

# **SHORT COSTA RICA**

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Male Resplendent Quetzal © Brian Gibbons

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From steamy afternoons in the lowlands to chilly mountain mornings, Costa Rica packs birds, scenery, and tourists into a tiny country. We saw 260 species on our short trip to a couple of the prime birding areas. Netting a few birds on the hotel grounds in the Central Valley, a great haul at La Paz Waterfall Gardens, superb sightings at La Selva, and the crown jewel, Resplendent Quetzal, in the mountains on our last full birding day, Costa Rica produced a wonderful array of avifauna for us. The unchallenged highlight was Terri's Bare-shanked Screech-Owl that she spotted while we were rattling down a rocky road in an ancient Land Cruiser among the moss-encrusted oaks of the cloudforest!



**A Pair of Prong-billed Barbets at La Paz Waterfall Garden © Brian Gibbons**

Starting in the Central Valley on a windy morning, we tallied a few birds that we wouldn't see during the rest of the tour. Hoffman's Woodpecker, Rufous-naped Wren, Cabanis's Wren, and the Blue-vented Hummingbird (formerly Steely-vented) all made an appearance in the wind. Tennessee Warblers were also very much in evidence around the fig tree that attracted so much attention, readying for the trip north. The feeders at La Paz threatened to take all of our time from the gardens; hummingbirds and tanagers were abundant—often at arm's-length. Nine species of hummers whizzed past our ears,



**Green-crowned Brilliant © Brian Gibbons**

and we enjoyed the Caribbean slope specialties like Green Hermit, Coppery-headed Emerald, Green Thorntail, and Black-bellied Hummingbird. We even tolerated the giant bullies—male Violet Sabrewings—as they routinely bulldozed the feeders of all the little guys. The fruit feeders held some excellent guests too: a rare Yellow-winged Tanager, gorgeous Silver-throated Tanagers, Bananaquits, and Bay-headed Tanagers among the more somberly dressed National Bird, the

Clay-colored Thrush, and Common Chlorospingus. In the forest we added a few birds to our list, most notably the Red-headed Barbets that Doug spotted. A few of us saw an amazing stream of White-nosed Coatis cross the trail among us! Twenty-six in all waddled, scooted, and hustled past. Having avoided us in the forest, a pair of Prong-billed Barbets put on a show as we were making our way out of the gardens. Still present was an amazingly tame Black Guan, our only one of the trip. After we dragged ourselves away, we visited another popular bird feeding site at the Cinchona café; there our prize was seeing Northern Emerald-Toucanets sitting sedately on a branch before feasting on papaya at the feeder.



**Northern Emerald-Toucanet © Brian Gibbons**



Again, we had to pull ourselves away and continue on to the Caribbean Lowlands at La Quinta de Sarapiquí, but not before a few more stops along the way. A tiny mirador overlooking the sprawling green canyon below us in Braulio Carrillo National Park produced a fine trio of Barred Hawks that were trying to figure out who would stay and who would go from this one-pair canyon. On down the line Doug spotted the Bat Falcon, perched on a snag overlooking the same canyon. Finally, after a few more stops and our final Montezuma Oropendola delay, we made it to La Quinta, our base for exploring the Caribbean Lowlands.

Our first morning along the entry road to the Organization for Tropical Studies La Selva Field Station started slowly, but when the birds started appearing, we often didn't know where to look. Slaty-tailed Trogon, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Long-billed Gnatwren, and Short-billed Pigeon were all seen well among others before we started our walk with Joel from La Selva. He guided us back into the opening of the station where we had a good panorama to watch for a major target, the Snowy Cotinga. Before it was all over we had tallied 40 species in the clearing including an astonishing SIX Snowy Cotingas. One bare tree even hosted three species of toucans simultaneously: Yellow-throated, Keel-billed, and Collared Aracaris! I can't begin to separate our three days in La Selva, so I will just run down some of the major highlights we had with Joel and Octavio, the excellent guides at La Selva. A White-whiskered Puffbird pair with a possible nest tunnel just off the trail was a great find; I hope the overzealous weed-whackers didn't disturb them too much. We found a couple of pairs of the very



The hulking Rufous Motmot at La Selva © Brian Gibbons

different White-necked Puffbirds; they had excavated their nest high above the ground in an arboreal termite nest, safe from the weed-whackers. Black-throated Trogons put on a show one morning on the entry road, at times perching just over our heads on the power line. Pulling our attention away from trogons was an Eye-ringed Flatbill, a good find that we all saw in our bins. A couple of sightings of low-flying Great Green Macaws



