

# NORTH EASTERN MEXICO

with an Holarctic perspective

## 18-05 UNTIL 01-06-2023



Starbirds of the trip: Thick-billed Parrot

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### Legenda:

\*AAAA = New (Holarctic) Species (37)

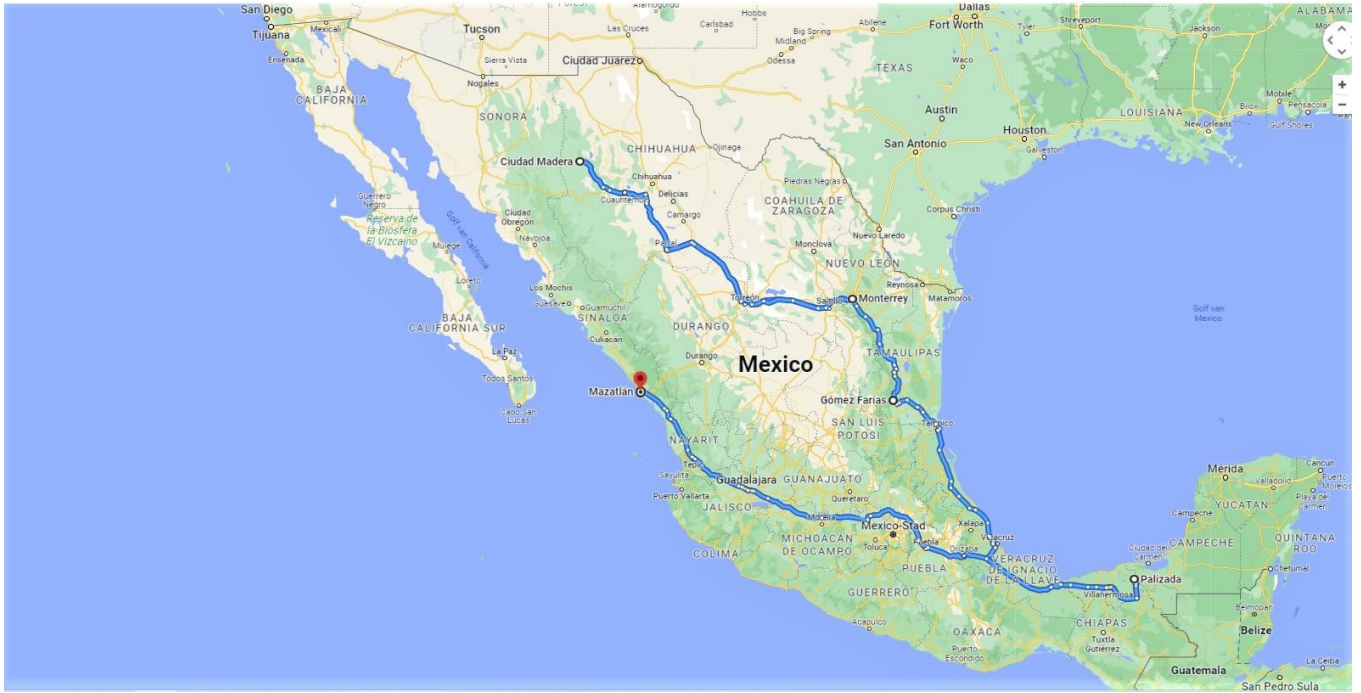
\*AAAA = Maybe new Holarctic species (2)

AAAAA = Good species for the trip or for me (because not (often) seen)

*The list order is conformed the WP checklist with the recent changes on the splitting and lumping issue mainly based on publications in the “important magazines”. Subspecies is only mentioned when thought to be important and really visible in the field. The totals of birds per species are just a total of the birds I saw to give an idea how many of a species you encounter during a trip. Only species seen are mentioned, and heard when, no lifer.*

All photos by myself, if not the photographer is mentioned.

On this trip the weather was constantly fine, sunny, with 27 to 32C in the day and cooling off in the evening and night. Only one big shower in the evening.



The route we travelled in the weeks we birded in Mexico



Early morning in the town of Chable where we spent the night for seeing Jabiru.



Birding from the car at El Cielo and finally after three attempts reached Madera Canyon



## Itinerary

- 18-05** Flew from Amsterdam via Dallas to Chihuahua to arrive there in the early evening. I had big ESTA problems at the start of the trip and barely made it in time to board. I was picked up by guide Rene Valdez <https://www.mexicobirdingtours.com.mx/>
- 19-05** Drove from Chihuahua to Madera (about 4 hours) and birded there in the afternoon.
- 20-05** Birded all day in the Madera area.
- 21-05** Birded in the morning at Madera and drove back to Chihuahua. To take a flight to Monterrey and spent the night there.
- 22-05** Drove from Monterrey to El Cielo in Tamaulipas in about 4 hours.
- 23-05** Birded around El Cielo mainly the highlands..
- 24-05** Birded around El Cielo mainly the lowlands.
- 25-05** Birded around El Cielo, did a short boat trip and drove back to Monterrey to bird in the last hours there.
- 26-05** Birded in the morning around Monterrey and took a flight to Villahermosa to arrive in the afternoon.
- 27-05** Birded at Villahermosa all day and took an evening flight back to Monterrey.
- 28-05** Birded around Monterrey and ended the day in Saltillo
- 29-05** Drove from Saltillo with birding stops along the Durango Highway to Mazatlán.
- 30-05** Birded around Mazatlán.
- 31-05** Drove from Mazatlán back to Monterrey in about 8 hours+.
- 01-06** Flew back from Monterrey via Dallas back to Amsterdam to arrive on the morning of 0

## THE BIRD SPECIES

01. **\*THICKET TINAMOU – *Crypturellus cinnamomeus***  
24-05 1 seen very well slowly walking crossing the road at El Chielo. A small barred grey brown tinamou. Nice views. Heard this species daily during the trip, but only saw it one time.
02. **Black-bellied Whistling Duck – *Dendrocygna autumnalis***  
Common throughout the trip, mostly seen in breeding pairs.
03. **Fulvous Whistling Duck – *Dendrocygna bicolor***  
21-05 2 ex. seen at a visited lake for ducks near Chihuahua while killing time for a flight.
04. **Muscovy Duck – *Cairina moschata***  
A total of 16 seen spread over the trip in the El Cielo area.
05. **Wood Duck – *Aix sponsa***  
21-05 2 ex. seen at a visited lake for ducks near Chihuahua while killing time for a flight.
06. **Cinnamon Teal – *Spatula cyanoptera***  
21-05 3 ex. seen at a visited lake for ducks near Chihuahua while killing time for a flight. Great views.
07. **Blue-winged Teal - *Spatula clypeata***  
21-05 2 ex. seen at a visited lake for ducks near Chihuahua while killing time for a flight.
08. **Northern Shoveler – *Spatula clypeata***  
21-05 2 ex. seen at a visited lake for ducks near Chihuahua while killing time for a flight.  
30-05 1 ex. seen on the day at a visited habitat.

