

Western Mexico

Sinaloa, Nayarit, Jalisco and Colima

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Tufted Jay, Petaca road



Presa la Colorada

Introduction

The scenic states of Sinaloa, Nayarit, Jalisco and Colima in Western Mexico offer great opportunities to observe plenty of fantastic and often colourful specialities. These include 52 (see table 1) of the 99 endemic species of Mexico and 55 (see table 2) of the 132 near-endemic ('regionals') species, as well as numerous wintering birds from North America, if you visit the area in winter. Western Mexico is extra interesting being a transition zone, where the southernmost representatives of temperate bird-families from North America (e.g. towhees, nuthatches and buntings) mingle with the northernmost representatives of neotropical bird-families from South America (e.g. woodcreepers, motmots, trogons and antpittas). Enough reasons for us (Peter van Scheepen and Dick Meijer) to ask Jesper Jacobsen (jb@jesperbayjacobsen.com and www.jesperbayjacobsen.com) to offer us a trip with an itinerary enabling us to find most of these special birds. Our itinerary focused on the well-known bird-rich sites near Mazatlan, San Blas, Ciudad Guzman, Colima and Manzanillo.

It was quite challenging to identify the numerous wintering *Empidonax*-flycatchers we encountered with only plumage and structural clues and occasionally helped by response to their songs and calls. To a lesser extent identification of the *Myiarchus*-flycatchers was challenging as well. The same applies to a few female hummingbirds, some of which could not be identified by us.

We recorded 352 species in total of which 12 were heard only. We found 48 of the 52 endemic species possible in West Mexico and 39 of the 55 possible near-endemics in this part of Mexico. We saw only four species of mammal. Unfortunately we did not find the much sought-after Lesser Roadrunner and Aztec Thrush despite criss-crossing their habitats for many hours.

The best birds voted by the participants and our guide were:

1. Red Warbler
2. Slaty Vireo
3. Barred Owl
4. Red-faced Warbler
5. Mexican Hermit
6. Heerman's Gull
7. Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo
8. Pine Flycatcher
9. Elegant Quail / Kelp Gull / Red-headed Tanager
10. Purplish-backed Jay / Tufted Jay

Our guide Jesper Jacobson was good company, a careful driver and a great help in the field, resulting in a very productive and pleasant trip.

Endemics of Western Mexico

	English name	Distribution	Recorded
1.	Rufous-bellied Chachalaca	North-west Mexico	Mazatlan, Panuco road, Durango road, Chacalilla and San Blas
2.	West Mexican Chachalaca	West Mexico	Playa de Oro road, Miramar (Manzanillo) and Aeropuerto Playa de Oro road
3.	Long-tailed Wood-Partridge	Central Mexico	PN Volcan Nevado de Colima
4.	Banded Quail	West Mexico	Volcan de Fuego
5.	Elegant Quail	North-west Mexico	Chacalilla
6.	Eared Poorwill	West Mexico	PN Volcan Nevado de Colima
7.	White-naped Swift	West Mexico	Durango road and Panuco road
8.	Mexican Hermit	West Mexico	La Bajada road
9.	Bumblebee Hummingbird	Highlands North of Isthmus	Sierra de San Juan
10.	Golden-crowned Emerald	West Mexico	Playa de Oro road
11.	Mexican Woodnymph	West Mexico	Sierra de San Juan
12.	Aztec Rail	West and Central Mexico	Tepic and Presa la Vega
13.	Balsas Screech-Owl	South-west Mexico	La Cumbre, Colima
14.	Colima Pygmy-Owl	West Mexico	Panuco road and La Cumbre, Colima
15.	Citreoline Trogon	West Mexico	Durango road, Vivero Singayta road, La Palma -Tecuitata road, La Bajada road and Playa de Oro road
16.	Golden-cheeked Woodpecker	West Mexico	Mazatlan, Durango road, Panuco road, Chacalilla, Tepic, Vivero Singayta road, Cocodrilario Kiekari road, La Cumbre, Playa de Oro road and Miramar (Manzanillo)
17.	Gray-crowned Woodpecker	West Mexico	Petaca road, the Tufted Jay reserve, Sierra de San Juan, La Palma - Tecuitata road and El Terrero road
18.	Lilac-crowned Parrot	West Mexico	Playa de Oro road
19.	Mexican Parrotlet	North-west Mexico	Chacalilla
20.	White-striped Woodcreeper	Highlands North of Isthmus	Durango road, the Tufted Jay reserve, PN Volcan Nevado de Colima and Volcan de Fuego
21.	Flammulated Flycatcher	West Mexico	Playa de Oro road
22.	Golden Vireo	West Mexico	Panuco road, Petaca road, Sierra de San Juan, Volcan de Fuego and El Terrero road
23.	Slaty Vireo	Central and South-west Mexico	Volcan de Fuego
24.	Dwarf Vireo	Central and South-west Mexico	Not recorded
25.	Black-throated Magpie-Jay	North-west Mexico	Mazatlan, Panuco road, Copala and La Palma - Tecuitata road
26.	Tufted Jay	North-west Mexico	Petaca road, the Tufted Jay reserve and Durango road
27.	Transvolcanic Jay	Central Mexico	PN Volcan Nevado de Colima and Volcan de Fuego
28.	San Blas Jay	West Mexico	Aeropuerto Playa de Oro road
29.	Purplish-backed Jay	North-west Mexico	Mazatlan, Durango road, Sinaloa and Chacalilla
30.	Sinaloa Crow	North-west Mexico	Mazatlan, San Blas, Chacalilla and Vivero Singayta road
31.	Sinaloa Martin (probably not a true endemic)	North-west Mexico (in summer), wintering area unknown	Not recorded

32.	Spotted Wren	North and Central Mexico	Durango road and PN Volcan Nevado de Colima
33.	Happy Wren	West Mexico	Panuco road, the Tufted Jay reserve, Durango road, Chacalilla, Sierra de San Juan, Vivero Singayta road, La Palma – Tecuitata road, La Bajada road, PN Volcan Nevado de Colima, Volcan de Fuego, El Terrero road and Playa de Oro road
34.	Sinaloa Wren	West Mexico	Panuco road, Sierra de San Juan, El Terrero road and Playa de Oro road
35.	Gray-barred Wren	Central and West Mexico	PN Volcan Nevado de Colima
36.	Black-capped Gnatcatcher	Pacific slope	Mazatlan
37.	Russet Nightingale-Thrush	Highlands North of Isthmus	The Tufted Jay reserve and PN Volcan Nevado de Colima
38.	Aztec Thrush	Highlands North of Isthmus	Not recorded
39.	Rufous-backed Robin	West Mexico	Mazatlan, Copala, Panuco road, Vivero Singayta road, Chacalilla and Miramar (Manzanillo)
40.	Blue Mockingbird	North of Isthmus	Panuco road, the Tufted Jay reserve, Durango road, Sierra de San Juan, Vivero Singayta road, PN Volcan Nevado de Colima, Volcan de Fuego and El Terrero road
41.	Black-chested Sparrow	West Mexico	La Cumbre, Colima
42.	Green-striped Brushfinch	West and Central Mexico	The Tufted Jay reserve, PN Volcan Nevado de Colima and Volcan de Fuego and El terrero road
43.	Striped Sparrow	Highlands of North-west and Central Mexico	Not recorded
44.	Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrow	West Mexico	Durango road and Laguna Zapotlan.
45.	Collared Towhee	Central Mexico	PN Nevado de Colima
46.	Rufous-capped Brushfinch	Highlands North of Isthmus	The Tufted Jay reserve, Durango road and PN Volcan Nevado de Colima
47.	Black-backed Oriole	Central Mexico	Laguna Zapotlan
48.	Red Warbler	Highlands North of Isthmus	Durango road, the Tufted Jay reserve and PN Volcan Nevado de Colima
49.	Red-headed Tanager	West Mexico	Petaca road, the Tufted Jay reserve and El Terrero road
50.	Red-breasted Chat	Pacific slope	Vivero Singayta road and Playa de Oro road
51.	Orange-breasted Bunting	West Mexico	The river and La Cumbre, Colima and Playa de Oro road
52.	Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater	West Mexico	Mazatlan, Tepic, Cocodrilaro Kiekari road, Presa La Colorada and Laguna Zapotlan

Table 1: Endemic species of bird of Western Mexico on our check list (source: www.jesperbayjacobsen.com: 'true endemics')

