

ANN AND ROLAND GO LOCKDOWN BIRDING IN MEXICO 2

OCTOBER 9TH – 22ND 2020

TRAVEL

We flew with Air France from Manchester to Paris and had to stay overnight. Our next flight the following morning to Mexico City was also with Air France and again we had to stay overnight. Our third flight was to Guadalajara with Air Mexico. No problems with any of the flights. It was lovely (but surreal) to have deserted airports and near-empty planes! On the return journey, we had to stay overnight within the Paris terminal. Had we left the airport, we would have had to self-isolate for two weeks. We had to wear masks all the time within both the airports and the planes. A small price to pay.

ACCOMMODATION

Holiday Inn Express, Paris Usual Holiday Inn standard but the buffet breakfast was much reduced because of Covid. Easy to get to from the airport.

Camino Real, Mexico City. Only a few minutes away from the airport. Convenient, ok restaurant and good rooms with a full range of toiletries. Recommended.

Fiesta Inn Colima, 3 nights. Typical city hotel. Nice large room, restaurant, pool (closed because of Covid) Toiletries provided.

Hotel Velvet Plaza, Guadalajara, 1 night. Modern hotel with a small room and a coffee maker! Very comfortable and clean. Toiletries provided.

Hotel las Palomas, Tepic, 1 night. Nice hotel but a trouble getting past thorough security! Restaurant open but not the best food. Pool open. Toiletries provided.

Hamara Suites and Bungalows, 2 nights. Nice flat. Very comfortable and clean. Soap provided.

Olas Atlas Suites, Puerta Vallarta, 3 nights. Nice flat, full set of toiletries, serviced daily but opposite a very noisy gay bar with loud music and people until the early hours. Parking a bit of an issue because the very steep street was unexpectedly very busy. Town full of tourists, mostly not wearing masks! Not our type of place but convenient.

Yotel, T2 CDG (airside) Fortunately for us, this had just been reopened and we were able to book a “capsule” for the night. Rather cute! No complaints whatsoever and much better than expected.

LOCKDOWN IN MEXICO

Mexico introduced a “traffic light” colour system in June for the gradual reopening of the country. It consists of four colours: green, yellow, orange and red that represent the severity of the pandemic in each state. The traffic light is updated fortnightly and each colour indicates which activities are safe to resume.

On our first trip, our itinerary only included yellow states and was quite restrictive. On this trip, we were in orange zones which were generally less restrictive with more places open but masks still had to be worn by everyone inside and out, but not at home. The majority of people followed this – tourists less so. Hand sanitising was expected but there were fewer disinfectant mats and we didn't have our temperatures taken as often as on our first trip!

We wore masks all the time even when out birding. One of the conditions laid down by Eric. We were provided with hand sanitiser in the car.

LOGISTICS AND GUIDING

Our trip was again organised by Eric Antonio Martinez. He is a superb guide and does all the driving too. He speaks perfect English, is great company and looks after you really well. He is absolutely focussed, determined and happy to spend long hours in the field. We would have no hesitation whatsoever in recommending him and we are looking forward to birding with him again in a different area of Mexico.

ITINERARY

Day One: Arrival

Day Two: Birding near Guadalajara for Black-capped gnatcatcher, Violet-crowned hummingbird, Bridled tit mouse, Rufous-crowned sparrow plus many other species. Lunch, then drive to Colima (3 hours). Overnight in Colima.

Day Three: early morning birding into the Volcan de Fuego for White-striped woodcreeper, Transvolcanic jay, Russet-nightingalethrush, Hermit thrush, Arizona woodpecker, Pygmy nuthatch, Chestnut-sided shrike vireo.... Overnight in Colima.

Day Four: Early morning birding for Flammulated flycatcher, Broad-billed hummingbird, Pacific slope flycatcher, Black-chested sparrow, Mexican parrotlet. Overnight in Colima.

Day Five: Birding in low deciduous forest for Banded quail then drive to Tepic (5 hours) stopping on the way to check out a spot for Aztec rail with chances for Yellow-headed blackbird. Overnight in Tepic.

Day Six: Early morning birding near Tepic for Eared poorwill, Spotted wren, Black-capped vireo, Red-headed tanager, Mexican Woodnymph. Overnight in San Blas.

Days Seven and Eight: Birding near San Blas for Elegant quail, Rufous-bellied chachalaca, Mexican Hermit, Golden-crowned emerald, Colima pygmy owl, Sinaloa wren and others. Drive to Puerta Vallarta after lunch on Day 8

Days 9 and Ten: Birding in several locations for Military macaw, San Blas jay, Northern pygmy owl, White-naped swift plus many others and must do a visit to Vallarta Botanical Garden and other nice areas near El Tuito.

This is not quite the itinerary we followed because we started birding on Day One as soon as we arrived in Guadalajara It is good to be flexible and adaptable ;)

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH.

Travel day. Left home at 3p.m. for our flight to Paris. Airport very quiet. I have never seen the bar so deserted before. Most of the flights leaving were Ryanair. One Easyjet, one Brussels airlines and us. No problems with flight or CDG. Got free shuttle (runs every 3 minutes) to hotels and then it was a short walk to the Holiday Inn Express, mostly undercover. Walkway well-signposted. Hotel fine but the "buffet" breakfast was rubbish because of the restrictions.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

No problems at CDG. Flight very quiet – only 8 in Business Class out of a possible 50! Good smooth flight with great food – none of the KLM goody bag rubbish!

Immigration a bit of a nightmare for me – we went to separate desks and my chappie was not at all happy with me!

Got our cases alright in Mexico City and handed them over to be sent on to Guadalajara. Short walk to our hotel – same as last time. Tasty meal then bed.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

Up at 5 and off to the shuttle. No problems at airport except for Security where we were in a very short queue but the people in front had to completely empty their bags and remove all sorts of stuff they shouldn't have had and it took them forever. Jobsworth staff too ☹️ No problem with our flight to Guadalajara. Bottle of water and small packet of biscuits provided. Flight about half full. Very smooth. Comfy plane with plenty of legroom.

No problem with cases but had a short wait in the sunshine for Eric in his hire car. It was good to see him again and we were soon on our way to Colima, passing through agricultural land (corn, sorgum etc) and stopping off at the lagoons on our side of the road. There were hundreds of **Northern shovelers**, loads of **American avocet**, **White-faced ibis**, **Teal** etc 😊 but no **Mexican ducks** ☹️ Such an incredible sight especially when they flew up and relanded. Migrating birds obviously.