09. **American Wigeon – *Mareca americana***  
 21-05 1 ex. seen at a visited lake for ducks near Chihuahua while  
 killing time for a flight.
10. **Mexican Duck – *Anas diazi***  
 Quite common on days with suitable habitat like 20 and 21-05.
11. **Green-winged Teal – *Anas carolinensis***  
 21-05 2 ex. seen at a visited lake for ducks near Chihuahua while  
 killing time for a flight.
12. **Common Merganser – *Mergus merganser***  
 20-05 2 ex. at a visited manmade lake.  
 21-05 1 ex. seen at a visited lake for ducks near Chihuahua while  
 killing time for a flight.
13. **Ruddy Duck – *Oxyura jamaicensis***  
 21-05 20 ex. seen at a visited lake for ducks near Chihuahua while  
 killing time for a flight.
14. **Plain Chachalaca – *Ortalis vetula***  
 Common from 22-05 in the eastern part of the trip.
15. **Rufous-bellied Chachalaca – *Ortalis wagleri***  
 30-05 Common around Mazatlán.
16. **Crested Guan – *Penelope purpurascens***  
 A total of 21 seen very well in El Cielo. Great views of these big birds. **See also:**  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/C4ogyAyK0Ub/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBINWFIZA=](https://www.instagram.com/p/C4ogyAyK0Ub/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBINWFIZA=)  
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17. **\*GREAT CURASSOW – *Crax rubra***  
 24+25-05 A total of 9 seen spread over the two days. Giving great  
 views and calls from the forest. Males and females. What a bird!



*Great Curassow*



*and Elegant Quail*

18. **Scaled Quail – *Callipepla squamata***  
 28-05 2 ex. seen well and giving great views.
19. **Elegant Quail - *Callipepla douglasii***  
 30-05 2 ex. a pair seen very well with the male calling near  
 Mazatlán.
20. **Northern Bobwhite – *Colinus virginianus***  
 22-05 2 ex. seen while birding somewhere on the day.  
 24-05 4 ex. in the lowlands at El Cielo
21. **\*SINGING QUAIL – *Dactylortyx thoracicus***  
 23-05 1 seen well and more heard at El Cielo. Great views.



22. **Montezuma Quail – *Cytonyx montezumae***  
 20-05 2 ex. a pair, seen very well in the Madera area, the male was scratching a hole? Giving breathtaking views. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/C4XbF82qYdc/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/reel/C4XbF82qYdc/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)
23. **Wild Turkey – *Meleagris galliopavo ssp: mexicana***  
 20+21-05 3 ex. in total along the way to and from Madera, nice views.
24. **Lesser Nighthawk – *Chordeiles acutipennis***  
 30-05 8 ex. in total spread over the day at Mazatlán.  
 31-05 1 ex seen along the highway.
25. **Paurague -*Nyctidromus albicollis***  
 22+23-05 Common on both evenings at El Cielo.
26. **Spot-tailed Nightjar – *Hydropsalis maculicaudus***  
 26-05 2 birds seen and heard very well, small rufous necked nightjars. Not Holarctic,
27. **\*TAWNY-COLLARED NIGHTJAR – *Antrostomus salvini***  
 22+23-05 3 birds in total seen (and heard) well in flight along a canal. Dark medium sized nightjar with a nice buff collar. Great call and an Holarctic lifer.
28. **Buff-collared Nightjar – *Antrostomus ridgwayi***  
 30-05 1 ex. seen very well on the ground during an owling attempt near Mazatlán.
29. **Northern Potoo – *Nyctibius jamaicensis***  
 22+23-05 3 birds in total seen (and heard), with an adult and young perched in daylight on a branch.
30. **\*WHITE-NAPED SWIFT – *streptoprocne semicollaris***  
 29-05 10 ex. seen well in little flocks on the way to Mazatlán. Nice views, also calling. White nape seen well. Powerful muscle full swift.
31. **White-throated Swift – *Aeronautes saxatalis***  
 Small flocks encountered in the mountains, with the most (15) on 20-05.
32. **Blue-throated Mountaingem – *Lampornis clemenciae***  
 26-05 4 ex. in the morning birding session north east of Monterrey.
33. **Amethyst-throated Mountaingem – *Lampornis amethystinus***  
 23-05 1 male at El Cielo seen well in full colour.

34. **Broad-tailed Hummingbird – *Selasphorus platycercus***  
A total of 5 seen spread over the trip.
35. **Broad-billed Hummingbird – *Cynanthus latirostris***  
**30-05** **3 ex. seen around Mazatlan**
36. **White-eared Hummingbird – *Basilinna leucotis***  
20-05 2 ex. near a visited center where we birded.
37. **\*WEDGE-TAILED (Curve-winged) SABREWING - *Pampa curvipennis***  
23-05 30 ex. spread over the day while driving up to the higher parts of El Cielo. Nice quite big pale bellied hummers.
38. **\*AZURE-CROWNED HUMMINGBIRD – *Saucerottia cyanocephala***  
23+24-05 2 males seen on both days at El Cielo. The second seen very well with the blue upper head.
39. **Buff-bellied Hummingbird – *Amazilia yucateensis***  
A total of 5 seen spread over the trip.
40. **Groove-billed Ani – *Crotophaga sulcirostris***  
Quite commonly seen during the whole length of the trip.
41. **Greater Roadrunner – *Geococcyx californianus***  
A total of 3 birds seen spread over the trip in suitable habitat.
42. **Squirrel Cuckoo – *Playa cayana* ssp: *thermophila***  
23-05 1 ex. at El Cielo.  
25-05 1 ex. at El Cielo, different from last year the birds had a black base of the undertail.
43. **Yellow-billed Cuckoo – *Coccyzus americanus***  
22-05 2 ex. near Monterrey  
25-05 2 ex near Monterrey. Nice views of these pairs.
44. **Band-tailed Pigeon – *Patagioenas fasciata***  
21-05 10 ex. at Madera at the parrot place.  
26-05 2 ex. near Monterrey.
45. **Red-billed Pigeon – *Patagioenas flavirostris***  
Quite commonly seen spread over the trip in the eastern part.
- **Eurasian Collared Dove – *Streptopelia decaocto***  
Very common during the whole trip. An introduced species.
46. **Inca Dove – *Columbina inca***  
Common throughout the trip.
47. **Common Ground Dove – *Columbina passerina***  
Common throughout the trip.
48. **Plain-breasted Ground Dove – *Columbina minuta***  
27-05 5 ex. seen spread over the day while looking for the Jabiru.  
More plain and grey than common.
49. **Ruddy Ground Dove – *Columbina talpacoti***  
27-05 Common spread over the day.  
29+30-05 Common around Mazatlan
50. **White-tipped Dove – *Leptotila verreauxi***  
23+24+25-05 Common in the El Cielo area. The common call from the forest floor.
51. **Mourning Dove – *Zenaida macroura***  
Common throughout the trip outside the east coast sites.