**Leafcutter ants in their relentless toil © Brian Gibbons**

were heartening, as this rare species hangs on despite the march of humanity. Another in the long list of exciting finds was a juvenile Agami Heron that sat for scope views as it hunted along a forest stream. This rare bird is always a great find in the Neotropics. I do know that our final morning was all about quality as we followed Tavo. He guided us to a yellow Eyelash Viper he had found in previous days, and miraculously, it was still there! All eight inches of it. Coiled sedately on a massive fern frond, it payed us no mind, other than the occasional tongue flick, another trip highlight for me! As we wandered away from this beautiful little beast, we started hearing a forest-falcon; eventually we all realized it was a Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon, a super rare bird in this area. Everyone heard the calls, and a few lucky folks even got it in the scope before it melted back into the forest. As we were hoping to re-find the falcon, Jon spotted a Great Tinamou slinking past us. It froze, and we all enjoyed superb looks for several minutes; I think it was on edge with all the forest-falcon calls echoing through the forest just before we saw it. After these great finds, Sarah upped the ante—she spotted a roosting Crested Owl! A



**Black-throated Trogon © Brian Gibbons**



superb find of an elusive bird, we enjoyed excellent scope views of this forest owl.



**Strawberry Poison Dart Frog**

© Brian Gibbons

La Selva gave us so much. Here are a few more highlights to round out our visit. Helmeted Iguana (Casque-headed Lizard), also spotted by Sarah, was an exciting find. We had brief looks at a Double-toothed Kite as it quickly soared up over the forest, and we had a little longer look at a male Hook-billed Kite one morning. Purple-throated Fruitcrow was a fun sighting too as we watched a female preen overhead, again an uncommon find. Our time at La Selva produced at least 14 species of flycatchers; those poor bugs don't stand a chance. The hanging bridge was also a good lookout—we had Mantled Howler Monkeys and two species of motmots from the bridge. Both the hulking Rufous Motmot and the smaller Broad-billed Motmot gave us excellent looks.

Who could forget the Broad-winged Hawk, hunting alongside the bane of our ears for a couple of mornings, the weed-whackers! This hawk had learned that the whining engines and the resultant weed clearing flushed critters that were perfect for snacking. At one point it flew away from us only to land right next to the landscaper who was



**Mantled Howler Monkey at La Selva © Brian Gibbons**

trimming weeds, its eyes always intently scouring the ground. In the forest and clearings alike we admired the leafcutter ants. I learned that the smaller ants, hitching a ride on the cut leaf pieces, were there as defenders. They keep a tiny parasitic fly at bay; the would-be pests lay their eggs on the heads of worker ants, and then when they hatch, the larval flies eat the worker ants from the inside out—no wonder they have a security detail! I also enjoyed the North American warblers that were down for the winter. Heading the list was Bay-breasted Warbler, followed by the much more numerous Chestnut-sided Warbler. Mourning and Hooded warblers were also fun to see alongside their tropical cousins.



**Bare-throated Tiger-Heron on our afternoon cruise along the Rio Sarapiquí © Brian Gibbons**

At La Quinta we had little time to take in the sights of our comfortable lodge, but we made time for the Spectacled Owl pair that roosted on the other side of the creek. We had nice scope views of these striking, large forest owls. Around La Quinta we finally caught up with the handsome Orange-billed Sparrow on our last morning. We also had one of our best looks at a somnolent Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth. Louisiana Waterthrushes and Buff-rumped Warblers haunted the edge of the stream near La Quinta. On our final afternoon in the Caribbean Lowlands we took a cruise on the Rio Sarapiquí up to Puerto Viejo River, and we even crossed under the suspension bridge at La Selva. Bare-throated Tiger-Heron, Green Ibis, Bay Wren, Mangrove Swallow, and Amazon Kingfisher were just a few great sightings from our afternoon boat ride. White-



fronted Nunbird had to be our single best bird of the boat trip, but another fly-by sighting of Great Green Macaws was a close second. While we were cruising back to the lodge under a cloudy sky with fading light, we spotted some parrots; not just any parrots—Scarlet Macaws—a whole tree full! As we piled out of the bus, we were disappointed to have the group of six or seven depart, but they were headed off to a massive roadside roost tree that they shared with Black Vultures. Fifteen was our final tally for this incredibly beautiful bird that is staging a comeback. After years of poaching for the pet trade, these amazing creatures are repopulating their old haunts as Costa Ricans have realized the value of their wildlife resources staying wild.

Our final morning in the Caribbean lowlands had a trick up its sleeve. Mauricio had arranged a visit to Cope's Garden for us. This tiny garden in a modest neighborhood held lifers and superb viewing and photographic opportunities for us. The top of the list was my lifer White-tipped Sicklebill, a rare hummingbird that forged right in front of us on heliconias that perfectly accepted its unique sickle-shaped bill. After I got over my amazement at the sicklebill, I realized that the fruit feeders and hummingbird feeders were full of birds.

Montezuma and Chestnut-headed oropendolas were gorging on plantains; Orange-chinned Parakeets even flocked to the feeders; Collared Aracaris gave us great looks at their wide-eyed gaze; and tanagers, honeycreepers, and dozens of hummers all swarmed the feeders in this tiny garden. The young sloth was icing on a birdy cake. This cute little guy didn't do much, but we were smitten by his inaction!