Near Ciudad Guzman, we stopped at a spot for **Aztec rail** but the track was flooded and then some men came to fish so we left. We tried another spot but the track was too muddy. There had obviously been a lot of rain round here because the water levels were fairly high everywhere. We were now in the heart of a soft fruit growing area, mostly blueberries, raspberries and blackberries. Miles and miles of poly tunnels!

Lunch was at the newly reopened Mirador del Fortuna up a steep "road". Nice restaurant with what would have been a lovely view were it not for the afore-mentioned polytunnels and smog/heat haze. **Black-headed siskin** was a bonus The lunch (Ceviche and red snapper) was absolutely delicious and from here we carried on to our hotel in Colima. Dumped our cases and set off for "La Cima" – a "road" leading up to a church. It seemed to be quiet but more and more people started to arrive – motor bikes, cars, dog walkers etc (all with music) so it wasn't quite as peaceful as we had hoped! Some good birding anyway but we decided to move to a quieter, more likely spot for **Black-chested sparrow** which we dipped on but we did find other goodies including a VERY confiding female **Black-chinned hummingbird** and a massive Tarantula on the road! Absolutely gorgeous and once we had finished taking photos of him we shepherded him into the grass verge where he was less likely to get squashed by a car. Tea at the hotel – not much choice and small portions but tasty. Time for some owling so we went back to La Cima. There were still people going up the hill, mostly on motor-bikes and I bet they weren't looking for owls ;) We had to try a few different spots but were finally rewarded with excellent views of the amazing **Balsa screech owl** with its black eyes.

American Avocet

American Coot

American Kestrel

American White Pelican

American Yellow Warbler

Ash-throated Flycatcher

Balsas Screech Owl

Barn Swallow

Bell's Vireo
Black Vulture
Black-capped Vireo
Black-chinned Hummingbird
Black-crowned Night Heron
Black-headed Siskin
Black-necked Stilt
Blue Grosbeak
Blue-black Grassquit
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher
Blue-winged Teal
Broad-billed Hummingbird
Bronzed Cowbird
Canyon Towhee
Cinnamon Teal
Common Ground Dove
Curve-billed Thrasher
Eurasian Collared Dove
Golden-crowned Emerald
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Great Kiskadee
Great-tailed Grackle
Green-winged Teal
Grey Hawk
Groove-billed Ani
House Sparrow
House Wren
Inca Dove
Laughing Gull
Least Sandpiper
Mexican Duck
Mourning Dove
Nashville Warbler
Neotropic Cormorant
Northern Harrier
Northern Pintail
Northern Shoveler
Pied-billed Grebe
Red-billed Pigeon
Redhead
Red-tailed Hawk
Rufous-backed Thrush
Snowy Egret
Solitary Sandpiper
Streak-backed Oriole
Stripe-headed Sparrow

Thick-billed Kingbird
Tropical Kingbird
Turkey Vulture
Vermilion Flycatcher
Western Cattle Egret
Western Kingbird
Western Tanager
White-faced Ibis
White-lored Gnatcatcher
Wilson's Phalarope

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

Out about 6 after coffee in the lobby. Drove south of Colima towards Manzanillo then Ixtlahuacan. Overcast, looked a bit threatening. Roadside birding was slow with **Collared falcons** calling for ages but we couldn't see them. **Chachalacas** conversing as only chachalacas can! Only a few new birds though such as **Flammulated flycatcher**. **Banded quail** were also calling but refused to show themselves. Bit of a theme there! Amazingly, we found another tarantula on the road but this one seemed to be wounded. He too was moved to a better spot.

After a couple of hours we drove to Ixtla and then headed off towards the Grutas de San Gabriel finding ourselves in a fertile crater surrounded by volcanoes and huge papaya plantations with much smaller amounts of lemon and other fruit trees. Two **Banded quail** very obligingly bobbed out as we turned into a track where we stopped and had a walk where I spotted a sparrow and yes! It was the one – the **Black-chested sparrow**. ☺ It had been thundering for a while and now it started to rain so we headed back to Colima for a buffet lunch at La Casa de Piedra. Lots of choice, very tasty and very cheap! Only 417 pesos (around £14) for the 3 of us. Live music from the saxophonist too. What more could you want? ☺ The rain had stopped too and after a short rest at the hotel we set off for the lower slopes of the Volcan de Fuego and the Laguna La Maria, stopping once on the way. I would have loved to have had a walk round the old, interesting looking village of Comala but we just didn't have time for such frivolities ☺ At our first spot, we managed to find **Wilson's warbler**, **Golden vireo**, **Rufous-crowned ground sparrow** but it was exceptionally quiet (apart from the practising musicians) so we carried on to the lagoon. There were 3 confiding **Pale-billed woodpeckers** just by the entrance and very loud music down by the lake but not many people. Poor light but good views of 3 **Muscovy duck**, a **Bat falcon**, an unexpected **Osprey**, **Brown-backed solitaire**, **Greater pewee**, **Painted redstart**, **Berylline hummingbird**, and **Vermilion flycatcher**. A **Brown pelican** was circling overhead as we left and on the way back down we stopped for a flock of feeding **Vaux's swift** and a **Laughing falcon** flew in front of us. Quick stop at Walmart for food for the next day before returning to the hotel.

American White Pelican
American Yellow Warbler
Ash-throated Flycatcher
Banded Quail
Barn Swallow
Bat Falcon
Berylline Hummingbird

Black Vulture
Black-and-white Warbler
Black-capped Vireo
Black-chested Sparrow
Black-chinned Hummingbird
Black-crowned Night Heron
Blue-black Grassquit
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher
Broad-billed Hummingbird
Brown-backed Solitaire
Cinnamon Hummingbird
Common Ground Dove
Eurasian Collared Dove
Flammulated Flycatcher
Golden Vireo
Golden-cheeked Woodpecker
Golden-crowned Emerald
Greater Pewee
Great-tailed Grackle
Groove-billed Ani
House Finch
House Sparrow
Inca Dove
Indigo Bunting
Laughing Falcon
Macgillivray's Warbler
Mexican Cacique
Muscovy Duck
Nashville Warbler
Olive Sparrow
Orange-breasted Bunting
Orange-fronted Parakeet
Painted Whitestart
Pale-billed Woodpecker
Rufous-backed Thrush
Rusty-crowned Ground Sparrow
Sclater's Wren
Scrub Euphonia
Sinaloa Wren
Social Flycatcher
Streak-backed Oriole
Stripe-headed Sparrow
Thick-billed Kingbird
Tropical Kingbird
Tropical Parula
Turkey Vulture
Vaux's Swift

Vermilion Flycatcher
Western Osprey
White-tipped Dove
Wilson's Warbler

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

A 6h00 start and off to the Volcan del Fuego for the day. Still darkish when we arrived to find the facilities at the top were still closed due to Covid but that the road was thankfully open 😊

The birding was very slow and frustrating but we thoroughly enjoyed the day. It was a little misty at first and of course colder as we climbed but there was brilliant, warm sunshine for us to thaw out in at over 3,000 m 😊.

