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Late in the afternoon of our first full day at the Canopy Lodge, we ventured out on the Cara Iguana Trail. We were in search of roosting Spectacled Owls that often frequent the area. A narrow path through the forest led us in the direction that the owls had been seen recently. Suddenly though, we were distracted by the whistled notes of a Tody Motmot penetrating the thick vegetation. Within moments we had spotted a pair of these highly sought and tiny motmots at eye level no more than fifteen feet away. (Somewhat amazingly, we would tally four motmot species for the day—the rarely achieved “motmot slam.”) After enjoying lengthy scope views of the Tody Motmot, we walked on. A short distance away the owls were found—two adults and a mostly grown juvenile bird roosting side by side. This is certainly one of the most spectacular owls in the world, and our views were breathtaking. We soaked up the owls for several minutes before turning back for the road. We had walked no more than 50 feet when the loud, rich song of a Rosy Thrush-Tanager cut loose from the thicket behind us. This skulking but spectacular species is typically much easier to hear than see. Brief playback, however, brought the male right out into the open long enough for all to obtain scope views. We returned to the road unable to wipe the smiles from our faces. This episode represented just thirty minutes of our weeklong trip, but what a memorable half-hour it was—slam dunk views of Tody Motmot, Spectacled Owl, and Rosy Thrush-Tanager. Certainly it was an afternoon not to be forgotten!

Our trip was filled with many awesome highlights from the moment we met at our hotel in Panama City. A short, pre-breakfast walk there yielded the likes of Keel-billed Toucans right over our head, perched Blue-headed Parrots and Orange-chinned Parakeets, a flashy Squirrel Cuckoo, Barred Antshrike, and the incomparable Crimson-backed Tanager among others. After a short, three-hour drive to the Canopy Lodge in El Valle, we were greeted by a squadron of colorful birds at the feeders and in the garden—Rufous Motmot; Long-billed Starthroat; Snowy-bellied Hummingbird; Red-crowned Woodpecker; Crimson-backed, Flame-rumped, Blue-gray, Palm, Plain-colored, and Dusky-faced tanagers; and gem-like Thick-billed Euphonias. Even our ensuing lunch was interrupted by a Purple-crowned Fairy flitting about an Erythrina tree. An afternoon walk above the lodge produced Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher, Bay Wren, Black-chested Jays, Scarlet-thighed Dacnis, Bay-headed Tanager, Green Honeycreeper, and a Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth. And that just concluded the first day!

We visited a number of nearby areas in the foothills above El Valle. At La Mesa, we found roosting Tropical Screech-Owls, Stripe-throated and Green hermits, Orange-bellied Trogon, Broad-billed Motmot, Lineated Woodpecker, Spotted Woodcreeper, Emerald Toucanet, and Silver-throated Tanager. Two full days in Altos del Maria yielded a plethora of great birds including White Hawk, Barred Hawk, the amazing Snowcap, Purple-throated Mountain-Gem, Brown-billed Scythebill, Red-faced Spinetail, Spotted

Barbtail, Black-crowned Antpitta, Dull-mantled Antbird, Spot-crowned Ant-Vireo, Pale-vented Thrush, Black-and-yellow Tanager, and White-vented and Tawny-capped euphonias among many others.

One day we ventured down to the Pacific lowlands and added nearly 50 species to our burgeoning list. Blue-footed Booby, Savanna Hawk, a close pair of Aplomado Falcons, Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, Crested Bobwhite, Wattled Jacana, Southern Lapwing, the endemic Veraguan Mango, Brown-throated Parakeet, Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Lance-tailed Manakin, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, and Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch were among the more memorable.

Additionally, the Canopy Lodge grounds continued to produce more exciting birds throughout our stay. Rufous-capped Warblers flitted about the shrubbery while vociferous Buff-rumped Warblers worked the edges of the stream. A troop of Collared Aracaris visited the feeders most days, as unfortunately did a sizable flock of Gray-headed Chachalacas. A pair of Gray-cowled Wood-Rails were somewhat surprising feeder visitors as well.

A final morning visit to Candelaria was very productive with a rare Pectoral Sandpiper; four species of antwrens; a stunning Golden-collared Manakin; Rufous-and-white, Song, and Scaly-breasted wrens; and White-breasted Wood-Wren.

