

MEXICO: YUCATAN BIRDING & MAYA RUINS MARCH 7–16, 2020



American Flamingos are the signature bird of the Celestún area © Brian Gibbons

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It's hard to imagine the birds were the same—Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers and Hooded Warblers down for the winter, White-fronted Parrots screeching overhead, and motmots sedately taking in the scenes of thousands of Maya going about their daily lives. The birds haven't changed, but civilizations have. From the unexcavated ruins at Sihunchen to the spectacular pyramids at Uxmal and Chichén Itza, we delighted in the birds and archaeology of the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico.



Yucatan Jays at the feeder in Sihunchen our first day © Brian Gibbons

Sihunchen provided us with our first sightings in the dry scrub woodlands of the northern peninsula. The horde of screeching Yucatan Jays was never far from us, but always hard to photograph. Some northern birds were starting to sing and fidget with the first inklings of Zugunruhe. In the bushes we found Blue Buntings and Olive Sparrows sneaking in for a drink. Black-throated Green Warblers and Northern Parulas



Yucatan Wren © Brian Gibbons

were also interested in the water in this parched environment. Turquoise-browed Motmot and our first of many bothersome Ferruginous Pygmy-Owls were also among the trees. Orange Oriole and Rufous-browed Peppershrikes foraged above us among the leafless trees. Soon the sun's warmth slowed the birds, and we moved on to Celestún, where we would be based for the next three nights and home to the best flan of the entire trip according to me.

On our first morning we explored the coastal scrub, home to some of the most range-restricted endemics of the Yucatan. Before we even got to our birding site Peter casually mentioned Bobwhites. We backed up and caught up with a small covey of Black-throated Bobwhites, one of

the specialties of the area. After being side-tracked by a very cooperative Mangrove Cuckoo, we observed a pair of Yucatan Wrens that were gathering nesting material for their messy domed nest. Next, we found a female Mexican Sheartail; the males were around but never landed for us to admire their long tails and magenta gorgets. Everywhere we went in the Celestún area we found Mangrove and White-eyed vireos; they were quick to fuss at us when we offered a little pygmy-owl call. The beautiful Hotel Xixim hosted Yucatan Gnatcatchers and many warblers; among them were several Cape May Warblers, a nice surprise away from their typical Caribbean wintering grounds. The small Yucatan Woodpeckers were around on a few occasions showing off their golden fronts, in contrast to the larger Golden-fronted Woodpecker, which has red fronts in this Yucatan population.



Yucatan Gnatcatcher male © Brian Gibbons

A highlight of this area was our cruise on the Ria Celestún, a large brackish estuary and winter home to thousands of American Flamingos. Even before we embarked, we enjoyed the birding. The landing hosted a very confiding Bare-throated Tiger-Heron that stalked from boat to boat and across the pier as we loaded up. Soon we were motoring



Common Black Hawk © Brian Gibbons

along the mangrove forest edge, and around every bend seemed to be another pair of Common Black Hawks; one swooped right toward our boat and scooped up an unsuspecting crab. Anhingas loafed on snags, and Magnificent Frigatebirds drifted overhead. We wanted to see flamingos, but the rookery island held our attention for half an hour. Dozens of Reddish Egrets were nesting. Some had large young that were competing in the ugly duckling contest. Double-crested Cormorants dominated

the highest mangroves for nesting. A few Great Egrets were tucked into the melee of grunting and tussling birds. Deep inside the mangroves we spied a few Boat-billed Herons, where they were very difficult to photograph. A couple of goofy youngsters were easier to see. The whole time we circled the nesting island the flamingos were just behind us. Finally, after admiring the nesting colony, we turned our sights on the American Flamingos glowing in the morning sun. We drifted close and could hear their goose-like honks and take in all of their gorgeous plumage. Hundreds of photos were taken by me, and thousands by the group no doubt. After we'd had our fill, we birded the edge of the mangroves where we found a fine male "Mangrove" Yellow Warbler.



