

TOP BIRDING LODGES OF PANAMA with the Illinois Ornithological Society

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Panama may not be as well-known as Costa Rica as a birding and wildlife destination, but it is every bit as good. With an incredible diversity of birds in a small area, wonderful lodges, and great infrastructure, we tallied more than 300 species while staying at two of the best birding lodges anywhere in Central America. While staying at Canopy Tower, we birded Pipeline Road and other lowland sites in Soberanía National Park and spent a day in the higher elevations of Cerro Azul. We then shifted to Canopy Lodge in the beautiful, cool El Valle de Anton, birding the extensive forests around El Valle and taking a day trip to coastal wetlands and the nearby drier, more open forests in that area. This was the rainy season in Panama, but rain hardly interfered with our birding at all and we generally had nice weather throughout the trip.

The birding, of course, was excellent! The lodges themselves offered great birding, with a fruiting Cecropia tree next to the Canopy Tower which treated us to eye-level views of tanagers, toucans, woodpeckers, flycatchers, parrots, and honeycreepers. Canopy Lodge's feeders had a constant stream of birds, including Gray-cowled Wood-Rail and Dusky-faced Tanager. Other bird highlights included Ocellated and Dull-mantled Antbirds, Pheasant Cuckoo, Common Potoo sitting on an egg(!), King Vulture, Black Hawk-Eagle being harassed by Swallow-tailed Kites, five species of motmots, five species of trogons, five species of manakins, and 21 species of hummingbirds. We did well with mammals, too, seeing Northern Tamandua, Central American Wooly Opossum, Panamanian Night Monkey, Olingo, and Geoffroy's Tamarin. We were also lucky enough to see a Fer-de-lance crossing a road from the safety of a vehicle!

TOP 5 BIRDS

1. Common Potoo
2 (tie). Rufous-crested Coquette
2 (tie). Pheasant Cuckoo
2 (tie). Crowned Woodnymph
2 (tie). Collared Aracari



The happy group in the Canopy Lodge's lovely outdoor lounge.

Day 1: Panama City to Canopy Tower

Some of the group had arrived the previous night and got a morning start to the famous Canopy Tower; others arrived in the afternoon and arrived with plenty of daylight for birding. Canopy Tower is perfectly placed atop a hill in the heart of Soberanía National Park, adjacent to the Panama Canal, in the middle of the rainforest. The rooftop is in the forest canopy, offering a spectacular vantage point to see birds, with the skyscrapers of Panama City as a distant backdrop.

The early group got a head start, finding a female **Blue Cotinga**, one of the area's most famous avian residents, along with a number of raptors, including **Short-tailed**, **Crane**, and **Zone-tailed Hawks**, and **Hook-billed Kite**. They also had a very close troop of **Geoffroy's Tamarin**. Once the rest of the group arrived, there were still plenty of birds to see. From big birds like **Keel-billed Toucan** and **Red-lored** and **Mealy Parrots** to the diminutive **Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet** and **Tropical Gnatcatcher**, plus a brief visit by the female **cotinga**. We also had great views of **Plain-colored** and **Golden-hooded Tanager**, **Fulvous-vented Euphonia**, **Blue Dacnis**, and a distant **Capped Heron**. It was a great way to start the trip. Plus an **Olingo** visited the fruiting cecropia right outside the dining room window as we ate dinner, and a **Southern Wooly Opossum** visited after most people had gone back to their rooms.

Day 2: Soberanía National Park

We started the morning on the famed Canopy Tower rooftop, drinking coffee while getting to know the birds of the forest canopy. It was a foggy morning, but we still managed some good

birds, including Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher, Yellow-margined Flycatcher, Scaled Pigeon, and a close family group of Collared Aracaris. We heard Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon and Green Shrike-Vireo, but neither would show themselves.



Keel-billed Toucan was a common sight from the Canopy Tower rooftop. Photo by Josh Engel.

After breakfast, we walked from the lodge down the forested entrance road. We were excited to have scope views of Fasciated Antshrike and Black-bellied Wren, two birds that aren't known for showing off like that! We encountered a few mixed flocks as well, getting great views of Cinnamon Woodpecker, Bicolored Antbird, and Plain-brown Woodcreeper. Some people got lucky and saw a male Blue-crowned Manakin and everyone had nice looks at Crane Hawk and Double-toothed Kite. We also simultaneously spotted a Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth and a Hoffman's Two-toed Sloth, always popular finds in the lowland rain forest.