In all, we topped 230 species of birds in our fabulous week in Panama, and had countless memories to last a lifetime.

ITINERARY:

October 7 – arrival in Panama City

October 8 – birding on hotel grounds pre-breakfast, arrival in El Valle around 10:30 AM; birding on grounds of Canopy Lodge and up road towards the Canopy Adventure (82 species)

October 9 – lodge feeders, La Mesa (including Las Minas Road), Cara Iguana (Cariguana) Trail in afternoon (97 species; 125 total)

October 10 – most of the day on Altos del Maria, lodge feeders in late afternoon (106 species; 163 total)

October 11 Altos del Maria until 2:30 PM (shortened by rain); lodge feeders in late afternoon (95 species; 175 total)

October 12 – El Valle Cemetery, Tranquilla, Anton, Juan Hombrón, Santa Clara (108 species; 220 total)

October 13 – Canopy Lodge feeders, La Mesa (Candelaria area), drive to Panama City (75 species; 233 total)

October 14 – departures for home (233 total species)

KEY:

Underlined species represent birds of very uncommon occurrence or species that occur regularly but in such low densities as to be easily missed

Bold-faced species indicate birds of rare, casual, or accidental occurrence

BIRDS:

Little Tinamou (*Crypturellus soui*) heard only on Cara Iguana trail
Gray-headed Chachalaca (*Ortalis cinereiceps*) visiting the lodge feeders most days (unfortunately) with up to 17 individuals devouring the bananas!
Crested Bobwhite (*Colinus cristatus*) nice scope views of a pair at the El Valle Cemetery and another seen on the road at Juan Hombrón
Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*)
Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) great views at Panama City hotel
Plain-breasted Ground-Dove (*Columbina minuta*) pair on road to Juan Hombrón
Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) common
White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) almost daily
Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) several nice views of this striking species (five total)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americana*) two along road to Juan Hombrón, but not seen by all
Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) two at Juan Hombrón
Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*) fairly common around Juan Hombrón
White-collared Swift (*Strptoprocne zonaris*) flock of five briefly over Altos del Maria
Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyuran*) over our Panama City hotel
Band-rumped Swift (*Chaetura spinicaudus*)
White-tipped Sicklebill (*Eutoxeres Aquila*) one seen briefly by some at flowering heliconia on Altos del Maria; very uncommon to rare
Green Hermit (*Phaethornis guy*) six total
Stripe-throated Hermit (*Phaethornis striigularis*) only two this year
Purple-crowned Fairy (*Heliothryx barroti*) one feeding in flowers right off dining room during our first lunch at the lodge; always stunning
Veraguan Mango (*Anthracothonax veraguensis*) fantastic studies of male near Juan Hombrón; a Panamanian endemic!; found at the last minute!

Long-billed Starthroat (*Helimaster longirostris*) one guarding Erythrina flowers at the Lodge most days; generally uncommon

Purple-throated Mountain-Gem (*Lampornis calolaemus*) a male above the Las Nubes golf course on Altos del Maria was a real bonus!

Snowcap (*Microchera albocoronata*) we missed this species the first day on Altos del Maria, but had three females and a male (after some neck-breaking effort) on our second day; an incredibly striking species

White-vented Plumeleteer (*Chalybura buffonii*) one guarding the Canopy Adventure feeders

Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer (*Chalybura urochrysa*) four total

Crowned Woodnymph (*Thalurania colombica*) six total

Snowy-bellied Hummingbird (*Amazilia edward*) regular on the lodge grounds

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird (*Amazilia tzacatl*) common

Sapphire-throated Hummingbird (*Lepidopyga coeruleogularis*) nice studies of six in the Pacific lowlands

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail (*Aramides cajanea*) great views of a pair several days at the Lodge feeders; part of recent split from the old Gray-necked Wood-Rail



Gray-cowled Wood-Rail, Canopy Lodge, Panama, October 8, 2017, Barry Zimmer

Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) seen on three days with up to 20 birds at Candelaria

Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*) oddly, only two this year (probably due to low water levels at Juan Hombrón)

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) several along the beaches of Santa Clara