American Pygmy Kingfisher eyeing the mangrove swamp for fish © Brian Gibbons

Then we entered a few mangrove channels that took us into the Red Mangrove forest. White Ibis, Little Blue Heron, and American Pygmy-Kingfisher were all seen from the boat. From a short boardwalk we admired more kingfishers, a Morelet's Crocodile, Golden-Olive Woodpecker, and one of the springs that fed the rich ecosystem we were touring. On the cruise back to the dock we found a couple more Ospreys that were eyeing the water for fish.



**Reddish Egrets were nesting on the mangrove island we cruised around in Ria Celestún
© Brian Gibbons**

Our final morning on the coast we tried in vain for a male Sheartail, but he wouldn't show among the many females we saw. We did find a Cedar Waxwing, which is a rare bird in the northern Yucatan. Uxmal was our next site, so we made our way there for lunch, and a Crane Hawk interrupted our meal! It seemed to be dining too, as I found a dove nest in the crook of the tree it was investigating. Crane Hawks are peculiar raptors with long double-jointed legs they use to probe into crevices, cavities, and crannies looking for food, which can be bird nestlings, lizards, and snakes. On the hotel grounds we found Masked Tityras and Gartered Trogons. In the dry forest nearby, we had good looks at the normally elusive Yellow-billed Cacique.



Crane Hawk © Brian Gibbons

The next morning, we scored a couple of good endemics: the stunning Gray-throated Chat, which finally sat still for us to admire, and a pair of obliging Yucatan Flycatchers. The tiny White-browed Wren, normally a skulker, climbed around a vine tangle allowing us good looks at this unique wren. Overhead, the Vaux's Swifts were twittering, and the White-fronted Parrots were squawking.



Black-cowled Oriole © Brian Gibbons

After an excellent breakfast that featured Huevos Rancheros for me, we embarked on our first Archaeological tour with Alfonso as our guide. Of course, we didn't make it far before Jorge and I interrupted him with our first sighting, a Squirrel Cuckoo right overhead. Then it was the odd couple, a Black-cowled Oriole and a Yellow-backed Oriole feeding in the same tree. Then we smelled the bats and saw them tucked into a crack in some wooden lentils in the ruins. Cave Swallows were nesting in the ruins and were constantly swooping overhead. One of our last interruptions was for a gorgeous male Hooded Warbler that was foraging on the ruins. We admired the Temple of the Magician, the quadrangle of the birds, the ball court and the Governor's Palace. Uxmal was beautifully restored, creating an amazing place to bird among the Maya ruins. In the afternoon some of us returned to Uxmal. The light crowds of the morning had thinned, and we wandered; the ruins were

practically ours.

On our second morning, before we set out for the smaller ruins en route to Chichén Itza, we birded a small woodland road near Uxmal. Our prize was the White-browed subspecies of the Carolina Wren, which should be split. We also had a few warblers and

