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Tufted Jay *Cyanocorax dickeyi* (Photo: Wiel Poelmans)

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INTRODUCTION

West Mexico is one of those destinations you definitely want to visit as this region hold some mouth-watering species like the near mythical Tufted Jay.

So I contacted local birder/guide Antonio Robles to do this trip with us. I was accompanied on this trip by my brother Frans and Wiel Poelmans.

We more or less followed the standard route that birders take and birded extensively for 14 days with Antonio.

We paid Antonio for driving and guiding and additionally we paid for food, drinks and accommodation for Antonio which gave us maximum flexibility during our trip.

This worked out fine and we had a very enjoyable and succesful trip.

Personally I had approximately 47 target species and we succeeded in observing all of these.

A few days before we birded the Durango Highway area, a flock of Thick-billed Parrots had been seen several times, in flight and perched along the Durango Highway, just outside Palmito.

We tried to see the species one afternoon but we failed to see it

I was also hoping to connect with Black-vented Shearwater on our pelagic out of Barra de Navidad but that did not happen either.

GETTING THERE – FLIGHT

We flew with KLM directly from Amsterdam to Mexico City.

For a return ticket we paid 1050 Euro.

Additionally we booked two domestic flights:

Mexico City – Mazatlan. with Aero Mexico

Guadalajara – Mexico City. with Viva.

For these flights we paid 200 Euro.

GETTING AROUND – CAR

Antonio drove us safely around for 14 days in his Jeep.

ACCOMMODATION

We/Antonio did not book anything in advance with the exception of the chalets at Chara Pinta.

Because of the terrible weather conditions and as a consequence the very bad state of the dirt road to the cabins we never went there.

Normally Antonio made a phonecall on the day before we arrived at our next destination to book rooms.

Prices varied between 600 and 900 pesos for a double room.

The exception was the cabin(s) at La Noria, where we had to pay 1400 Pesos for a cabin, so 2800 for two cabins.

We booked twice online accommodation at Mexico City.

FOOD & DRINKS

Food and drinks were cheap. For breakfast we bought sandwiches and coffee from the Oxxo shops, that were everywhere.

Sometimes we visited these shops also for lunch but mostly we had lunch and dinner at restaurants.

LANGUAGE

Antonio speaks perfect English.

WEATHER

When we arrived at Mazatlan we were in for a shock as it was cold and raining.

Normally the weather in February is dry, sunny and with pleasant temperatures but not when we arrived.

A storm front was going over Mexico and we had rain and fog during our first two days and it was cold mainly because we stayed at about 2000 meters altitude in the Palmito area along the Durango Highway.

This hampered our birding significantly during our first two days in the field.

Part of the first day was spent under 4 layers of blankets while it was raining heavily outside.

When we woke up the third day the weather had cleared and we had excellent weather and birding conditions during the rest of the trip.

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HEALTH & SAFETY

We did not have any health problems during our stay.

Despite the fact that narco trafficking and crime in general is a major problem in large areas of Mexico we did not experience any problems in this respect and we always felt safe during our trip.

BIRDING

Apart from the fact that we had an unfortunate start of our trip because of the unseasonal weather conditions, we had a great trip.

We all had different target species but we observed most of these.

Highlight was the observation of a large group of Eared Quetzals along the Durango Highway.

Probably 15 – 20 birds were present in this group. One after another flew over our heads across the road to the other side.

Another highlight was a group of 40+ Aztec Thrushes in a fruiting tree in the Volcan Nieve area.

Species we missed were White-naped Swift, Slaty Vireo at Volcan Fuego and Pine Flycatcher.

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- **Where to watch birds in Mexico** – Steve Howell

Trip reports:

- **Western Mexico December 2020** – Pritam Baruah
- **W & S Mexico December 2019/January 2020** – Marten Hornsveld
- **Sinaloa, Nayarit, Jalisco & Colima Feb-Mar 2019** – Dick Meijer & Peter van Scheepen
- **Western Mexico, Dec-Jan 2017-2018** – Rob Gordijn & Helen Rijkes

The reports of Marten Hornsveld and Rob Gordijn are very informative and as such these are a solid base to undertake an independent birding trip to this region.

APPS

- We used the Merlin app of Mexico frequently in the field.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Many thanks to Antonio Robles who worked very hard to get us our target species.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: 14 February

Frans and I took the train at 10.15 am from Eindhoven to Schiphol Airport.
At 2.30 pm we flew from Amsterdam to Mexico City where we arrived at 7.30 pm.
Getting through immigration took more than an hour. After collecting our luggage we changed some money and took our pre-arranged taxi to our hotel.
Night: Hotel Castropol, Mexico City.