Near-endemics of Western Mexico

	English name	Distribution	Recorded
1.	Mexican Duck	South-west USA and North-west Mexico	Tepic, Laguna di Magdalena and Laguna Zapotlan
2.	Montezuma Quail	Extreme South-west USA and North-west Mexico	Not recorded
3.	Singing Quail	Mexico, El Salvador and Honduras	Not recorded
4.	Buff-collared Nightjar	Extreme South-west USA, West Mexico and Honduras	PN Volcan Nevado de Colima
5.	Mexican Violetear	West and Central Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras	La Bajada road and PN Volcan Nevado de Colima
6.	Amethyst-throated Hummingbird	West and East Mexico, El Salvador and Honduras	El Terrero road
7.	Blue-throated Hummingbird	South-west USA and West and East Mexico	Not recorded with certainty
8.	Sparkling-tailed Hummingbird	West and Central Mexico, Honduras and Nicaragua	Not recorded with certainty
9.	Lucifer Humingbird	South-west USA and West and Central Mexico	Not recorded
10.	Broad-billed Hummingbird	South-west USA and North-west Mexico	Mazatlan, Durango road, Panuco road, Presa de Colorada and Volcan de Fuego
11.	Berylline Hummingbird	West Mexico, El Salvador and Honduras	Sierra de San Juan
12.	Violet-crowned Hummingbird	Extreme South-west USA and West Mexico	Not recorded with certainty
13.	White-eared Hummingbird	West and Central Mexico and Honduras and Nicaragua	Petaca road, the Tufted Jay reserve, Durango road, Sierra de San Juan, PN Volcan Nevado de Colima, Volcan de Fuego and El Terrero road
14.	Least Storm-Petrel	California (USA), West Mexico and further south	Not recorded
15.	Eared Quetzal	North-west Mexico and Arizona (USA)	Not recorded
16.	Mountain Trogon	West Mexico and El Salvador	The Tufted Jay reserve, Durango road, PN Volcan Nevado de Colima and Volcan de Fuego and El Terrero road
17.	Russet-crowned Motmot	West Mexico and Guatemala	Panuco road
18.	Gila Woodpecker	South-west USA and North-west Mexico	Mazatlan, Durango road, Panuco road, Chacalilla, Rio La Tovar and La Palma – Tecuitata road.
19.	Arizona Woodpecker	North-west Mexico and Arizona (USA)	Durango road, the Tufted Jay reserve, Sierra de San Juan and PN Volcan Nevado de Colima
20.	Thick-billed Parrot	North-west Mexico and Arizona (USA)	Not recorded

21.	Greater Pewee	South-west USA, West and Central Mexico, El Salvador and Nicaragua	Copala, Panuco road, Petaca road, Durango road, the Tufted Jay reserve, Sierra de San Juan, La Palma – Tecuitata road, PN Volcan Nevado de Colima, Volcan de Fuego and El Terrero road
22.	Pine Flycatcher	West and Central Mexico and Guatemala	El Terrero road
23.	Buff-breasted Flycatcher	South-west USA, West and Central Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador	Sierra de San Juan
24.	Thick-billed Kingbird	Arizona (USA), West Mexico and Guatemala	Mazatlan, Panuco road, Durango road, Chacalilla, Tepic, Vivero Singayta road, Volcan de Fuego, Salinas Cuyutlan and Playa de Oro road
25.	Gray-collared Becard	West and East Mexico and Nicaragua	Vivero Singayta road
26.	Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo	West Mexico and Guatemala	PN Volcan Nevado de Colima and El Terrero road
27.	Mexican Jay	South-west USA and West and Central Mexico	Not recorded
28.	Sinaloa Martin (probably near endemic)	West Mexico and probably Guatemala	Not recorded
29.	Mexican Chickadee	South-west USA and North-west Mexico	The Tufted Jay reserve and PN Volcan Nevado de Colima
30.	Bridled Titmouse	South-west USA and North-west Mexico	Volcan de Fuego
31.	White-bellied Wren	West and East Mexico and Honduras	Playa de Oro road
32.	Brown-backed Solitaire	West and Central Mexico, El Salvador and Honduras	Panuco road, Durango road, the Tufted Jay reserve, Sierra de San Juan, PN Volcan Nevado de Colima, Volcan de Fuego and El Terrero road
33.	Black Thrush	West and Central Mexico, El Salvador and Honduras	Not recorded
34.	Gray Silky-flycatcher	West and Central Mexico and Guatemala	Panuco road, Sierra de San Juan, PN Volcan Nevado de Colima and El Terrero road
35.	Olive Warbler	South-west USA, West and North-east Mexico, Honduras and Nicaragua	The Tufted Jay reserve, Durango road, PN Volcan Nevado de Colima and El Terrero road
36.	Hooded Grosbeak	West and Central Mexico and Guatemala	Not recorded
37.	Black-headed Siskin	West and Central Mexico and Nicaragua	Durango road, the Tufted Jay reserve, Sierra de San Juan, PN Volcan Nevado de Colima
38.	Olive Sparrow	West and East Mexico and Guatemala	Playa de Oro road
39.	Five-striped Sparrow	Extreme South-west USA and North-west Mexico	Not recorded
40.	Yellow-eyed Junco	South-west USA and West and East Mexico	The Tufted Jay reserve, Durango road and PN Volcan Nevado de Colima

41.	Yellow-winged Cacique	West Mexico and Guatemala	Mazatlan, Durango road, Panuco road, Chacalilla, Rio La Tovar, Humedal de las Garzas, Vivero Singayta road, La Palma – Tecuitata road, La Bajada road, Playa de Oro road and Aeropuerto Playa de Oro road
42.	Black-vented Oriole	West and Central Mexico and Nicaragua	Mazatlan
43.	Audubon's Oriole	Southern USA and West and East Mexico	Not recorded
44.	Crescent-chested Warbler	Mexico and Nicaragua	The Tufted Jay reserve, Durango road, Sierra de San Juan, Chacalilla, PN Volcan Nevado de Colima, Volcan de Fuego and El Terrero road
45.	Colima Warbler	Extreme Southern USA and West and North-east Mexico	El Terrero road
46.	Fan-tailed Warbler	West and East Mexico, Honduras and Nicaragua	Vivero Singayta road
47.	Rufous-capped Warbler	Mexico and Guatemala	Petaca road, Durango road, Sierra de San Juan, PN Volcan Nevado de Colima, Volcan de Fuego and El Terrero road
48.	Golden-browed Warbler	West and East Mexico and El Salvador	The Tufted Jay reserve, Sierra de San Juan, PN Volcan Nevado de Colima and El Terrero road
49.	Red-faced Warbler	West Mexico, Honduras and El Salvador	Durango road and PN Volcan Nevado de Colima
50.	Painted Redstart	South-west USA, Mexico and Nicaragua	Petaca road, Sierra de San Juan and Volcan de Fuego
51.	Pyrrhuloxia	South-west USA and North Mexico	Not recorded
52.	Yellow Grosbeak	West Mexico and Guatemala	Copala, Panuco road and El Terrero road
53.	Blue Bunting	West and East Mexico, Honduras and Nicaragua	Durango road and Playa de Oro road
54.	Varied Bunting	Extreme South-west USA and Mexico North of Isthmus	Mazatlan, Panuco road, Durango road, Chacalilla, Cocodrilario Kiekari road, PN Volcan Nevado de Colima and Volcan Fuego
55.	Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer	West and Central Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua	PN Volcan Nevado de Colima, Volcan de Fuego and El Terrero road

Table 2: Near-endemic species of bird of Western Mexico on our check list (source: www.jesperbayjacobsen.com: 'regionals')

Itinerary

Date	Activities	Accommodation
21 Feb	Flight Amsterdam – Mexico City and Mexico City – Mazatlan.	Mazatlan, private apartment not far from the beach.
22 Feb	Birded in surroundings and along coast of Mazatlan.	Mazatlan, private apartment not far from the beach.
23 Feb	Birded scrub around Mazatlan Aeropuerto in the morning, then drove from Mazatlan to Copala on Durango road.	Copala, hotel Daniels.
24 Feb	Drove from Copala to The Tufted Jay reserve on Durango road, checked Petaca and Panuco road on the way.	Cabins in the Tufted Jay reserve.
25 Feb	Birded forest below cabins in The Tufted Jay reserve on foot in the morning and drove uphill to Espinazo del Diablo on Durango road in the afternoon.	Cabins in the Tufted Jay reserve.
26 Feb	Drove downhill on Durango road towards Mazatlan and continued to San Blas.	San Blas, hotel Garza Canela.
27 Feb	Drove from San Blas to village of Chacalilla and birded mangrove-bordered lakes in the morning and made a boat trip on Rio San Cristobal and Rio La Tovara in the afternoon.	San Blas, hotel Garza Canela.
28 Feb	Drove from San Blas to Sierra de San Juan and rancho La Noria in the morning, birded in park of Tepic in the afternoon and around rancho La Noria in the evening.	San Blas, hotel Garza Canela.
1 Mar	Drove from San Blas to Vivero Singayta and La Palma – Tecuitata roads in the morning and the access road to Cocodrilario Kiekari in the afternoon.	San Blas, hotel Garza Canela.
2 Mar	First checked churchyard of Chacalilla and La Bajada dirt road, then drove from San Blas to Ciudad Guzman.	Ciudad Guzman, hotel Fuerte Royal.
3 Mar	Walked road along Laguna Zapotlan in the morning and drove uphill into Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima in the afternoon and evening.	Ciudad Guzman, hotel Fuerte Royal.
4 Mar	Drove uphill again into Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima in the morning and walked road along Laguna Zapotlan again in the afternoon.	Ciudad Guzman, hotel Fuerte Royal.
5 Mar	Drove from Ciudad Guzman to Volcan de Fuego in the morning and drove uphill to La Cumbre near Colima in the afternoon.	Colima, hotel Mision.
6 Mar	Drove uphill to El Terrero and continued to Manzanillo.	Manzanillo, hotel Marbella.
7 Mar	Checked Playa de Oro and Palma Real – Boquita road in the morning, walked around lagoon, drove inland and checked road to Aeropuerto Playa de Oro in the afternoon.	Manzanillo, hotel Marbella.
8 Mar	Drove from Manzanillo to Guadalajara, flew from Guadalajara to Mexico City and from Mexico City to Amsterdam.	Slept on the plane.
9 Mar	Arrived in Amsterdam.	Slept at home.