52. **White-winged Dove – *Zenaida asiatica***  
The commonest dove species encountered during the trip and seen daily.
53. **Sungrebe – *Heliornis fulica***  
23+25-05 7 ex. in total seen very well on a small river from a boat. Also young birds (not in the total) seen sitting on the back of an adult. Great views. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/CxHhY3iq88C/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=](https://www.instagram.com/p/CxHhY3iq88C/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=)  
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54. **\*RUSSET-NAPED WOODRAIL – *Aramides albiventris***  
26+27-05 15 birds seen very well near little ponds visited. Nice big woodrail see also:  
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55. **Ridgway's Rail - *Rallus obsoletus***  
29-05 1 ex. seen well in a marsh near Mazatlan.
56. **American Coot – *Fulica americana***  
21-05 10 ex. seen near Chihuahua.
57. **Limpkin – *Aramus guarauna***  
27-05 Common in the Villahermosa area.
58. **Least Grebe – *Tachybaptus dominicus***  
A total of 18 recorded during the trip, with the most around Mazatlan.
59. **Black-necked Grebe – *Podiceps nigricollis* ssp: *californicus***  
21-05 5 ex. in winter plumage at a marsh near the airport.
60. **Clark's Grebe – *Aechmophorus clarkia***  
21-05 2 ex. at a marsh near the airport.
61. **Double-striped Thick-knee – *Burhinus bistriatus***  
22-05 4 ex. at El Cielo giving great views.  
27-05 10 ex around Villahermosa I has been a long time since I saw this species. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/CskpyCBAMql/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA](https://www.instagram.com/reel/CskpyCBAMql/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA)  
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62. **American Oystercatcher – *Haematopus palliatus***  
30-05 5 ex. on the shores around Mazatlán
63. **Black-necked Stilt – *Himantopus mexicanus***  
Quite common during the trip in suitable habitat.
64. **American Avocet – *Recurvirostra americana***  
21-05 5 ex. in winter plumage at a marsh near the airport.
65. **Wilson's Plover – *Charadrius wilsonia***  
30-05 5 ex. together near Mazatlán.
66. **Killdeer – *Charadrius vociferus***  
21-05 Common at a marsh near the airport.  
30-05 10 ex. together near Mazatlán.
67. **Hudsonian Whimbrel – *Numenius hudsonicus***  
30-05 1 ex. while birding around near Mazatlán.
68. **Pectoral Sandpiper – *Calidris melanotos***  
27-05 4 ex. together in a small pond near Villahermosa.
69. **Spotted Sandpiper – *Actitis macularius***  
A total of 14 seen spread over the trip at suitable habitats.



70. **Greater Yellowlegs – *Tringa melanoleuca***  
29-05 1 ex. near Mazatlán.
71. **Black Skimmer – *Rynchops niger***  
30-05 2 ex. at an inlet near Mazatlán
72. **Laughing Gull – *Leucophaeus atricilla***  
A total of 13 seen mainly around Mazatlan.
73. **Gull-billed Tern – *Gelochelidon nilotica***  
30-05 1 ex. near Mazatlán.
74. **Caspian Tern – *Hydroprogna caspia***  
21-05 8 ex. on a lake near Chihuahua
75. **Least Tern – *Sternula antillarum***  
29+30-05 11 ex. around Mazatlán.
76. **Wood Stork – *Mycteria americana***  
27-05 100 ex. around Villahermosa.  
29-05 10 ex. near Mazatlán.
77. **\*JABIRU – *Jabiru mycteria***  
27-05 3 subadult birds near Villahermosa. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/CsyYMSAF9R/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA](https://www.instagram.com/reel/CsyYMSAF9R/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA)



78. **Magnificent Frigatebird – *Fregata magnificens***  
29+30-05 Common along the coast at Mazatlán.
79. **Anhinga – *Anhinga anhinga***  
29-05 1 ex. in flight near Mazatlán.
80. **Neotropic Cormorant – *Nannopterum brasilianum***  
Quite commonly encountered on the trip in suitable habitat.
81. **Double-crested Cormorant – *Nannopterum auritum***  
20-05 2 ex. at a reservoir visited in the Madera area.
82. **American White Ibis – *Eudocimus albus***  
29+30-05 Common in the area around Mazatlán.
83. **White-faced Ibis – *Plegadis chihi***  
21-05 2 ex. seen on a reservoir near Chihuahua.  
27-05 2 ex. seen in the Villahermosa area.