Day 2: 15 February

At 7 am we took a taxi to the airport where at 10 am we flew from Mexico City to Mazatlan.
It was a two-hour flight but because of the time difference we arrived at 11 am.
Outside of the airport we met our driver/guide Antonio Robles and together we went to an ATM to get money.
Unfortunately the weather was terrible which was very unusual at this time of year. It was cold, windy and it rained from time to time.
We did some birding close to the beach of Playa Norte which gave us some gulls, terns and waders. We did see our first endemic, the **Sinaloa Crow**.
At 2 pm we ate something at an Oxxo shop and we decided to skip our birding session around Mazatlan and instead to drive straight to our next destination, the village of Palmito along the famous Durango Highway.
Just before we arrived at Palmito we made a short birding stop where to our surprise we quickly located some calling **Tufted Jays**. Our most important target species of this area already in the bag.
At 6 pm we arrived at our basic accommodation in Palmito where we had a four-person room.
After settling in we drove the short distance to a local house owned by local guide Santos, where his wife prepared a nice meal for us.
Night: Palmito guesthouse.

Day 3: 16 February

We had breakfast at Santos's house at 6.30 am. At 7 am we started to bird along the Durango Highway. Unfortunately the weather was terrible. A constant nasty drizzle together with a cold wind made our birding rather unpleasant.
Some notable species observed this morning include **Arizona Woodpecker, White-striped Woodcreeper, Spotted Wren, Greater Pewee, Blue-throated Hummingbird, Rufous-capped Brushfinch, Red-headed Tanager** and **Red-faced Warbler**.
In the course of the morning the rain increased and after our lunch at Santos's place we just crashed out under a couple of blankets.
At 3 pm we decided to drive to Puente Baluarte to try for **Five-striped Sparrow**. When we arrived it was still raining but after a while the rain ceased and we birded the area for an hour.
Despite these unfavourable weather conditions we did find a single **Five-striped Sparrow**.
We also succeeded in identifying a single **Black-capped Gnatcatcher** at this spot.
Other species observed at this location were a group of **Lark Sparrows, MacGillivray's Warbler** and at dusk a **Lesser Nighthawk** showed up.
We returned to Palmito in pouring rain. Originally we had booked the cabins at Chara Pinta for tonight but we decided to change our booking to the next day because of the weather conditions.
A fine meal at Santos 's place was had in the evening.
Night: Palmito guesthouse.

Day 4: 17 February

When we woke up it was cold but sunny.
After breakfast we birded a couple of hours along the Durango Highway just outside Palmito. A nice selection of warblers was observed like **Orange-crowned Warbler, Crescent-chested Warbler, Audubon's Warbler, Grace's Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Wilson's Warbler** and **Red Warbler**. **Arizona Woodpecker** gave fine views and **Bridled Titmouse** was observed in the same area.
Santos knew a stake-out for **Whiskered Screech Owl** and after a descent into a valley we had views of a pair of **Whiskered Screech Owl**, partly obscured in a pine tree.
In the same area we observed **Painted Whitestart** and a single **Grace's Warbler**.

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Durango Highway

We birded Barranca Rancho Libre in the afternoon while Antonio would drive up to the cabins of Chara Pinta with our luggage and the food and drinks we bought for our stay at the Chara Pinta cabins. We would meet Antonio at the top of the Barranca. During our walk through the Barranca we added the following species to our list: **Mountain Trogon, Black-and-white Warbler, another Painted Whitestart, Yellow-eyed Junco, Spotted Towhee, Rufous-capped Brushfinch** and **Green-striped Brushfinch**.



Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus*



Rufous-capped Brushfinch *Atlapetes pileatus*



Green-striped Brushfinch *Atlapetes virenticeps*

Pine Flycatcher was a target species for one of us but we could not find it.

Almost at the top we met Antonio and he told us that because of the terrible state of the dirt road leading up to the cabins, it was impossible to drive up there.

So we decided to spend another night in the guesthouse in Palmito.

In the late afternoon we drove together with Santos to a site where he had observed a flock of **Thick-billed Parrots**, perched and in flight last week. **Eared Quetzal** was also a possibility at this location.

When we reached the site we started to walk along the main road and it did not take long before we had exceptional views of a flock of **Tufted Jays**, which were very cooperative.

At one time Antonio heard an **Eared Quetzal** and then something completely unexpected happened.

One after another **Eared Quetzal** crossed the road and landed at the other side of the road.

In the end we estimated that the flock contained between 15 to 20 individuals. Amazing.



Eared Quetzal *Euptilotis neoxenus* (photo: Wiel Poelmans)

We stayed in the area for another hour, hoping to observe a flight of **Thick-billed Parrots** on the way to their night roost but that did not happen.

Night: Palmito guesthouse.

Day 5: 18 February

We left Palmito at 6.30 am and at 07.30 am we arrived at the start of the Panuco road.

Beautiful sunny weather and we had a very nice birding session along the first stretch of this road until noon.

We had astonishing views of perched **Military Macaws** and fine views of the gorgeous **Black-throated Magpie-Jay**. Other species seen this morning included **Zone-tailed Hawk**, **Laughing Falcon**, very vocal **Rufous-bellied Chachalacas**, **Red-billed Pigeon**, **Orange-fronted Parakeet**, **Mexican Parrotlet**, the subspecies *mexicanus* of **Squirrel Cuckoo**, unsatisfying brief views of a male **Golden-crowned Emerald**, **Broad-billed Hummingbird**, **Berylline Hummingbird**, **Citreoline Trogon**,

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Elegant Trogon subspecies *ambiguus*, **Golden-cheeked Woodpecker**, **Pale-billed Woodpecker**, **Greater Pewee**, **Western Flycatcher**, a single **Nutting's Flycatcher**, **Thick-billed Kingbird**, **Happy Wren**, **Sinaloa Wren**, **Blue Mockingbirds**, **Rusty-crowned Sparrow Lark**, **Yellow Grosbeak**, **Cinnamon-bellied Saltator**, **Western Tanager**, **West Mexican Euphonia**, **Audubon's Warbler**, **Black-throated Grey Warbler**, **Wilson's Warbler**, **Fan-tailed Warbler**, a fine **Black-capped Vireo**, **Golden Vireo**, a single **Plumbeous Vireo**, **Yellow-breasted Chat**, **Hooded Oriole** and **Orchard Oriole**.