Daily log

21 February

Flew from Amsterdam to Mexico City with KLM flight KL0685 (11 hours and 30 minutes) and from Mexico City to Mazatlan with Aero Mexico flight AM242 (1 hour and 30 minutes). Got a bit lost in the Aero Mexico section, probably due to our tiredness after the long flight from Amsterdam. Met our guide Jesper Bay Jacobsen at the airport of Mazatlan and arrived in our apartment – spacious and functional – above an Oxxo-shop not very far from the beach after midnight. The Oxxo-shops and to a lesser extent the Kiosko-shops, both numerous and widespread in Mexico, would become the suppliers of yogurts with granola, fruits, chocolate milk and coffee, our daily breakfasts in the next two weeks.

22 February

Birded the dry scrub in Reserva de Paco and along La Noria road around Mazatlan after a 4 hours' sleep in the morning and found many of our target species: Rufous-bellied Chachalaca, Broad-billed Hummingbird, Golden-cheeked, Gila and Ladder-backed Woodpeckers, Orange-fronted Parakeet, Pacific Slope and Nutting's Flycatchers, Bells' Vireo, Thick-billed Kingbird, Black-throated Magpie-Jay, Purplish-backed Jay, Sinaloa Crow, Violet-green Swallow, Black-capped Gnatcatcher, Rufous-backed Robin, Yellow-winged Cacique, Black-vented and Streak-backed Orioles, MacGillivray's, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Gray and Wilson's Warblers, Black-headed Grosbeak, Varied and Painted Buntings and Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater. Focused on the birds along the boulevard at Playa Norte with many gulls such as Heermann's and California Gull in the afternoon. Found a Kelp Gull there as well, rare in Mazatlan and a challenging yellow-legged gull, which turned out to be a Lesser Black-backed Gull, also rare in this part of Mexico. Checked Estero El Yugo, a duck-filled pool opposite the huge hotel RIU, with amongst other things Redhead and American Avocet in the evening. Slept in the same apartment in Mazatlan.

23 February

Drove to Mazatlan Aeropuerto to search the surrounding scrub along Isla de La Piedra road for Elegant Quail, unfortunately in vain. Did find Ash-throated Flycatcher and Yellow-breasted Chat here, though. Then drove uphill on the Durango road, now and then checking side roads on foot, which produced Lucy's Warbler, Black-chinned Hummingbird and White-naped Swift. Dropped our luggage in the pleasant hotel Daniels in Copala, where we had Greater Pewee, Hooded Oriole and Yellow Grosbeak along the access road, and drove to the Panuco road where we walked from 17.00 to 19.30 hrs. and found Red-billed Pigeon, Military Macaw (also in

the village of Copala), Colima Pygmy-Owl, Happy Wren, Brown-backed Solitaire and Blue Mockingbird. Slept in hotel Daniels (see www.mazatlantours.org/private-copala-tour.htm) with spacious and cool rooms in the picturesque village of Copala.

24 February

Left our hotel at 5.00 hrs. to find owls along the Panuco road and birded there till 11.00 hrs., which produced Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Middle-American Screech-Owl, Elegant Trogon, Russet-crowned Motmot, Ivory-billed Woodcreeper, Black-capped and Plumbeous Vireos, Sinaloa Wren, Gray Silky-Flycatcher, Western and Flame-colored Tanagers and Indigo Bunting. After our lunch in Copala with a singing Canyon Wren nearby we drove uphill again on Durango road, took the Petaca road and unexpectedly found a flock of Tufted Jays. In the pine forest higher on Durango road we found White-eared Hummingbird, Gray-crowned Woodpecker, White-striped Woodcreeper (heard only), Golden and Hutton's Vireos, Russet Nightingale Thrush, Grace's, Townsend, Hermit, Rufous-capped, Black-and-white and Red Warblers (wow!), Painted Redstart and the beautiful Red-headed Tanager. Around our cabins in the The Tufted Jay reserve we saw Rufous-capped and Green-striped Brushfinches, Yellow-eyed Junco, Spotted Towhee and we heard Whiskered Screech-Owl. Slept in cabins in the Tufted Jay reserve, where it was pretty cold at night.



25 February

Birded the forest below the camp from 6.00 to 11.00 hrs. and found Rufous Hummingbird, Mountain Trogon, Arizona Woodpecker (heard only), House Wren, Crescent-chested, Olive and Golden-browed Warblers, White-striped Woodcreeper (good views now), Mexican Chickadee and Scott's Oriole. In the clearing near the cabins we identified Dusky Flycatcher. Had lunch in El Palmito, then drove uphill to Espinazo del

Diablo (2500 m), birding en route: Rivoli's Hummingbird, Arizona Woodpecker (seen now), Black-headed Siskin, Spotted and Canyon Wrens (latter seen very well now), Red-faced Warbler and Steller's and Tufted Jays. Slept in the Tufted Jay reserve.

26 February

Birded the clearing from 6.00 to 7.30 hrs., which did not produce any new target species, then drove downhill towards Mazatlan to take the main road to San Blas. Found Citreoline Trogon and Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrow at stops along Durango road, where our guide Jesper also briefly saw a Plain-capped Starthroat. Checked the water birds at Humedal de las Garzas and arrived in San Blas at the outstanding hotel Garza Canela (www.garzacanela.com). Searched for Elegant Quail beyond the village of Chacalilla from 17.30 to 18.30 hrs. Came very close to Elegant Quail, but only heard them, did see, however, American White Pelican, American Redstart and Stripe-headed Sparrow. Slept in hotel Garza Canela in San Blas.

27 February

Drove to Chacalilla again at 6.00 hrs., had very good views of Elegant Quails, walking on the road this time. Walked below Chacalilla and found Mexican Parrotlet and Merlin. Checked the lagoons in the mangrove forest along Guadalupe road and were happy to find two Long-billed Curlews. Then drove back to San Blas and walked the Vivero Singayta road not far beyond the city, where we briefly saw an immature Red-breasted Chat. Had a siesta from 11.30 to 13.30 hrs., then made a great boat trip on the Rio San Cristobal and Rio La Tovar, which produced a glimpse of Rufous-necked Wood-Rail not far from the bridge and fantastic views of Boat-billed Heron, Northern Potoo and Cooper's Hawk deeper in the mangroves. Slept in hotel Garza Canela in San Blas.

28 February

Left our hotel at 6.00 hrs., checked Humedal de las Garzas again, which held amazing numbers of waterbirds at this early hour, and drove to Sierra de San Juan above Tepic and eventually to rancho La Noria, birding along the road. Found Pale-billed Woodpecker, Berylline and Bumblebee Hummingbirds, Mexican Woodnymph and also identified Cordilleran (responsive to its call) and Buff-breasted Flycatchers (by its coloration). Drove downhill to Tepic, had lunch in a mall and then walked in the nearby Parque Ecologico Metropolitano from 16.00 to 18.20 hrs, where we found Willow Flycatcher identified by its habitat and coloration, Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater, Mexican Duck and White-faced Ibis, whereas Aztec Rail was heard by some of us. Then drove uphill again to rancho La Noria

where we had excellent and prolonged views of Barred Owl (Cinereous Owl). Slept in hotel Garza Canela again.

1 March

Left San Blas, checked Humedal de las Garzas and the Vivero Singayta road, where we found Gray-collared and Rose-throated Becards, Red-breasted Chat (better views now) and Fan-tailed Warbler, but where Flammulated Flycatcher remained unseen. Then birded the Terraceria La Palma – Tecuitata road, where we had Vaux's Swift and searched for Mexican Hermit to no avail in the morning. Checked the beach near Aticama road and then the access road to Cocodrilario Kiekari, where we heard Lesser Ground-Cuckoo, in the afternoon. Slept in hotel Garza Canela again.

2 March

Drove to the churchyard of Chacalilla first, where we searched for Lesser Ground-Cuckoo to no avail. Then drove to forest on slopes above La Bajada, where we found a lek of Mexican Hermit to our great joy. Then left the San Blas area and started our long drive to Ciudad Guzman. Stopped at Laguna de Magdalena with Snow Goose, Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Mexican Duck, Cassin's Kingbird (Peter's 5000th species!), Curve-billed Thrasher, Savannah Sparrow and Yellow-headed Blackbird and at Presa la Colorada with Lark Sparrow, Canyon Towhee, Curve-billed Thrasher and Lazuli and Painted Buntings. Then checked fields at west side of Presa la Vega, via Rancho La Labor, with Vesper Sparrow, Say's Phoebe, Loggerhead Shrike, but no Northern Bobwhite and finally birded at north-east side of Presa La Vega, where we had prolonged views of Aztec Rail. Slept in the excellent hotel Fuerte Real in Ciudad Guzman (www.hotelfuertereal.com or reservaciones@hotelfuertereal.com). Had dinner in a nearby restaurant with good food and very loud live music.