After lunch and a rest, the group split up, with part going to the Miraflores Locks, where they watched several boats pass through the locks and learned about the history of the Panama Canal. The other part of the group went birding at the Ammo Dump Ponds. They had out-of-this-world looks at the usually very shy White-throated Crake, along with Black-bellied Whistling Duck chicks, Lesser Kiskadee, Yellow-olive Flycatcher, Ruddy-breasted Seedeater, and many other flycatchers, waterbirds, and seedeaters.

Day 3: Pipeline Road, Summit Ponds, and Old Gamboa Road

Today was our visit to the legendary Pipeline Road. It lived up to its reputation, with an excellent diversity of forest birds. A major highlight was tracking down a singing **Pheasant Cuckoo**, which provided incredible looks as it dried out from early morning rains. We also had excellent looks at four species of trogon: **White-tailed**, **Gartered**, **Slaty-tailed**, and **Black-**

throated, and we heard a fifth, Black-tailed. We found two roosting Great Potoos doing their best imitation of a branch. Some people saw a Black-faced Antthrush walking on the ground and a male Golden-collared Manakin, and everybody had great looks at Song Wren, Black-breasted Puffbird, and Purple-throated Fruitcrow. As we were on our way out, in the vehicle, our local guide Alex came to a quick stop when he heard and then very impressively spotted the miniature Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant, which cooperated for outstanding views.

We headed back out in the afternoon to another nearby spot, Summit Ponds. We parked the car and immediately found a **Pale-eyed Pygmy Tyrant**, another mini-flycatcher. Not long after, we noticed a few birds at an army ant swarm. Here we saw a pair of **White-bellied Antbirds**, **Red-throated Ant-Tanager**, and our best views yet of **Whooping Motmot**, while we watched the ant swarm attacking spiders that didn't have the time or guile to flee.

Walking towards the ponds, a mixed canopy flock had **Golden-fronted Greenlet**, **Paltry Tyrannulet**, **Yellow-olive Flycatcher**, and several other confusing little gray birds! We got sorted with those and made it to the ponds, where we quickly found four species of kingfishers: **Ringed**, **Amazon**, **Green**, and the amazing **American Pygmy**. A short way away, a **Scaled Pigeon** and a **Yellow-crowned Parrot** shared a treetop and a few **Slaty-tailed Trogons** chased each other around. It was a productive afternoon, and we happily returned to the tower for dinner.



A wonderful find was this Pheasant Cuckoo drying out after overnight rains. Photo by Tamima Itani.

Day 4: Cerro Azul

We were up early to make the hour-and-a-half drive east to the higher elevations of Cerro Azul and Cerro Jefe. We arrived in good time and spent much of the day birding the roads and trails of Los Altos de Cerro Azul. We were hoping for tanagers and they showed up for us, including Speckled, Bay-headed, Rufous-winged, and Emerald. We had nice views of Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant, Long-billed Gnatwren, and Spotted Woodcreeper. Our next stop started with a King Vulture soaring over the hills and peaked when our guide Alex spotted a Common Potoo sitting over its single egg. We eventually made our way to our lunch stop, featuring one of the world's great hummingbird feeder setups. There were more than 100 hummingbirds at any given time, and by the time we were finished we had tallied 11 species, including the rare Violet-capped Hummingbird, which made infrequent visits, but just enough for everyone to get great views. White-necked Jacobin was by far the most common, with many Snowy-bellied, Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer, and a single Long-billed Starthroat also featuring. It was also a real pleasure to get great views of Shining and Red-legged Honeycreepers among the passerines coming to the various feeders as well.

We spent a little more time in the afternoon birding around Cerro Azul, finding quite a few birds, including Red-capped and White-ruffed Manakin, Yellow-green Vireo, Black-striped Woodcreeper, and Violet-bellied and Violet-headed Hummingbirds.

We made it back to Canopy Tower in good time, had a rest, ate dinner, then some people returned out for a night drive. It turned out to be a great drive, with a spectacular **Fer-de-lance** right on the road, and great views of **Olingo**, a female **Panamanian Night Monkey** with a baby on her back, a **Southern Wooly Opossum**, and a **Hoffman's Two-toed Sloth**.



Crowned Woodnymph, one of eleven species of hummingbirds that showed off for us at a private feeder setup in Cerro Azul. Photo by Josh Engel.