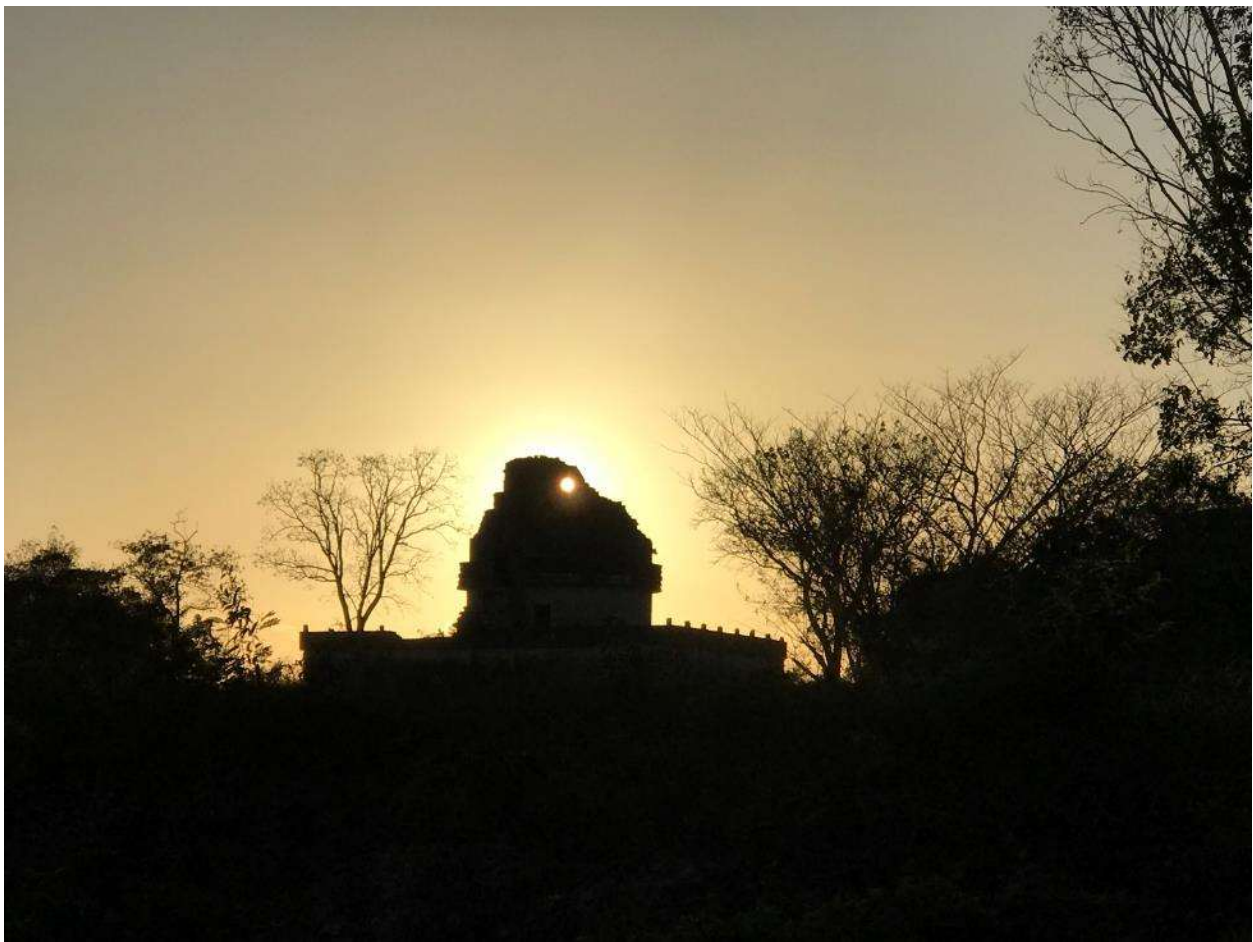


The Nunnery (foreground) and the Temple of the Magician at Uxmal © Brian Gibbons

the now ubiquitous Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl. En route to Chichén Itza we enjoyed Labna, a smaller site with some striking features including a beautiful arch admired by Stephens and Catherwood nearly 200 years ago. Like Uxmal, Labna was designed in the Puuc style. We wound our way through the countryside with a couple of stops, one to admire the local market in Oxkutzcab with crates burgeoning with the standard limes and tomatoes and the more exotic fruits like mamey and guanabana. The second, to ponder the destruction of Mayan texts by Bishop Diego de Landa at a church in 1562.