We saw a **Mourning dove** and a couple of unidentifiable **Nighthawks** on the way up and at our first stop we had a small, noisy flock of **Transvolcanic jays**, **Green-striped brush finch**, **Hutton's vireo**, **Brown-backed solitaire**, and **Collared towhee**. **Grey-backed wren** was calling but not showing as were **Long-tailed wood partridge** which we eventually saw when I happened to turn round and spotted a couple on the road.

I was surprised to see **Ruby-crowned kinglet** up at nearly 3,000m where **Violet-eared hummingbirds** were vocalising long and hard in the sunshine – absolutely stunning emerald green and shimmering violet/purple. We added **Cinnamon bellied flowerpiercer** to the list before we had to retrace our steps. We were still looking for **Pygmy nuthatch** and it was nearly 3 when Eric finally spotted one, much to his relief! And ours! Much further down where there were lots of flowers, we stopped to look for hummingbirds and were rewarded with views of **Cinnamon-bellied honeycreeper**, lots of **Grey silky-flycatchers**, **Red-headed tanager**, **Acorn woodpecker**..... Our joy was however marred by my spotting 3 sophisticated bird traps hanging from the branches of one tree.

A final stop brought us **Red-faced warbler** and lots more silkies and other small birds which meant we had seen 137 different species on our trip so far with 23 lifers.

Other wildlife seen today included squirrels and butterflies e.g. Mexican silverspot.

An excellent day apart from the bird traps.

Acorn Woodpecker
Amethyst-throated Mountaingem
Arizona Woodpecker
Band-tailed Pigeon
Black Vulture
Brown-backed Solitaire
Bullock's Oriole
Calliope Hummingbird
Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo
Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer
Collared Towhee
Crescent-chested Warbler
Crested Guan
Golden-browed Warbler
Greater Pewee
Great-tailed Grackle

Green-striped Brushfinch
Grey Hawk
Grey Silky-flycatcher
Grey-barred Wren
Hairy Woodpecker
Hermit Warbler
House Sparrow
Hutton's Vireo
Inca Dove
Long-tailed Wood Partridge
Macgillivray's Warbler
Mexican Chickadee
Mexican Violetear
Mountain Trogon
Mourning Dove
Northern Tufted Flycatcher
Olive Warbler
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush
Orange-crowned Warbler
Pygmy Nuthatch
Red Warbler
Red-faced Warbler
Red-headed Tanager
Red-tailed Hawk
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Russet Nightingale-Thrush
Scott's Oriole
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Slate-throated Whitestart
Townsend's Warbler
Transvolcanic Jay
Turkey Vulture
White-eared Hummingbird
White-striped Woodcreeper
White-tipped Dove
White-winged Dove
Wilson's Warbler
Wood stork

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

Late start today: 6h30 and off to Laguna de Zapotlan at Ciudad Guzman. Chilly. Lovely views of the mountains – arrived just before dawn. Around a thousand **Yellow-headed blackbirds** on migration seen whilst we were there. Absolutely amazing sights. Other birds spotted before the cold mist came down included **Common yellowthroat, Osprey, Marsh wren, Vermilion flycatcher, Black-crowned night herons** (lots of), **American white pelicans, Brown cowbirds** the ubiquitous **Great-tailed grackles** and a bare tree was covered in

Neotropic cormorants. No rails – very uncooperative ☹️ so we headed off to the areas we had visited on the 11th where at our first spot we were delighted to find a **Wood stork** and a many-legged **Northern jacana** (she was hiding her young). Other birds included **Groove-billed ani** and a **Beswick's wren** (lifer) as we were leaving for the rail spot – still no rail but 2 very obliging **Curved-bill thrashers**.

Time for brunch so we went back to the Mirador del Fortuna but it was closed. ☹️. We went into the town instead and found a very nice fish restaurant where they served me a massive Red snapper!! We left just as the live music started – a lucky escape.

Our next stop was at the lagoons where we had seen all the waders on the 11th – practically deserted today but we needed to find that elusive **Mexican Duck** – we saw one possible and nothing new despite Eric's perseverance.

It was warm and sunny when we arrived at Lake Ateonialco where we eventually found our **Mexican duck** right in front of us!! Other new birds for the trip included **Gila woodpecker**, **Gadwall**, **Long-billed dowitcher**, **Orchard oriole**, **Fulvous whistling-duck**. We heard but did not see, **Sora** and we eventually got the **Aztec rail**. Absolutely wonderful views – the sort you dream of but never get!! Eric came to a sudden stop as we were leaving because he had heard **Mexican parrotlets** in the square. We managed to see them before they left but just silhouettes really.