Day 5: Canopy Tower to Canopy Lodge

We were up on the tower again early, but dense fog again surrounded us, making viewing difficult. We had many of the usual suspects in the fruiting cecropia right next to the tower, including Golden-hooded Tanager and Collared Aracari, with three species of swift flying around: Vaux's, Short-tailed, and Band-rumped. After breakfast, we returned to the tower, where most of the group lucked out with great views of a Green Shrike-Vireo, always a mostwanted tower bird. It was a sign of things to come (i.e. a delayed departure). As people started filtering out into the parking lot, word started filtering back that there was an ant swarm developing right there. Pretty soon we were inundated with great views of ant-following birds, including Northern Barred and Plain-brown Woodcreeper, Spotted Antbird, and, best of all, a gorgeous and cooperative Ocellated Antbird. We couldn't believe our luck, but to top it off, a Great Tinamou showed up and walked around right below us, too! As if that wasn't all enough, our bus driver then spotted a sleeping Northern Tamandua in a tree just outside of the gate!

We did eventually hit the road, stopping for local delicacies on the way to the beautiful Valle de Anton and the gorgeous Canopy Lodge. The forested grounds with a river and fruit feeders right off the deck quickly got us over-stimulated, and before too long we had added **Buff-rumped Warbler**, **Gray-cowled Wood-Rail**, and **Flame-rumped Tanager** to our growing list.



One of the most beautiful of all antbirds, we found this Ocellated Antbird attending an army ant swarm right next to the Canopy Tower parking lot as we were getting ready to leave.

Good timing! Photo by Tamima Itani.

We set out in the afternoon walking along the forested road near the Lodge. A flock of **Tawny-crested** and **Dusky-faced Tanagers** was in the undergrowth and a **Short-tailed Hawk** soared overhead. We continued our **sloth** hot streak, with our 10th of the trip. Part of the group continued on a small trail into the forest, with great success finding the **Tody Motmot** they were hoping for, getting great views of this rare motmot. We also found **Red-crowned Ant-Tanager** along the trail and a **White Hawk** flew in and landed in the distance. Amazingly, as we returned to the Lodge, we spotted another **White Hawk**, perched a little too in the open, as a flock of **Black-chested Jays** noticed and chased it off. A couple of (the?) others had headed back early, finding **Olive-striped Flycatchers** bathing on the road and **Blue-headed Parrots** perched in a tree.

Day 6: El Valle

After a nice early morning at the Lodge, which included three **Spot-crowned Barbets** in a treetop on the grounds, we set out after breakfast to La Mesa. We stopped at a big **Chestnut-headed Oropendola** colony, where a **Giant Cowbird**, an oropendola nest parasite, was in attendance. Continuing higher, we birded along the road, then off the road on a forested trail. We found a great fruiting tree, which held **Scarlet-thighed Dacnis**, **Silver-throated Tanager**, **White-lined Tanager**, **Spot-crowned Barbet**, and other frugivorous birds. Along the road we also found **Orange-bellied Trogon**, **Chestnut-capped Brushfinch**, **Wedge-billed Woodcreeper**, and **Rufous-and-white Wren**. The trail was quiet but punctuated by activity, the most exciting of which was a **Black-crowned Antpitta**, that some in the group got to see well. It was, as to be expected of it, very difficult to see. We heard **Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush** in the same area, but likewise it wouldn't come out for us.

We set out again in the afternoon, stopping in at the Sunday market in town before birding on the quiet Cara Iguana road. Our first mission was to see if the local **Spectacled Owl** family was around, and sure enough, it was. We had great views of two adults and a juvenile right near their nest site. The roadside was full of birds, and we enjoyed good views of **Lineated Woodpecker**, **Striped Cuckoo**, **Yellow-bellied** and **Lesser Elaenias**, **Isthmian Wren**, and other birds of the forest edge. We continued our **sloth** streak as well, finding two more **Three-toed Sloths** on our afternoon walk. Just as we were finishing up our evening checklist in the Lodge's sitting area, a **Northern Tamandua**, our second of the trip, showed up in a tree just outside.