Our first glimpse, with our arrival in the late afternoon to Chichén Itza, was of the observatory looming to the west in the evening sun. Before breakfast we explored the grounds of the Lodge at Chichén Itza, where the singular highlight was a Mottled Owl that was tucked into its day roost among the tangled vines high above the trail. Gray Hawk, Rose-throated Becard, and Black-headed Saltators were all tallied before

breakfast. Huevos Rancheros were delicious, but better still was hand-feeding a male Summer Tanager—that I missed due to my gathering equipment. Alfonso led us into Chichén Itza regaling us with a small portion of the Maya history swirling around in his head. The focal point of the ruins was the pyramid of the Temple of Kukulcan, which was visible from most of the site. The Bat Falcons sweeping overhead added to the Maya mystique of these wonderful ruins. The enormous ball court with exceptional detail in the glyphs was another highlight. The sacred cenote, where hundreds of skeletons have been discovered, hosted a Least Grebe that we later learned (from photos) had a tiny chick riding on its back! After our lunch break, we returned again to the ruins for our final tour with Alfonso, taking in the Caracol of the observatory and other buildings with highly detailed carvings.



The Observatory was our first glimpse of the ruins at Chichén Itza © Brian Gibbons

On our final morning, we set out to the dry woodland near Chankom. Our primary target was the Rose-throated Tanager, a Yucatan endemic that we hadn't crossed paths with yet. As we started down a two-track through fields, we could hear distant Pheasant Cuckoos and hoped one might come out with a little urging. Jorge soon spotted the

tanager, and we had good looks at a female Rose-throated Tanager. A singing Gray-throated Chat caught our interest for a while but would never sit still for the hoped-for photos and studies. Lesson's Motmots hooted from the woods but never came out for viewing. Soon it was time to turn around, and I tried Pheasant Cuckoo one last time. Immediately there was a bird flying around us, then two, but they would only sit still for a second before disappearing into the woods. After a few minutes of this cat and mouse game, we had good views of the birds but for rarely more than a second, which didn't allow us to get binoculars on them. I was able to get a couple of quick shots once before we left the woods to these peculiar cuckoos. Before heading to Merida, we wandered the lodge grounds one last time to the tune of tooting pygmy-owls. We were able to find a few new birds before the checkout. Yellow-winged and Blue-gray tanagers and Wedge-tailed Sabrewing provided our lists with a final boost.

Thanks for exploring the land of the Maya with me and VENT. I look forward to our next birding adventure wherever in the world that is!

Brian Gibbons



Turquoise-browed Motmots were a common sight
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ITINERARY

8 March 2020 - Merida, Sihunchen, Celestún, Hotel Xixim area

9 March 2020 - Celestún area, Hotel Xixim, Afternoon dump, Harbor mouth, charcas de Dionicio

10 March 2020 - Boat trip on Ria Celestún, Celestún area, Hotel Xixim

11 March 2020 - Hotel Xixim early, Celestún area, Uxmal Hotel and area

12 March 2020 - Uxmal area early, Breakfast, Uxmal Ruins, Lunch, Uxmal Ruins for 3 folks, Nightjar hunt

13 March 2020 - Santa Elena dump road, Labna, Chichén Itza area

14 March 2020 - Lodge at Chichén Itza grounds, Breakfast, Chichén Itza Ruins, Lunch, Chichén Itza Ruins late afternoon, Nightjar hunt