84. **Bare-throated Tiger Heron – *Tigrisoma mexicanum***  
 22-05 1 ex. seen on the day.  
 27-05 Common in the Villahermosa wet area's.
85. **Yellow-crowned Night Heron - *Nyctanassa violacea***  
 29+30-05 Common in the area around Mazatlán
86. **Black-crowned Night Heron – *Nycticorax nycticorax***  
 27-05 4 ex. at the Villahermosa area.  
 29+30-05 Common in the area around Mazatlán
87. **Green Heron – *Butorides virescens***  
 Seen at several places during the trip and the most at Mazatlán.
88. **Western Cattle Egret – *Bubulcus ibis***  
 Quite common, mostly near and around Mazatlán.
89. **Great Blue Heron - *Ardea Herodias***  
 Quite common, mostly near and around Mazatlán.
90. **Great Egret – *Ardea alba***  
 Quite common in suitable habitat, mostly near and around Mazatlán.
91. **Tricolored Heron – *Egretta tricolor***  
 A few birds seen but common in the Mazatlán area.
92. **Little Blue Heron – *Egretta caerulea***  
 A few birds seen but common in the Mazatlán area.
93. **Snowy Egret – *Egretta thula***  
 A few birds seen but common in the Mazatlán area.
94. **American White Pelican – *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos***  
 21-05 2 ex. on a stop between Chihuahua and Madera.  
 Common in Mazatlán area.
95. **Black Vulture – *Coragyps atratus***  
 Common on all days.
96. **Turkey Vulture – *Cathartes aura***  
 Common during the whole trip.
97. **\*LESSER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE – *Cathartes burrovianus***  
 27-05 4 ex. seen well in flight near Villahermosa. Very obvious  
 yellow heads and smaller looking than Turkey.
98. **White-tailed Kite – *Elanus leucurus***  
 23-05 2 ex. at El Cielo  
 27-05 2 ex. at the Villahermosa area.
99. **\*?BLACK HAWK EAGLE – *Spizaetus tyrannus***  
 23-05 1 ex. seen in flight (circling) at the Villahermosa area. Nice  
 views of a big Black hawk with obvious tailbands.
100. **Sharp-shinned Hawk – *Accipiter striatus***  
 19-05 1 ex. at Madera.  
 22-05 1 ex. seen in flight along the day.
101. **American Goshawk – *Accipiter atricapillus***  
 19-05 3 ex. seen and heard well at a nesting site. Giving great  
 views. Very plain underparts with almost no bars (like the European). See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/CtIsh9dqTVK/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/CtIsh9dqTVK/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)

102. **\*?BLACK-COLLARED HAWK – *Busarellus nigricollis***  
 23-05 4 ex. seen very well perched and in flight in the Villahermosa area. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/C16dlRgqxSG/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=](https://www.instagram.com/p/C16dlRgqxSG/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=)  
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103. **Snail Kite – *Rostrhamus sociabilis***  
 23-05 Common in the Villahermosa area. Nice views of adults and immatures.
104. **\*CRANE HAWK – *Geranospiza caerulescens***  
 23-05 2 birds around El Chielo. One circling above us and one feeding on a chick parrot. Great views, all dark long legged birds. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/CtNu5L8qlyg/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=](https://www.instagram.com/reel/CtNu5L8qlyg/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=)  
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105. **Common Black Hawk - *Buteogallus anthracinus***  
 20-05 2 ex. in the Madera area.
106. **\*GRAT BLACK HAWK – *Buteogallus urubitinga***  
 27-05 3 ex, seen very well, off which one immature at the Villahermosa area. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/CtU68JVKYU\\_/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=](https://www.instagram.com/p/CtU68JVKYU_/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=)  
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107. **Roadside Hawk – *Rupornis magnirostris***  
 About 15 seen spread over the trip, the most in the Villahermosa area.
108. **White-tailed Hawk – *Geranoaetus albicaudatus***  
 22-05 1 ex sitting on a lamppost near Monterrey.
109. **Grey Hawk – *Buteo plagiatus***  
 A total of 9 seen spread over the trip.
110. **Short-tailed Hawk – *Buteo brachyurus***  
 A total of 6 seen on some days, the most at El Chielo.
111. **Swainson’s Hawk – *Buteo swainsoni***  
 19-05 7 ex. between Chihuahua and Madera.
112. **Red-tailed Hawk – *Buteo jamaicensis***  
 A total of 9 recorded on several days during the trip.
113. **\*TAMAULIPAS PYGMY OWL – *Glaucidium sanchezi***  
 23-05 3 ex. at the higher level of El Cielo. Great views after some searching. Quite different in color and off course sound.



114. **Ferruginous Pygmy Owl – *Glaucidium brasilianum***  
 Seen and heard on five days of this trip, often in the lower parts.

115. **(Mexican) Spotted Owl – Strix occidentalis ssp: lucida**

19-05 1 ex. coming out of a parrot hole at Madera.

See also:

[https://www.instagram.com/reel/CsprsOrJLia/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=](https://www.instagram.com/reel/CsprsOrJLia/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=)  
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116. **Mottled Owl – Strix virgata**

22+23-05 2 ex. seen above the hotel in El Cielo. Great views and sound.

See also:

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117. **Eared Quetzal – Euptilotis neoxenus**

19+21-05 6 ex. seen in total, Giving great views near an nesting tree and a bit further down the road.

118. **Elegant (Coppery-Tailed) Trogon – Trogon elegans ssp: ambiguus**

Quite common during the northern (eastern) part of the trip.

See also:

[https://www.instagram.com/p/Cyzz5HaKHWK/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=](https://www.instagram.com/p/Cyzz5HaKHWK/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=)  
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119. **Mountain Trogon – Trogon mexicanus**

19+20+21-05 3 males seen at the Madera area.



*Great to see this species again for the second time (after last year)*

120. **Ringed Kingfisher – Megaceryle torquate**

A total of 4 recorded spread over the trip.

121. **\*BLUE-CAPPED MOTMOT – Momotus lessonii**

A total of 9 seen all around or near El Cielo and Monterrey. Great birds, great call. One of the targets for the trip. Mostly in pairs. See also:

[https://www.instagram.com/p/Cvg9M0QKua5/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=](https://www.instagram.com/p/Cvg9M0QKua5/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=)  
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122. **Acorn Woodpecker - Melanerpes formicivorus**

20-05 2 ex. in the Maderea area.

26-05 1 ex. around Monterrey.

123. **Golden-fronted Woodpecker – Melanerpes aurifrons**

Common during the rest of the trip after the Medera area.