Military Macaw *Ara militaris*



Black-throated Magpie Jay *Calocitta colliei*



Black-capped Vireo *Vireo atricapillus*

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West Mexican Euphonia *Euphonia godmani*

This morning gave us a real boost to our list of observations.

We left Panuco Raod and drove to Concordia where we had lunch.

We left Concordia at 2 pm and after a three hour drive we arrived at San Blas.

We made a short stop just before San Blas where we had good and close views of some **Sora's** along the edge of the lake.

Antonio's mother owns a small, nice guesthouse in San Blas and we decided to stay at this place for the next three nights.

Night: La Casa del Pelicano, San Blas.

Day 6: 19 February

From 6.30 untill 10 am we birded the Singayta track, close to San Blas.

As soon as we arrived we observed a couple of **Black-vented Orioles** in the palm trees at the start of the track. Antonio noticed the call of **Purplish-backed Jay** nearby and it did not take long before we found a single **Purplish-backed Jay**. It turned out that this was only observation of this species during our trip. Because of the obvious yellow bill it was a juvenile bird.

We continued along this track and we started scanning for our next target, **Elegant Quail**.

We obtained excellent views of several birds, walking completely in the open on the meadows along this road.



Elegant Quail *Callipepla douglasii*

Other species seen were **Laughing Falcon, White-fronted Parrot, Cinnamon Hummingbird, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Citreoline Trogon, Western Flycatcher, Rose-throated Becard, Rufous-backed Thrush, Summer Tanager, Western Tanager, Fan-tailed Warbler, Bell's Vireo, Streak-backed Oriole** and **Hooded Oriole**.

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Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans*

Afterwards we visited another nearby track where we searched for **Flammulated Flycatcher** and **Red-breasted Chat** but we failed to find these species.

Antonio drove to a mangrove area which is a reliable site for **Ridgway's Rail**.

At this site we had fantastic and close views of the rail. Several **Black Hawks** performed brilliantly and some fishponds gave a small selection of waterbirds including a fine drake **Redhead**.



Ridgway's Rail *Rallus obsoletus*

We had lunch at a fish restaurant on the beach.

Stripe-headed Sparrows showed nicely in some bushes and on the estuary we had some wintering **Surf Scoters** in the scope.

Our lunch was interrupted as we heard a **Gila Woodpecker** call nearby and soon we had fine views of a pair of this woodpecker species.

In the afternoon we started to bird along the Chacalilla Road and later the Matanchen area.

We were particularly keen in locating the **Chihuahuan Meadowlark** which we found after some effort.

Our main target in the Matanchen area was **White-throated Flycatcher** but we only found some **Willow Flycatchers**. In the marsh we observed a selection of herons, ibisses and other waterbirds.

A **Ferruginous Owl** gave close views in broad daylight.

Late afternoon we tried several ATM's to get cash and only at the third attempt we succeeded in this.

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Chihuahuan Meadowlark *Sturnella lillianae*

Day 7: 20 February

In the early morning we birded the Abajada trail near San Blas until 11 am.

Our main target was the **Mexican Hermit**.

We birded the track uphill and after a short walk we located a lek of some 5 to 6 **Mexican Hermits**. The birds were very flighty and it took some time before we had good views of perched birds.

A distant soaring **Black Hawk Eagle** was noticed and other species observed this morning included **Crested Guan**, fine views of a calling **Colima Pygmy Owl**, a pair of **Grey-crowned Woodpeckers**, **Rose-throated Becard**, **Swainson's Thrush** and **Flame-colored Tanager**,

We continued birding briefly in the Matanchen area until 12.30, where we finally located two **White-throated Flycatchers**.

In the afternoon Antonio had to fix a tyre while we had a rest at our hostel.

From 5 to 7 we made the so-called Tovar boat trip. This did not yield any new birds for us but was nevertheless a nice birding experience. We observed many heron species, some kingfishers, several **Rufous-bellied Chachalacas** and a single **Cooper's Hawk**.

Night: La Casa del Pelicano, San Blas.



La Tovar boat trip

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Rufous-bellied Chachalaca *Ortalis wagleri*

Day 8: 21 February

At 6 am we left San Blas for our one hour drive to La Noria, Cerro de San Juan. We birded a full morning along the main track just passed the area of the cabins.



Cabins at La Noria, Cerro de San Juan

We finally succeeded in observing several times a female **Bumblebee Hummingbird** at some flower banks. In the same area **Mexican Woodnymph** gave great views.