Laguna Zapotlan

3 March

Walked on the very bird-rich road along Laguna Zapotlan not far from Ciudad Guzman from 8.00 to 11.30 hrs. with Black-chinned Hummingbird, White-throated Flycatcher, Bullock's Oriole and Gray-crowned Yellowthroat and flocks of thousands of Yellow-headed Blackbirds as highlights. Drove uphill into Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima in the afternoon from 12.30 to 20.30 hrs., which produced Bushtit, Gray-barred Wren, Collared Towhee, Mexican Violetear, Long-tailed Wood-Partridge (heard only), Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer, Mexican Whip-Poor-will (heard only) and Eared Poorwill. Saw 115 species this day. Slept in hotel Fuerte Real again.

4 March

Left our hotel at 6.00 hrs. and drove into Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima again. Found Buff-collared Nightjar (over our heads) and Mexican Whip-Poor-will (heard only again). Drove further uphill and found Bewick's Wren, Rusty and Rufous-crowned Sparrows, a little higher Transvolcanic Jay and at 3450 m. altitude Pine Siskin. Then drove downhill and had the amazing Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo. Continued to the road along Laguna Zapotlan, where we had excellent views of Black-backed Oriole. Slept in hotel Fuerte Real again.



5 March

Drove uphill to Volcan de Fuego on a bad and very dusty dirt road. Found Banded Quail in the fields low on the volcano, but no new hummingbirds higher up. Drove downhill and were happy to find the very beautiful Slaty Vireo. Had Bridled Titmouse, Northern Pygmy-Owl and White-breasted Nuthatch a little lower on the volcano. Checked in at hotel Mision and drove to La Cumbre with a stop at the river with Rufous-naped Wren and Orange-breasted Bunting. At the very ridge found Black-chested Sparrow and a little downhill Balsas Screech-Owl and Colima Pygmy-Owl (latter heard only). Slept in hotel Mision in Colima (www.hotel-mision-colima.hotelsone.com), which was perfect.

6 March

Drove uphill to El Terrero from 7.00 to 12.30 hrs. with Colima Warbler (skulking and not very well seen), Amethyst-throated Hummingbird and Pine Flycatcher (length and shape of bill and responsive to call) as highlights. Then drove to Salinas Cuyutlan near Manzanillo, with Gray Plover, Marbled Godwit, Black Skimmer, Forster's Tern and Gull-billed Tern as goodies and Ridgeway's Rail as highlight. Slept in the excellent hotel Marbella in Manzanillo (www.hotelmarbella.com.mx), next to the sea.

7 March

Left our hotel at 7.00 hrs. and drove to the Playa de Oro road where we found: Olive Sparrow, West Mexican Chachalaca, Lilac-crowned Parrot, Flammulated Flycatcher, Golden-crowned Emerald and Plain-capped Starthroat. Then drove to the Palma Real – Boquita road, where we found Elegant Tern and got better views of Rufous-necked Wood-Rail. With San Blas Jay high on our wish list made a walk around the lagoon at Miramar, drove inland and finally successfully checked the road to Aeropuerto Playa de Oro, where we found a single San Blas Jay in a flock of Yellow-winged Caciques. Also heard Ruddy Crake and Spotted Rail in the marshes along this road. Slept in hotel Marbella again.

8 March

Drove from Manzanillo to Guadalajara from 7.30 to 12.30 hrs. Flew from Guadalajara to Mexico City with Interjet flight 40 2229 (1 hour and 15 minutes) and from Mexico City to Amsterdam with KLM flight KL 0686 (9 hours and 40 minutes). Slept on the plane.

9 March

Arrived in Amsterdam at 15.15 hrs.

Weather

We had fine weather every day: pleasant temperatures in the mountains, a bit warmer in the lowlands, clear skies and no rain or hard winds.

Dangers and annoyances

Despite Mexico's poor reputation for being a violent country we had no problems whatsoever. Even the insects were not as bad as we had expected though we needed repellents occasionally. Perhaps the dust of the dirt roads on the volcanoes was our major problem. Even our car suffered from the dust: the back doors could not be opened now and then.

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Volcan de Fuego

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Systematic list of birds

Sequence and taxonomy follow Clements 2018:

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1. Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)

Ten seen in Estero el Yugo, Mazatlan, 20 in Parque Ecologico Metropolitano, Tepic, a single and fifteen in Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman on two dates.

2. Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*)

Six seen in Laguna de Magdalena.

3. Snow Goose (*Anser caerulescens*)

A single seen in Laguna de Magdalena.

4. Blue-winged Teal (*Spatula discors*)

Up to 200 (along Guadalupe road) seen on nine dates.



Blue-winged Teal, San Blas



Mexican Duck, Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman

5. Cinnamon Teal (*Spatula cyanoptera*)

Up to 150 (at Chacalilla) seen on five dates.

6. Northern Shoveler (*Spatula clypeata*)

Up to 1000 (at Laguna de Magdalena) seen on ten dates.

7. Gadwall (*Mareca strepera*)

Up to 40 seen on five dates.

8. American Wigeon (*Mareca americana*)

Five seen in Estero el Yugo, Mazatlan.

9. Mexican Duck (*Anas diazi*)

Two seen in Parque Ecologica Metroplitano, Tepic, a single in Laguna de Magdalena, two and four in Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman on two dates.

10. Northern Pintail (*Anas acuta*)

Two seen in Estero el Yugo, Mazatlan and 80 in Laguna de Magdalena.

11. Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca*)

Two seen in Estero el Yugo, Mazatlan, a single along Isla de la Piedra road, Mazatlan and six in Laguna de Magdalena.

12. Redhead (*Aythya americana*)

30 seen in Estero el Yugo, Mazatlan.

13. Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*)

50 seen in Estero el Yugo, Mazatlan.

14. Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)

Up to 20 seen on three dates.

15. Rufous-bellied Chachalaca (*Ortalis wagleri*) **E**

Up to ten seen and heard around Mazatlan and San Blas on seven dates.

16. West Mexican Chachalaca (*Ortalis poliocephala*) **E**

40 seen along Playa de Oro and along Aeropuerto Playa de Oro road, Manzanillo.

17. Crested Guan (*Penelope purpurascens*)

Heard on Volcan el Fuego.

18. Long-tailed Wood-Partridge (*Dendrortyx macroura*) **E**

Several heard in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima on two dates. One or two came very close to the road, but eventually refused to emerge from the vegetation.

19. Banded Quail (*Philortyx fasciatus*) **E**

Sixteen seen low on Volcan de Fuego.

20. Elegant Quail (*Callipepla douglasii*) **E**

Great views of seven birds on the road beyond Chacalilla and heard here and along Vivero Singayta road.

Elegant Quail, Chacalilla



21. Least Grebe (*Tachybaptus dominicus*)

Three seen in Estero el Yugo.

22. Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*)

Three and a single seen in Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman on three dates.

23. Eared Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*)

Five seen along boulevard of Mazatlan and three in Estero el Yugo.

24. Red-billed Pigeon (*Patagioenas flavirostris*)

Up to ten seen on five dates.

25. Band-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*)

Up to five seen on four dates.

26. Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*)

Up to ten seen on ten dates.

27. Inca Dove (*Columbina inca*)

Up to 20 seen on eight dates.

28. Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*)

Up to 40 seen on eight dates.



Common Ground-Dove, Chacalilla, San Blas



White-winged Dove, Mazatlan

29. Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*)

Up to ten seen on four dates.

30. White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

Recorded on nine dates, but only up to four seen on five dates.

31. White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*)

Common, up to 20 seen on twelve dates.

32. Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*)

Up to five seen on four dates.

33. Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*)

Up to seven seen on four dates.

34. Lesser Ground-Cuckoo (*Morococcyx erythropygus*)

One heard along the access road to Cocodrilaro Kiekari.

35. Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*)

Singles seen on four dates. Subspecies *mexicana* with rufous undertail.

36. Lesser Nighthawk (*Chordeiles acutipennis*)

Up to three seen on four dates.

37. Common Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

Five seen very well along Rio La Tovar, two along Aeropuerto Playa de Oro road and heard on two more dates.

38. Eared Poorwill (*Nyctiphrynus mcleodii*) **E**

The eyes of three seen in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

39. Buff-collared Nightjar (*Antrostomus ridgwayi*)

A single seen and a second heard in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

40. Mexican Whip-poor-will (*Antrostomus arizonae*)

Heard in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

41. Northern Potoo (*Nyctibius jamaicensis*)

Five seen very well along Rio La Tovar.



Northern Potoo, Rio La Tovar

42. Chestnut-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne rutila*)

A single seen by one of us in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

43. White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

50 seen along Playa de Oro road.

44. White-naped Swift (*Streptoprocne semicollaris*)

35 seen above Durango road and 100 above Panuco road.

A large flock suddenly appeared screaming overhead while getting dark. Peculiar behaviour with the birds flying in a tight flock almost like a shoal of fishes. The tight flock stayed together and it moved in a northernly direction relatively slow paced after a few minutes.

45. Vaux's Swift (*Chaetura vauxi*)

Five seen above La Palma - Tecuitata road.

46. Mexican Hermit (*Phaethornis mexicanus*) **E**

Five seen at a lek along road above La Bajada.

47. Mexican Violetear (*Colibri thalassinus*)

Two seen and five heard in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima on two dates.

48. Rivoli's Hummingbird (*Eugenes fulgens*)

Two seen along Durango road above El Palmito, a single at Sierra de San Juan and two in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

49. Plain-capped Starthroat (*Heliomaster constantii*)

Singles seen along Durango (guide only) and Playa de Oro road.

50. Amethyst-throated Hummingbird (*Lampornis amethystinus*)

A single seen along El Terrero road.

51. Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*)

Singles seen along Durango road and at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman.

52. Bumblebee Hummingbird (*Atthis heloisa*) **E**

A single seen very well at Sierra de San Juan.

53. Broad-tailed Hummingbird (*Selasphorus platycercus*)

Up to three seen on four dates.



Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima



White-eared Hummingbird, San Blas road to La Noria

54. Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*)

Singles seen in the Tufted Jay reserve and at Sierra de San Juan.

55. Golden-crowned Emerald (*Chlorostilbon auriceps*) **E**

Two seen along Playa de Oro road.

56. Broad-billed Hummingbird (*Cynanthus latirostris*)

Up to four seen on seven dates.

57. Mexican Woodnymph (*Thalurania ridgwayi*) **E**

A single seen at Sierra de San Juan.

58. Berylline Hummingbird (*Amazilia beryllina*)

Seven seen at Sierra de San Juan.

59. Cinnamon Hummingbird (*Amazilia rutila*)

Up to five seen on six dates.

60. White-eared Hummingbird (*Hylocharis leucotis*)

Up to fifteen seen or heard on eight dates. Our commonest hummingbird.

61. Ridgway's Rail (*Rallus obsoletus*)

Two seen and two heard in Salinas Cuyutlan, Manzanillo.

62. Aztec Rail (*Rallus tenuirostris*) **E**

Heard in Parque Ecologico Metropolitano, Tepic and at Presa la Vega and prolonged views of a single bird at close quarters there.



Aztec Rail, Presa la Vega

63. Spotted Rail (*Pardirallus maculatus*)

Two heard along Aeropuerto Playa de Oro road.

64. Rufous-necked Wood-Rail (*Aramides axillaris*)

Singles seen briefly in mangroves along Rio San Cristobal and along Palma Real – Boquita road.

65. Sora (*Porzana carolina*)

A single seen in Estero el Yugo and heard in Parque Ecologico Metropolitano, Tepic, at Laguna de Magdalena and at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman.

66. Common Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*)

Up to five seen on five dates.

67. American Coot (*Fulica americana*)

Up to 400 (in Estero el Yugo) seen on nine dates.

68. Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinica*)

A single seen in Parque Ecologico Metropolitano, Tepic.

69. Ruddy Crake (*Laterallus ruber*)

Heard along Aeropuerto Playa de Oro road.

70. Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*)

A single seen and more heard along Rio La Tovar and three seen at Miramar, Manzanillo.

71. Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*)

Up to 300 (in salinas Cuyutlan) seen on eleven dates.

72. American Avocet (*Recurvirostra americana*)

Four seen in Estero el Yugo, 25 and 20 at Humedal de las Garzas on two dates, San Blas, five along Guadalupe road, San Blas, five in Laguna de Magdalena and 25 in Salinas Cuyutlan.



American Avocet, Mazatlan



Killdeer, Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman

73. American Oystercatcher (*Haematopus palliatus*)

Two seen along boulevard of Mazatlan.

74. Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)

Three seen in Salinas Cuyutlan.

75. Wilson's Plover (*Charadrius wilsonia*)

20 seen on the beach near Aticama road.

76. Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*)

Up to ten seen on five dates.

77. Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*)

Up to fifteen seen on four dates.

78. Northern Jacana (*Jacana spinosa*)

Up to 40 seen on five dates.

79. Whimbrel (Hudsonian) (*Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus*)

Up to five seen on six dates.

80. Long-billed Curlew (*Numenius americanus*)

Two seen along Guadalupe road, San Blas and singles at Laguna de Magdalena and in Salinas Cuyutlan, Manzanillo.

81. Marbled Godwit (*Limosa fedoa*)

Two seen in Salinas Cuyutlan, Manzanillo and ten along Palma Real – Boquita road.



Marbled Godwit, Mazanillo-road to Vida Marina



Least Sandpiper, Rio San Cristobal, San Blas

82. Stilt Sandpiper (*Calidris himantopus*)

Two seen along Guadalupe road, San Blas and 40 in Salinas Cuyutlan, Manzanillo.

83. Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*)

Up to 26 seen on eight dates.

84. Short-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus*)

Up to 25 seen on four dates.

85. Long-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*)

Up to twelve seen on three dates.

86. Wilson's Snipe (*Gallinago delicata*)

Singles seen at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman on two dates.

87. Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)

Up to four seen on eight dates.



Wilson's Snipe, Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman



Willet, Mazatlan

88. Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*)

A single seen at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman.

89. Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)

Singles seen on the beach near Aticama road and at Laguna de Magdalena and ten in Salinas Cuyutlan.

90. Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*)

Up to 20 seen on six dates.

91. Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*)

Up to five seen on eight dates.

92. Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*)

Up to 500 (at Manzanillo) seen on eight dates.

93. Heermann's Gull (*Larus heermanni*)

Up to 150 (at Mazatlan) seen on five dates. A spectacular gull!

94. Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*)

Up to 320 (at Mazatlan) seen on four dates.

95. California Gull (*Larus californicus*)

Ten seen along boulevard of Mazatlan.

96. Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*)

A single seen along boulevard of Mazatlan. Quite rare in Mexico.

97. Kelp Gull (*Larus dominicanus*)

A single seen along boulevard of Mazatlan. Quite rare in Mexico.



Laughing Gull, road to Vida Marina, Manzanillo



Heermann's Gull, Mazatlan



Ring-billed Gull, Mazatlan



California Gull, Mazatlan



Lesser Black-backed Gull, Mazatlan



Kelp Gull, Mazatlan

98. Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*)

Two seen in Salinas Cuyutlan, Manzanillo.

99. Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*)

Up to 90 (Laguna Zapotlan) seen on six dates.

100. Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsteri*)

60 seen in Salinas Cuyutlan.

101. Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*)

Four seen along Boulevard of Mazatlan, 30 in Salinas Cuyutlan and five in Manzanillo.



Royal Tern, Mazatlan



Elegant Tern (with Laughing Gull and Royal Tern), road to Vida Marina, Manzanillo

102. Elegant Tern (*Thalasseus elegans*)

A single seen along Palma Real – Boquita road.

103. Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger*)

A single seen in Salinas Cuyutlan.

104. Red-billed Tropicbird (*Phaethon aethereus*)

Ten seen in Mazatlan and five from the beach at Playa de Oro road.

105. Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*)

Up to 59 (at Humedal de las Garzas) seen on eight dates.



Wood Stork, Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman



Magnificent Frigatebird, Mazatlan

106. Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*)

Up to 200 (at Mazatlan) seen on six dates.

107. Blue-footed Booby (*Sula nebouxii*)

A single seen along boulevard of Mazatlan.

108. Brown Booby (Brewster's) (*Sula leucogaster brewsteri*)

Eleven seen in Mazatlan and six in Manzanillo.

109. Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*)

Four seen at Humedal de las Garzas, San Blas, twelve along Rio La Tovar and a single at Miramar, Manzanillo.

110. Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Up to 50 (in Mazatlan and San Blas) seen on eleven dates.

111. Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*)

Two seen in Estero el Yugo, Mazatlan.

112. American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*)

Up to 1500 (in Salinas Cuyutlan) seen on seven dates.



*American White Pelican, Humedal de las Garzas,
San Blas*



Brown Pelican, Mazatlan

113. Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)

30 seen along boulevard of Mazatlan, fifteen on the beach near Aticama road and 50 on the beach of Manzanillo.

114. Bare-throated Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma mexicanum*)

Two seen at Rio La Tovar, San Blas.

115. Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)

Up to ten (at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman) seen on nine dates.

116. Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)

Up to 650 (at Humedal de las Garzas) seen almost daily.



Great Blue Heron, Rio San Cristobal, San Blas



Great Egret, Humedal de las Garzas, San Blas



Snowy Egret, Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman



Tricolored Heron, San Blas



Green Heron, Parque Ecologico Metropolitano, Tepic



Black-crowned Night-Heron, Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman

117. Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)

Up to 800 (at Humedal de las Garzas) seen almost daily.

118. Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*)

Up to five seen on five dates.

119. Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*)

Up to 30 (at Humedal de las Garzas) seen on eight dates.

120. Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*)

Singles seen at Humedal de las Garzas and in Salinas Cuyutlan, Manzanillo.

121. Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

Up to 40 seen on six dates.

122. Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*)

Up to fourteen seen on nine dates.

123. Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

Up to 25 seen on nine dates.

124. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*)

Up to fourteen seen on five dates.

125. Boat-billed Heron (*Cochlearius cochlearius*)

Eight seen along Rio La Tovar.

126. White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*)

Up to 200 (at Humedal de las Garzas) on seven dates.



White Ibis, Rio San Cristobal, San Blas



White-faced Ibis, Presa la Vega

127. White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*)

Up to 200+ seen (at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman) on five dates.

128. Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*)

Up to 20 (at Humedal de las Garzas) seen on five dates.



Roseate Spoonbill, Humedal de las Garzas, San Blas

129. Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)

Common, seen almost daily. Not at the highest part of Durango road.

130. Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)

Common, the only species seen every day.



Black Vulture, San Blas



Turkey Vulture, Mazatlan

131. Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Singles seen in San Blas, at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman and along Playa de Oro road.



Osprey, Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman

132. White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*)

Three seen at Presa la Vega and two at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman, where apparently attracted by the huge flocks of Yellow-headed Blackbirds.

133. Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)

A single seen at Rio La Tovar and five along Aeropuerto Playa de Oro road.