Off to Guadalajara now – lovely hotel. Coffee maker in the room ☺️ Eric went off to change the car (rubbish tyres etc but the only one they had available at the time) which took quite a while but we managed to get served at Outback before they closed. And he was much happier with his new car. ☺️

American Avocet

American Coot

American Grey Flycatcher

American White Pelican

American Yellow Warbler

Aztec Rail

Barn Swallow

Bell's Vireo

Belted Kingfisher

Bewick's Wren

Black Phoebe

Black Vulture

Black-bellied Whistling Duck

Black-chinned Hummingbird

Black-crowned Night Heron

Black-necked Stilt

Blue-grey Gnatcatcher

Blue-winged Teal

Broad-billed Hummingbird

Bronzed Cowbird

Canyon Towhee

Cinnamon Teal

Common Gallinule

Common Yellowthroat

Cooper's Hawk

Curve-billed Thrasher

Eurasian Collared Dove
Fulvous Whistling Duck
Gadwall
Gila Woodpecker
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Great Kiskadee
Great-tailed Grackle
Green Heron
Green Kingfisher
Green-winged Teal
Groove-billed Ani
House Finch
House Sparrow
House Wren
Inca Dove
Killdeer
Least Sandpiper
Loggerhead Shrike
Long-billed Dowitcher
Marsh Wren
Mexican Duck
Mexican Parrotlet
Mourning Dove
Neotropic Cormorant
Northern Crested Caracara
Northern Jacana
Northern Pintail
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Northern Shoveler
Orchard Oriole
Peregrine Falcon
Pied-billed Grebe
Red-winged Blackbird
Rock Dove
Snowy Egret
Spotted Sandpiper
Spotted Wren
Streak-backed Oriole
Tricolored Heron
Tropical Kingbird
Turkey Vulture
Vermilion Flycatcher
Western Cattle Egret
Western Osprey
White-faced Ibis
White-winged Dove

Wilson's Snipe
Wood Stork
Yellow-headed Blackbird

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

6h30 start after coffee in the room and another one at OMO later on.

We went back past Lake Ateonialco and into the mountains for some roadside birding. We had flowery verges and wild hedges on one side of the road and corn/agave on the other though mostly concealed by the hedging. Very pleasant indeed with blue skies and sunshine though it was well hot by 11!! Loved the masses of Cosmos everywhere. Beautiful ☺ and popular with insects and butterflies. We had 3 truckfuls of soldiers armed to the teeth go past – good job we were behaving ourselves ;) And a car with 2 flat tyres – heard them coming from way off – I wonder how much further they went before they realised? Anyway, we had some great birding with **Cordilleran flycatcher, Bridled titmouse, Violet-crowned hummingbird, Black-headed grosbeak, Warbling vireo, greenish elaenia, Western tanager, pacific slope flycatcher, Black-capped vireo, Macgillivrays warbler, Cassin's vireo** and many others looking good in the sunshine. **Ladderback woodpecker** was calling but we didn't see it.

We had lunch back at the lake but didn't see anything new apart from a snake Roland spotted snaking through the water!

We now had a long but lovely drive to Tepic – some stunning scenery – stopping off at the Laguna de Tepetitlic on the way. We were slightly delayed at a level crossing by an extremely long train. When we finally started moving again I was somewhat alarmed by a group of what looked like well-armed Stormtroopers heading towards us with more at the service station :0 Turns out they were in the navy on bank duty - they don't half go overboard in Mexico when the bank is collecting cash! You certainly wouldn't want to tangle with that lot!

Lake Tepetitlic took my breath away – it was so beautiful. 2020m up, it lies in the north-eastern part of a caldera. The volcano itself hasn't erupted in the past 10, 00 years so no danger! The water was like glass and it was so still ... So beautiful and just to make things even better there were **Clarks grebe** on it! Some with young. We also saw **Ruddy ducks, Great blue heron, Cinnamon-rumped seedeaters, Western kingbird, Pied-billed grebe, Ring-necked duck, Vermilion flycatcher, Stripe-headed sparrow, Vermilion flycatcher, a Rufous-backed thrush** and a possible **American bittern** before we moved to the village and spotted **Blue-winged teal, Bronze cowbirds, Purple heron, Purple gallinule, Lark sparrow** and 2 **Mexican ducks**!! Time to leave unfortunately and drive the short distance to Tepic where we suddenly realised there had been a time change!!

Nice hotel with a swimming pool but a right palaver getting in security wise! Food not the best ☹

Out again after an early tea for a spot of owling. Not a sausage. It was well after 10 when we got back. I was absolutely shattered but we had to be up at 4 to go owling again.

American Coot
Barn Swallow
Belted Kingfisher
Berylline Hummingbird
Black Vulture

Black-and-white Warbler
Black-capped Vireo
Black-chinned Hummingbird
Black-crowned Night Heron
Black-headed Grosbeak
Black-throated Grey Warbler
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher
Blue-winged Teal
Bridled Titmouse
Broad-billed Hummingbird
Bronzed Cowbird
Cassin's Vireo
Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater (Endemic)
Clark's Grebe
Common Gallinule
Cordilleran Flycatcher
Eurasian Collared Dove
Golden Vireo
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Great Kiskadee
Greater Pewee
Great-tailed Grackle
Green Heron
Greenish Elaenia
Hammond's Flycatcher
Happy Wren
House Sparrow
House Wren
Inca Dove
Lark Sparrow
Macgillivray's Warbler
Mexican Duck
Nashville Warbler
Neotropic Cormorant
Northern Jacana
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Painted Whitestart
Pied-billed Grebe
Purple Gallinule
Ring-necked Duck
Ruddy Duck
Rufous-backed Thrush
Rufous-capped Warbler
Sinaloa Wren
Streak-backed Oriole

Stripe-headed Sparrow
Townsend's Warbler
Tropical Kingbird
Turkey Vulture
Vermilion Flycatcher
Violet-crowned Hummingbird
Warbling Vireo
Western Cattle Egret
Western Kingbird
Western Tanager
White-faced Ibis
Wilson's Warbler

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH.

Up at 4. Owling again. Silch. Completely unexpected by Eric who has previously had great success here. He concluded that the 3 species he had expected to see had been frightened away by the **Mottled owls** we had heard the previous night. Carried on birding the same road. Very cold and very quiet. Starving too. Not happy to see Avacodo plantations within the forest – par for the course here. **Solitaires** were the first birds calling but we didn't see any. It was amazingly hot - 32 degrees - when we finally emerged into the sunshine! We saw 26 species this morning of which 2 were lifers: **Plumbeous warbler** and **Mexican woodnymph**. White morphos everywhere!

The hotel was still serving a buffet breakfast (145 pesos) when we got back so we had that before setting off for St. Blas. Mango plantation after mango plantation on the way there and roasting hot on arrival. Had a quick look at unused shrimp farms and marshy areas but the water levels were too high for most waders though it was nice to see **Lesser** and **Greater yellowlegs** next to each other clearly demonstrating the size difference. We also saw **Tricoloured heron**. At the "beach" we saw our first **Sinalore crows** and bought a souvenir at the shell shop for the princely sum of 60p.☺ Time now for a long boat ride in the hopes of seeing **Rufous-necked wood rail**. No target bird but we did see **Roseate spoonbill**, **Mangrove swallows**, **Little blue heron**, **Belted kingfisher**, **Snowy egret**, **Willet**, **Orange-fronted parakeets** (flying), **Spotted sandpiper**, **Bare-throated tiger heron**, **Yellow-crowned night heron**, a **Collared black hawk** spotted by Roland and various other birds plus crocodiles.