15 March 2020 - Chankom area road, Mayaland Hotel grounds, Drive to Merida

Tinamous	Tinamidae	
Thicket Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus cinnamomeus</i>	HO = Heard Only near Chankom
Waterfowl	Anatidae	
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Spatula discors</i>	Celestún
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	Celestún
Guans, Chachalacas & Curassows	Cracidae	
Plain Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis vetula</i>	Seen in most locations
New World Quail	Odontophoridae	
Black-throated Bobwhite	<i>Colinus nigrogularis</i>	Near Celestún, Peter got them 1st
Flamingos	Phoenicopteridae	
American Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	Celestún, Great looks from boat
Grebes	Podicipedidae	
Least Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i>	CI = Chichén Itza, Cenote with chick
Pigeons and Doves	Columbidae	
Rock Pigeon (I)	<i>Columba livia</i>	Common
Red-billed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas flavirostris</i>	U = Uxmal, flyby
Eurasian Collared-Dove (I)	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Towns
Common Ground Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>	Celestún & U
Ruddy Ground Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	Common
White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	Common, mostly HO
Caribbean Dove	<i>Leptotila jamaicensis</i>	Hotel Xixim area, HO
White-winged Dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>	Common
Cuckoos	Cuculidae	
Groove-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>	Sihunchen & Celestún
Pheasant Cuckoo	<i>Dromococcyx phasianellus</i>	An amazing experience with 2-3 birds responding to playback! Near Chankom
Mangrove Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus minor</i>	Celestún, good looks!
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>	U & CI
Nightjars	Caprimulgidae	
Lesser Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>	Hotel Xixim
Common Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>	Hotel Xixim, loud at night!
Yucatan Poorwill	<i>Nyctiphrynus yucatanicus</i>	HO near U

Yucatan Nightjar	<i>Antrostomus badius</i>	HO near U
Swifts	Apodidae	
Vaux's Swift	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>	U
Hummingbirds	Trochilidae	
Mexican Sheartail	<i>Doricha eliza</i>	Celestún, females only
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	Celestún & CI
Canivet's Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon canivetii</i>	Celestún, U & CI area
Wedge-tailed Sabrewing	<i>Campylopterus curvipennis</i>	CI hotel
White-bellied Emerald	<i>Amazilia candida</i>	CI hotel by Peter
Buff-bellied Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia yucatanensis</i>	Chankom
Cinnamon Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia rutila</i>	Almost daily
Stilts & Avocets	Recurvirostridae	
Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	Celestún
American Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	Celestún
Oystercatchers	Haematopodidae	
American Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus palliatus</i>	Beach at Celestún
Plovers and Lapwings	Charadriidae	
Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Beach at Celestún
Wilson's Plover	<i>Charadrius wilsonia</i>	Beach at Celestún
Snowy Plover	<i>Charadrius nivosus</i>	Beach at Celestún
Sandpipers & Allies	Scolopacidae	
Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>	Beach at Celestún
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Beach at Celestún
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Beach at Celestún
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	Celestún area
Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>	Beach at Celestún
Gulls, Terns & Skimmers	Laridae	
Laughing Gull	<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	Celestún
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	Celestún
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Celestún
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Celestún
California Gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>	Celestún, a rarity
Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	Celestún
Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	Celestún
Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	Celestún
Storks	Ciconiidae	
Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	Celestún boat trip
Frigatebirds	Fregatidae	
Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	Celestún
Anhinga	Anhingidae	

Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	Celestún boat trip
Cormorants	Phalacrocoracidae	
Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	Celestún
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	Celestún
Pelicans	Pelecanidae	
American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	Celestún boat trip
Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	Celestún
Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns	Ardeidae	
Bare-throated Tiger-Heron	<i>Tigrisoma mexicanum</i>	Celestún boat trip
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	Celestún boat trip
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Celestún
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	Celestún
Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Celestún
Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	Celestún
Reddish Egret	<i>Egretta rufescens</i>	Celestún boat trip
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Celestún
Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	Celestún boat trip
Boat-billed Heron	<i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>	Celestún boat trip
Ibises & Spoonbills	Threskiornithidae	
White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	Celestún
Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>	Celestún boat trip
New World Vultures	Cathartidae	
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	Common
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Common
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>	Celestún area
Osprey	Pandionidae	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Celestún
Hawks, Eagles & Kites	Accipitridae	
Crane Hawk	<i>Geranoospiza caerulescens</i>	U where it interrupted our lunch
Common Black Hawk	<i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>	Celestún
Roadside Hawk	<i>Rupornis magnirostris</i>	U & CI, never seen well
Gray Hawk	<i>Buteo plagiatus</i>	CI
Zone-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albonotatus</i>	Hotel Xixim & CI hotel
Owls	Strigidae	
Middle American Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops guatemalae</i>	Near CI
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>	Common everywhere!
Mottled Owl	<i>Ciccaba virgata</i>	CI hotel
Trogon	Trogonidae	