134. Northern Harrier (*Circus hudsonius*)

A single seen along the access road to Cocodrilario Kiekari and two at Laguna de Magdalena.

135. Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*)

A single seen in the Tufted Jay reserve.

136. Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*)

Singles seen at Rio La Tovar, at Laguna de Magdalena, in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima, along El Terrero road and along Playa de Oro road.

137. Common Black Hawk (*Buteogallus anthracinus*)

Two seen at Humedal de las Garzas, a single above La Palma - Tecuitata road and two above the access road to Cocodrilario Kiekari.

138. Gray Hawk (*Buteo plagiatus*)

Up to six seen on ten dates.

139. Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*)

Singles seen at Copala and along Petaca road, along Durango road, in the Tufted Jay reserve, along Vivero Singayta road and at Sierra de San Juan.

140. Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*)

Singles seen at Sierra de San Juan and along La Plama – Tecuita road.

141. Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)

Up to four seen on nine dates.

142. Whiskered Screech-Owl (*Megascops trichopsis*)

Two heard in the Tufted Jay reserve.

143. Middle American Screech-Owl (*Megascops guatemalae*)

A single heard along Panuco road.

144. Balsas Screech-Owl (*Megascops seductus*)

Two seen at La Cumbre, Colima.

145. Northern Pygmy-Owl (Mountain) (*Glaucidium gnoma gnoma*)

A single seen low on Volcan de Fuego.

146. Colima Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium palmarum*)

A single seen and more heard along Panuco road, also heard at La Cumbre, Colima.

147. Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)

Up to three heard on three dates and a single seen along Playa de Oro road.

148. Mottled Owl (*Ciccaba virgata*)

Singles heard along Panuco road on two dates.

149. Barred Owl (Cinereous) (*Strix varia sartorii*)

Splendid views of a single at Rancho La Noria.



Northern Pygmy-Owl (Mountain), Volcan de Fuego



Mountain Trogon, Durango highway, The Tufted Jay reserve

150. Citreoline Trogon (*Trogon citreolus*) **E**

Singles seen along Durango road, along Vivero Singayta road and along La Palma – Tecuita road, along the access road to Cocodrilaro Kiekari and two along Playa de Oro road.

151. Elegant Trogon (*Trogon elegans*)

Singles seen along Panuco road, at Sierra de San Juan and along road above La Bajada and heard at La Palma – Tecuitata road.

152. Mountain Trogon (*Trogon mexicanus*)

Two seen and more heard in the Tufted Jay reserve on two dates, also heard in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima and on Volcan de Fuego.

153. Russet-crowned Motmot (*Momotus mexicanus*)

A single seen along Panuco road.

154. Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquata*)

Seen on two dates.

155. Belted Kingfisher (*Megaceryle alcyon*)

Up to seven seen on seven dates.

156. Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*)

Heard at Humedal de las Garzas, a single seen in lagoons along Guadalupe road and four seen along Rio La Tovar.

157. Acorn Woodpecker (*Melanerpes formicivorus*)

Two seen high along Durango road and a single on Volcan de Fuego.

158. Golden-cheeked Woodpecker (*Melanerpes chrysogenys*) **E**

Five seen at Mazatlan, five along Panuco road, heard and up to five seen at Chacalilla on three dates, five seen along La Palma – Tecuitata road and five along the access road to Cocodrillario Kiekari, a single at La Cumbre, Colima and a single along Playa de Oro road.

159. Gila Woodpecker (*Melanerpes uropygialis*)

Two and three seen at Mazatlan on two dates, two along Durango road, singles along Panuco road, at Chacalilla, along La Palma – Tecuitata road and heard along Rio La Tovar.

160. Golden-fronted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes aurifrons*)

Four seen at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman.

161. Ladder-backed Woodpecker (*Dryobates scalaris*)

Heard and three seen at Mazatlan, a single seen along Panuco road, heard at Chacalilla and Presa la Colorada and singles seen at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman and in Salinas Cuyutlan.

162. Hairy Woodpecker (*Dryobates villosus*)

Two seen in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima on two dates.

163. Arizona Woodpecker (*Dryobates arizonae*)

Heard along Durango road, singles seen along higher part of Durango road, at Sierra de San Juan and in National Park Volcan Nevado de Colima.

164. Pale-billed Woodpecker (*Campephilus guatemalensis*)

A single seen at Sierra de San Juan and heard along La Palma – Tecuitata road.



Golden-cheeked Woodpecker, Chacalilla, San Blas



Golden-fronted Woodpecker, Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman



Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman



Pale-billed Woodpecker, Sierra de San Juan

165. Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

Heard at Rio La Tovara and along La Palma – Tecuitata road.

166. Gray-crowned Woodpecker (*Colaptes auricularis*) **E**

A single seen along Petaca road and two at Sierra de San Juan.

167. Collared Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur semitorquatus*)

Heard on five dates.

168. Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*)

Up to ten seen on six dates.

169. American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)

Up to four seen on eight dates.

170. Merlin (*Falco columbarius*)

A single seen at Chacalilla.



Merlin, Chacalilla, San Blas



Bat Falcon, Copala

171. Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*)

A pair seen at tower of church in Copala, singles in the Tufted Jay reserve and in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

172. Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)

Two seen in the town of Mazatlan and a single female – not far from the huge flocks of Yellow-headed Blackbirds – at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman.



Mexican Parrotlet, Chacalilla, San Blas

173. Lilac-crowned Parrot (*Amazona finschi*) **E**

Two seen by some of us along Playa de Oro road.

174. White-fronted Parrot (*Amazona albifrons*)

Four seen at Chacalilla.

175. Mexican Parrotlet (*Forpus cyanopygius*) **E**

Seven seen at Chacalilla.

176. Orange-fronted Parakeet (*Eupsittula canicularis*)

Up to thirteen seen or heard on six dates.

177. Military Macaw (*Ara militaris*)

Fifteen seen in Copala and along Panuco road, 30 along Panuco road and four along Durango road.

178. Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)

Two seen at Sierra de San Juan and a single on Volcan de Fuego.

179. Ivory-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*)

Singles seen along Panuco road and along Vivero Singayta road.

180. White-striped Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes leucogaster*)

Heard on four dates and nine seen along lower Durango road and a single along higher Durango road.

181. Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma imberbe*)

Two seen along Playa de Oro road.

182. Greenish Elaenia (*Myiopagis viridicata*)

Singles seen in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima and along El Terrero road.

183. Tufted Flycatcher (*Mitrephanes phaeocercus*)

Up to seven seen on six dates.

184. Greater Pewee (*Contopus pertinax*)

Up to four seen or heard on eight dates.

185. Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*)

A single identified in Parque Ecologico Metropolitano, Tepic.

186. White-throated Flycatcher (*Empidonax albigularis*)

A single identified at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman.



Tufted Flycatcher, The Tufted Jay reserve



Greater Pewee, The Tufted Jay reserve



Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Mazatlan



Say's Phoebe, Presa la Vega



*Vermilion Flycatcher, Parque Ecologico
Metropolitano, Tepic*



Nutting's Flycatcher, Mazatlan

187. Least Flycatcher (*Empidonax minimus*)

A single seen in Chacalilla, perhaps another there and one seen on Volcan de Fuego.

188. Dusky Flycatcher (*Empidonax oberholseri*)

Singles seen in the Tufted Jay reserve on two dates.

189. Pine Flycatcher (*Empidonax affinis*)

Two seen along El Terrero road.

190. Pacific-slope Flycatcher (*Empidonax difficilis*)

Up to three seen on five dates. Our commonest *Empidonax*-flycatcher.

191. Cordilleran Flycatcher (*Empidonax occidentalis*)

Two seen at Sierra de San Juan and a single along El Terrero road.

192. Buff-breasted Flycatcher (*Empidonax fulvifrons*)

Two seen at Sierra de San Juan.



Buff-breasted Flycatcher, rancho La Norida

193. Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*)

A single seen at Presa la Vega.

194. Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)

Up to two seen on nine dates.

195. Bright-rumped Attila (*Attila spadiceus*)

Heard on three dates.

196. Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)

Heard on four dates and one or two seen on four dates.

197. Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*)

Two seen along Isla de la Piedra road, Mazatlan.

198. Nutting's Flycatcher (*Myiarchus nuttingi*)

Singles identified in Reserva de Paco, Mazatlan, on Volcan de Fuego and along El Terrero road.

199. Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)

Heard along Rio La Tovar and two seen along Vivero Singayta road and a single along Playa de Oro road.

200. Flammulated Flycatcher (*Deltarhynchus flammulatus*) **E**

A single seen along Playa de Oro road.

201. Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

Up to fifteen seen almost daily.

202. Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*)

Up to 50 seen almost daily.

203. Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Up to 50 seen on nine dates.



Tropical Kingbird, Mazatlan

204. Cassin's Kingbird (*Tyrannus vociferans*)

Two seen at Laguna de Magdalena and two and three at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman on two dates.

205. Thick-billed Kingbird (*Tyrannus crassirostris*)

Up to ten seen on seven dates.

206. Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*)

Four seen along Panuco road, heard at Chacalilla and seven seen along La Palma – Tecuitata road.

207. Gray-collared Becard (*Pachyramphus major*)

A single seen along Vivero Singayta road.

208. Rose-throated Becard (*Pachyramphus aglaiae*)

Two seen along Vivero Singayta road and two along Playa de Oro road.

209. Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*)

Two seen at Presa la Colorada and a single at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman.

210. Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius melitophrys*)

A single seen low in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima and two along El Terrero road. Beauties!

211. Golden Vireo (*Vireo hypochryseus*) **E**

Up to three seen or heard on five dates.

212. Slaty Vireo (*Vireo brevipennis*) **E**

A single seen low on Volcan de Fuego. Another beauty!

213. Black-capped Vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*)

A single seen along Panuco road and two along Durango road.

214. Bell's Vireo (*Vireo bellii*)

Two seen in Reserva de Paco, Mazatlan and two along the access road to Cocodrilario Kiekari.



Bell's Vireo, Mazatlan

215. Hutton's Vireo (*Vireo huttoni*)

Up to six seen on seven dates.

216. Plumbeous Vireo (*Vireo plumbeus*)

Two seen along Panuco road and a single along Durango road.

217. Warbling Vireo (*Vireo gilvus*)

Up to three seen on nine dates.

218. Black-throated Magpie-Jay (*Calocitta colliei*) **E**

Fifteen seen in Reserva de Paco, Mazatlan, five along Durango road, fifteen along Panuco road, a single in Parque Ecologico Metropolitano, Tepic and ten along La Palma - Tecuitata road.



Black-throated Magpie-Jay, Petaca road



Tufted Jay, Petaca road



San Blas Jay, along Aeropuerto Playa de Oro road, Mazanillo

219. White-throated Magpie-Jay (*Calocitta formosa*)

Ten seen along Playa de Oro road.

220. Tufted Jay (*Cyanocorax dickeyi*) **E**

Fifteen seen along Petaca road, ten at Espinoza del Diablo, high on Durango road and two in the Tufted Jay reserve.

221. Green Jay (*Cyanocorax yncas*)

A single seen at Sierra de San Juan and another heard along La Palma – Tecuitata road.

222. San Blas Jay (*Cyanocorax sanblasianus*) **E**

A single seen in a flock of Yellow-winged Caciques along Aeropuerto Playa de Oro road.

223. Purplish-backed Jay (*Cyanocorax beecheii*) **E**

Eight seen in Reserva de Paco, Mazatlan, singles along Durango road and at Chacalilla and three at Presa la Vega.

224. Steller's Jay (*Cyanocitta stelleri*)

Five seen together with Tufted Jays at Espinazo del Diablo, high on Durango road.

225. Transvolcanic Jay (*Aphelocoma ultramarina*) **E**

Five seen in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima and three on Volcan de Fuego.

226. Sinaloa Crow (*Corvus sanaloae*) **E**

Up to 200 seen on nine dates.

227. Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)

Up to two seen or heard on five dates. Invariably at higher altitudes.

228. Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*)

Up to 100 seen on seven dates.

229. Mangrove Swallow (*Tachycineta albilinea*)

Up to 130 (at Rio San Cristobal) around San Blas seen on three dates.



Mangrove Swallow, Humedal de las Garzas, San Blas

230. Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*)

Three seen at Mazatlan on two dates, 50 and 10 along Durango road on two dates and six in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

231. Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

Up to 30 seen on eight dates.

232. Mexican Chickadee (*Poecile sclateri*)

A single seen and more heard in the Tufted Jay reserve, five and seven seen in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima on two dates.

233. Bridled Titmouse (*Baeolophus wollweberi*)

A single seen low on Volcan de Fuego.

234. Bushtit (*Psaltiriparus minimus*)

Six seen in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima on two dates.

235. White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*)

Heard in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima, two seen and more heard on Volcan de Fuego and heard along El Terrero road.

236. Brown Creeper (*Certhia americana*)

Two and seven seen in The Tufted Jay reserve on two dates.

237. Canyon Wren (*Catherpes mexicanus*)

Heard in Copala and a single seen and heard along Durango road.

238. House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*)

Up to two seen on four dates.

239. Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*)

A single and two seen at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman on two dates.

240. Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*)

A single seen in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

241. Gray-barred Wren (*Campylorhynchus megalopterus*) **E**

Two and five seen and more heard in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima on two dates.



Gray-barred Wren Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima

242. Rufous-naped Wren (Sclater's) (*Campylorhynchus rufinucha humilis*)

A single seen along the river at the foot of La Cumbre, Colima.

243. Spotted Wren (*Campylorhynchus gularis*) **E**

Two seen at Espinazo del Diablo, Durango road and a single in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

244. Happy Wren (*Pheugopedius felix*) **E**

Up to two seen or heard on eight dates.

245. Sinaloa Wren (*Thryophilus sinaloa*) **E**

A single seen and more heard along Panuco road and at Sierra de San Juan.

246. White-bellied Wren (*Uropsila leucogastra*)

Three seen along Playa de Oro road.

247. Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucophrys*)

A single seen and heard in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima on two dates and two heard on Volcan de Fuego.

248. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila caerulea*)

Up to fifteen seen on twelve dates.

249. Black-capped Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila nigriceps*) **E**

Two identified along La Noria road, Mazatlan.

250. Golden-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus satrapa*)

Singles seen in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima on two dates.

251. Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*)

Two seen along Petaca road, three and two in the Tufted Jay reserve on two dates and two along higher part of Durango road.

252. Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*)

Two seen in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima and two on Volcan de Fuego.

253. Brown-backed Solitaire (*Myadestes occidentalis*)

Heard on nine dates and up to five seen on five dates.

254. Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush (*Catharus aurantirostris*)

Heard in The Tufted Jay reserve and a single seen at Sierra de San Juan.

255. Russet Nightingale-Thrush (*Catharus occidentalis*) **E**

Singles and two seen in the Tufted Jay reserve on three dates and two in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

256. White-throated Thrush (*Turdus assimilis*)

Up to five seen or heard on five dates.

257. American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*)

Up to five seen on four dates.

258. Rufous-backed Robin (*Turdus rufopalliatu*s) **E**

Up two five seen on eight dates.

259. Blue Mockingbird (*Melanotis caerulescens*) **E**

Up to five seen or heard on nine dates.

260. Curve-billed Thrasher (*Toxostoma curvirostre*)

Singles seen at Laguna de Magdalena and Presa la Colarada and two and a single at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman on two dates.

261. Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*)

Five seen around Mazatlan on two dates and singles at Laguna de Magdalena and Vega la Presa.



Curve-billed Thrasher, Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman



Northern Mockingbird, Mazatlan

262. Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*)

A single seen on clearing of the Tufted Jay reserve.



Cedar Waxwing, The Tufted Jay reserve

263. Gray Silky-flycatcher (*Ptiliogonys cinereus*)

Two seen along Panuco road, ten at Sierra de San Juan, ten in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima, a single on Volcan de Fuego and four along El Terrero road.



Gray Silky-flycatcher, rancho La Norida

264. Olive Warbler (*Peucedramus taeniatus*)

Three and a single seen in the Tufted Jay reserve on two dates, and singles in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima and along El Terrero road.

265. Scrub Euphonia (*Euphonia affinis*)

A single seen along Panuco road and heard along Rio La Tovar.

266. Elegant Euphonia (*Euphonia elegantissima*)

Two seen along El Terrero road.

267. House Finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*)

Up to ten seen or heard around Ciudad Guzman on four dates.

268. Pine Siskin (*Spinus pinus*)

50 seen high in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

269. Black-headed Siskin (*Spinus notatus*)

Two and three seen along Durango road, two seen and more heard at Sierra de San Juan and three seen in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

270. Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*)

Three seen in Parque Ecologico Metropolitano, two at Presa la Colarada and two on Volcan de Fuego.



Lesser Goldfinch, Volcan de Fuego

271. Rosy Thrush-Tanager (*Rhodinocichla rosea*)

Heard along Playa de Oro road.

272. Stripe-headed Sparrow (*Peucaea ruficauda*)

Two seen along Durango road, singles at Sierra de San Juan and Presa la Vega, three on Volcan de Fuego and fifteen at the foot of La Cumbre, Colima.

273. Black-chested Sparrow (*Peucaea humeralis*) **E**

Six seen at La Cumbre, Colima.



Black-chested Sparrow, La Cumbre, Colima



Lark Sparrow, -Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman

274. Olive Sparrow (*Arremonops rufivirgatus*)

Two seen along Playa de Oro road.

275. Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*)

Fifteen on clearing of The Tufted Jay reserve, ten along Durango road, three at Sierra de San Juan and a single on Volcan de Fuego.

276. Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*)

Fifteen seen at Presa la Colarada and ten at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman.

277. Green-striped Brushfinch (*Arremon virenticeps*) **E**

One or two seen and heard around cabins in the Tufted Jay reserve on three dates, two in Park National Nevado de Colima and a single on Volcan de Fuego.

278. Yellow-eyed Junco (*Junco phaeonotus*)

Fifteen seen on clearing of the Tufted Jay reserve, 40 on higher part of Durango road towards Espinazo del Diablo, five in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima and three along El Terrero road.

279. Vesper Sparrow (*Pooecetes gramineus*)

25 seen at Presa la Vega.

280. Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*)

Up to eight seen on three dates.

281. Lincoln's Sparrow (*Melospiza lincolnii*)

One or two seen on five dates.

282. Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrow (*Melospiza kieneri*)

A single seen along Durango road and two at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman.