Mexican Woodnymph *Thalurania ridgwayi*

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Grey-collared Becard was only briefly heard and seen and other species observed during the morning were **Red-tailed Hawk**, **Calliope Hummingbird** and **Olivaceous Woodcreeper**.

At noon we drove to Tepic where we had lunch and after lunch we first paid a short visit to a canal where we quickly located **Mexican Duck**, **Blue-winged Teal** and a single male **Green-winged Teal**.

Next locality was the ecological park in Tepic which is a reliable site for **Aztec Rail**. We initially struggled to find the rail but finally we had brief but good views of a skulking bird. A rather big rail.

We drove back to La Noria and birded late afternoon along the entrance track near the cabins.

On our way back we made a stop at a site where Antonio knew that Golden-crowned Emerald was observed recently. Within minutes we had excellent views of a male **Golden-crowned Emerald**.

At dusk we tried for nightjars and owls.

We had absolutely fabulous views of an **Eared Poorwill** on the track but **Mexican Whip-Poorwill** was only heard.



Eared Poorwill *Nyctiphrynus mcleodii*

When checking for **Mexican Whip-Poorwill** along the track behind our cabins, which goes uphill, Antonio suddenly decided to walk further up to try for **Cinereous Owl**. After a 40-minute walk we arrived at the area where the species is regularly heard and seen.

But not this night. **Stygian Owl** was heard but not seen.

We slowly walked back to our cabins where we ate some food we had brought with us before we went to bed. We decided to give the owl another try very early in the morning the next day.

Night: Cabins at La Noria.

Day 9: 22 February

At 4 am we walked back up the trail behind our cabins. But to no avail. We got no responses from **Cinereous Owl**. It was getting light and we had already started to walk down when suddenly a **Cinereous Owl** called nearby.

We quickly went back up and had fantastic views of a **Cinereous Owl**.



Cinereous Owl *Strix sartorii*

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After breakfast we birded the same area as yesterday morning but that yielded nothing new.

Singing Quail was heard and we tried for a while to obtain views but without result.

At 10 am we left the area and drove to Ciudad Guzman.

Antonio had info about a site, which was only a slight detour from our route, where recently **Striped Sparrow** was discovered.

As soon as we arrived at the spot, Laguna Zaquipan, we had fine views of several birds.

We continued to Ciudad Guzman where we arrived at 6.30 pm.

Night: Hotel Reforma, Ciudad Guzman



Striped Sparrow *Oriturus superciliosus*

Day 10: 23 February

At 6 am we drove to Volcan de Nieve where we started to bird along the road up to the volcano. Normally this road is very quiet and according to Antonio you encounter only a few cars during the day along this dirt road.

But not today. Many, mostly big SUV's, were driving up the road today. Apparently the storm we encountered during the first days of our trip had brought fresh snow to the mountain which resulted in the fact that the Volcan de Nieve was really covered in snow. And today was a beautiful sunny day with great blue skies and so many people drove up the road to see the snow-covered peak in glorious sunshine



View of Volcan de Nieve

Despite the disturbance caused by the many passing cars we saw some good species along the road. We were hoping to find **Long-tailed Wood Partridge** along the road but because of the traffic that was a mission impossible.

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So we decided to go off road towards a scrubby patch where the species was calling loudly. We came very close but the species refused to show itself in response to playback. So I decided to go in to try to see the birds on the ground and if I flushed them the others would at least have a chance to see them in flight.

I scrambled slowly into the bushes and eventually had one bird in view. Meanwhile Antonio approached the patch from the other side and had two birds. In the end one bird was flushed but only Frans had satisfying views of that bird in flight.

A real highlight this morning was the discovery of a large flock of **Aztec Trushes** visiting a fruiting tree. We had great views of this species although the birds mostly stayed high up in the canopy.

Late morning we heard **Chestnut-sided Shrike Vireo** and finally we had close views of this gorgeous species along the track.

Other species encountered this morning included **Mexican Violetear, Mountain Trogon, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Grey Silky-Flycatcher, Grey-barred Wren, Russet Nightingale Thrush, Mexican Chickadee, Collared Towee, Green-striped Brushfinch, Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer** and **Slate-throated Whitestart**.

At 2 pm we drove down the mountain and had luck along the road.

In the afternoon we birded the lower reaches of Volcan de Fuego. This area was very birdy and we saw a nice selection of mostly common species but highlight was the covey of **Banded Quails** we discovered in a field just next to the track.

Spotted Wren showed nicely and other notable species include **Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Broad-billed Hummingbird, Citreoline Trogon, Happy Wren**, our first **Cinnamon-rumped Seedeaters, Rusty Sparrow** and a fine **Lucy's Warbler**.

At dusk we tried for **Mexican Whip Poorwill** and after some effort we had one in the spotlight but rather distantly.

At 8 pm we left and drove back to Ciudad Guzman.

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Banded Quail *Philortyx fasciatus*



Spotted Wren *Campylorhynchus gularis*

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Day 11: 24 February

At 6 am we drove to the Volcan de Fuego area where we birded along the road going up the mountain until 1 pm.

Several times we had excellent views of a small group of **Transvolcanic Jays**.