**White-tipped Sicklebill © Brian Gibbons**



**Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth © Brian Gibbons**

As we ascended the highway into Braulio Carrillo National Park, the traffic slowed, then stopped. No problem—we stopped for a little birding hike and picnic lunch. The forest was quiet except for one great flock that always seemed to be moving away from us. I never did catch up with a Tawny-crested Tanager, but many folks did. Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher, Checker-



throated Stipplethroat, Tawny-capped Euphonia, Dot-winged Antwren, and Plain Xenops all made appearances in our binoculars at one point or another.



**Male Flame-colored Tanager © Brian Gibbons**

In traffic we wound our way up and over the continental divide and into more traffic in the Central Valley! But we crossed San Jose and all the other towns and finally were winding our way up to Cerro de la Muerte, the air chilled and the windows fogged, a welcome relief from the steamy Caribbean Lowlands. A quick stop at Miriam's Quetzals netted us our first cloudforest lifers. Large-footed Finch, Sooty Thrush, Talamanca Hummingbird, Lesser Violetear, Volcano Hummingbird,

and Flame-colored Tanagers all put in appearances. That evening, in the failing light, we got our first quetzal teaser, a very quick look at a male and female near their nest cavity. The next morning would find us there at first light, along with 100 other eager quetzal watchers. We milled around waiting on the roadside, and finally a gorgeous male Resplendent Quetzal appeared, thrilling everyone with scope views of his fluttering train. After this we allowed ourselves to entertain other birds in our bins. Black-capped Flycatcher, a regional endemic Empid, was easy to spot; Spangle-cheeked Tanagers were around as well. My favorite, the Long-tailed Silky-flycatcher, was easy to see along the road and the lodge grounds.

After breakfast we headed up into the cloudforest reserve above the lodge. The Land Cruisers made the ascent easy. For nearly an hour we enjoyed new birds left and right from the mirador: Collared Redstarts, Black-throated Green Warbler, Flame-throated Warbler, White-collared Swifts, and the big prize—an adult Ornate Hawk-Eagle that soared overhead before disappearing into the sky.



**Collared Redstart © Brian Gibbons**

Our hike through the woods started slowly, but we finally came across a mixed species



**The stunning male Resplendent Quetzal © Brian Gibbons**

flock with Yellow-thighed Brushfinch, Tufted Flycatcher, and the sought-after Black-cheeked Warbler. Further down the trail, a Resplendent Quetzal pair caught our eye and gave us good looks before flying into the canopy. Yellow-winged Vireo and Black-faced Solitaire also made appearances on our hike, but these were all also-rans compared with what was to follow.

Terri took the available front passenger seat of the first Land Cruiser that arrived to take us to lunch. I sat with the second group waiting the next ride. While rattling and bumping downhill on these less than cushy rides, Terri spotted a Bare-shanked Screech-Owl! Incredibly, it had a large beetle in its mouth. Their group enjoyed their looks and then went on to lunch. Doug dutifully waited with the owl while the driver retrieved us and told us of the owl sighting. Well, the bird was still there when the second group arrived, with the bug still in its mouth! We observed for fifteen minutes before the bird started to relax a little; then it started calling softly, presumably to some unseen owlet. Then it made a small flight to a crack in a rotten snag, and there it was, a fuzzy owlet gobbling down a hard-shelled beetle! After the delivery the adult flew a short distance to a clump of brownish dead leaves and dissolved into the cloudforest. While we were



**Bare-shanked Screech-Owl at nest © Brian Gibbons**



watching the owlet through a tiny crack in the snag, I looked over and saw the second adult owl sitting there camouflaged into a mossy tree trunk. It had been there the whole time, and we'd never noticed it. Our stomachs growling, we finally gave the owls their peace and made our way to lunch to congratulate Terri for her excellent work!

Our afternoon would involve a climb, in a vehicle, up to 10,000 feet on the hunt for Volcano Junco and Timberline Wren at La Cima. The junco was easy, as a pair foraged right next to us as we birded our way along the dirt road, the misty wind chilling us through. The Timberline Wren was the opposite of the junco. While we heard a few, we never got more than a 1.2 second glimpse as it masterfully avoided open areas in the shrubbery. Another more cooperative bird was the Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush, hopping along the roadside. Everyone eventually got good looks. That was our last new bird of a very successful day on Cerro de la Muerte.



**We captured the ire of a few Volcano Juncos at La Cima © Brian Gibbons**

On our final morning, we wandered down the trail to waterfalls with the intent of seeing the Flame-throated Warbler and Yellow-winged Vireo well. The vireo was the first to oblige, but it would take until our return trip to see the Flame-throated Warbler, and boy did we! We had a family group at close range for several minutes, and wonderful looks were had by all. I never got a good photograph, so I'll be back. Also on our walk, we had scope views of Black-faced Solitaire and the elusive Sulphur-winged Parakeets.