Black-headed Trogon	<i>Trogon melanocephalus</i>	U fruit tree
Gartered Trogon	<i>Trogon caligatus</i>	U fruit tree
Motmots	Momotidae	
Lesson's Motmot	<i>Momotus lessoni</i>	HO near Chankom
Turquoise-browed Motmot	<i>Eumomota superciliosa</i>	Seen almost daily, a beaut!
Kingfishers	Alcedinidae	
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	Celestún
American Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>	Celestún boat trip
Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>	Celestún boat trip
Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	Celestún boat trip
Woodpeckers	Picidae	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	U & CI
Yucatan Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes pygmaeus</i>	Celestún & U
Golden-fronted Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes aurifrons</i>	Celestún, U & CI
Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	U
Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rubiginosus</i>	Celestún boat trip
Falcons & Caracaras	Falconidae	
Collared Forest-Falcon	<i>Micrastur semitorquatus</i>	HO U & CI
Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	Celestún
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	U area
Bat Falcon	<i>Falco ruficularis</i>	CI among the ruins
African & New World Parrots	Psittacidae	
Red-lored Parrot	<i>Amazona autumnalis</i>	Merida for a few of us
White-fronted Parrot	<i>Amazona albifrons</i>	U & CI
Olive-throated Parakeet	<i>Eupsittula nana</i>	Celestún area
Typical Antbirds	Thamnophilidae	
Barred Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>	HO Celestún area
Ovenbirds & Woodcreepers	Furnariidae	
Olivaceous Woodcreeper	<i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i>	U & CI
Ivory-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus flavigaster</i>	Celestún boat trip & Labna
Tityras & Allies	Tityridae	
Black-crowned Tityra	<i>Tityra inquisitor</i>	U
Masked Tityra	<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>	U & CI
Rose-throated Becard	<i>Pachyramphus aglaiae</i>	Sihunchen, CI & Chankom
Tyrant Flycatchers	Tyrannidae	
Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>	Celestún
Yellow-olive Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphureus</i>	Sihunchen & Labna

N. Beardless-Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma imberbe</i>	Celestún & U
Tropical Pewee	<i>Contopus cinereus</i>	Labna
Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	Common winter resident
Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>	HO Celestún, U & CI
Yucatan Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus yucatanensis</i>	U & Chankom
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>	Seen at U & CI
Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>	Celestún, U & CI
Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	Sihunchen, U & CI
Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>	Sihunchen, U & CI
Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>	Common
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	Merida
Couch's Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus couchii</i>	Common
Vireos, Shrike-Babblers & Erpornis Vireonidae		
Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	Seen or HO most days
White-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo griseus</i>	Common
Mangrove Vireo	<i>Vireo pallens</i>	Celstun area
Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	Sihunchen, U & CI
Crows, Jays & Magpies Corvidae		
Brown Jay	<i>Psilorhinus morio</i>	Celestún area for Marty
Green Jay	<i>Cyanocorax yncas</i>	U & CI
Yucatan Jay	<i>Cyanocorax yucatanicus</i>	Common in all areas
Swallows Hirundinidae		
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	Migrants moving N at Xixim
Mangrove Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albilinea</i>	Celestún
N. Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	Sihunchen area
(Ridgway's)	<i>S. serripennis ridgwayi</i>	U
Purple Martin	<i>Progne subis</i>	Celestún & U moving N
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Celestún & U
Cave Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon fulva</i>	U nesting in the ruins
Gnatcatchers Polioptilidae		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>	Common winter resident
Yucatan Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila albiventris</i>	Celestún area
Wrens Troglodytidae		
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	CI for some folks
Carolina Wren	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	
(White-browed)	<i>T. ludovicianus albinucha</i>	U area
Yucatan Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus yucatanicus</i>	Celestún
Spot-breasted Wren	<i>Pheugopedius maculipectus</i>	HO U & Chankom