Day 7: Pacific Coast

We headed down in elevation today for a change in pace, though our first birding stops were just outside El Valle, where **Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch** showed beautifully. We made a few additional stops as we descended, getting brief looks at **Crested Bobwhite** and very nice looks at **Lesson's Motmot**, **Fork-tailed Flycatcher**, **Rufous-browed Peppershrike**, **Blue-headed Parrot**, and a roosting **Common Nighthawk**. Reaching the lower elevation grasslands, we were treated to spectacular views of a family group of **Aplomado Falcons**, with the youngster showing especially well. The roadside trees held **Mouse-colored Tyrannulet**, **Northern Scrub-Flycatcher**, **Golden-fronted Greenlet**, and **Straight-billed Woodcreeper**. The wet fields held a

variety of waders, **Common Black-Hawk**, **Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture**, and some very cooperative **Savannah Hawks**. After a bit of effort, everyone got great looks at **Lance-tailed Manakin** along the road, and in the same area a **Sapphire-throated Hummingbird** sat long enough for everyone to get scope views.



We had great fun throwing fish to the Magnificent Frigatebirds at our oceanfront lunch spot.

Photo by Tamima Itani.

Lunch was on a beautiful piece of private land, right on the beach. Not only was it a great setting to enjoy our picnic, but there were **Blue-footed** and **Brown Boobies** offshore, a **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** in the garden, **Bat Falcons** overhead, and Tamima bought some freshly-caught fish from the local fisherman to feed to the many **Magnificent Frigatebirds** hanging out over the beach.

We had a bit of time for afternoon birding, checking out some rice paddies near the coast. There were lots of wading birds and we had nice views of **Pale-breasted Spinetail** and **Yellow-crowned Parrots**. We were surprised to see two **Coyotes** strolling through the rice paddies.

Day 8: El Valle

After our breakfast at the Lodge, we left town to bird along the very steep road that leads into the Los Altos del Maria. We found some nice mixed tanager flocks along the road, which included Silver-throated and Emerald Tanager, Tawny-capped Euphonia, and Common Chlorospingus. A Russet Antshrike joined one flock and sat still enough for the whole group to

get scope views. Northern Emerald-Toucanets were feeding in a cecropia and a Black Hawk-Eagle sailed overhead. We worked hard when we heard a Dull-mantled Antbird to see it, but with little success. So we were especially pleased when a short while later a second one started singing up the road and we got excellent views. Along that same stretch of road, a few people glimpsed a female Snowcap and a few others had nice views of Northern Schiffornis. On the other hand, singing Ochraceous Wren and White-throated Spadebill would not show themselves at all.

After our midday siesta, we headed back out, to the lovely road through Valle Chiquito. On the way, we stopped to look for **Rosy Thrush-Tanager**, now placed in a family of its own, which mostly skulked deep in the thickets, but a few people saw it well. We also had a very cooperative **Tody Motmot**, which allowed several in the group to catch up on that bird, the trip's fifth motmot species. Once in Valle Chiquito, we had **Golden-collared Manakins** wingsnapping all around us, but only a few people got views. It was a beautiful, sunny afternoon, so we frequently scanned the skies for raptors, but were rewarded only with a single **Short-tailed Hawk**. We had nice views of many common birds, like **Red-legged Honeycreeper**, **Panama Flycatcher**, **Lineated Woodpecker**, **Swallow-tailed Kite**, and **Squirrel Cuckoo**.

After dinner, we headed out around the Lodge to look for owls, and almost immediately had point-blank looks at a **Tropical Screech-Owl**. Not a bad way to end the day.



We had wonderful views of the unique Black-and-yellow Tanager. Photo by Tamima Itani.

Day 9: El Valle to Panama City

We had one day remaining to enjoy the mountains around El Valle. We headed upslope again, this time to Cerro Gaital. Along the way, we stopped to check a few spots for Sunbittern, without success. We did see a tree full of **Keel-billed Toucans**, a few **Black-chested Jays**, and some people saw our first **White-collared Swift** of the trip. We made it up to Gaital, where **Bicolored Antbirds** greeted us at the trailhead. We waited patiently for **White-tipped Sicklebill** to show up at their favorite heliconia flowers. While much of the group decided to climb a bit higher to wait near a larger patch of flowers, a sicklebill showed up at the two flowers down below for those who stayed! Returning to the cars, a couple people were lucky enough to see a **White-tailed Emerald** in the canopy.

We had a final, short afternoon to enjoy the feeders and Lodge. A **Chestnut-headed Oropendola** nipped into the feeders for a bite of banana. A few of us took a walk up the road, getting nice views of **Spot-crowned Barbet** along the road and **Dot-winged Antwren** along a nearby trail. Then it was time to pack up, eat an early dinner, and make our way to Panama City for our farewells at the end of an outstanding experience in Panama.