Mauricio had heard of a Scintillant Hummingbird nest near a certain cabin. He found it, and we had good looks in the scope at the poor little windblown hummer. One last check at Miriam's Quetzals netted us great looks at the elusive, for us, Fiery-throated Hummingbird among the others.

Our final new bird was the Crimson-fronted Parakeet flock that we found on a roadside tree while we were winding our way through city traffic.

Thanks for traveling with VENT. I look forward to our next birding adventure...wherever in the world that might be.



**Long-tailed Silky-flycatcher gobbling fruit in the hotel garden © Brian Gibbons**

## **ITINERARY**

23 February 2020 - Cariari, La Paz Waterfall Garden, Cinchona, Mirador, La Quinta de Sarapiquí

24 February 2020 - La Selva entry road and Reserve, La Quinta, La Selva late afternoon

25 February 2020 - La Selva entry road and Reserve, La Quinta midday, La Selva late afternoon



26 February 2020 - La Selva entry road and Reserve, La Quinta midday, Sarapiquí Boat trip  
 27 February 2020 - La Quinta early morning, San Jose River Fasciated Tiger-Heron, Cope's Garden, Quebrada Gonzales Braulio Carillo National Park, Savegre, Miriam's Quetzals  
 28 February 2020 - Savegre Valley, Savegre Hotel, Quebrada Trail and Overlook. La Cima late afternoon  
 29 February 2020 - Savegre Hotel, San Gerardo Waterfall Trail, Miriam's Quetzals, return to San Jose

## BIRDS

<b>Tinamous</b>	<b>Tinamidae</b>	
Great Tinamou	<i>Tinamus major</i>	LS = La Selva, Spotted by Jon!
Little Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus soui</i>	HO = Heard Only, LS
Slaty-breasted Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus boucardi</i>	HO at LS
<b>Guans, Chachalacas &amp; Curassows</b>	<b>Cracidae</b>	
Gray-headed Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis cinereiceps</i>	LS
Crested Guan	<i>Penelope purpurascens</i>	LS, great looks at a shy bird
Black Guan (RE)	<i>Chamaepetes unicolor</i>	LP = La Paz Waterfall Garden
<b>New World Quail</b>	<b>Odontophoridae</b>	
Spotted Wood-Quail	<i>Odontophorus guttatus</i>	HO at CM = Cerro de la Muerte
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>	<b>Columbidae</b>	
Rock Pigeon (I)	<i>Columba livia</i>	Towns
Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	Boat trip on Sarapiquí River
Scaled Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas speciosa</i>	LS Entry Road
Red-billed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas flavirostris</i>	San Jose at Hotel
Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>	CM
Ruddy Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas subvinacea</i>	HO at CM
Short-billed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas nigrirostris</i>	LS
Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	LS and Caribbean Lowlands
White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	LS
Gray-chested Dove	<i>Leptotila cassinii</i>	LS
White-winged Dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>	Open country
<b>Cuckoos</b>	<b>Cuculidae</b>	
Groove-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>	Glimpsed along the road
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>	LS
<b>Swifts</b>	<b>Apodidae</b>	
White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	LP, LS, CM
Gray-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i>	LS
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift	<i>Panyptila cayennensis</i>	LS
<b>Hummingbirds</b>	<b>Trochilidae</b>	

White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>	LS
White-tipped Sicklebill	<i>Eutoxeres aquila</i>	Cope's Garden, great bird
Green Hermit	<i>Phaethornis guy</i>	LP
Long-billed Hermit	<i>Phaethornis longirostris</i>	LS & BCNP = Braulio Carrillo Nat. Park
Stripe-throated Hermit	<i>Phaethornis striigularis</i>	LS & Cope's
Brown Violetear	<i>Colibri delphinae</i>	LP
Lesser Violetear	<i>Colibri cyanotus</i>	Savegre Hotel & Miriam's Quetzals
Green-breasted Mango	<i>Anthracothorax prevostii</i>	Cope's
Green Thorntail	<i>Discosura conversii</i>	LP
Green-crowned Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa jacula</i>	LP
Talamanca Hummingbird	<i>Eugenes spectabilis</i>	CM
Fiery-throated Hummingbird (RE)	<i>Panterpe insignis</i>	Miriam's Quetzals
Purple-throated Mountain-gem (RE)	<i>Lampornis calolaemus</i>	LP
White-throated Mountain-gem (RE)	<i>Lampornis castaneoventris</i>	Savegre Hotel & Miriam's Quetzals
Volcano Hummingbird (RE)	<i>Selasphorus flammula</i>	CM
Scintillant Hummingbird (RE)	<i>Selasphorus scintilla</i>	CM
Violet Sabrewing	<i>Campylopterus hemileucurus</i>	LP
Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer	<i>Chalybura urochrysis</i>	Cope's
Crowned Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania colombica</i>	LS & best looks at Cope's
Stripe-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Eupherusa eximia</i>	CM
Black-bellied Hummingbird (RE)	<i>Eupherusa nigriventris</i>	LP
Coppery-headed Emerald (E)	<i>Elvira cupreiceps</i>	LP
Blue-chested Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia amabilis</i>	LS
Blue-vented Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia saucerottei</i>	Cariari Hotel
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>	Common
<b>Rails, Gallinules and Coots</b>	<b>Rallidae</b>	
Russet-naped Wood-Rail	<i>Aramides albiventris</i>	Some folks got it at La Quinta
<b>Sandpipers and Allies</b>	<b>Scolopacidae</b>	
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	LS & best looks on Boat Trip
<b>Anhinga</b>	<b>Anhingidae</b>	
Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	Boat trip on Sarapiquí River
<b>Cormorants</b>	<b>Phalacrocoracidae</b>	
Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	Lowlands near LS
<b>Herons, Egrets and Bitterns</b>	<b>Ardeidae</b>	
Fasciated Tiger-Heron	<i>Tigrisoma fasciatum</i>	San Jose River in Caribbean Lowlands
Bare-throated Tiger-Heron	<i>Tigrisoma mexicanum</i>	Boat trip, great looks
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Roadside birds
Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Boat trip