124. **Arizona Woodpecker – *Leuconotopicus arizonae***  
 20-05 1 ex. around Madera.
125. **Grey-crowned Woodpecker – *Colaptes auricularis***  
 20+21-05 2 ex. in the Madera area, again nice to see this endemic species again.
126. **\*BRONZE-WINGED WOODPECKER – *Colaptes aeruginosus***  
 23+24-05 4 ex seen well in the El Cielo area. This is an IOC recent split from Golden-olive Woodpecker.
127. **Northern Flicker – *Colaptes auratus ssp: mexicanus***  
 A total of 9 recorded over the whole trip, most likely all of this subspecies.
128. **Gilded Flicker – *Colaptes chrysoides***  
 30-05 2 ex. in the Mazatlan area.
129. **Lineated Woodpecker – *Dryocopus lineatus***  
 22-05 1 ex. along the way.
130. **Pale-billed Woodpecker – *Campephilus guatemalensis***  
 30-05 1 ex. seen well low down next to the road in the Mazatlán area.
131. **Crested Caracara – *Caracara plancus***  
 Common throughout the trip.
132. **Laughing Falcon – *Herpetotheres cachinnans***  
 22-05 2 ex. seen well in the El Chielo area. A pair.  
 27-05 3 ex. seen in the Villahermosa area. Great to see this species again after so many years (1992). See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/C1qjKiDqZQT/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=](https://www.instagram.com/p/C1qjKiDqZQT/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=)  
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133. **American Kestrel – *Falco sparverius***  
 19+20+21-05 3 birds in total in the Madera, Chihuahua area.
134. **\*APLOMADO FALCON – *Falco femoralis***  
 05+06-05 3 ex. in total, great views of this almost most wanted. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/CsuC25NrQoX/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=](https://www.instagram.com/reel/CsuC25NrQoX/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=)  
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 27-05 2 ex. seen very close up in the Villahermosa area. See also:  
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135. **Bat Falcon – Falco ruficularis**

- 05-05 2 ex. seen well on a nesting pole at El Cielo. See also:  
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 29-05 2 ex. seen along the way. Also great to see this species again  
 after 1992.

136. **White-crowned Parrot – Pionus senilis**

- 24+25-05 12 seen at the El Cielo area, often in flight in flocks.  
 27-05 7 seen at the Villahermosa area.

137. **Red-lored Parrot – Amazona autumnalis**

- 06-05 15 ex. seen well in the lowlands of El Cielo, a big flock.

138. **Red-crowned Parrot – Amazonia viridigenalis**

- 22+23-05 7 ex. in total seen at a small colony near El Cielo. One chick  
 was eaten by a Crane Hawk!. I saw this species in south Texas but these are more “real”. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/CxZg1feK3Ue/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=](https://www.instagram.com/p/CxZg1feK3Ue/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)  
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139. **\*YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON – Amazona oratrix**

- 27-05 2 ex. seen well in flight over us, with the yellow head.  
 Looked quite big.

140. **\*THICK-BILLED PARROT – Rhynchopsitta pachyrhyncha**

- 19+21-05 19 birds in the colony in Madera. Great views (and calls).  
 The birds just arrived from there non breeding grounds. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cscj0WCvH7S/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA](https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cscj0WCvH7S/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)  
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141. **\*MAROON-FRONTED PARROT – Rhynchopsitta terrisi**  
 26-05 20 ex. in flight over the Colima Warbler spot.  
 28-05 30 ex. in the famous colony near Santiago. Distant but great views. We did not drive up and saw the birds well in the scope. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/reel/C2Rj\\_jGqWLB/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA](https://www.instagram.com/reel/C2Rj_jGqWLB/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA)  
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142. **\*OLIVE-THROATED PARAKEET– Eupsittula nana**  
 27-05 8 ex. seen well perched in a tree in the Villahermosa area.
143. **Orange-fronted Parakeet – Eupsittula canicularis**  
 30-05 2 ex. near Mazatlán.
144. **Military Macaw – Ara militaris**  
 23-05 3 ex. in the El Cielo area.  
 29-05 3 ex. near a parking place along the drive to Mazatlán.
145. **\*GREEN PARAKEET – Psittacara holochlorus**  
 24+25-05 4 ex. seen well in a tree near El Cielo. All green with an obvious big bill.
146. **Olivaceous Woodcreeper – Sittasomus griseicapillus**  
 23-05 1 ex. seen near El Cielo.
147. **(Northern) Spot-crowned Woodcreeper – Lepidocolaptes affinis ssp: lignicida**  
 23-05 1 ex. seen near El Cielo. Near the Tamaulipas Pygmy Owl place.
148. **Barred Antshrike – Thamnophilus doliatus**  
 23-05 1 ex. seen near El Cielo. Very noisy and good views.
149. **Common Tody-Flycatcher – Todiostrostrum cinereum**  
 27-05 1 ex. seen well at the Villahermosa area.



150. **Black Phoebe – Sayornis nigricans**

A total of 5 seen spread over the trip.

151. **Say's Phoebe – Sayornis saya**

Quite common and seen on four days of the trip.

152. **Greater Pewee – Contopus pertinax**

20-05 1 ex. seen well at Madera.

153. **Western Wood Pewee – Contopus sordidulus**

20-05 3 ex. seen and heard well.

28-05 1 ex. near Monterrey.

154. **Least Flycatcher – Empidonax minimus**

25-05 1 ex. at a little pond in the forest at El Cielo. Nice to this species again after so many years.



155. **White-throated Flycatcher – Empidonax albigularis**

29-05 1 ex. showing very well and close along the Durango Highway at the place for the Sierra Madre Sparrow.

See also:

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156. **Pine Flycatcher – Empidonax affinis**

19-05 1 ex. seen very well low down next to the road (and car) at Madera.

157. **Western Flycatcher – Empidonax difficilis**

A total of 6 seen spread over the trip. All Cordilleran type birds.

158. **Buff-breasted Flycatcher – Empidonax fulvifrons**

20-05 3 ex. in the Madera area. Nice to see there buff breast.

159. **Vermilion Flycatcher – Pyrocephalus obscurus**

20-05 4 ex. in the Madera area

160. **Piratic Flycatcher – Legatus leucophaeus**

27-05 Common in the Villahermosa area.

161. **Social Flycatcher – Myiodynastes luteiventris**

23+24-05 Common around El Cielo  
30-05 Common near Mazatlán.

162. **Great Kiskadee – Pitangus sulphuratus**

A few seen spread over the trip, but the most common around Villahermosa

163. **Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher – Myiodynastes luteiventris**

24-05 1 ex. found on call near El Cielo

164. **(Northern) Streaked Flycatcher - Myiodynastes maculatus**

24-05 1 ex. found in El Cielo village. See also:

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165. **Boat-billed Flycatcher - Megarynchus pitangua**

24+25-05 5 birds in total.

166. **Tropical Kingbird – Tyrannus melancholicus**

Quite common, mostly in the Mazatlán area.

167. **Couch’s Kingbird – Tyrannus couchii**

Common in the El Cielo area.

168. **Cassin’s Kingbird – Tyrannus vociferans**

Quite common in the Madera and Chihuahua area.

169. **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – Tyrannus forficatus**

22-05 Quite common near Monterrey on the fences there.

29-05 1 ex. along the way.

