \_\_\_ Mangrove Swallow - *Dominical, Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*
- \_\_\_ Blue-and-white Swallow - *Robledal, Paraiso Quetzal, Savegre, Towers Rd, Talari*

- \_\_\_ Northern Rough-winged Swallow - *San Isidro, Rio Tárcoles*
- \_\_\_ Southern Rough-winged Swallow - *Arenal, Sueño Azul*
- \_\_\_ Barn Swallow - *Robledal, Paraiso Quetzal, Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro*

**TROGLODYTIDAE - Wrens**

- \_\_\_ Nightingale Wren - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Scaly-breasted Wren - *Carara*
- \_\_\_ House Wren - *Widespread*
- \_\_\_ Ochraceous Wren - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Timberline Wren - *Towers Rd*
- \_\_\_ Band-backed Wren - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Rufous-naped Wren - *Robledal, Punta Leona*
- \_\_\_ Black-throated Wren - *La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Rufous-breasted Wren - *Talari, Carara*
- \_\_\_ Spot-breasted Wren - *Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Stripe-breasted Wren - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Bay Wren - *Rio Corinta Trail*
- \_\_\_ Riverside Wren - *Dominical, Carara*
- \_\_\_ White-breasted Wood-Wren - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Gray-breasted Wood-Wren - *Savegre*

**SYLVIIDAE - Gnatwrens & Gnatcatchers**

- \_\_\_ Long-billed Gnatwren - *Carara, Punta Leona*
- \_\_\_ Tropical Gnatcatcher - *Carara, Punta Leona, Caño Negro, La Selva*

**CINCLIDAE - Dippers**

- \_\_\_ American Dipper - *La Paz*

**TURDIDAE - Thrushes**

- \_\_\_ Black-faced Solitaire - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush - *Miriam's Cafe*
- \_\_\_ Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush - *La Paz*
- \_\_\_ Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush - *Miriam's Cafe, Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Sooty Thrush - *Miriam's Cafe, Savegre, La Georgina*
- \_\_\_ Mountain Thrush - *Miriam's Cafe, Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Clay-colored Thrush - *Widespread*
- \_\_\_ White-throated Thrush - *Arenal*

**MIMIDAE - Mockingbirds & Thrashers**

- \_\_\_ Tropical Mockingbird - *San Isidro*

**PTILOGONATIDAE - Silky-Flycatchers**

- \_\_\_ Black-and-yellow Silky-flycatcher - *Paraiso Quetzal*
- \_\_\_ Long-tailed Silky-flycatcher - *Miriam's Cafe, Savegre*

**PARULIDAE - Wood-Warblers**

- \_\_\_ Louisiana Waterthrush - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Northern Waterthrush - *Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*
- \_\_\_ Golden-winged Warbler - *Savegre, La Paz*
- \_\_\_ Black-and-white Warbler - *Savegre, Arenal, La Paz*
- \_\_\_ Prothonotary Warbler - *Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Flame-throated Warbler - *Miriam's Cafe, Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Tennessee Warbler - *Savegre, Talari, Carara region, Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Kentucky Warbler - *Arenal, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Olive-crowned Yellowthroat - *Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ American Redstart - *Talari*

- Tropical Parula - *Arenal, La Paz*
- Bay-breasted Warbler - *La Selva*
- Blackburnian Warbler - *La Paz*
- Yellow Warbler - *Robledal, El Potro, Talari, Caño Negro*
- Chestnut-sided Warbler - *Widespread*
- Black-throated Green Warbler - *Savegre, La Paz*
- Buff-rumped Warbler - *Carara, Arenal, Sueño Azul, La Selva*
- Black-cheeked Warbler - *Paraiso Quetzal, Savegre*
- Golden-crowned Warbler - *Arenal*
- Three-striped Warbler - *La Paz*
- Wilson's Warbler - *Paraiso Quetzal, Miriam's Cafe, Savegre, Talari, La Paz*
- Slate-throated Redstart - *La Paz*
- Collared Redstart - *Savegre*
- Wrenthrush - *Paraiso Quetzal*