Tea was at Eric's favourite restaurant, La Familia Hotel y Restaurante. The only fish available was mahi-mahi which came as a surprise as there were fish stalls everywhere! I had a ceviche and the biggest salad ever! Very good it was too.

Our accommodation in Tepic was 2 flats which were comfortable and sufficient to our needs with private parking. The town was quite busy with visitors but mostly around the village square which we avoided. Mask-wearing seemed to be "optional" there!

American White Ibis
Bare-throated Tiger Heron
Barn Swallow
Belted Kingfisher
Berylline Hummingbird
Black Vulture

Black-and-white Warbler
Black-headed Grosbeak
Black-necked Stilt
Black-throated Grey Warbler
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher
Broad-winged Hawk
Common Black Hawk
Eurasian Collared Dove
Golden Vireo
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Great Kiskadee
Greater Pewee
Greater Yellowlegs
Great-tailed Grackle
Green Heron
Green Jay
Green Kingfisher
Hepatic Tanager
Hermit Warbler
House Sparrow
House Wren
Hudsonian Whimbrel
Hutton's Vireo
Inca Dove
Lesser Yellowlegs
Lincoln's Sparrow
Little Blue Heron
Macgillivray's Warbler
Magnificent Frigatebird
Mangrove Swallow
Mexican Woodnymph
Neotropic Cormorant
Northern Tufted Flycatcher
Orange-fronted Parakeet
Painted Whitestart
Plumbeous Vireo
Red-billed Pigeon
Red-headed Tanager
Rock Dove
Roseate Spoonbill
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Rufous-capped Warbler
Sinaloa Crow (Endemic)
Sinaloa Wren
Snowy Egret
Social Flycatcher

Spotted Sandpiper
Streak-backed Oriole
Townsend's Warbler
Tricolored Heron
Tropical Kingbird
Turkey Vulture
Warbling Vireo
Western Cattle Egret
White-faced Ibis
Willet
Wilson's Warbler
Yellow-crowned Night Heron

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH.

29 degrees at our 5h50 start. Off to the mango plantations beyond La Palma. Walking mainly in the shade because of the trees (not mango) along the so-called road. The forest either side was very dense. Quite a few birds with these being new for the list: **Rufous-bellied chachalaca, Colima pygmy owl, Citreoline trogon, Russett-crowned motmot, Grey-crowned woodpecker, Ivory-billed woodcreeper, White-throated flycatcher, Bright-rumped Attila, San blas jay, Blue mockingbird, Swainson's thrush, White-throated thrush, Fan-tailed warbler, Red-crowned ant-tanager, Kentucky warbler.** Lots of mozzies, white morphos, Julia heliconian and other butterflies but no **Mexican hermit**, alas, despite Eric's very best efforts but still a great morning.

We headed back towards San Blas stopping for a lunch at a very lively beachside restaurant where we were lucky to get a table on the beach away from the very crowded main area. Loads of noisy fun in the pool with no masks or social distancing whatsoever! Our food was wonderful as were the cold drinks and there were **Magnificent frigate birds, Brown pelicans, great-tailed grackles** and **Willetts** to watch. The beach was beautiful and pretty much deserted.

No time for a siesta – off for another long boat trip. I was shattered by this time. Eric was a man on a mission! We saw 3 crocodiles, an **Anhinga**, more of the usual suspects and, finally, **2 Rufous-necked wood rail!** Excellent and prolonged views. Well worth all the effort that Eric and the boatman put into this. Time for a rest? Not at all ... There were waders and others to be sought and gosh, it was so hot! We added another 30 species to our list for the day including hundreds of **White-faced ibis, Mexican parrotlets** and a **Laughing falcon**. Eric also saw a **Snipe** but we dipped on it.

Time for tea? Of course not! It was time to look for **Nighthawks** but we were distinctly unsuccessful and now it was definitely time for tea!

American Yellow Warbler
Anhinga
Barn Swallow
Bell's Vireo
Black Vulture
Black-bellied Whistling Duck
Black-necked Stilt
Black-throated Grey Warbler

Black-throated Magpie-Jay
Blue Mockingbird
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher
Bright-rumped Attila
Brown Pelican
Cinnamon Hummingbird
Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater (Endemic)
Citreoline Trogon
Colima Pygmy Owl
Common Ground Dove
Crested Guan
Eurasian Collared Dove
Fan-tailed Warbler
Gila Woodpecker
Golden-cheeked Woodpecker
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Great Kiskadee
Great-tailed Grackle
Green Heron
Grey Hawk
Grey-crowned Woodpecker
Greyish Saltator
Groove-billed Ani
House Sparrow
Inca Dove
Ivory-billed Woodcreeper
Kentucky Warbler
Laughing Falcon
Limpkin
Little Blue Heron
Magnificent Frigatebird
Mexican Cacique
Mexican Parrotlet
Nashville Warbler
Neotropic Cormorant
Northern Crested Caracara
Northern Jacana
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Orange-fronted Parakeet
Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Peregrine Falcon
Red-billed Pigeon
Red-crowned Ant Tanager
Roseate Spoonbill
Ruddy Ground Dove
Ruddy Quail-Dove

Rufous-backed Thrush
Rufous-bellied Chachalaca
Rufous-necked Wood Rail
Russet-crowned Motmot
San Blas Jay
Sinaloa Wren
Snowy Egret
Social Flycatcher
Streak-backed Oriole
Swainson's Thrush
Tropical Kingbird
Tropical Parula
Turkey Vulture
Vermilion Flycatcher
Western Cattle Egret
White-faced Ibis
White-throated Flycatcher
White-throated Thrush
White-tipped Dove
White-winged Dove
Willet
Wilson's Warbler
Wood Stork

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH.

Usual 6h00 start. There had been a bit of a shower and now there was lots of thunder rumbling about with some lightning. It was very cloudy and heavy and the mozzies were out in full force. Most unpleasant and by the end of the morning you couldn't have fit a pinprick in-between the bites on my back!