170. **\*FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER – Tyrannus savana**

27-05 6 ex. seen spread over the day in the Villahermosa area.

Finally caught up with that species.

171. **Dusky-capped Flycatcher – Myiarchus tuberculifer**

20-05 1 ex. in the Madera area.

23+24-05 Common in the El Cielo area.

172. **Ash-throated Flycatcher = Myiarchus cinerascens**

20-05 1 ex. in the Madera area.



*Fork-tailed*



*and Dusky-capped Flycatcher.*

173. **Nutting’s Flycatcher – Myiarchus nuttingi**

30-05 2 ex. seen and heard well in the Mazatlán area.

174. **Masked Tityra – Tityra semifasciata**

23+24+25-05 Quite common in the El Cielo area.

175. **Rose-throated Becard – Pachyramphus aglaiae**

27-05 1 ex in the Villahermosa area.

176. **Loggerhead Shrike – *Lanius ludovicianus***  
 19+20+21-05 4 ex. in total in the Madera and Chihuahua area.
177. **Golden Vireo – *Vireo hypochryseus***  
 30-05 5 ex. spread over the day in the Mazatlán area.
178. **Yellow-green Vireo – *Vireo flavoviridis***  
 23+24+25-05 Common in the El Cielo area.
179. **Warbling Vireo – *Vireo gilvus* ssp: *brewsteri* (??)**  
 19-05 1 ex. seen well in the Madera area.
180. **\*BROWN-CAPPED VIREO – *Vireo leucophrys***  
 23-05 1 ex. seen well quite high in the cloud forest near the  
 Tamaulipas Pygmy Owl. A small all brown vireo with a brown head and yellowish underparts. Quite high  
 up in the trees.
181. **Hutton's Vireo – *Vireo huttoni***  
 19-05 1 ex. at the Madera area.
182. **Plumbeous Vireo – *Vireo plumbeus***  
 20-05 6 ex. seen well at the Madera area.
183. **Yucatan Jay – *Cyanocorax yucatanicus***  
 27-05 1 ex. seen well at the Villahermosa area. Nice Jay with an  
 obvious yellow bill.
184. **Purplish-backed Jay – *Cyanocorax beecheii***  
 30-05 10 ex. around Mazatlan
185. **Brown Jay -*Psilorhinus morio***  
 The commonest Jay encountered (except in the Madera area), in noisy family groups.
186. **Black-throated Magpie Jay – *Calocitta colliei***  
 29+30-05 13 recorded around Mazatlan.
187. **Steller's Jay – *Cyanocitta stelleri* ssp: *macrolopha* + *coronata***  
 19+20+21-05 Common in the Madera area.  
 30-05 2 ex. in Mazatlán.
188. **Mexican Jay – *Aphelocoma wollweberi***  
 20+21-05 Common in the Madera area.  
 26-05 Common near Monterrey.
189. **Woodhouses Scrub Jay – *Aphelocoma woodhouseii***  
 20-05 2 ex. in the Madera area.  
 26-05 2 ex. near Monterrey
190. **\*TAMAULIPAS CROW – *Corvus imparatus***  
 22+23+25-05 70 birds in total seen in the El Cielo area, all in colonies.  
 Great calls of this small crow. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/C0quM4nKHZV/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA](https://www.instagram.com/p/C0quM4nKHZV/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA)  
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191. **Sinaloa Crow – *Corvus sinaloae***  
 29-05 4 ex. at Mazatlán.
192. **Northern Raven – *Corvus corax***  
 Quite common during the trip.
193. **Chihuahuan Racen – *Corvus cryptoleucus***  
 A total of 5 seen spread over the trip. Not always easy to ID.
194. **Bridled Titmouse – *Baeolophus wollweberi***  
 20-05 1 ex. seen well in the Madera area.



195. **Black-crested Titmouse – *Baeolophus atricristatus***  
 22-05 4 ex. seen at the lower hills of El Cielo  
 25-05 2 ex. seen at El Cielo.
196. **Mexican chickadee – *Poecile sclateri***  
 19+20-05 6 ex. in the Madera area
197. **Sand Martin – *Riparia riparia***  
 22-05 2 ex. along the road.
198. **Violet-green Swallow – *Tachycineta thalassina***  
 26-05 1 ex. along the morning birding.  
 29-05 1 ex. along the way.
199. **Mangrove Swallow – *Tachycineta albilinea***  
 27-05 2 ex. at Villahermosa.  
 29+30-05 Common around Mazatlán.
200. **Northern Rough-winged Swallow – *Stelgidopteryx serripennis***  
 21-05 Common at a little wetland near Chihuahua  
 29+30-05 Common around Mazatlán.
201. **Grey-breasted Martin – *Progne chalybea***  
 27-05 10 ex. together at a little colony in a barn near Villahermosa.
202. **Barn Swallow – *Hirundo rustica* ssp: *erythrogaster***  
 Common throughout the trip.
203. **American Cliff Swallow – *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota***  
 21-05 30 ex. at a little wetland near Chihuahua.
204. **Cave Swallow – *Petrochelidon fulva***  
 21-05 Common at a little wetland near Chihuahua. Nice to compare  
 and see this species well.
205. **American Bushtit – *Psaltriparus minimus***  
 19+20-05 6 ex. seen in the Madera area.  
 26-05 Common in the Monterey area.
206. **Band-backed Wren – *Campylorhynchus zonatus***  
 24-05 1 ex. seen well at the El Cielo area. My first after 1992!
207. **Cactus Wren – *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus***  
 30-05 2 ex. in the Mazatlán area.
208. **Rock Wren – *Salpinctes obsoletus***  
 21-05 2 ex. at the rocky edges of an lake near Chihuahua.
209. **Canyon Wren – *Catherpes mexicanus***  
 24-05 1 ex. seen well at El Cielo in a little village.
210. **Bewick's Wren – *Thryomanes bewickii* ssp: *eremophilus***  
 19-05 2 ex. in the Madera area.
211. **Happy Wren – *Pheugopedius felix***  
 29+30-05 2 ex. seen and heard well near Mazatlán.
212. **\*SPOT-BREASTED WREN – *Pheugopedius maculipectus***  
 23-05 7 ex. seen and heard well spread over the day, which was  
 spent in the higher parts of El Cielo. Nice colorful wren.
213. **Sinaloa Wren – *Thryophilus sinaloa***  
 29+30-05 2 ex. seen and heard well near Mazatlán.
214. **(Brown-throated) House Wren – *Troglodytes aedon* ssp: *cahooni***  
 19-05 1 ex. seen well while watching the American Goshawks at  
 Madera.