Canyon Towhee, Volcan de Fuego

283. Canyon Towhee (*Melospiza fusca*)

Singles seen at Presa la Colarada, at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman, a single and five seen in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima on two dates and ten on Volcan de Fuego.

284. Rusty Sparrow (*Aimophila rufescens*)

A single seen and more heard in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

285. Rufous-crowned Sparrow (*Aimophila ruficeps*)

Three seen in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

286. Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*)

Five, a single and three seen in the Tufted Jay reserve on three dates.

287. Collared Towhee (*Pipilo ocai*)

Two and four seen in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima on two dates.

288. Rufous-capped Brushfinch (*Atlapetes pileatus*)

Singles seen in the Tufted Jay reserve, along Durango road and in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

289. Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*)

A single seen along Isla de la Piedra road, Mazatlan and along Vivero Singayta road, two along the access road to Cocodrilaro Kiekari and a single at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman.

290. Yellow-headed Blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*)

Flocks of up to 25000 (!) seen at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman on three dates.



Yellow-headed Blackbird, Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman



Black-backed Oriole, Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman

291. Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*)

Fifteen seen at Presa la Vega.

292. Yellow-winged Cacique (*Cassiculus melanicterus*)

Up to 80 seen on seven dates.

293. Black-vented Oriole (*Icterus wagleri*)

A single seen along La Noria road, Mazatlan.

294. Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*)

Two seen in Copala, a single in the Tufted Jay reserve and five along Aeropuerto de Playa de Oro road.

295. Hooded Oriole (*Icterus cucullatus*)

A single seen in Copala, three along Panuco road, two in Parque Ecologico Metropolitano and singles at Presa la Vega and in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

296. Streak-backed Oriole (*Icterus pustulatus*)

Up to fifteen seen or heard on thirteen dates.

297. Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*)

Two seen at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman.

298. Black-backed Oriole (*Icterus abeillei*) **E**

Three seen at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman.

299. Scott's Oriole (*Icterus parisorum*)

A single seen in The Tufted Jay reserve and three in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

300. Red-winged Blackbird (Bicolored) (*Agelaius phoeniceus gubernator*)

300 seen at Chacalilla, five in Parque Ecologico Metropolitano, Tepic, five along the access road to Cocodrilaro Kiekari, 50 at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman on two dates.

301. Bronzed Cowbird (*Molothrus aeneus*)

Common, up to fifteen seen on at least eight dates.

302. Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*)

Common, up to 400 (at Laguna de Magdalena) seen on at least five dates.

303. Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)

Common, seen almost daily.



Great-tailed Grackle, Mazatlan

304. Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*)

A single seen at Sierra de San Juan.

305. Louisiana Waterthrush (*Parkesia motacilla*)

Heard at Rio La Tovar.

306. Northern Waterthrush (*Parkesia noveboracensis*)

Heard at Rio La Tovar and a single and three seen at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman on two dates.

307. Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*)

Up to three seen on five dates.

308. Crescent-chested Warbler (*Oreothlypis superciliosa*)

Up to ten (along El Terrero road) seen on seven dates.

309. Orange-crowned Warbler (*Oreothlypis celata*)

Up to six seen on eight dates.

310. Colima Warbler (*Oreothlypis crissalis*)

A single seen skulking in scrub along El Terrero road by some of us.

311. Lucy's Warbler (*Oreothlypis luciae*)

Two seen along Durango road, two in Chacalilla and a single along the access road to Cocodrilaro Kiekari.

312. Nashville Warbler (*Oreothlypis ruficapilla*)

Up to 100 seen on twelve dates. Our commonest warbler.

313. Gray-crowned Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis poliocephala*)

A single seen at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman.

314. MacGillivray's Warbler (*Geothlypis tolmiei*)

Singles seen along La Noria road, Mazatlan, along Panuco road on two dates, heard at Sierra de San Juan and singles seen along the access road to Cocodrilaro Kiekari and at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman.

315. Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*)

Three seen in Parque Ecologico Metropolitano, Tepic, three along the access road to Cocodrilaro Kiekari, two at Presa la Vega and a single at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman.

316. American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*)

Two seen at Chacalilla, a single along Rio La Tovar, five along the access road to Cocodrilaro Kiekari and a single along Aeropuerto Playa de Oro road.

317. Tropical Parula (*Setophaga pitiayumi*)

Singles seen on four dates.

318. Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*)

One or two seen on seven dates.

319. Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) (*Setophaga coronata auduboni*)

Up to 50 seen on ten dates.

320. Grace's Warbler (*Setophaga graciae*)

Two seen along Petaca road, three and five in the Tufted Jay reserve on two dates and two in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima.

321. Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Setophaga nigrescens*)

Up to eight seen on eight dates.

322. Townsend's Warbler (*Setophaga townsendi*)

Up to eight seen on seven dates.

323. Hermit Warbler (*Setophaga occidentalis*)

Singles seen along Petaca road, in the Tufted Jay reserve, along Durango road, in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima and on Volcan de Fuego.

324. Fan-tailed Warbler (*Basileuterus lachrymosus*)

A single seen along Vivero Singayta road.

325. Rufous-capped Warbler (*Basileuterus rufifrons*)

Two and a single seen along Durango road on two dates and a single along El Terrero road.

326. Golden-browed Warbler (*Basileuterus belli*)

A single seen in the Tufted Jay reserve, three at Sierra de San Juan, a single and two in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima on two dates, three on Volcan de Fuego and a single along El Terrero road.

327. Wilson's Warbler (*Cardellina pusilla*)

Up to seven seen on twelve dates.

328. Red-faced Warbler (*Cardellina rubrifrons*)

Singles seen along Durango road on two dates and two in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima. A spectacular warbler!

329. Red Warbler (*Cardellina rubra*)

A single seen along Durango road, three in the Tufted Jay reserve and three in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima. What a bird! Bird of the trip without question.

Both subspecies seen!

330. Painted Redstart (*Myioborus pictus*)

Two seen along Petaca road and singles in the Tufted Jay reserve, two at Sierra de San Juan and a single on Volcan de Fuego.

331. Slate-throated Redstart (*Myioborus miniatus*)

Up to 25 seen on six dates.

332. Hepatic Tanager (Northern) (*Piranga flava*)

Up to twelve seen on three dates.

333. Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*)

Singles seen at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman and along Playa de Oro road.

334. Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*)

Two seen along Panuco road, two along Vivero Singayta road and heard along the access road to Cocodrilaro Kiekari.

335. Flame-colored Tanager (*Piranga bidentata*)

A single seen along Panuco road.

336. Red-headed Tanager (*Piranga erythrocephala*)

Three seen along Petaca road, three and singles in the Tufted Jay reserve on three dates, three at Sierra de San Juan and three along El Terrero road.



Red-headed Tanager, The Tufted Jay reserve



Blue Grosbeak, Mazatlan

337. Yellow Grosbeak (*Pheucticus chrysopheplus*)

Four seen in Copala and along Panuco road, two at Sierra de San Juan and a single along El Terrero road.

338. Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*)

One or two seen on ten dates.

339. Red-breasted Chat (*Granatellus venustus*)

Singles seen along Vivero Sangayta road on two dates.

340. Blue Bunting (*Cyanocompsa parellina*)

Two and a single seen along Durango road on two dates and a single along Playa de Oro road.

341. Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caeruleaya*)

Up to fifteen seen on four dates.

342. Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*)

A single beautiful male seen at Presa la Colorada.

343. Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*)

A single seen along Panuco road and two at Laguna Zapotlan, Ciudad Guzman.

344. Orange-breasted Bunting (*Passerina leclancherii*)

Two seen along the river at the foot of La Cumbre, two at La Cumbre and a single along Playa de Oro road.

345. Varied Bunting (*Passerina versicolor*)

Up to five seen on seven dates.

346. Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*)

A single seen in Reserva de Paco, Mazatlan and two along Panuco road.

347. Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa baritula*)

Two seen in Park National Volcan Nevado de Colima on two dates and a single on Volcan de Fuego.

348. Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*)

Up to fifteen seen on three dates.

349. Ruddy-breasted Seedeater (*Sporophila minuta*)

A single seen along the access road to Cocodrilaro Kiekari.

350. Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater (*Sporophila torqueola*)

Up to 35 seen on four dates.



*Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater, Parque Ecologico
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House Sparrow, Mazatlan

351. Grayish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*)

Up to fifteen seen and heard on three dates.

352. House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)

Up to 30 seen on eight dates.

Systematic list of mammals and other animals

1. Greater Fishing Bat (*Noctilio leponnus*)

A single seen around Estero el Yugo, five at Copala and three above Rio La Tovar.

2. Collared Peccary (*Pecari tajacu*)

Two seen along Panuco road by some of us.

3. Mexican Fox Squirrel (*Sciurus nayantensis*)

Up to two squirrels seen on three dates were probably this species. We did not pay sufficient attention to them to be honest.

4. White-nosed Coati (*Nasua narica*)

Two seen along the access road to Cocodrilaro Kiekari and five along Playa de Oro road.

5. Spiny-tailed Iguana (*Ctenosaura similis*)

A single seen along Durango road.

6. American Crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*)

Up to ten huge beasts seen behind fence of Humedal de las Garzas and three in Rio La Tovar.



American Crocodile, Humedal de las Garzas, San Blas

7. Ornate Slider (*Trachemys ornata*)

A single seen along the access road to Cocodrilaro Kiekari.



Ornate Slider, San Blas