Transvolcanic Jay *Aphelocoma ulytamarina*

Another target species encountered this morning was **Dwarf Vireo** but we failed to find **Slaty Vireo**. Other species recorded this morning include **West Mexican Chachalaca**, a flock of **White-throated Swifts**, **Olive Warbler** and **Grey-barred Wren**



White-throated Swift *Aeronautes saxatalis*

At 2 pm we left for our drive to Colima.

After checking in at our hotel we drove to La Cumbre.

We birded along the dirt road going up to the antennas from 4.30 until 9 pm.

It did not take long before we had excellent views of **Orange-breasted Bunting** and **Black-chested Sparrow**, both Mexican endemics.

After dark we tried for **Balsas Screech Owl** and **Buff-collared Nightjar** along this dirt road.

We had only limited time to find these species as at 9 pm they close the gate at the start of the track.

While driving down the mountain we observed twice briefly a **Buff-collared Nightjar** along the track and just before 9 we finally had exceptional fine views of a **Balsas Screech Owl** in the spotlight.

Colima Pygmy Owl was only heard.

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Black-chested Sparrow *Aimophila humeralis*



Orange-breasted Bunting *Passerina leclancherii*



Balsas Screech-Owl *Otus seductus*

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Day 12: 25 February

We left Colima at 6 am and arrived at Laguna La Maria at 7 am.

The area just before the laguna is a reliable site for **Lilac-crowned Amazon**, a species which is getting harder to observe lately in West Mexico.

The whole area was actually rather birdy with warblers, larks and finches.

During our birding session we had very good views of **Lilac-crowned Amazons** passing by several times at close range.



Lilac-crowned Amazon *Amazona finschi*

Other notable species encountered were **Mexican Parrotlet, Plain-capped Starthroat, Ivory-billed Woodcreeper, Buff-breasted Flycatcher, Curve-billed Thrasher, Collared Forest Falcon, White-throated Thrush, Virginia's Warbler, Black-capped Vireo, American Bushtit, Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrow** and **Cinnamon-rumped Seed eater**.



Mexican Parrotlet *Forpus cyanopygius*

At 11.30 am we left the area and drove straight to Barra de Navidad with a lunch break at Manzanillo.

From 5.30 to 7 pm we birded a site close to Barra de Navidad which is reliable for **Red-breasted Chat**.

We were successful in locating a pair of this beautiful species.

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Plain-capped Starthroat *Heliomaster constantii*



Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater *Sporophila torqueola*



Varied Bunting *Passerina versicolor*

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Day 13: 26 February

We left at 6 am and arrived at the start of de Playa de Oro Road at 7 am.

We birded two hours along this road. Our targets were **Flammulated Flycatcher** and **San Blas Jay**. The flycatcher gave fine views but we failed to find the jay.



Playa de Oro Road



Flammulated Flycatcher *Myiarchus flammulatum*



Flammulated Flycatcher *Myiarchus flammulatum*

Other species observed along this road include **West Mexican Chachalaca**, **Hook-billed Kite**, **Golden-crowned Emerald**, **Lilac-crowned Amazon** and at the end of the track near the beach we heard **Lesser Ground Cuckoo** which we had all seen before.

Antonio decided to check another road for the San Blas Jay. So we birded along the so-called Aeropuerto Playa de Oro Road and finally observed a small flock of **San Blas Jay's** along this road.

Early afternoon we drove back to Barra de Navidad and we just did some casual birding in the harbour area of Barra de Navidad.

Night: Hotel Delfin, Barra de Navidad.

Day 14: 27 February

At 6.30 am we walked the short distance to the harbour and boarded our small boat for our pelagic trip out of Barra de Navidad.

Unfortunately we had overcast weather conditions and the sea was rather choppy which made photographing seabirds from our small boat rather challenging.

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Our main targets **Black Storm Petrel** and **Least Storm Petrel** showed nicely but the hoped for **Black-vented Shearwater** was not encountered.

An adult **Sabine's Gull** was nice and other species encountered were **Red-billed Tropicbird**, **Red Phalarope** and **Brown Booby** of the interesting subspecies *brewsteri*

After five hours we arrived back at the harbour around noon.



Black Storm Petrel *Oceanodroma melania*



Least Storm Petrel *Oceanodroma microsoma*



Black and Least Storm Petrel

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After lunch we drove again to Ciudad Guzman as most of our remaining targets could be found in the Volcan de Nieve area.

Night: Hotel Reforma, Ciudad Guzman.

Day 15: 28 February

Our last full day in the field.

At 6 am we drove up the mountain of Volcan de Nieve.

Within 30 minutes we observed both **Rufous-capped Warbler** as well as **Golden-browed Warbler**. We spent quite a bit of time enticing the calling **Long-tailed Woodpartridges** into view but in the end we failed.

Around noon we continued towards Guadalajara.

We drove a while along the shore of the large Lake Chapala and made a birding stop late afternoon at Laguna de Cajititlan.

We had a nice final birding session along the shores and the immediate surroundings of this lake.

Ring-billed Gull was common and we observed some waterbirds and herons and a large flock of **American White Pelicans**.

Best species was Black-backed Oriole.