215. **Blue-grey Gnatcatcher – *Polioptila caerulea***  
27-05 1 ex. seen and heard well in Villahermosa.
216. **White-breasted Nuthatch – *Sitta carolinensis* ssp: *mexicana***  
20-05 4 ex. seen well at Madera.
217. **Red-breasted Nuthatch – *Sitta canadensis***  
21-05 2 ex. a pair at Madera, near the parrot colony. A rarity for the area. Great views.
218. **Brown Creeper – *Certhia americana***  
20-05 4 ex. seen well at Madera.
219. **Northern Mockingbird – *Mimus polyglottos***  
Seen on several days during the trip in low numbers.
220. **Tropical Mockingbird – *Mimus gilvus***  
27-05 Common in Villahermosa area.
221. **Long-billed Thrasher - *Toxostoma longirostre***  
22+23-05 A total of 5 seen at El Cielo. See also:  
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222. **Curve-billed Thrasher – *Toxostoma curvirostre* ssp: *occidentale* + *maculatum***  
A total of 16 noted spread over the trip all of the palmeri group of this species.
223. **Western Bluebird – *Sialia mexicana***  
20-04 4 ex. at the Madera area.  
26-05 10 ex. at around the Monterrey area.
224. **Brown-backed Solitaire – *Myadestes occidentalis***  
22+23-05 3 in total in the El Cielo area.
225. **Black-headed Nightingale-Trush – *Catharus mexicanus***  
23-05 10 ex. seen well high up in the cloud forest of El Cielo. Great views.
226. **Russet Nightingale Thrush – *Catharus occidentalis***  
26-06 1 ex. while birding in the Monterrey area.
227. **American Robin – *Turdus migratorius***  
Common in the Madera and Monterrey area. Most likely late wintering birds?
228. **White-throated Thrush – *Turdus assimilis***  
23+24-05 15 seen in the El Cielo area.
229. **Clay-colored Thrush – *Turdus grayi***  
Common in and around El Cielo.
- **House Sparrow – *Passer domesticus***  
Common during the whole trip.
230. **\*HOODED GROSBEAK – *Hesperiphona abeillei***  
23-05 2 ex. seen very well driving up in El Cielo, one of the unexpected new ones. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/CzVOWH3q92R/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=](https://www.instagram.com/p/CzVOWH3q92R/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=)  
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231. **House Finch – *Haemorhous mexicanus***  
Quite common throughout the trip.
232. **Lesser Goldfinch – *Spinus psaltria***  
22-05 4 ex. in the Monterrey area.
233. **Black-headed Siskin – *Spinus notatus***

- 24-05 2 ex. in the El Cielo area.
234. **Yellow-throated Euphonia – Euphonia hirundinacea**  
23+24-05 4 ex. seen well at the El Cielo area.
235. **Botteri's Sparrow – Peucaea botteri**  
29-05 1 ex. brief views of one while birding around Villahermosa.
236. **Olive Sparrow – Arremonops rufivirgatus**  
22+23-05 Common in the El Cielo area.
237. **Black-throated Sparrow -Amphispiza bilineata**  
28-05 3 ex. seen at the Worthen's Sparrow site.
238. **Lark Sparrow -Chondestes grammacus**  
20-04 1 ex. during a birding stop along the day at Madera, a late winter bird?  
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239. **Chipping Sparrow – Spizella passerina**  
20-04 Common in the Madera area.
240. **Black-chinned Sparrow – Spizella atrogularis**  
26-05 3 ex. seen from the road near Monterrey. Great views see also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/CuBUly2qfaf/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/CuBUly2qfaf/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)
241. **\*WORTHEN'S SPARROW – Spizella wortheni**  
28-05 4 ex. seen and heard well close to Saltillo. Great views of this endangered endemic. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/Czu7y-aqzvt/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/Czu7y-aqzvt/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)
242. **Yellow-eyed Junco – Junco phaeotus**  
19-05 2 ex. at Madera.  
26-05 3 ex. in the Monterrey area.



Worthen's Sparrow, not the best looking but very rare.



243. **\*STRIPED SPARROW – Oriturus superciliosus**

29-05 10 ex. seen very well at the Sierra Madre Sparrow site. A big sparrow, see also:

[https://www.instagram.com/p/CyhppR-KBhM/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/CyhppR-KBhM/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)

244. **\*SIERRA MADRE SPARROW – Xenospiza baileyi**

29-05 4 ex. at Pueblo Nuevo, Durango, great closeup views of this small and endangered sparrow. Again a much wanted. See also:

[https://www.instagram.com/p/Cv1jEPCKfMi/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/Cv1jEPCKfMi/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)

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245. **Canyon Towhee – Melospiza fusca**

A total of 7 birds seen spread over the trip at several sites.

246. **Spotted Towhee – Pipilo maculatus**

A total of 9 birds seen spread over the trip at several sites.

247. **Rufous-capped Brushfinch – Atlapetes pileatus**

26-05 2 ex. seen well in the morning birding around Monterrey.

248. **Yellow-breasted Chat – Icteria virens**

22-05 4 ex. seen spread over the day, all late migrants.

249. **Western Meadowlark – Sturnella neglecta**

Quite common especially in the Madera area.



*Sparrow of the trip, Sierra Madre*

250. **Eastern Meadowlark – Strunella magna**

27-05 10 ex. in the Villahermosa area.