Cattle Egret  
Agami Heron

### **Ibises and Spoonbills**

Green Ibis

### **New World Vultures**

Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture

### **Hawks, Eagles and Kites**

Hook-billed Kite

Swallow-tailed Kite

Ornate Hawk-Eagle

Double-toothed Kite

Barred Hawk

Semiplumbeous Hawk

Gray Hawk

Broad-winged Hawk

Short-tailed Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

### **Owls**

Bare-shanked Screech-Owl

Crested Owl

Spectacled Owl

### **Trogon**

Resplendent Quetzal

Slaty-tailed Trogon

Gartered Trogon

Black-throated Trogon

### **Motmots**

Rufous Motmot

Broad-billed Motmot

### **Kingfishers**

Ringed Kingfisher

Amazon Kingfisher

Green Kingfisher

### **Puffbirds**

White-necked Puffbird

White-whiskered Puffbird

*Bubulcus ibis*

*Agamia agami*

### **Threskiornithidae**

*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*

### **Cathartidae**

*Coragyps atratus*

*Cathartes aura*

### **Accipitridae**

*Chondrohierax uncinatus*

*Elanoides forficatus*

*Spizaetus ornatus*

*Harpagus bidentatus*

*Morphnarcus princeps*

*Leucopternis*

*semiplumbeus*

*Buteo plagiatus*

*Buteo platypterus*

*Buteo brachyurus*

*Buteo jamaicensis*

### **Strigidae**

*Megascops clarkii*

*Lophostrix cristata*

*Pulsatrix perspicillata*

### **Trogonidae**

*Pharomachrus mocinno*

*Trogon massena*

*Trogon caligatus*

*Trogon rufus*

### **Momotidae**

*Baryphthengus martii*

*Electron platyrhynchum*

### **Alcedinidae**

*Megaceryle torquata*

*Chloroceryle amazona*

*Chloroceryle americana*

### **Bucconidae**

*Notharchus hyperrhynchus*

*Malacoptila panamensis*

Open country

LS, excellent study of a juvenile

Boat trip

Common

Common

LS, male soaring overhead

LP, only seen by a few folks

Mirador above Savegre Hotel, great!