**Genus INCERTAE SEDIS - Bananaquit**

- Bananaquit - *Widespread*

**THRAUPIDAE - Tanagers**

- Dusky-faced Tanager - *La Selva*
- Gray-headed Tanager - *Carara, Punta Leona*
- White-throated Shrike-Tanager - *Arenal*
- White-shouldered Tanager - *Carara, Rio Corinta Trail*
- Crimson-collared Tanager - *Arenal*
- Passerini's Tanager - *Arenal, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul, La Selva*
- Cherrie's Tanager - *Tolomuco, Talari*
- Blue-gray Tanager - *Widespread*
- Palm Tanager - *Cartago, Talari, Arenal, Caño Negro*
- Golden-hooded Tanager - *Talari, Arenal, La Selva*
- Speckled Tanager - *Talari*
- Spangle-cheeked Tanager - *Savegre, La Paz*
- Plain-colored Tanager - *La Selva*
- Bay-headed Tanager - *Talari, Carara, Arenal*
- Emerald Tanager - *Arenal*
- Silver-throated Tanager - *Savegre, Arenal, La Paz*
- Scarlet-thighed Dacnis - *Arenal*
- Blue Dacnis - *Talari, La Selva*
- Green Honeycreeper - *Talari, Arenal*
- Shining Honeycreeper - *Talari, Arenal*
- Red-legged Honeycreeper - *Talari, Arenal*

**Genus INCERTAE SEDIS - Saltators**

- Black-headed Saltator - *La Selva*
- Buff-throated Saltator - *Widespread*
- Grayish Saltator - *Punta Leona*

**EMBERIZIDAE - Seedeaters, Brush-Finches & Sparrows**

- Blue-black Grassquit - *Punta Leona, Sueño Azul*
- Thick-billed Seed-Finch - *Caño Negro, La Selva*
- Nicaraguan Seed-Finch - *Caño Negro, Sueño Azul*
- Variable Seedeater - *El Potro, San Isidro, Arenal, Caño Negro*
- Yellow-bellied Seedeater - *San Isidro*
- Yellow-faced Grassquit - *Savegre, Arenal, Caño Negro*
- Peg-billed Finch - *Savegre*

- \_\_\_ Slaty Flowerpiercer - *Miriam's Cafe, Savegre, Towers Rd*
- \_\_\_ Yellow-thighed Finch - *Paraiso Quetzal, Miriam's Cafe, Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Large-footed Finch - *Miriam's Cafe, Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Orange-billed Sparrow - *Talari, Carara, La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Sooty-faced Finch - *La Paz*
- \_\_\_ Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch - *Savegre, La Paz*
- \_\_\_ Olive Sparrow - *Guacimo Rd*
- \_\_\_ Black-striped Sparrow - *Arenal, Sueño Azul*
- \_\_\_ White-naped Brush-Finch - *Savegre, Cinchona*
- \_\_\_ Stripe-headed Sparrow - *Guacimo Rd*
- \_\_\_ Rufous-collared Sparrow - *Paraiso Quetzal, Miriam's Cafe, Savegre, La Georgina, San Isidro*
- \_\_\_ VolCaño Junco - *Towers Rd*
- \_\_\_ Common Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager) - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Sooty-capped Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager) - *Paraiso Quetzal, Miriam's Cafe, Savegre*

**CARDINALIDAE - Cardinal-Grosbeaks**

- \_\_\_ Hepatic Tanager - *Talari, Arenal, Cinchona*
- \_\_\_ Summer Tanager - *Widespread*
- \_\_\_ Scarlet Tanager - *Cinchona*
- \_\_\_ Flame-colored Tanager - *Miriam's Cafe, Savegre*
- \_\_\_ White-winged Tanager - *Tolomuco*
- \_\_\_ Red-throated Ant-Tanager - *La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Carmiol's Tanager (Olive) - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Black-faced Grosbeak - *La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak - *Talari*
- \_\_\_ Blue-black Grosbeak - *La Selva*

**ICTERIDAE - Blackbirds & Orioles**

- \_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird - *Rio Tárcoles, Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Red-breasted Blackbird - *Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Eastern Meadowlark - *Cartago*
- \_\_\_ Melodious Blackbird - *Widespread*
- \_\_\_ Great-tailed Grackle - *Widespread*
- \_\_\_ Nicaraguan Grackle - *Caño Negro*
- \_\_\_ Bronzed Cowbird - *En route to Sueño Azul*
- \_\_\_ Black-cowled Oriole - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Baltimore Oriole - *Widespread*
- \_\_\_ Yellow-billed Cacique - *La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Scarlet-rumped Cacique - *La Selva, Rio Corinta Trail*
- \_\_\_ Montezuma Oropendola - *Arenal, Caño Negro, Sueño Azul, La Selva*

**FRINGILLIDAE - Euphonias & Finches**

- \_\_\_ Yellow-crowned Euphonia - *Talari*
- \_\_\_ Yellow-throated Euphonia - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Elegant Euphonia - *Savegre*
- \_\_\_ Spot-crowned Euphonia - *Punta Leona*
- \_\_\_ Olive-backed Euphonia - *La Selva*
- \_\_\_ Tawny-capped Euphonia - *Arenal*
- \_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Siskin - *Miriam's Cafe*
- \_\_\_ Lesser Goldfinch - *Savegre*