251. **Chihuahuan Meadowlark – *Sturnella lilianae***  
 A total of 8 birds seen at several places during the trip. Not easy to separate. More white in the tail, yellow not reaching the lower mandible and a different song where the most important. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/CtxxS-JqE9h/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/CtxxS-JqE9h/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)
252. **\*YELLOW-BILLED CACIQUE – *Amblycercus holosericeus***  
 24-05 1 ex. seen well at El Cielo. A small cacique with a pale bill.
253. **Mexican Cacique – *Cassoculus melanicterus***  
 30-05 Common at Mazatlan.
254. **Montezuma Oropendola – *Psarocolius Montezuma***  
 A total of 15 seen, in small colonies, mostly in the El Cielo area. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/C3XZRI1qsH6/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/C3XZRI1qsH6/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)
255. **Scott's Oriole – *Icterus parisorum***  
 26-05 3 ex. seen well during the morning birding near Monterrey.
256. **Altamira Oriole – *Icterus gularis***  
 Common in the El Cielo area, with obvious nests.
257. **Streak-backed Oriole – *Icterus pustulatus***  
 29+30-05 3 ex. in total in the Mazatlán area.
258. **Black-cowled Oriole – *Icterus prothemalas***  
 27-05 1 ex. seen in the Villahermosa area.
259. **Red-winged Blackbird – *Agelaius phoeniceus***  
 Quite common in suitable area's in El Cielo and Mazatlán
260. **Bronzed Cowbird – *Molothrus aeneus***  
 Quite common in suitable area's in El Cielo and Mazatlán
261. **\*MELODIUS BLACKBIRD – *Dives dives***  
 22-05 4 ex. with Tamaulipas crows in a palm tree in El Cielo.
262. **Great-tailed Grackle - *Quiscalus mexicanus***  
 Very common throughout the trip.
263. **Crescent-chested Warbler – *Oreothlypis superciliosa***  
 19-05 Common in Madera near the parrot colony.
264. **\*COLIMA WARBLER – *Leiothlypis crissalis***  
 26-05 3 ex. seen and heard well near Monterrey. Feeding low in the bushes. Finally caught up with this last Holarctic new world warbler. See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/CtsncPZqjVS/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/CtsncPZqjVS/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)
265. **Grey-crowned Yellowthroat – *Geothlypis poliocephala***  
 24-05 1 ex. sitting upo in the reed. Great views of this big yellowthroat.
266. **\*ALTAMIRA YELLOWTHROAT – *Geothlypis flavovelata***  
 22-05 1 ex. seen very well in the sugar fields near El Cielo. Great that they like this newly discovered habitat. It must be of a certain height though. It makes finding one much easier.  
 See also:  
[https://www.instagram.com/p/Cw1xqQ5KVj3/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/Cw1xqQ5KVj3/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)
267. **\*HOODED YELLOWTHROAT – *Geothlypis nelson***  
 26-05 2 ex. seen well at a dry hillside named San Antonio De Las Alazanas, Coahuila De Zaragoza . In song. Not very different but with a grey upperfohead and long tailed.

See also:

[https://www.instagram.com/p/Cxj0XbLKyOq/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/Cxj0XbLKyOq/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)

268. **Tropical Parula – *Setophaga pitiayumi***

A total of 17 recorded in the El Cielo area. Also in song.

269. **\*MANGROVE WARBLER – *Setophaga petechia***

29-05 5 ex. seen well near Mazatlán in a marshy area, some nice males but also immatures and (presumed to be) females.

See also: <https://www.dutchbirding.nl/gallery/detail/29242>

270. **Yellow-rumped Warbler – *Setophaga coronata* ssp: *nigrifrons***

20-05 2 ex. in the Madera area. Like Audubon's, ID based on locality.

271. **Grace's Warbler – *Setophaga graciae***

20-05 2 ex. seen very well in the Madera area.

272. **Fan-Tailed Warbler – *Basileuterus lachrymosus***

23-05 1 ex. seen well in the El Cielo area, in the high up trees. Great to see this bird after being a lifer last year.

273. **Rufous-capped Warbler – *Basileuterus rufifrons***

25-05 1 ex. seen near Monterrey.

274. **Golden-crowned Warbler – *Basileuterus culicivorus* ssp: *brasieri***

22+23-05 7 ex. in total seen in the El Cielo area. Great views

275. **Red-faced Warbler – *Cardellina rubrifrons***

19+20-05 4 ex. seen well in the Madera area.

276. **Painted (Red)Whitestart – *Myioborus pictus***

19+20-05 3 ex. seen well in the Madera area.

277. **Slate-throated (Red)Whitestart – *Myioborus miniatus***

19+20-05 Common in the Madera area.

278. **Flame-colored Tanager – *Piranga bidentata***

23-05 1 ex. seen well in the El Cielo area.

279. **Red-throated Ant Tanager – *Habia fuscicauda* ssp: *salvini***

24+25-05 6 ex in total in small family parties. Nice noisy birds quite high up in the canopy.

280. **Yellow Grosbeak – *Pheucticus chrysopleus***

29+30-05 2 ex. in total, both cracking males. See also:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Czf4qRPK0oG/>

281. **Northern Cardinal – *Cardinalis cardinalis***

22-05 2 ex. near Monterrey.

29+30-05 Common in the Mazatlán area.

282. **\*CRIMSON-COLLARED GROSBEAK – *Rhodothraupis celaeno***

22-05 5 ex. together near Monterrey, males and females.

25-05 2 ex. high up at El Cielo. What a species. Finally a much wanted. See also:

[https://www.instagram.com/p/CtdMP1zKGZv/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/CtdMP1zKGZv/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)

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283. **(Eastern) Blue Bunting – Cyanocompsa parellina ssp: beneplacita**

25-05 2 ex. seen and hear (in song) well near a stream near Monterrey. Not much different from the Western birds I saw last year. Great to have this taxon also on my list. See also:

[https://www.instagram.com/p/CzN8fMSKxUA/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=](https://www.instagram.com/p/CzN8fMSKxUA/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=)  
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284. **Blue Grosbeak – Passerina caerulea**

20-05 2 ex. in the Madera area.  
22-05 Common during the drive from Monterrey to El Cielo.

285. **Cinnamon-bellied Saltator – Saltator grandis ssp: grandis + vigorsii**

23-05 1 ex. seen well in El Cielo  
30-05 1 ex. seen well at Mazatlán.

286. **Black-headed Saltator – Saltator atriceps**

23+25-05 15 birds seen in total often in small groups around El Cielo.  
Big noisy Saltators, but great to see them again after so many years.

287. **Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater – Sporophila torqueola**

30-05 3 ex. at Mazatlán.

288. **Morelet's Seedeater – Sporophila moreletii**

Common throughout the trip except in Mazatlan. See also:

[https://www.instagram.com/p/Cz789IzK6Q1/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=](https://www.instagram.com/p/Cz789IzK6Q1/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA=)

289. **Blue-grey Tanager – Thraupis episcopus**

24-05 3 ex. seen well in the city of El Cielo. Great to see this future vagrant to the US again.

290. **\*YELLOW-WINGED TANAGER – Thraupis abbas**

23+24-05 11 birds seen in the El Cielo area.  
27-05 2 ex. near Villahermosa. Nice tanager with an obvious green-yellow wingbar.





*My second encounter ever with Sungrebe was great.*

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