Sanderling (*Calidris alba*) flock of six on the Santa Clara beach

Pectoral Sandpiper (*Calidris melanotos*) one at Candelaria in with the lapwings was a real surprise!
 Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)
 Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*) beaches of Santa Clara & Juan Hombrón
 Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*)
 Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) fifteen over Juan Hombrón
 Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*) about a hundred around Santa Clara, plus a few elsewhere
Blue-footed Booby (*Sula nebouxii*) about sixty off beaches of Santa Clara, some quite close
Brown Booby (*Sula leucogaster*) one by Wim only at Santa Clara
 Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)
 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*) one spotted by Susie at the pond across the creek from the lodge; uncommon
 Yellow-crowned-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*) immature in canal at Santa Clara
 Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) daily in numbers
 Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) ditto
 Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes burrovianus*) four total, two of which were perched for amazing scope studies
 Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)
Pearl Kite (*Gampsonyx swainsonii*) one briefly at the end of the Juan Hombrón road that was seen by some before it flew; uncommon
 Double-toothed Kite (*Harpagus bidentatus*) five total; all over Altos del Maria
 Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*) one migrant over Altos del Maria
 Common Black Hawk (*Buteogallus anthracinus*)
 Savanna Hawk (*Buteogallus meridionalis*) nice views of one near Tranquilla
Barred Hawk (*Morphnarcus princeps*) one soaring overhead at Altos del Maria the second day; rare here
 Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*)
 White Hawk (*Leucopternis albicollis*) three total; always stunning
 Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*)
 Tropical Screech-Owl (*Megascops choliba*) roosting pair right next to the road a ways above the lodge provided excellent scope views

Spectacled Owl (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*) prolonged scope views of three roosting birds (two adults and a mostly grown young) along Cara Iguana Trail, plus another adult and young bird stumbled onto in Valle Bonito; voted the favorite bird of the tour!; WOW!



Spectacled Owl, El Valle, Panama, October 9, 2017, Barry Zimmer

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) fantastic views at Santa Clara
Orange-bellied Trogon (*Trogon aurantiiventris*) six total this year, with superb views of that males & females; regionally endemic

Tody Motmot (*Hylomanes momotula*) wonderful scope views of a pair along the Cara Iguana Trail from twenty feet away!; tied for favorite bird of the tour!

Lesson's Motmot (*Momotus lessoni*) our first two on the Cara Iguana Trail and then two more en route to the lowlands; part of recent three-way split off the old Blue-crowned Motmot

Rufous Motmot (*Baryphthengus martii*) a regular (and spectacular) visitor to the lodge feeders!

Broad-billed Motmot (*Electron platyrhynchum*) a somewhat unexpected seven total; exceptional views; uncommon

Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquata*) three total

Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*) intermittently a pair around the Lodge pond

Emerald (Blue-throated) Toucanet (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus*) six total with two briefly on the Las Minas road and four total over two days on Altos del Maria; great, lengthy scope studies of one in particular; uncommon

Collared Aracari (*Pteroglossus torquatus*) seen every day but one with a group of seven visiting the lodge feeders a couple of afternoons
Keel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*) several good views, starting with a pair at our Panama City hotel!; the essence of the tropics; tied for the third favorite bird of the tour!



Keel-billed Toucan, Panama City, Panama, October 8, 2017, Barry Zimmer

Black-cheeked Woodpecker (*Melanerpes pucherani*) two at base of Las Minas Road
Red-crowned Woodpecker (*Melanerpes rubricapillus*) seen daily
Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) three total; our first thanks to Tom
Barred Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*) one seen very briefly in flight (crossing the road) by part of the group
Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*)
Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*) twelve total, including a pair at our Panama City hotel
American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)
Aplomado Falcon (*Falco femoralis*) a pair spotted by Danilo right next to the road at Juan Hombrón; we had amazing scope views from close range; very uncommon to rare; voted the second favorite bird of the tour