Anyway we had gone to to a patch of dry forest and walked through a banana plantation enjoying excellent views of **Elegant quail**, **Black-capped gnatcatcher**, **Mexican parrotlets**, **Varied bunting**, **Yellow-breasted chat**, **Red-billed pigeon**, **Dusky-capped flycatcher**, **Green-tailed towhee**, **Summer tanager**, **Dickcissel**, **Painted bunting** and even 3 **Purplish-backed jay** at the very limit of its area and a huge surprise to Eric. Great birding and worth the bites. Maybe ;)

We next tried a bit of mangrove hoping for **Mangrove vireo** but he wasn't at home ☹

Back to town and the river estuary where Eric was hoping to see **Wandering tattler** on the rocks. He hoped in vain! We did, however see **Black phoebe**, **Spotted sandpiper**, **Brown pelicans**, **Macgillivrays warbler**, a large iguana and a hermit crab. We also saw a **Northern mockingbird** on our way to the flat where we picked up our luggage before heading to the same restaurant as yesterday (very crowded, very noisy table by the pool) but excellent food. Octopus to die for.

Fully replete we set off for Puerto Vallarta. The roads were quite busy – movement not observed anywhere as strictly in the areas we visited on this trip as they were on our first one despite the situation worsening.

Puerto Vallarta is a tourist town. Lovely colonial centre but the rest of the area is crammed with big, flash, expensive hotels and apartment blocks. Cruise ships dock here. Not to our

taste – too noisy, too busy, too many tourists (mostly American). We had a flat on a very steep street. Parking was difficult because it was so busy. The gay bar opposite was horrendously noisy – it even filtered through to our bedroom and went on to the early hours. The flat itself was nice and was serviced daily.

It was still light so we headed down the coast and along the road to the spot where Predator was filmed. The area was still quite busy with tourists but we managed to see **San Blas jay, Scrub euphonia, Ferruginous pygmy owl** and **Vaux's swifts**.

We ate at the restaurant next door – expensive nouvelle cuisine and they didn't know how to cook a steak properly. We were still starving when we left! It cannot have been easy, however, for Eric to find acceptable accommodation in this area and sometimes you just have to go with the best of what is on offer.

American Coot

American Redstart

American White Ibis

American Yellow Warbler

Anhinga

Barn Swallow

Bell's Vireo

Black Phoebe

Black Vulture

Black-and-white Warbler

Black-bellied Whistling Duck

Black-capped Gnatcatcher

Black-throated Magpie-Jay

Blue-black Grassquit

Blue-grey Gnatcatcher

Brown Pelican

Cinnamon Hummingbird

Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater (Endemic)

Common Ground Dove

Dickcissel

Dusky-capped Flycatcher

Elegant Quail

Eurasian Collared Dove

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl

Gila Woodpecker

Golden-cheeked Woodpecker

Great Egret

Great Kiskadee

Great-tailed Grackle

Green Heron

Green-tailed Towhee

Grey Hawk

Greyish Saltator

Groove-billed Ani

House Sparrow

House Wren
Inca Dove
Kentucky Warbler
Lincoln's Sparrow
Macgillivray's Warbler
Magnificent Frigatebird
Mexican Cacique
Mexican Parrotlet
Nashville Warbler
Neotropic Cormorant
Northern Jacana
Northern Mockingbird
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Painted Bunting
Pauraque
Purplish-backed Jay (Endemic)
Red-billed Pigeon
Roseate Spoonbill
Ruddy Ground Dove
Rufous-backed Thrush
San Blas Jay
Scrub Euphonia
Sinaloa Crow (Endemic)
Sinaloa Wren
Social Flycatcher
Spotted Sandpiper
Streak-backed Oriole
Summer Tanager
Thick-billed Kingbird
Tropical Kingbird
Turkey Vulture
Varied Bunting
Vaux's Swift
Vermilion Flycatcher
Western Cattle Egret
White-faced Ibis
White-tipped Dove
White-winged Dove
Willet
Wilson's Warbler
Wood Stork
Yellow-breasted Chat

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH.

A late start today – 6h30! We were off to meet Francisco and to visit his private reserve, El Santuario. The road up struck genuine fear in my heart. We really should have been in a 4x4

and the first car we had just wouldn't have made it to the top. At least 8 Parauque/or similar flew up in front of us but were unidentifiable. Our VW Tourag struggled and at one point I really thought we'd had it and were going over the edge. Thankfully we didn't. Well done, Eric, for getting us up there in one piece! I was glad to get out of the vehicle and stretch my wobbly legs in the "breeding area" which was fairly open with massive nest boxes fastened to some of the trees. And then we saw our first **Military macaws**. Just wow! :O I have no words but had to walk away slightly as I was overcome at the sight of these magnificent birds. Next, Francisco led us to the viewing area along a path which I couldn't have managed on my own but it was worth it! I don't know how long we spent by the blind but it was just awesome watching these birds come and go. And the noise! What a wonderful morning ☺ I couldn't thank Francisco enough as he led us back along an easier path to a tower where we paused a while before having to leave. Going down was scary too. I won't dwell on it.....

We stopped at the Boca de Tomatclan for lunch. Interesting parking – not! Beautiful spot – you can get water taxis to Yelapa from here. Lunch wasn't up to much but the view was lovely.

El Tuito was next – an old, colonial village 1085m above sea-level where you felt you had stepped back in time. Amazing murals depicting life here. Fascinating but no time to explore! We sent a fair amount of time driving up and down a road looking for birds before venturing onto more exciting unsurfaced roads taking us higher up. We had a few short walks but the afternoon was not very productive. It was very quiet everywhere. Our lifers for today apart from the macaws were **Mexican whip-poor-will, Grace's warbler** and **Black-throated grey warbler** whilst **Ladder-backed woodpecker, Collared forest falcon, Northern raven, Rusty sparrow, Yellow-throated warbler** and **Yellow grosbeak** were new for the trip list.

We ate at a restaurant Eric had spotted earlier: El Mojarro. What a find! Served us several free appetisers and the food was outstanding and inexpensive. They also brought some pancake for afters.