American White Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*

Early evening Antonio dropped us at a hotel close to the airport of Guadalajara.

We said goodbye to Antonio and we thanked him for a succesfull and really enjoyable trip.

Night: hotel Bugari Aeropuerto, Guadalajara.

Day 16: 29 February

We took a taxi to the airport and at 10 am we flew to Mexico City where we arrived at 11 am.

We took a taxi to nearby hostel Casa del Arbol where we just chilled for the rest of the day.

At 5 pm we walked to the airport and at 9.30 pm we flew with KLM to Amsterdam where we arrived the next day.

Day 17: 01 March

Arrived at Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam at 3 pm.

Took the train back home.

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SHORT ITINERARY

- 14-02: Flight Amsterdam – Mexico City.
- 15-02: Flight Mexico City – Mazatlan. Birding Playa Norte and drive to Palmito along the Durango Highway.
- 16-02: Palmito and the Durango Highway. Drive to Puente Baluarte.
- 17-02: Durango Highway and walk through Barranca Rancho Libre.
- 18-02: Panuco Road in the morning. Drive to San Blas.
- 19-02: San Blas area : Singayta Track, Chacalilla Road and Matanchen area.
- 20-02: San Blas area: Abajada Trail, Matanchen area and Tovara boat trip.
- 21-02: Drive to La Noria. La Noria area all day and evening for owling. Midday visit to Tepic.
- 22-02: Early Morning La Noria. Drive to Ciudad Guzman. Stop for Striped Sparrow at Laguna Zaquipan.
- 23-02: Morning at Volcan Nieve area and afternoon Volcan Fuego area.
- 24-02: Morning at Volcan Fuego area. Drive to Colima. Late afternoon and early evening at La Cumbre, Colima area.
- 25-02: Morning at Laguna La Maria. Drive to Barra de Navidad. Red-breasted Chat site near Barra de Navidad.
- 26-02: All morning along the Playa de Oro Road. Afternoon at Barra de Navidad, harbour area.
- 27-02: Pelagic out of Barra de Navidad in the morning. Afternoon drive to Ciudad Guzman.
- 28-02: All morning at Volcan de Nieve. Drive to Guadalajara with stop at Laguna Cajititlan.
- 29-02: Morning flight Guadalajara – Mexico City and early evening flight Mexico City – Amsterdam
- 01-03: Arrival at Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF OBSERVATIONS

Taxonomy of this list follows the latest update of the IOC World Bird List – 2024

- 1. Black-bellied Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis fulgens*
19-02: 20+ Matanchen area, San Blas.
- 2. Cinnamon Teal** *Spatula cyanoptera septentrionalium*
15-02: A pair near Mazatlan.
19-02: Two males near San Blas.
- 3. Blue-winged Teal** *Spatula discors*
Observed on seven dates.
- 4. Northern Shoveler** *Spatula clypeata*
19-02: Three Matanchen area, San Blas.
22-02: 10 near San Blas.
26-02: Two Playa de Oro Road.
- 5. Gadwall** *Mareca strepera nominate*
19-02: Four Matanchen area near San Blas.
- 6. American Wigeon** *Mareca americana*
19-02: A male Matanchen Area, San Blas.
- 7. Mexican Duck** *Anas diazi*
21-02: 10 at canal, Tepic. and 15 at Ecological Park, Tepic.
22-02: 10 at site for Striped Sparrow, Laguna Zaquipan.
- 8. Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta*
15-02: A male near Mazatlan.
- 9. Green-winged Teal** *Anas carolinensis*
21-02: A male at canal, Tepic.
- 10. Redhead** *Aythya americana*
19-02: A male at fishpond near San Blas.
- 11. Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis*
15-02: 20 near Mazatlan.
19-02: 100+ at fishpond near San Blas.
- 12. Surf Scoter** *Melanitta perspicillata*
19-02: Two at estuary near San Blas.
- 13. Ruddy Duck** *Oxyura jamaicensis*
19-02: A single bird at fishpond, San Blas.
- 14. Muscovy Duck**
19-02: Four birds Singayta Track, San Blas.
20-02: Two birds Matanchen area, San Blas.
- 15. Rufous-bellied Chachalaca** *Ortalis wagleri* **endemic**
18-02: 10+ along the Panuco Raod.
19-02: Commonly heard and seen along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
20-02: 10+ during the La Tovar boat trip.
- 16. West Mexican Chachalaca** *Ortalis poliocephala* **endemic**
24-02: 10+ Volcan Fuego area.
25-02: Common Laguna La Maria area.
26-02: Heard and seen along the Playa de Oro Raod.
- 17. Crested Guan** *Penelope purpurascens nominate*
20-02: Two birds along the Abajada Trail.
- 18. Long-tailed Wood Partridge** *Dendrortyx macroura diversus* **endemic**
23-02: Heard and two seen Volcan Nieve Road.
24-02: Heard along the Volcan Fuego road..
28-02: Heard along the Volcan Nieve Road.
- 19. Elegant Quail** *Callipepla douglasii impedita* **endemic**
19-02: Eight birds along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
- 20. Banded Quail** *Philortyx fasciatus* **endemic**
23-02: 20+ in a field, lower area of Volcan Fuego.
- 21. Singing Quail** *Dactylortyx thoracicus*
22-02: Heard in the La Noria area, Cerro de San Juan.
- 22. Lesser Nighthawk** *Chordeiles acutipennis*
16-02: A single bird at dusk at Puente Baluarte.