**PASSERIDAE - Old World Sparrows**

- \_\_\_ House Sparrow - *Urban Areas*

### Daily Birding Locations & Highlights Notes

#### Day 1 – November 7 – Birding Locations: Hotel El Robledal

- **Select Highlights of the Day:** Everyone arrived(!) and kicking off the tour with three species of owls (Tropical Screech, Ferruginous Pygmy and Mottled) right on the hotel grounds. (The dinner waiter's reaction when we all stood up to go look for the Mottled was certainly one of the most comic moments of the trip!)

#### Day 2 – November 8 – Birding Locations: Hotel El Robledal, Cartago, Paraiso Quetzal, Miriam's Café, Savegre Valley

- **Select Highlights of the Day:** Finding the elusive Wrenthrush on one of our first stops in the highlands (wow!); all the Fiery-throated Hummingbirds at the Paraiso Quetzal feeders; the multitude of highland birds (Flame-throated Warbler, Flame-throated Tanager, Large-footed and Yellow-thighed Finches, Long-tailed Silky-flycatcher and others) seen from the small porch on the back of Miriam's café; and of course driving the entrance road down into the Savegre Valley.

#### Day 3 – November 9 – Birding Locations: Savegre Valley and San Gerardo de Dota

- **Select Highlights of the Day:** Excellent views of male and female Resplendent Quetzals along the road above the lodge after a bit of a wait (A trip highlight really, as our patience paid off!); walking and birding on the hotel grounds with views of Collared Redstarts, Slaty Flower-piercers, Emerald Toucanet, hummingbirds and many highland species.

#### Day 4 – November 10 – Birding Locations: Savegre Valley, Towers Road on Cerro de la Muerte, Restaurante La Georgina, Bosque del Tolomuco, Restaurante El Potro, Talari Lodge

- **Select Highlights of the Day:** Getting "above treeline" in the tropics (and finding Volcano Junco and Timberline Wren); hummingbird watching in the rain at Bosque del Tolomuco (Violet Sabrewing, Long-billed Starthroat, Snowy-bellied Hummingbird and others); birding from the restaurant deck at Talari and experiencing the post-rain termite hatch (fun to watch the birds feeding on them, but kind of annoying when they moved our way!).

#### Day 5 – November 11 – Birding Locations: Talari Lodge, San Isidro, Dominical, Pacific Coast Highway.

- **Select Highlights of the Day:** Early morning deck birding at Talari (Blue-crowned Motmot, Red-headed Barbet, Speckled Tanager, Fiery-billed Aracari and many others); tracking down San Isidro area target birds such as Smooth-billed Ani, Tropical Mockingbird, Pearl Kite and Fork-tailed Flycatcher; post-lunch roadside birding success for Golden-naped Woodpecker and Riverside Wren; and those stunning Scarlet Macaws outside the reception area at Punta Leona.

#### Day 6 – November 12 – Birding Locations: Punta Leona and Carara National Park

- **Select Highlights of the Day:** Three trogon species (Slaty-tailed, Gartered and Black-throated); good success with forest interior species at Carara, such as Great Tinamou, White-whiskered Puffbird, Streak-chested Antpitta, and Red-capped Manakin; and it goes without saying - when the highway traffic jam we encountered on the way back to the lodge started moving!

#### Day 7 – November 13 – Birding Locations: Punta Leona, Tarcoles River, Guacimo Road and Caldera

- **Select Highlights of the Day:** All the waterbirds, waders and crocodiles seen from the comfort of the boat on the Tarcoles River; good success (for a quick visit) with dry forest species on Guacimo Road, such as Turquoise-browed Motmot and Stripe-headed Sparrow; and arriving at the comfortable Arenal Observatory Lodge after a full afternoon on the road.



**Day 8 – November 14 – Birding Locations:** Arenal Observatory Lodge and access road

- **Select Highlights of the Day:** Watching the early morning feeder show from the lodge deck (oropendolas, tanagers, honeycreepers and such); when the morning rained stopped (!); afternoon roadside birding below the lodge with sightings of Rufous-tailed Jacamar, White-fronted Nunbird, Keel-billed Motmot and others; and wrapping up the day with a Black-and-white Owl just below the lodge.