LS

Mirador below Cinchona & LP

LS

Lowlands

LS

LP

CM

CM, Amazing sighting by terri

LS, excellently spotted by Sarah

LQ = La Quinta, nice pair

CM, great looks a couple of times

LS, good looks

LS

LS great looks

LS great looks

LS, LQ & BCNP

LS, spotted by John

Best looks on boat trip

LQ & boat trip

LS

LS, a great pair near a nest burrow

White-fronted Nunbird	<i>Monasa morphoeus</i>	Boat trip, great find
<b>Jacamars</b>	<b>Galbulidae</b>	
Rufous-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>	LS
<b>New World Barbets</b>	<b>Capitonidae</b>	
Red-headed Barbet	<i>Eubucco bourcierii</i>	LP, nice pair spotted by Doug
<b>Toucan-Barbets</b>	<b>Semnornithidae</b>	
Prong-billed Barbet (RE)	<i>Semnornis frantzii</i>	LP
<b>Toucans</b>	<b>Ramphastidae</b>	
Northern Emerald-Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus prasinus</i>	Cinchona café, at arms length & CM
Collared Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus torquatus</i>	LP, LS & Cope's
Yellow-throated Toucan	<i>Ramphastos ambiguus</i>	LS & LQ
Keel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>	LS & LQ
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<b>Picidae</b>	
Acorn Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>	CM
Black-cheeked Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes pucherani</i>	LS & LQ
Hoffmann's Woodpecker (RE)	<i>Melanerpes hoffmannii</i>	Cariari hotel
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates villosus</i>	CM
Pale-billed Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus guatemalensis</i>	LS
Cinnamon Woodpecker	<i>Celeus loricatus</i>	HO at LS & boat trip
Rufous-winged Woodpecker	<i>Piculus simplex</i>	LS
<b>Falcons and Caracaras</b>	<b>Falconidae</b>	
Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon	<i>Micrastur mirandollei</i>	HO for most folks, seen by some
Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	Roadside on drive to LQ
Laughing Falcon	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>	Roadside on drive to LQ
Bat Falcon	<i>Falco rufigularis</i>	Roadside below LP
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Roadside below LP
<b>African &amp; New World Parrots</b>	<b>Psittacidae</b>	
Orange-chinned Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris jugularis</i>	LS, LQ & Cope's
Brown-hooded Parrot	<i>Pyrilia haematotis</i>	A few quick flybys LS
White-crowned Parrot	<i>Pionus senilis</i>	LS
Red-lored Parrot	<i>Amazona autumnalis</i>	LS, flybys
Mealy Parrot	<i>Amazona farinosa</i>	LS, flybys
Sulphur-winged Parakeet (RE)	<i>Pyrrhura hoffmanni</i>	CM
Olive-throated Parakeet	<i>Eupsittula nana</i>	LS
Great Green Macaw	<i>Ara ambiguus</i>	LS & Boat trip
Scarlet Macaw	<i>Ara macao</i>	Near LQ, 15 birds going to roost!
Crimson-fronted Parakeet (RE)	<i>Psittacara finschi</i>	In town our final evening
<b>Typical Antbirds</b>	<b>Thamnophilidae</b>	
Fasciated Antshrike	<i>Cymbilaimus lineatus</i>	LS

Barred Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>	
Black-crowned Antshrike (Western Slaty-Antshrike) formerly	<i>Thamnophilus atrinucha</i>	LS - female in the scope
Russet Antshrike	<i>Thamnistes anabatinus</i>	BCNP
Checker-throated Antwren	<i>Epinecrophylla fulviventris</i>	BCNP
Checker-throated Stipplethroat is the new name		
Dot-winged Antwren	<i>Microrhopias quixensis</i>	BCNP - Doug got this one
Dusky Antbird	<i>Cercomacroides tyrannina</i>	BCNP
<b>Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers</b>	<b>Furnariidae</b>	
Plain-brown Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i>	LQ & LS
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Glyphorynchus spirurus</i>	LS
Northern Barred-Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae</i>	LS
Cocoa Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus susurrans</i>	LS
Streak-headed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>	LS
Spot-crowned Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes affinis</i>	Sevegre
Plain Xenops	<i>Xenops minutus</i>	LS & BCNP
Ruddy Treerunner (RE)	<i>Margarornis rubiginosus</i>	LP & CM
Red-faced Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca erythrops</i>	LP
<b>Tyrant Flycatchers</b>	<b>Tyrannidae</b>	
Yellow Tyrannulet	<i>Capsiempis flaveola</i>	LQ - Doug spotted this tiny fly!
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	Seen at LQ
Mountain Elaenia	<i>Elaenia frantzii</i>	CM
Mistletoe Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius parvus</i>	LS & CM
Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>	LQ & LS
Eye-ringed Flatbill	<i>Rhynchocyclus brevirostris</i>	LS entry road
Yellow-olive Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphureus</i>	LS entry road
Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher	<i>Myiobius sulphureipygius</i>	BCNP
Tufted Flycatcher	<i>Mitrephanes phaeocercus</i>	CM
Dark Pewee (RE)	<i>Contopus lugubris</i>	CM
Yellowish Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax flavescens</i>	CM
Black-capped Flycatcher (RE)	<i>Empidonax atriceps</i>	CM
Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	CM
Long-tailed Tyrant	<i>Colonia colonus</i>	LS
Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>	LS
Rufous Mourner	<i>Rhytipterna holerythra</i>	LS
Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	HO at LS
Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	Common
Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>	Common
Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>	Common
Gray-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes granadensis</i>	LS