White-bellied Wren	<i>Uropsila leucogastra</i>	U
Mockingbirds & Thrashers	Mimidae	
Black Catbird	<i>Melanoptila glabrirostris</i>	Glimpsed at Xixim
Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	Celestún, U & CI
Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>	Most common around Celestún
Thrushes & Allies	Turdidae	
Clay-colored Thrush	<i>Turdus grayi</i>	Sihunchen, U & CI
Waxwings	Bombycillidae	
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	Rare, 1 in Celestún
Finches, Euphonias & Allies	Fringillidae	
Yellow-throated Euphonia	<i>Euphonia hirundinacea</i>	U
New World Sparrows	Passerellidae	
Olive Sparrow	<i>Arremonops rufivirgatus</i>	Sihunchen, U & CI
Yellow-breasted Chat	Icteriidae	
Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>	Glimpsed in Celestún
Troupials & Allies	Icteridae	
Yellow-billed Cacique	<i>Amblycercus holosericeus</i>	Good looks near U
Black-cowled Oriole	<i>Icterus prothemelas</i>	U among the ruins
Orchard Oriole	<i>Icterus spurius</i>	Celestún
Hooded Oriole	<i>Icterus cucullatus</i>	Common
Yellow-backed Oriole	<i>Icterus chrysater</i>	U among the ruins
Orange Oriole	<i>Icterus auratus</i>	Sihunchen, U & CI
Altamira Oriole	<i>Icterus gularis</i>	Common
Bronzed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus aeneus</i>	CI
Melodious Blackbird	<i>Dives dives</i>	U & CI
Great-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>	Common
New World Warblers	Parulidae	
Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	Celestún for some
Northern Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	Celestún
Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	Celestún, U & CI
Prothonotary Warbler	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	Celestún boat trip
Tennessee Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>	CI migrants headed N
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	Celestún & Chankom
Hooded Warbler	<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	Uxmal on the ruins
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	Celestún
Cape May Warbler	<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>	Hotel Xixim
Northern Parula	<i>Setophaga americana</i>	Celestún
Magnolia Warbler	<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	Celestún & U
Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	Celestún
(Mangrove Warbler)	<i>S. petechia erithachorides</i>	Celestún boat trip

Palm Warbler	<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>	U
Yellow-throated Warbler	<i>Setophaga dominica</i>	Merida, U & CI
Prairie Warbler	<i>Setophaga discolor</i>	Celestún
Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Setophaga virens</i>	Sihunchen
Cardinals & Allies	Cardinalidae	
Rose-throated Tanager	<i>Piranga roseogularis</i>	Chankom
Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>	Sihunchen, U & CI
Red-throated Ant-Tanager	<i>Habia fuscicauda</i>	Glimpsed U
Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	Celestún
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	U
Gray-throated Chat	<i>Granatellus sallaei</i>	U & Chankom
Blue Bunting	<i>Cyanocompsa parellina</i>	Sihunchen & U
Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	Sihunchen & CI
Painted Bunting	<i>Passerina ciris</i>	Sihunchen
Tanagers & Allies	Thraupidae	
Blue-gray Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	CI
Yellow-winged Tanager	<i>Thraupis abbas</i>	CI
Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>	Chankom
Yellow-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris olivaceus</i>	U & CI
Black-headed Saltator	<i>Saltator atriceps</i>	U & CI
Grayish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	Sinhunchen & CI
Morelet's Crocodile		Celestún boat trip
Spiny-tailed Iguana		Abundant!
Northern Raccoon		Celestún
Bats	Molossidae	
White-nosed Coati		Celestún
Kinkajou		CI
Red Brocket Deer		Glimpsed on roadside



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