**Day 9 – November 15 – Birding Locations:** Arenal Observatory Lodge, La Fortuna, Caño Negro region

- **Select Highlights of the Day:** Actually seeing a Thicket Antpitta (!) along the Arenal access road; the canopy views from the Arenal Sky Tram bridges and finding an Ornate Hawk-Eagle from the overlook; Rufescent Tiger-Heron on the way to Caño Negro; and a most spectacular evening owling drive with Great Potoo and four species of owls (Pacific Screech, Crested, Black-and-white and Striped) all seen.

**Day 10 – November 16 – Birding Locations:** Caño Negro area

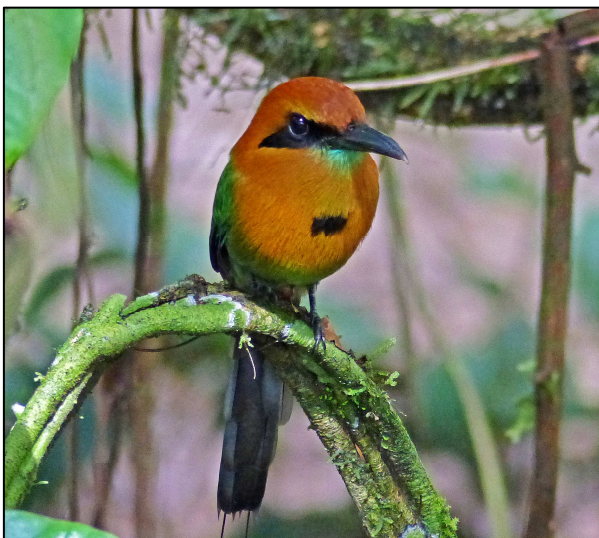
- **Select Highlights of the Day:** A wildly successful boat trip on the Rio Frio with Green Ibis, Sungrebe, Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, Pygmy Kingfisher, Nicaraguan Grackle and *many* others seen well; and birding our way out of the Cano Negro area with roadside sightings of interesting birds such as Nicaraguan Seed-Finch (huge bill!) and Red-breasted Blackbird.

**Day 11 – November 17 – Birding Locations:** Hotel Sueño Azul and La Selva Research Station

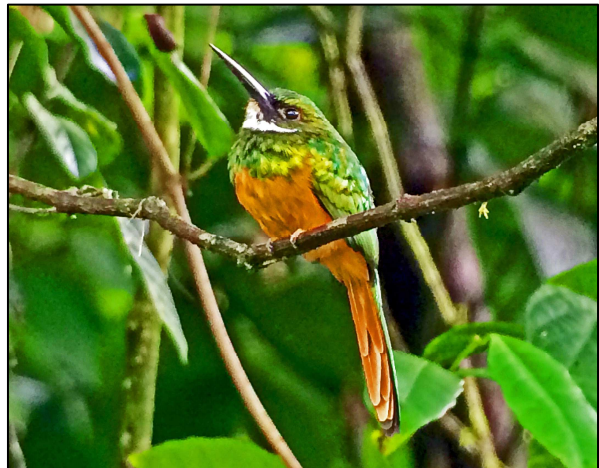
- **Select Highlights of the Day:** After a bit of a slow start on the trails at La Selva, enjoying great views of birds such as Broad-billed Motmot, Chestnut-colored Woodpecker, Rufous Mourner, Dusky-faced Tanager, Black-faced Grosbeak and others.

**Day 12 – November 18 – Birding Locations:** La Selva entrance road, Rio San Jose, Rio Corinta trail, Cinchona, La Paz Waterfall Gardens

- **Select Highlights of the Day:** A successful return to the La Selva entrance road at dawn with sightings of Rufous Motmot, Rufous-winged Woodpecker, Great Green Macaw, Fasciated Antshrike and others; Fasciated Tiger-Heron on the Rio San Jose; our short walk on the Rio Corinta Trail where in short order we found Black-crowned Antshrike, Brown-capped Tyrannulet, Black-capped Pygmy Tyrant and Bay Wren; and wrapping up the tour at the La Paz Waterfall Gardens with multiple hummingbird and higher elevation species.







Cover Photos (Clockwise from upper left): Fiery-billed Aracari; Mangrove birding; Arenal birding; Fiery-throated Hummingbird.

Page 12 Photos: (Left to right): Broad-billed Motmot; La Paz Waterfall birding.

Page 13 Photos (Clockwise from upper left): Chestnut-colored Woodpecker; La Selva bridge with traffic; Striped Owl; Rufous-tailed Jacamar; Umbrella parade at Arenal; Dawn on the Sarapiquí at Sueño Azul.