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- 19-02: A single bird near San Blas.
- 23. Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis yucatanensis*
19-02: A single bird before dawn when driving to the Singayta Track, San Blas.
26-02: Two birds near Barra de Navidad.
- 24. Eared Poorwill** *Nyctiphrynus mcleodii nominata* **endemic**
21-02: Heard and great views of a single bird on the main track close to La Noria, Cerro de San Juan.
- 25. Buff-collared Nightjar** *Antristomus ridgwayi nominata*
24-02: Twice a single bird seen at La Cumbre, Colima.
- 26. Mexican Whip-poor-will** *Antristomus arizonae nominata*
Heard on two dates near La Noria, Cerro de San Juan.
23-02: Heard and a single bird seen along the road up to Volcan de Fuego.
- 27. White-throated Swift** *Aeronautes saxatalis nominata*
24-02: A flock of 10 birds in the Volcan de Fuego area.
- 28. Mexican Hermit** *Phaethornis mexicanus griseoventer* **endemic**
20-02: Five to six birds at a known lek along the Bajada Trail.
22-02: A single bird at Cerro de San Juan. (WP only)
- 29. Mexican Violetear** *Colibri thalassinus*
23-02: Four birds along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
28-02: Two birds along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
- 30. Rivoli's Hummingbird** *Eugenes fulgens*
17-02: A single bird along the Durango Highway.
21-02: A single bird at La Noria, Cerro de San Juan.
- 31. Plain-capped Starthroat** *Heliomaster constantii leocadiae*
25-02: A single bird at Laguna La Maria.
26-02: A single bird along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 32. Blue-throated Mountaingem** *Lampornis clemenciae bessophilus*
A total of five birds on two dates in the Durango Highway area.
- 33. Amethyst-throated Mountaingem** *Lampornis amethystinus nominata*
28-02: A single bird along the road to Volcan de Nieve.
- 34. Ruby-throated Hummingbird** *Archilochus colubris*
26-02: A female along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 35. Black-chinned Hummingbird** *Archilochus alexandri*
19-02: Two birds along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
25-02: A single bird at Laguna La Maria.
- 36. Calliope Hummingbird** *Selasphorus calliope*
21-02: A single bird at La Noria, Cerro de San Juan.
- 37. Rufous Hummingbird** *Selasphorus rufus*
17-02: Two birds near La Palmito, Durango Highway area.
- 38. Broad-tailed Hummingbird** *Selasphorus platycercus*
21-02: Three birds at La Noria, Cerro de San Juan.
22-02: A single bird at La Noria.
23-02: A single bird along the road to Volcan de Nieve.
28-02: Two birds along the road to Volcan de Nieve.
- 39. Bumblebee Hummingbird** *Selasphorus heloisa* **endemic**
21-02: Two female type birds at La Noria, Cerro de San Juan. No males unfortunately.
- 40. Broad-billed Hummingbird** *Cynanthus latirostris magicus*
18-02: Two birds along the Panuco Road.
23-02: Two birds lower area of Volcan de Fuego.
- 41. Golden-crowned Emerald** *Cynanthus auriceps* **endemic**
18-02: Brief views of a male along the Panuco Road.
21-02: Great views of a very cooperative male near La Noria, Cerro de San Juan.
26-02: A male along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 42. White-eared Hummingbird** *Basilinna leucotis nominata*
A total of nine birds on three dates Durango Highway area.
21-02: Three birds at La Noria, Cerro de San Juan.
22-02: Two birds in the same area.
23-02: Four birds along the road to Volvan de Nieve.
28-02: Two birds along the road to Volcan de Nieve.