We now had to drive back to El Santuario to meet Francisco and go owling. Not happy at all but then Eric said he wasn't going to drive up that road again (phew!) and we would have to walk. (Oh no!!) In the event, Francisco was late and we had already started looking about unsuccessfully for owls. He agreed to go up to the top and silence his dogs while we stayed lower down to continue our fruitless search. In the end we gave up and went. We were not at all lucky with our owls on this trip. Just how it is sometimes. It was after 11 when we got back. Eric had decided we would have a boat trip next day to visit 2 islands where we could walk about and get more lifers and we would also have good opportunities to see seabirds.

Acorn Woodpecker

American Redstart

American Yellow Warbler

Arizona Woodpecker

Berylline Hummingbird

Black Vulture

Black-and-white Warbler

Black-throated Grey Warbler

Blue-black Grassquit

Blue-grey Gnatcatcher

Broad-billed Hummingbird

Brown Pelican

Bullock's Oriole
Cinnamon Hummingbird
Collared Forest Falcon
Dusky-capped Flycatcher
Eurasian Collared Dove
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl
Golden Vireo
Golden-cheeked Woodpecker
Grace's Warbler
Great Kiskadee
Great-tailed Grackle
Grey Hawk
House Sparrow
Inca Dove
Ivory-billed Woodcreeper
Ladder-backed Woodpecker
Macgillivray's Warbler
Magnificent Frigatebird
Mexican Cacique
Mexican Whip-poor-will
Military Macaw
Nashville Warbler
Northern Raven
Orange-fronted Parakeet
Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Painted Whitestart
Pale-billed Woodpecker
Plumbeous Vireo
Rock Dove
Rufous-backed Thrush
Rufous-capped Warbler
Rusty Sparrow
San Blas Jay
Scrub Euphonia
Sinaloa Wren
Social Flycatcher
Streak-backed Oriole
Stripe-headed Sparrow
Thick-billed Kingbird
Tropical Kingbird
Turkey Vulture
Vermilion Flycatcher
White-faced Ibis
White-throated Magpie-Jay
White-throated Thrush
White-winged Dove
Wilson's Warbler

Yellow Grosbeak

Yellow-throated Warbler

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH.

A late 7h00 start for the Botanical Gardens. We got there early but were soon allowed in. Our main target was the **Mexican hermit**. The gardens were beautiful and I wish we could have seen more of them and taken more time looking for birds other than the hermit. It was admittedly very quiet birdwise but we did have lovely views of **Orange-fronted parakeets** and an **Ivory-billed woodcreeper** which landed right in front of us. **Rose-throated becard**, and **Plain-capped starthroat** were new to us as were the **White-naped swifts** and **Great black hawk** we saw from the restaurant. There are feeders outside this building and I really enjoyed watching the birds coming to them. Lunch was predictably expensive and aimed at American tourists but tasty enough and there were lovely views. ☺

The afternoon was a bit of a disaster. What had been presented to us last night had morphed into a trip to see 2 birds Eric said we needed for our list: **Wandering tattler** and **Heermans gull**. It was going to be a long drive to where we had to catch a boat, the islands were a long way out and we couldn't get off the boat after all. Eric's plans were thwarted however when we came to a sudden halt at the end of a long stream of stationary traffic. We sat there for a good while before learning that there was a demonstration in town and obviously no-one knew how long it would go on for. I would have loved to have returned to the gardens but it was back to the El Tuito area where we spent the rest of the day mostly birding from the car and with a few short walks. Tea was at the same place as last night ☺

American Yellow Warbler

Black Vulture

Black-throated Grey Warbler

Black-throated Magpie-Jay

Black-vented Oriole

Blue-grey Gnatcatcher

Broad-billed Hummingbird

Cinnamon Hummingbird

Common Black Hawk

Eurasian Collared Dove

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl

Golden Vireo

Golden-cheeked Woodpecker

Great Black Hawk

Great Egret

Great Kiskadee

Great-tailed Grackle

Greyish Saltator

House Sparrow

Inca Dove

Ivory-billed Woodcreeper

Magnificent Frigatebird

Masked Tityra

Mexican Cacique

Mexican Woodnymph

Military Macaw
Nashville Warbler
Orange-fronted Parakeet
Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Plain-capped Starthroat
Red-billed Pigeon
Rock Dove
Rose-throated Becard
Rufous-backed Thrush
Russet-crowned Motmot
San Blas Jay
Sinaloa Wren
Snowy Egret
Social Flycatcher
Streak-backed Oriole
Thick-billed Kingbird
Tropical Kingbird
Tropical Parula
Turkey Vulture
Violet-crowned Hummingbird
West Mexican Chachalaca
Western Cattle Egret
White-faced Ibis
White-naped Swift
White-throated Thrush
Wilson's Warbler
Yellow Grosbeak

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST.

Our last day ☹️

We were packed and ready to go by 7h00. We set off for the Botanical Gardens ☺️ which meant driving in the opposite direction of the airport. Roland voiced concerns about the possibility of another demonstration preventing us getting to the airport so we turned round and drove back tough Puerto Vallarta and past the airport, turning off onto a side road at random. What a spot! Although we didn't get any lifers we had one new bird for the trip, a **Short-tailed hawk** and it was all very pleasant indeed. Apart from the road! Bit of a theme here

We had lunch at the marina – only 2 places open. Deserted. It wasn't best. Off to the airport and time to say our goodbyes again though we may be back next February so it was possibly a case of Au revoir rather than Adieu!

Bell's Vireo
Black-capped Vireo
Black-headed Grosbeak
Black-throated Grey Warbler
Blue Bunting
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher

Broad-billed Hummingbird
Bronzed Cowbird
Brown-crested Flycatcher
Cinnamon Hummingbird
Citreoline Trogon
Eurasian Collared Dove
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl
Great Kiskadee
Great-tailed Grackle
Grey Hawk
Greyish Saltator
Groove-billed Ani
Happy Wren
Hooded Oriole
Inca Dove
Macgillivray's Warbler
Mexican Cacique
Neotropic Cormorant
Orange-fronted Parakeet
Orchard Oriole
Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Rock Dove
Rose-throated Becard
Rufous-backed Thrush
Short-tailed Hawk
Squirrel Cuckoo
Streak-backed Oriole
Thick-billed Kingbird
Tropical Kingbird
Tropical Parula
Turkey Vulture
Varied Bunting
Violet-crowned Hummingbird
Western Cattle Egret
Western Osprey
White-tipped Dove
Wilson's Warbler

FULL TRIP LIST

Acorn Woodpecker
American Avocet
American Coot
American Grey Flycatcher
American Kestrel
American Redstart
American White Ibis