Aplomado Falcon, Juan Hombrón, Panama, October 12, 2017, Barry Zimmer

Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*) five total; nice scope studies of this handsome bird
 Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) two total
Brown-throated Parakeet (*Eupsittula pertinax*) a handful around Tranquilla;
 uncommon
 Orange-chinned Parakeet (*Brotogeris jugularis*) almost daily with up to 40 in a day;
 several nice views of this species
 Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) scope studies of perched birds (best at Panama
 City hotel)
Fasciated Antshrike (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) pair above the lodge the first afternoon;
 uncommon
 Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) good looks of this species at Panama City
 hotel, Cara Iguana, and Juan Hombrón
Russet Antshrike (*Thamnistes anabatinus*) Altos del Maria
 Plain Antvireo (*Dysithamnus mentalis*) Altos del Maria & Candelaria
 Spot-crowned Antvireo (*Dysithamnus puncticeps*) great studies at La Mesa &
 Candelaria
White-flanked Antwren (*Myrmotherula axillaris*) female at Candelaria the last
 morning
Slaty Antwren (*Myrmotherula schisticolor*) pair at Candelaria the last morning
Checker-throated Antwren (*Epinecrophylia fulviventris*) pair at Candelaria the last
 morning
 Dot-winged Antwren (*Microrhopias quixensis*) female at Candelaria

White-bellied Antbird (*Myrmeciza longipes*) we actually had scope views of this uber-skulker (after much effort & patience) coming down from Altos del Maria; usually this species is heard only
 Chestnut-backed Antbird (*Myrmeciza exsul*)
Dull-mantled Antbird (*Myrmeciza laemosticta*) good views of this localized species near the lake at Altos del Maria
 Spotted Antbird (*Hylophylax naevioides*) female at Candelaria
 Bicolored Antbird (*Gymnopithys bicolor*) heard only at Altos del Maria
Black-crowned Antpitta (*Pittasoma michleri*) some actually had a scope view of this special bird in Valle Bonito
 Black-faced Antthrush (*Formicarius analis*) seen by part of group in Valle Bonito, heard by others
 Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*) by some at Candelaria
 Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) uncommon
Northern Barred-Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*) great studies of one a ways above the lodge
 Cocoa Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*) five total
 Spotted Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*) four total
Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus picus*) very cooperative bird at Juan Hombrón; uncommon & local
Brown-billed Scythebill (*Campylorhamphus pusillus*) seen briefly but not well the first day on Altos del Maria, but the second day we had killer views of this very uncommon bird
Spotted Barbtail (*Premnoplex brunnescens*) Altos del Maria
Red-faced Spinetail (*Cranioleuca erythrops*) great views of two on Altos del Maria
 Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet (*Tyrannulus elatus*) at Panama City hotel
 Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia flavogaster*)
 Olive-striped Flycatcher (*Mionectes olivaceus*) seven total
 Ochre-bellied Flycatcher (*Mionectes oleaginous*)
Rufous-browed Tyrannulet (*Phylloscartes supercilialis*) excellent views on Altos del Maria of this very uncommon & local species
 Paltry Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius vilissimus*)
Northern Scrub-Flycatcher (*Sublegatus arenarum*) Juan Hombrón; uncommon
 Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus pileatus*) five total
Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus pilaris*) en route to Antón
 Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*) one in the Canopy Lodge garden for some
Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum nigriceps*) one on road to Canopy Adventure; uncommon & difficult to see
White-throated Spadebill (*Platyrinchus mystaceus*) one for most on Altos del Maria; very uncommon
Bran-colored Flycatcher (*Myiophobus fasciatus*) great views of a cooperative bird above the min golf course; uncommon & local
 Tufted Flycatcher (*Mitrephanes phaeocercus*) many great vies of this handsome flycatcher
 Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*) five total

Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*) very common
 Panama Flycatcher (*Myiarchus panamensis*) spotted by Tom in Tranquilla
 Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) very common
 Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarhynchus pitangua*) two pairs along Juan Hombron Road
 Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*) one at Juan Hombrón
 Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*) widespread & common
 Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) abundant in open country
 Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*)
 Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*) three on road to Juan Hombrón
 Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savanna*) eight total; always spectacular



Fork-tailed Flycatcher, near Antón, Panama, October 12, 2017, Barry Zimmer

Northern Schiffornis (*Shiffornis veraepacis*) heard only
 Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*) one at Cara Iguana
 Lance-tailed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia lanceolata*) wonderful views of displaying males on the road to Juan Hombrón
 White-ruffed Manakin (*Corapipo altera*) five total including one adult male spotted by Hugh
 Golden-collared Manakin (*Manacus vitellinus*) stunning male seen by most of the group on La Mesa the last morning
 Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) great views at Tranquilla
 Scrub Greenlet (*Hylophilus flavipes*) Juan Hombrón
 Golden-fronted Greenlet (*Pachysylvia aurantiifrons*) road to Juan Hombrón; not Peter's favorite bird!

Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*) one at Candelaria the last morning
 Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*) migrants most days
 Black-chested Jay (*Cyanocorax affinis*) daily; many great views
 Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne subis*)
Blue-and-white Swallow (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*) flight views over El Valle
 Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*)
 Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)
Scaly-breasted Wren (*Microcerculus marginatus*) great scope views for a portion of the group on La Mesa the last morning; heard only on other days; a real skulker (as are many of the tropical wrens)



Scaly-breasted Wren, La Mesa, Panama, October 13, 2017, Barry Zimmer

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) seen daily; this is the “Southern House Wren”, *T. musculus*, of some authors
Ochraceous Wren (*Troglodytes ochraceus*) one on Altos del Maria seen well; regional endemic
 Rufous-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus rutilus*) seen best on the Cara Iguana trail
 Rufous-and-white Wren (*Thryothorus rufalbus*) seen in the Canopy Lodge garden & at Candelaria; another uber-skulker that is seldom seen
 Isthmian Wren (*Cantorchilus elutus*) nice views at Panama City hotel; heard elsewhere; part of three way split of the old Plain Wren complex
 Bay Wren (*Thryothorus nigricapillus*) often heard & sometimes seen right around the rooms, occasionally elsewhere; another skulker
 White-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henichorina leucosticta*) best along the Las Minas Road

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) great views of this skulker, especially the ones mobbing the eyelash viper!
 Song Wren (*Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus*) great studies on two occasions
Tawny-faced Gnatwren (*Microbates cinereiventris*) heard only at Candelaria
 Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) heard only on two occasions
Veery (*Catharus fuscescens*) spotted by Susie; very uncommon migrant
 Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*) daily, with up to 30 in one day
Pale-vented Thrush (*Turdus obsoletus*) two on Altos del Maria each day; very uncommon
 Clay-colored Thrush (*Turdus grayi*) abundant
 Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*)
 House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) at the bathroom stop in Antón; very localized in Panama
 Yellow-crowned Euphonia (*Euphonia luteicapilla*)
 Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia lanirostris*) abundant at lodge feeders
White-vented Euphonia (*Euphonia minuta*) three on Altos del Maria; uncommon
 Tawny-capped Euphonia (*Euphonia anneae*) seventeen total; seen most days
 Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*) three in Tanquilla
 Louisiana Waterthrush (*Parkesia motacilla*)
 Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*)
 Prothonotary Warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*)
 Tennessee Warbler (*Oreothlypis peregrina*)
 Mourning Warbler (*Oporornis philadelphia*) four total
 Blackburnian Warbler (*Setophaga fusca*) sixteen total
 Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*) mostly in the lowlands, but a few elsewhere
 Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Setophaga pensylvanica*)
Buff-rumped Warbler (*Phaeothlypis fulvicauda*) pair around the Lodge daily; usually uncommon, but conspicuous this year
 Rufous-capped Warbler (*Basileuterus rufifrons*) two or three daily
 Canada Warbler (*Cardelina canadensis*) eight total
 Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*) common, especially at the feeders
 Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*) regular at feeders
 Golden-hooded Tanager (*Tangara larvata*) nine total; gorgeous!
 Plain-colored Tanager (*Tangara inornata*) eleven total
 Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*) a real stunner
 Silver-throated Tanager (*Tangara icterocephala*) fairly common in upper elevations
 Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*) stunning!; twelve total
Black-and-yellow Tanager (*Chryothlypis chrysomelas*) eight total; absolutely spectacular
 Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) "Johnny Jump-Up"
 White-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*) by Bob at the lodge one day
 Tawny-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus delatrii*) seen on four days with 29 total birds
 Flame-rumped Tanager (*Ramphocelus flammigerus*) common at the lodge feeders and elsewhere; truly stunning

Crimson-backed Tanager (*Ramphocelus dimidiatus*) in numbers daily, especially at the feeders; spectacular!; tied for third favorite bird of the tour!