BIRD LIST. 306 species, including 17 heard only. Taxonomy follows the Clements/eBird Checklist, 2017 update. Names in *Field Guide to the Birds of Panama* by Angehr and Dean are in parentheses. (H) denoted heard only. IUCN Red List status listed for threatened and near-threatened species: CR=Critically Endangered, EN=Endangered, VU=Vulnerable, NT=Near-threatened.

Great Tinamou (NT) - Tinamus major

Little Tinamou (H) - Crypturellus soui

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck - Dendrocygna autumnalis

Gray-headed Chachalaca - Ortalis cinereiceps

Crested Bobwhite - Colinus cristatus

Wood Stork - Mycteria americana

Magnificent Frigatebird - Fregata magnificens

Blue-footed Booby - Sula nebouxii

Brown Booby - Sula leucogaster

Neotropic Cormorant - Phalacrocorax brasilianus

Anhinga - *Anhinga anhinga*

Brown Pelican - Pelecanus occidentalis

Great Egret - Ardea alba

Snowy Egret - Egretta thula

Little Blue Heron - Egretta caerulea

Cattle Egret - Bubulcus ibis

Green Heron - Butorides virescens

Striated Heron - Butorides striata

Capped Heron - Pilherodius pileatus

Black-crowned Night-Heron - Nycticorax nycticorax

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - Nyctanassa violacea

Boat-billed Heron - Cochlearius cochlearius

White Ibis - Eudocimus albus

Glossy Ibis - Plegadis falcinellus

Black Vulture - Coragyps atratus

Turkey Vulture - Cathartes aura

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture - Cathartes burrovianus