American White Pelican
American Yellow Warbler
Amethyst-throated Mountaingem
Anhinga
Arizona Woodpecker
Ash-throated Flycatcher
Aztec Rail
Balsas Screech Owl
Banded Quail
Band-tailed Pigeon
Bare-throated Tiger Heron
Barn Swallow
Bat Falcon
Bell's Vireo
Belted Kingfisher
Berylline Hummingbird
Bewick's Wren
Black Phoebe
Black Vulture
Black-and-white Warbler
Black-bellied Whistling Duck
Black-capped Gnatcatcher
Black-capped Vireo
Black-chested Sparrow
Black-chinned Hummingbird
Black-crowned Night Heron
Black-headed Grosbeak
Black-headed Siskin
Black-necked Stilt
Black-throated Grey Warbler
Black-throated Magpie-Jay
Black-vented Oriole
Blue Bunting
Blue Grosbeak
Blue Mockingbird
Blue-black Grassquit
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher
Blue-winged Teal
Bridled Titmouse
Bright-rumped Attila
Broad-billed Hummingbird
Broad-winged Hawk
Bronzed Cowbird
Brown Pelican
Brown-backed Solitaire
Brown-crested Flycatcher
Bullock's Oriole

Calliope Hummingbird
Canyon Towhee
Cassin's Vireo
Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo
Cinnamon Hummingbird
Cinnamon Teal
Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer
Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater (Endemic)
Citreoline Trogon
Clark's Grebe
Colima Pygmy Owl
Collared Forest Falcon
Collared Towhee
Common Black Hawk
Common Gallinule
Common Ground Dove
Common Yellowthroat
Cooper's Hawk
Cordilleran Flycatcher
Crescent-chested Warbler
Crested Guan
Curve-billed Thrasher
Dickcissel
Dusky-capped Flycatcher
Elegant Quail
Eurasian Collared Dove
Fan-tailed Warbler
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl
Flammulated Flycatcher
Fulvous Whistling Duck
Gadwall
Gila Woodpecker
Golden Vireo
Golden-browed Warbler
Golden-cheeked Woodpecker
Golden-crowned Emerald
Grace's Warbler
Great Black Hawk
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Great Kiskadee
Greater Pewee
Greater Yellowlegs
Great-tailed Grackle
Green Heron
Green Jay
Green Kingfisher

Greenish Elaenia
Green-striped Brushfinch
Green-tailed Towhee
Green-winged Teal
Grey Hawk
Grey Silky-flycatcher
Grey-barred Wren
Grey-crowned Woodpecker
Greyish Saltator
Groove-billed Ani
Hairy Woodpecker
Hammond's Flycatcher
Happy Wren
Hepatic Tanager
Hermit Warbler
Hooded Oriole
House Finch
House Sparrow
House Wren
Hudsonian Whimbrel
Hutton's Vireo
Inca Dove
Indigo Bunting
Ivory-billed Woodcreeper
Kentucky Warbler
Killdeer
Ladder-backed Woodpecker
Lark Sparrow
Laughing Falcon
Laughing Gull
Least Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Limpkin
Lincoln's Sparrow
Little Blue Heron
Loggerhead Shrike
Long-billed Dowitcher
Long-tailed Wood Partridge
Macgillivray's Warbler
Magnificent Frigatebird
Mangrove Swallow
Marsh Wren
Masked Tityra
Mexican Cacique
Mexican Chickadee
Mexican Duck
Mexican Parrotlet

Mexican Violetear
Mexican Whip-poor-will
Mexican Woodnymph
Military Macaw
Mountain Trogon
Mourning Dove
Muscovy Duck
Nashville Warbler
Neotropic Cormorant
Northern Crested Caracara
Northern Harrier
Northern Jacana
Northern Mockingbird
Northern Pintail
Northern Raven
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Northern Shoveler
Northern Tufted Flycatcher
Olive Sparrow
Olive Warbler
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush
Orange-breasted Bunting
Orange-crowned Warbler
Orange-fronted Parakeet
Orchard Oriole
Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Painted Bunting
Painted Whitestart
Pale-billed Woodpecker
Pauraque
Peregrine Falcon
Pied-billed Grebe
Plain-capped Starthroat
Plumbeous Vireo
Purple Gallinule
Purplish-backed Jay (Endemic)
Pygmy Nuthatch
Red Warbler
Red-billed Pigeon
Red-crowned Ant Tanager
Red-faced Warbler
Redhead
Red-headed Tanager
Red-tailed Hawk
Red-winged Blackbird
Ring-necked Duck

Rock Dove
Roseate Spoonbill
Rose-throated Becard
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Ruddy Duck
Ruddy Ground Dove
Ruddy Quail-Dove
Rufous-backed Thrush
Rufous-bellied Chachalaca
Rufous-capped Warbler
Rufous-necked Wood Rail
Russet Nightingale-Thrush
Russet-crowned Motmot
Rusty Sparrow
Rusty-crowned Ground Sparrow
San Blas Jay
Sclater's Wren
Scott's Oriole
Scrub Euphonia
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Short-tailed Hawk
Sinaloa Crow (Endemic)
Sinaloa Wren
Slate-throated Whitestart
Snowy Egret
Social Flycatcher
Solitary Sandpiper
Spotted Sandpiper
Spotted Wren
Squirrel Cuckoo
Streak-backed Oriole
Stripe-headed Sparrow
Summer Tanager
Swainson's Thrush
Thick-billed Kingbird
Townsend's Warbler
Transvolcanic Jay
Tricolored Heron
Tropical Kingbird
Tropical Parula
Turkey Vulture
Varied Bunting
Vaux's Swift
Vermilion Flycatcher
Violet-crowned Hummingbird
Warbling Vireo
West Mexican Chachalaca

Western Cattle Egret
Western Kingbird
Western Osprey
Western Tanager
White-eared Hummingbird
White-faced Ibis
White-lored Gnatcatcher
White-naped Swift
White-striped Woodcreeper
White-throated Flycatcher
White-throated Magpie-Jay
White-throated Thrush
White-tipped Dove
White-winged Dove
Willet
Wilson's Phalarope
Wilson's Snipe
Wilson's Warbler
Wood Stork
Yellow Grosbeak
Yellow-breasted Chat
Yellow-crowned Night Heron
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Yellow-throated Warbler