Crimson-backed Tanager, Canopy Lodge, Panama, October 9, 2017, Barry Zimmer

Shining Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes lucidus*) two females on Altos del Maria
Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) a few females at Juan Hombrón
Scarlet-thighed Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*) a very good trip for this species with seven seen
Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*) common around lodge garden and elsewhere
Yellow-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris olivaceus*)
Thick-billed Seed-Finch (*Sporophila funerea*)
Variable Seedeater (*Sporophila americana*)
Yellow-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila nigricollis*)
Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch (*Emberizoides herbicola*) nice scope views near the cemetery; uncommon
Black-headed Saltator (*Saltator atriceps*) uncommon
Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*) one or two most days
Slate-colored Grosbeak (*Saltator grossus*) scope views of one singing right overhead at La Mesa; uncommon
Streaked Saltator (*Saltator striatipectus*)
Rosy thrush-Tanager (*Rhodinocichla rosea*) scope views of singing male near the roosting Spectacled Owls!
Dusky-faced Tanager (*Mitrospingus cassinii*) group of five or six were regular visitors to the feeders

Orange-billed Sparrow (*Arremon aurantillostris*) finally seen the last morning coming in for bread at the Canopy Adventure; what a bill!
Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch (*Arremon brunneinucha*) nice studies of this skulker on a couple of occasions (La Mesa & Altos del Maria)
 Black-striped Sparrow (*Arremonops conirostris*) heard only
 Common Chlorospingus (*Chlorospingus flavopectus*) Altos de Maria; the distinctive subspecies *punctulatu*; formerly known as Common Bush-Tanager
 Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga flava*) the Panamanian race *testacea* which is almost certainly a different species than the one found in the United States
 Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*)
 Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*) seven total
 Black-faced Grosbeak (*Caryothraustes poliogaster*) flock of seven on second day at Altos del Maria
 Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*) El Valle cemetery & Juan Hombrón
 Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*)
 Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) abundant in open country
 Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*) two total
Yellow-backed Oriole (*Icterus chrysater*) pair seen in the lodge garden (only because of our delayed departure); uncommon
 Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*)
Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*) one only on La Mesa
 Chestnut-headed Oropendola (*Psarocolius wagleri*) regular around lodge and elsewhere

Total species – **233**

LEADER ONLY BIRDS:

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
 Calidris species---probably Least Sandpiper
 Black Hawk-Eagle
 Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet
 Bright-rumped Attila
 Streaked Flycatcher
 Yellow-green Vireo

MAMMALS:

Common Opossum---one evening on one of the feeder trays
 Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth---three total; great studies
 Hoffman's Two-toed Sloth---one
 Red-tailed Squirrel---banana thief!
 Variegated Squirrel
 Central American Agouti---common around the Lodge
 Bat species

Total species – 7

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS:

Striped Basilisk

Ameiva species---sometimes called Central American Whiptail

Green Iguana

Mediterranean Gecko

Eyelash Viper----being dive-bombed by a variety of birds in a tree!

Toad species

Total species – 6

BUTTERFLIES:

Emerald-patched Cattleheart (Parides sesotris)

Thoas Swallowtail (Papilio thoas)

Apricot Sulphur (Phoebis argante)

Cloudless Sulphur (Phoebis sennae)

Square-spotted (Bumblebee) Yellowmark (Baeotis zonata)

Cherry-bordered Metalmark (Lyropteryx lyra)

Odites Metalmark (Juditha odites)

Brilliant Greenmark (Caria mantinea)

Juno Heliconian (Dione juno)

Zebra Heliconian (Heliconius charithonia)

Banded Orange Heliconian (Dryadula phaetusa)

Dot-bordered (Doris) Heliconian (Laparus doris)

Erato Heliconian (Heliconius erato)

Sara Heliconian (Heliconius sara)

Cydno Heliconian (Heliconius cydno)

Zebra Heliconian (Heliconius charithonia)

Smudged Crescent (Castilia eranites)

Three-banded (Variable) Crescent Eresia ithomioides)

Banded Peacock (Anartia fatima)

White Peacock (Anartia jatrophae)

Orange Mapwing (Hypanartia lethe)

Rusty-tipped Page (Siproeta epaphus)

Malachite (Siproeta stelenes)

Sister species (Adelpha species)

Prepona species

Pavon Emperor (Doxocopa pavon)

Common Morpho (Morpho helenor)

Cypris Morpho (Morpho cypris)

Yellow-bordered Owl Butterfly (Caligo uranus)

White Satyr (Pareuptychia ocirrhoe)

Satyr species

Teleus Longtail (Urbanus teleus)

Total species –30 (plus many, many others left completely unidentified)

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS:

Crab species

Hooded Mantis--on Tom's arm!



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