King Vulture - Sarcoramphus papa

Osprey - Pandion haliaetus

White-tailed Kite - Elanus leucurus

Hook-billed Kite - Chondrohierax uncinatus

Swallow-tailed Kite - Elanoides forficatus

Black Hawk-Eagle - Spizaetus tyrannus

Double-toothed Kite - Harpagus bidentatus

Crane Hawk - Geranospiza caerulescens

Common Black Hawk - Buteogallus anthracinus

Savanna Hawk - Buteogallus meridionalis

Roadside Hawk - Rupornis magnirostris

White Hawk - Pseudastur albicollis

Gray-lined (Gray) Hawk - Buteo nitidus

Short-tailed Hawk - Buteo brachyurus

Zone-tailed Hawk - Buteo albonotatus

White-throated Crake - Laterallus albigularis

Gray-cowled (Gray-necked) Wood-Rail - Aramides cajaneus

Purple Gallinule - Porphyrio martinica

Black-necked Stilt - Himantopus mexicanus

Southern Lapwing - Vanellus chilensis

Wattled Jacana - Jacana jacana

Whimbrel - Numenius phaeopus

Laughing Gull - Leucophaeus atricilla

Common Tern - Sterna hirundo

Pale-vented Pigeon - Patagioenas cayennensis

Scaled Pigeon - Patagioenas speciosa

Plain-breasted Ground-Dove (H) - Columbina minuta

Ruddy Ground-Dove - Columbina talpacoti

White-tipped Dove - Leptotila verreauxi

Gray-chested Dove (H) - Leptotila cassinii

Mourning Dove - Zenaida macroura

Greater Ani - Crotophaga major

Smooth-billed Ani - Crotophaga ani

Groove-billed Ani - Crotophaga sulcirostris

Striped Cuckoo - Tapera naevia

Pheasant Cuckoo - Dromococcyx phasianellus

Squirrel Cuckoo - Piaya cayana

Tropical Screech-Owl - Megascops choliba

Spectacled Owl - Pulsatrix perspicillata

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl - Glaucidium brasilianum

Common Nighthawk - Chordeiles minor

Great Potoo - Nyctibius grandis

Common Potoo - Nyctibius griseus

White-collared Swift - Streptoprocne zonaris

Vaux's Swift - Chaetura vauxi

Short-tailed Swift - Chaetura brachyura

Band-rumped Swift - Chaetura spinicaudus

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift - Panyptila cayennensis

White-necked Jacobin - Florisuga mellivora

White-tipped Sicklebill - Eutoxeres aquila

Green Hermit - Phaethornis guy

Long-billed Hermit - Phaethornis longirostris

Stripe-throated Hermit - Phaethornis striigularis

Purple-crowned Fairy - Heliothryx barroti

Rufous-crested Coquette - Lophornis delattrei

Long-billed Starthroat - Heliomaster longirostris

Garden Emerald - Chlorostilbon assimilis

Violet-headed Hummingbird - Klais quimeti

White-vented Plumeleteer - Chalybura buffonii

Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer - Chalybura urochrysia

Crowned (Green-crowned) Woodnymph - Thalurania colombica

White-tailed Emerald - Elvira chionura

Snowcap - Microchera albocoronata

Blue-chested Hummingbird - Amazilia amabilis

Snowy-bellied Hummingbird - Amazilia edward

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird - Amazilia tzacatl

Violet-capped Hummingbird (NT) - Goldmania violiceps

Sapphire-throated Hummingbird - Lepidopyga coeruleogularis

Violet-bellied Hummingbird - Juliamyia julie

Slaty-tailed Trogon - Trogon massena

Black-tailed Trogon (H) - Trogon melanurus

White-tailed Trogon - Trogon chionurus

Gartered (Violaceous) Trogon - Trogon caligatus

Black-throated Trogon - Trogon rufus

Orange-bellied Trogon - Trogon aurantiiventris

Tody Motmot - Hylomanes momotula

Lesson's (Blue-crowned) Motmot - Momotus lessonii

Whooping (Blue-crowned) Motmot - Momotus subrufescens

Rufous Motmot - Baryphthengus martii

Broad-billed Motmot - Electron platyrhynchum

Ringed Kingfisher - Megaceryle torquata

Amazon Kingfisher - Chloroceryle amazona

Green Kingfisher - Chloroceryle americana

American Pygmy Kingfisher - Chloroceryle aenea

White-necked Puffbird - Notharchus hyperrhynchus

Black-breasted Puffbird - Notharchus pectoralis

White-whiskered Puffbird - Malacoptila panamensis

Spot-crowned Barbet - Capito maculicoronatus

Northern Emerald-Toucanet - Aulacorhynchus prasinus

Collared Aracari - Pteroglossus torquatus

Yellow-throated (Chestnut-mandibled) Toucan (NT) - Ramphastos ambiguus

Keel-billed Toucan - Ramphastos sulfuratus

Black-cheeked Woodpecker - Melanerpes pucherani

Red-crowned Woodpecker - Melanerpes rubricapillus

Cinnamon Woodpecker - Celeus Ioricatus

Lineated Woodpecker - Dryocopus lineatus

Slaty-backed Forest Falcon (H) - Micrastur mirandoleii

Collared Forest-Falcon (H) - Micrastur semitorquatus

Crested Caracara - Caracara cheriway

Yellow-headed Caracara - Milvago chimachima

American Kestrel - Falco sparverius

Aplomado Falcon - Falco femoralis

Bat Falcon - Falco rufigularis

Orange-chinned Parakeet - Brotogeris jugularis

Brown-hooded Parrot - Pyrilia haematotis

Blue-headed Parrot - Pionus menstruus

Red-lored Parrot - Amazona autumnalis

Yellow-crowned Parrot - Amazona ochrocephala

Mealy Parrot (NT) - Amazona farinosa

Fasciated Antshrike - Cymbilaimus lineatus

Barred Antshrike - Thamnophilus doliatus

Black-crowned (Western Slaty-) Antshrike - Thamnophilus atrinucha

Russet Antshrike - Thamnistes anabatinus

Plain Antvireo - Dysithamnus mentalis

Spot-crowned Antvireo (H) - Dysithamnus puncticeps

Checker-throated Antwren - Epinecrophylla fulviventris

White-flanked Antwren - Myrmotherula axillaris

Slaty Antwren (H) - Myrmotherula schisticolor

Dot-winged Antwren - Microrhopias quixensis

Dusky Antbird - Cercomacroides tyrannina

White-bellied Antbird - Myrmeciza longipes

Chestnut-backed Antbird - Poliocrania exsul

Dull-mantled Antbird - Sipia laemosticta

Bicolored Antbird - Gymnopithys bicolor

Spotted Antbird - Hylophylax naevioides

Ocellated Antbird - Phaenostictus mcleannani

Black-crowned Antpitta - Pittasoma michleri

Streak-chested Antpitta (H) - Hylopezus perspicillatus

Black-faced Antthrush - Formicarius analis

Olivaceous Woodcreeper - Sittasomus griseicapillus

Plain-brown Woodcreeper - Dendrocincla fuliginosa

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper - Glyphorynchus spirurus

Northern Barred-Woodcreeper - Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae

Cocoa Woodcreeper - Xiphorhynchus susurrans

Black-striped Woodcreeper - Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus

Spotted Woodcreeper - Xiphorhynchus erythropygius

Straight-billed Woodcreeper - Dendroplex picus

Plain Xenops - Xenops minutus

Pale-breasted Spinetail - Synallaxis albescens

Brown-capped Tyrannulet - Ornithion brunneicapillus

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet - Camptostoma obsoletum

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet - Phaeomyias murina

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet - Tyrannulus elatus

Forest Elaenia - Myiopagis gaimardii

Yellow-bellied Elaenia - Elaenia flavogaster

Lesser Elaenia - Elaenia chiriquensis

Olive-striped Flycatcher - Mionectes olivaceus

Sepia-capped Flycatcher (H) - Leptopogon amaurocephalus

Paltry Tyrannulet - Zimmerius vilissimus

Northern Scrub-Flycatcher - Sublegatus arenarum

Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant - Myiornis atricapillus

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant - Lophotriccus pileatus

Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant - Atalotriccus pilaris

Southern Bentbill - Oncostoma olivaceum

Common Tody-Flycatcher - Todirostrum cinereum

Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher - Todirostrum nigriceps

Olivaceous Flatbill - Rhynchocyclus olivaceus

Yellow-olive Flycatcher - Tolmomyias sulphurescens

Yellow-margined Flycatcher - Tolmomyias assimilis

White-throated Spadebill (H) - Platyrinchus mystaceus

Golden-crowned Spadebill - Platyrinchus coronatus

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher - Terenotriccus erythrurus

Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher - Myiobius sulphureipygius

Tufted Flycatcher (H) - Mitrephanes phaeocercus

Bright-rumped Attila - Attila spadiceus

Rufous Mourner - Rhytipterna holerythra

Dusky-capped Flycatcher - Myiarchus tuberculifer

Panama Flycatcher - Myiarchus panamensis

Lesser Kiskadee - Pitanaus lictor

Great Kiskadee - Pitangus sulphuratus

Boat-billed Flycatcher - Megarynchus pitangua

Rusty-margined Flycatcher - Myiozetetes cayanensis

Social Flycatcher - Myiozetetes similis

Streaked Flycatcher - Myiodynastes maculatus

Piratic Flycatcher - Legatus leucophaius

Tropical Kingbird - Tyrannus melancholicus

Fork-tailed Flycatcher - Tyrannus savana

Purple-throated Fruitcrow - Querula purpurata

Blue Cotinga - Cotinga nattererii

Lance-tailed Manakin - Chiroxiphia lanceolata

White-ruffed Manakin - Corapipo altera

Blue-crowned Manakin - Lepidothrix coronata

Golden-collared Manakin - Manacus vitellinus

Red-capped Manakin - Ceratopipra mentalis

Masked Tityra - Tityra semifasciata

Northern (Thrush-like) Schiffornis - Schiffornis veraepacis

Russet-winged (Thrush-like) Schiffornis - Schiffornis stenorhyncha

White-winged Becard - Pachyramphus polychopterus

Rufous-browed Peppershrike - Cyclarhis gujanensis

Scrub Greenlet - Hylophilus flavipes

Green Shrike-Vireo - Vireolanius pulchellus

Lesser Greenlet - Pachysylvia decurtata

Golden-fronted Greenlet - Pachysylvia aurantiifrons

Yellow-green Vireo - Vireo flavoviridis

Black-chested Jay - Cyanocorax affinis

Southern Rough-winged Swallow - Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

Gray-breasted Martin - Progne chalybea

Mangrove Swallow - Tachycineta albilinea

Scaly-breasted (Southern Nightingale) Wren - Microcerculus marginatus

House Wren - Troglodytes aedon

Ochraceous Wren (H)- Troglodytes ochraceus

Black-bellied Wren - Pheugopedius fasciatoventris

Rufous-breasted Wren - Pheugopedius rutilus

Rufous-and-white Wren - Thryophilus rufalbus

Isthmian (Plain) Wren - Cantorchilus elutus

Bay Wren - Cantorchilus nigricapillus

Buff-breasted Wren (H) - Cantorchilus leucotis

White-breasted Wood-Wren - Henicorhina leucosticta

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren - Henicorhina leucophrys

Song Wren - Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus

Long-billed Gnatwren - Ramphocaenus melanurus

Tropical Gnatcatcher - Polioptila plumbea

Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush (H) - Catharus aurantiirostris