White-ringed Flycatcher	<i>Conopias albobittatus</i>	HO at LS, perhaps leader only
Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>	LS
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	Common
<b>Cotingas</b>	<b>Cotingidae</b>	
Purple-throated Fruitcrow	<i>Querula purpurata</i>	Female at La Selva
Snowy Cotinga	<i>Carpodectes nitidus</i>	An Amazing 6 our first morning at LS!
<b>Manakins</b>	<b>Pipridae</b>	
White-collared Manakin	<i>Manacus candei</i>	LS, Cope's, & BCNP
<b>Becards, Tityras &amp; Allies</b>	<b>Tityridae</b>	
Black-crowned Tityra	<i>Tityra inquisitor</i>	LS
Masked Tityra	<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>	LS
Cinnamon Becard	<i>Pachyramphus cinnamomeus</i>	LS
<b>Vireos</b>	<b>Vireonidae</b>	
Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	CM
Lesser Greenlet	<i>Pachyslyvia decurtatus</i>	LS
Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	CM
Yellow-winged Vireo (RE)	<i>Vireo carmioli</i>	CM
Philadelphia Vireo	<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>	CM
Brown-capped Vireo	<i>Vireo leucophrys</i>	CM
<b>Swallows</b>	<b>Hirundinidae</b>	
Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Pygochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	Most numerous at CM
N. Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	LP area
S. Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	LS
Gray-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	LS area over towns
Mangrove Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albilinea</i>	Best looks on the boat trip
<b>Wrens</b>	<b>Troglodytidae</b>	
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	LQ
Ochraceous Wren (RE)	<i>Troglodytes ochraceus</i>	LP & CM
Timberline Wren (RE)	<i>Thryorchilus browni</i>	La Cima of CM
Band-backed Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus zonatus</i>	LS
Rufous-naped Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus rufinucha</i>	Cariari Hotel
Black-throated Wren (RE)	<i>Pheugopedius atrogularis</i>	HO at LS
Stripe-breasted Wren (RE)	<i>Cantorchilus thoracicus</i>	LS
Cabanis's Wren	<i>Cantorchilus modestus</i>	Cariari Hotel
Bay Wren	<i>Cantorchilus nigricapillus</i>	Boat Trip
White-breasted Wood-Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucosticta</i>	Commonly HO in LS
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucophrys</i>	HO in CM seen by some
<b>Gnatcatchers</b>	<b>Polioptilidae</b>	
Long-billed Gnatwren	<i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i>	LS, seen by some

Tropical Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliioptila plumbea</i>	LS, seen by some
<b>Thrushes and Allies</b>	<b>Turdidae</b>	
Black-faced Solitaire (RE)	<i>Myadestes melanops</i>	Seen well CM, HO at LP
Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush (RE)	<i>Catharus gracilirostris</i>	
Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush	<i>Catharus frantzii</i>	La Cima
Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	CM
Mountain Thrush	<i>Turdus plebejus</i>	Cope's
Clay-colored Thrush	<i>Turdus grayi</i>	CM, seen by some folks
Sooty Thrush (RE)	<i>Turdus nigrescens</i>	National bird, seen daily
<b>Mockingbirds and Thrashers</b>	<b>Mimidae</b>	CM
Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	LQ, Binky had one at feeder
<b>Silky-flycatchers</b>	<b>Ptiliogonatidae</b>	
Long-tailed Silky-flycatcher (RE)	<i>Ptiliogonys caudatus</i>	CM
<b>Finches, Euphonias, and Allies</b>	<b>Fringillidae</b>	
Golden-browed Chlorophonia (RE)	<i>Chlorophonia callophrys</i>	CM, HO for most folks
Yellow-crowned Euphonia (RE)	<i>Euphonia luteicapilla</i>	LS
Olive-backed Euphonia	<i>Euphonia gouldi</i>	LS
White-vented Euphonia	<i>Euphonia minuta</i>	LS
Tawny-capped Euphonia	<i>Euphonia anneae</i>	LP & BCNP
Yellow-bellied Siskin	<i>Spinus xanthogastrus</i>	CM - Doug and BG
<b>New World Sparrows</b>	<b>Passerellidae</b>	
Sooty-capped Chlorospingus (RE)	<i>Chlorospingus pileatus</i>	CM
Common Chlorospingus	<i>Chlorospingus flavopectus</i>	LP
Orange-billed Sparrow	<i>Arremon aurantirostris</i>	LQ, handsome thing!
Chestnut-capped Brushfinch	<i>Arremon brunneinucha</i>	CM for some folks
Volcano Junco (RE)	<i>Junco vulcani</i>	La Cima, great looks!
Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	Common in the mountains
Large-footed Finch (RE)	<i>Pezopetes capitalis</i>	Miriam's Quetzals in CM
Yellow-thighed Brushfinch (RE)	<i>Pselliophorus tibialis</i>	LP & CM
<b>Troupials and Allies</b>	<b>Icteridae</b>	
Chestnut-headed Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius wagleri</i>	LS & at the feeder at Cope's
Montezuma Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius montezuma</i>	LS & at the feeder at Cope's
Black-cowled Oriole	<i>Icterus prothemelas</i>	LS
Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	LS & CM
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	LS
Melodious Blackbird	<i>Dives dives</i>	LP & LQ
Great-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>	Lowlands and Central Valley
<b>New World Warblers</b>	<b>Parulidae</b>	
Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	LQ & CM along streams
Golden-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	A few brilliant males at LS
Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	LQ & CM
Flame-throated Warbler (RE)	<i>Oreothlypis gutturalis</i>	CM, finally seen well

Tennessee Warbler  
 Mourning Warbler  
 Hooded Warbler  
 American Redstart  
 Bay-breasted Warbler  
 Blackburnian Warbler  
 Yellow Warbler  
 Chestnut-sided Warbler  
 Black-throated Green Warbler  
 Black-cheeked Warbler (RE)  
 Costa Rican Warbler  
 Buff-rumped Warbler  
 Wilson's Warbler  
 Slate-throated Redstart  
 Collared Redstart (RE)

#### **Cardinals and Allies**

Hepatic Tanager  
 Summer Tanager  
 Flame-colored Tanager  
 Red-throated Ant-Tanager  
 Black-faced Grosbeak  
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
 Blue-black Grosbeak

#### **Tanagers and Allies**

Tawny-crested Tanager  
 Crimson-collared Tanager  
  
 Scarlet-rumped Tanager  
 Blue-gray Tanager  
 Yellow-winged Tanager  
 Palm Tanager  
 Golden-hooded Tanager  
 Spangle-cheeked Tanager (RE)  
 Bay-headed Tanager  
 Silver-throated Tanager  
 Blue Dacnis  
 Shining Honeycreeper  
 Red-legged Honeycreeper  
 Green Honeycreeper  
 Slaty Flowerpiercer (RE)  
 Variable Seedeater  
 Bananaquit  
 Buff-throated Saltator

*Oreothlypis peregrina*  
*Geothlypis philadelphia*  
*Setophaga citrina*  
*Setophaga ruticilla*  
*Setophaga castanea*  
*Setophaga fusca*  
*Setophaga petechia*  
*Setophaga pensylvanica*  
*Setophaga virens*  
*Basileuterus melanogenys*  
*Basileuterus tristriatus*  
*Myiothlypis fulvicauda*  
*Cardellina pusilla*  
*Myioborus miniatus*  
*Myioborus torquatus*

#### **Cardinalidae**

*Piranga flava*  
*Piranga rubra*  
*Piranga bidentata*  
*Habia fuscicauda*  
*Caryothraustes poliogaster*  
*Pheucticus ludovicianus*  
*Cyanocompsa cyanooides*

#### **Thraupidae**

*Tachyphonus delatrii*  
*Ramphocelus sanguinolentus*  
*Ramphocelus passerinii*  
*Thraupis episcopus*  
*Thraupis abbas*  
*Thraupis palmarum*  
*Tangara larvata*  
*Tangara dowii*  
*Tangara gyrola*  
*Tangara icterocephala*  
*Dacnis cayana*  
*Cyanerpes lucidus*  
*Cyanerpes cyaneus*  
*Chlorophanes spiza*  
*Diglossa plumbea*  
*Sporophila corvina*  
*Coereba flaveola*  
*Saltator maximus*

Cariari hotel & CM  
 LS  
 LS entry road  
 LQ  
 LS, a good find by Tavo  
 LP for some folks  
 Cariari hotel & LQ  
 Cariari hotel & lowlands  
 CM  
 CM  
 LP  
 LQ & Boat trip  
 LP & CM  
 LP  
 CM  
  
 CM seen by Doug  
 LP, LQ & LS  
 Common in the mtns  
 LQ & LS  
 LS, some great looks  
 CM, to be heading N soon!  
 LS entry road  
  
 BCNP  
  
 LQ & Cope's, what a stunner  
 Common LQ & LS  
 Common  
 A Rarity in Costa Rica, LP  
 LQ & LS  
 LQ & LS  
 LP & CM  
 LP  
 LP, Cinchona Café & CM  
 LS  
 LS  
 LS & LQ  
 LS & LQ  
 LP, great looks at CM  
 LQ & LS  
 LP, LQ & LS  
 LP, LQ & LS



Grayish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	LS Doug
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## MAMMALS

### Opossums

Common Opossum

### Three-toed Sloths

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth

### Two-toed Sloths

Hoffman's Two-toed Sloth

### Large Monkeys

Mantled Howler Monkey

Central American Spider Monkey

### Squirrels, Prairie Dogs & Marmots

Central American Dwarf Squirrel

Red-tailed Squirrel

Variegated Squirrel

### Agoutis

Central American Agouti

### Sheath-tailed Bats

Long-nosed (Proboscis) Bat

### Weasels

Neotropical Otter

### Raccoons

White-nosed Coati

### Peccaries

Collared Peccary

### Didelphidae

*Didelphis marsupialis*

### Bradypodidae

*Bradypus variegatus*

### Megalonychidae

*Choloepus hoffmanni*

### Atelidae

*Alouatta palliata*

*Ateles geoffroyi*

### Sciuridae

*Microsciurus alfar*

*Sciurus granatensis*

*Sciurus variegatoides*

### Dasyproctidae

*Dasyprocta punctata*

### Emballonuridae

*Rhynchonycteris naso*

### Mustelidae

*Lontra longicaudis*

### Procyonidae

*Nasua narica*

### Tayassuidae

*Pecari tajacu*

La Quinta

Lowlands

LS

LS

LS

LP

CM

Lowlands

LS

Boat trip

Boat trip

LP

LS

## OTHER FAUNA

Emerald Basalisk

Casque-headed Lizard

Spectacled Caiman

Black River Turtle

Strawberry Poison Dart Frog

Toad sp

Red-eyed Tree Frog

Glass Frog sp

(Helmeted Iguana)

LQ & Cope's

LS

LS

LS

LS

Lowlands

LQ

LQ



**Male Red-legged Honeycreeper at Cope's Garden © Brian Gibbons**