Pale-vented Thrush (H) - Turdus obsoletus

Clay-colored Thrush - Turdus grayi

Tropical Mockingbird - Mimus qilvus

Rosy Thrush-Tanager - Rhodinocichla rosea

Rufous-capped Warbler - Basileuterus rufifrons

Buff-rumped Warbler - Myiothlypis fulvicauda

Gray-headed Tanager - Eucometis penicillata

White-shouldered Tanager - Tachyphonus luctuosus

Tawny-crested Tanager - Tachyphonus delatrii

White-lined Tanager - Tachyphonus rufus

Flame-rumped (Lemon-rumped) Tanager - Ramphocelus flammigerus

Crimson-backed Tanager - Ramphocelus dimidiatus

Blue-gray Tanager - Thraupis episcopus

Palm Tanager - Thraupis palmarum

Speckled Tanager - Ixothraupis guttata

Golden-hooded Tanager - Tangara larvata

Plain-colored Tanager - Tangara inornata

Rufous-winged Tanager - Tangara lavinia

Bay-headed Tanager - Tangara gyrola

Emerald Tanager - Tangara florida

Silver-throated Tanager - Tangara icterocephala

Scarlet-thighed Dacnis - Dacnis venusta

Blue Dacnis - Dacnis cayana

Shining Honeycreeper - Cyanerpes lucidus

Red-legged Honeycreeper - Cyanerpes cyaneus

Green Honeycreeper - Chlorophanes spiza

Black-and-yellow Tanager - Chrysothlypis chrysomelas

Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch - Emberizoides herbicola

Blue-black Grassquit - Volatinia jacarina

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater - Sporophila minuta

Thick-billed Seed-Finch - Sporophila funerea

Variable Seedeater - Sporophila corvina

Yellow-bellied Seedeater - Sporophila nigricollis

Bananaguit - Coereba flaveola

Yellow-faced Grassquit - Tiaris olivaceus

Buff-throated Saltator - Saltator maximus

Black-headed Saltator - Saltator atriceps

Streaked Saltator - Saltator striatipectus

Slate-colored Grosbeak (H) - Saltator grossus

Common Chlorospingus - Chlorospingus flavopectus

Black-striped Sparrow - Arremonops conirostris

Orange-billed Sparrow - Arremon aurantiirostris

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch - Arremon brunneinucha

Dusky-faced Tanager - Mitrospingus cassinii

Hepatic Tanager - Piranga flava

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager - Habia rubica

Red-throated Ant-Tanager - Habia fuscicauda

Carmiol's Tanager - Chlorothraupis carmioli

Blue-black Grosbeak - Cyanoloxia cyanoides

Eastern Meadowlark - Sturnella magna

Red-breasted Meadowlark - Sturnella militaris

Yellow-billed Cacique - Amblycercus holosericeus

Crested Oropendola - Psarocolius decumanus

Chestnut-headed Oropendola - Psarocolius wagleri

Scarlet-rumped Cacique - Cacicus uropygialis

Yellow-tailed Oriole - Icterus mesomelas

Shiny Cowbird - Molothrus bonariensis
Giant Cowbird - Molothrus oryzivorus
Great-tailed Grackle - Quiscalus mexicanus
Yellow-crowned Euphonia - Euphonia luteicapilla
Thick-billed Euphonia - Euphonia laniirostris
Fulvous-vented Euphonia - Euphonia fulvicrissa
White-vented Euphonia - Euphonia minuta
Tawny-capped Euphonia - Euphonia anneae
Lesser Goldfinch - Spinus psaltria
House Sparrow - Passer domesticus

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Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth - Bradypus variegatus Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth - Choloepus hoffmanni Northern Tamandua - Tamandua mexicana Panamanian Night Monkey - Aotus zonalis Geoffroy's Tamarin - Saguinus geoffroyi White-faced Capuchin - Cebus capucinus Mantled Howler Monkey - Alouatta palliata Capybara - Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris Central American Agouti - Dasyprocta punctata Western dwarf Squirrel - Microsciurus mimulus Red-tailed Squirrel - Sciurus granatensis Variegated Squirrel - Sciurus variegatoides Coyote - Canis latrans White-nosed Coati - Nasua narica Northern Olingo - Bassaricyon qabbii White-tailed Deer - Odocoileus virginianus Central American Woolly Opossum - Caluromys derbianus



White-throated Crake showed unbelievably well for us. Photo by Tamima Itani.



We had scope views of an incredibly cooperative Fasciated Antshrike. Photo by Tamima Itani.