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- 43. Mexican Woodnymph** *Eupherusa ridgwayi* **endemic**
21-02: Three birds Cerro de San Juan.
- 44. Berylline Hummingbird** *Saucerottia beryllina viola*
18-02: Two birds along the Panuco Road.
Single birds on two dates at La Noria, Cerro de San Juan.
25-02: Three birds at Laguna La Maria.
- 45. Cinnamon Hummingbird** *Amazilia rutila nominate*
19/20-02: Up to two birds daily in the San Blas area.
23-02: A single bird lower area, Volcan de Fuego.
26-02: Three birds along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 46. Groove-billed Ani** *Crotophaga sulcirostris*
Observed on nine dates.
- 47. Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cajana mexicana*
18-02: A single bird along the Panuco Road.
20-02: A single bird Matanchen Area, San Blas.
- 48. Lesser Ground Cuckoo** *Morococcyx erythropygus mexicanus*
26-02: Heard along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 49. Band-tailed Pigeon** *Columba fasciata nominate*
23 and 28-02: A few in flight along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
- 50. Red-billed Pigeon** *Columba flavirostris restricta*
51. 18-02: 10 along the Panuco Road.
- 52. Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*
Observed.
- 53. Inca Dove** *Columbina inca*
Observed on seven dates.
- 54. Common Ground-Dove** *Columbina passerina nominate*
Observed on five dates.
- 55. Ruddy Ground-Dove** *Columbina talpacoti eluta*
20-02: Heard along the Abajada Trail.
- 56. White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi angelica*
Observed on eight dates.
- 57. Mourning Dove** *Zenaida macroura marginella*
24-02: A single bird at La Cumbre, Colima.
25-02: 20 Laguna La Maria area.
- 58. White-winged Dove** *Zenaida aurita mearnsi*
Observed on five dates.
- 59. Ridgway's Rail** *Rallus obsoletus yumanensis*
19-02: Excellent views of two birds in the mangroves near San Blas.
- 60. Aztec Rail** *Rallus tenuirostris* **endemic**
21-02: Brief views of a single bird in Parque ecologico, Tepic.
- 61. Sora** *Porzana carolina*
18-02: A single bird at a lake near San Blas.
21-02: A single bird at Parque Ecologico, Tepic.
- 62. Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata cachinnans*
18-02: Two birds at a lake near San Blas.
A total of six birds on two dates in the marshy Matanchen area, San Blas.
- 63. American Coot** *Fulica americana nominate*
Observed on five dates.
- 64. Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinica*
19-02: A single bird in the Matanchen area, San Blas.
- 65. Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna*
19-02: Two birds in the Matanchen area, San Blas.
- 66. Least Grebe** *Tachybaptus dominicus bangsi*
19-02: A single bird in the Matanchen area, San Blas.
- 67. American Oystercatcher** *Haematopus palliatus nominate*
15-02: A single bird near Mazatlan.
19-02: A single bird at the estuary near San Blas.
28-02: Two birds at Laguna de Cajititlan.

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- 68. Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus nominata*
Observed on seven dates.
- 69. American Avoset** *Recurvirostra americana*
19-02: 20+ in the Chacalilla area, San Blas.
- 70. Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus nominata*
15-02: A single bird near Mazatlan.
- 71. Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus*
15-02: Three birds near Mazatlan.
- 72. Northern Jacana** *Jacana spinosa*
15-02: A single bird near Mazatlan.
19/20-02: 10+ Matanchen area, San Blas.
26-02: 10 at marsh along Aeropuerto Road Playa de Oro.
- 73. Hudsonian Whimbrel** *Numenius hudsonicus*
27-02: A single bird in the harbour of Barra de Navidad.
- 74. Marbled Godwit** *Limosa fedoa nominata*
27-02: 20+ at the harbour of Barra de Navidad.
- 75. Long-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus scolopaceus*
15-02: 10 near Mazatlan.
19-02: 30 mangroves near San Blas.
- 76. Red Phalarope** *Phalaropus fulicarius*
27-02: 10+ on the pelagic out of Barra de Navidad.
- 77. Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*
15-02: A single bird near Mazatlan.
19-02: A single bird mangroves near San Blas
21-02: Two birds along canal in Tepic.
26-02: A single bird near Playa de Oro.
28-02: Two birds at Laguna Gajititlan.
- 78. Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria*
26-02: A single bird at marshy area along the Aeropuerto Road Playa de Oro.
- 79. Willet** *Tringa semipalmata*
15-02: Four near Mazatlan.
19-02: Two at mangroves near San Blas.
27-02: A single bird in the harbour of Barra de Navidad.
- 80. Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca*
15-02: A single bird near Mazatlan.
19-02: Four birds in the mangroves near San Blas.
- 81. Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes*
19-02: Two birds in the mangroves near San Blas.
- 82. Sanderling** *Calidris alba rubida*
19-02: Four birds along the beach in the estuary near San Blas.
- 83. Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla*
15-02: Six birds near Mazatlan.
19-02: Four birds mangroves near San Blas.
- 84. Semipalmated Sandpiper** *Calidris pusilla*
15-02: Four near Mazatlan.
- 85. Black Skimmer** *Rynchops niger nominata*
15-02: Four on the beach near Mazatlan.
27-02: 40 in the harbour of Barra de Navidad.
- 86. Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia*
15-02: Two on the beach near Mazatlan.
26-02: Two on the beach at the end of the Playa de Oro Road.
- 87. Forster's Tern** *Sterna forsteri*
15-02: Two on the beach near Mazatlan.
- 88. Elegant Tern** *Thalasseus elegans*
15-02: Four on the beach near Mazatlan.
- 89. Royal Tern** *Thalasseus maximus*
15-02: 10 on the beach near Mazatlan.
19-02: Two birds estuary near San Blas.
26/27-02: 10+ in the harbour of Barra de Navidad.

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- 90. Sabine's Gull** *Xema sabini*
27-02: Two birds during our pelagic out of Barra de Navidad.
- 91. Laughing Gull** *Leucophaeus atricilla megalopterus*
16-02: 10 at the beach near Mazatlan.
19-02: Common near San Blas.
26-02/27-02: 10 in the harbour of Barra de Navidad.
- 92. Heermann's Gull** *Larus heermanni*
15-02: Five at the beach near Mazatlan.
Common on two dates around Barra de Navidad.
- 93. Ring-billed Gull** *Larus delawarensis*
15-02: Four at the beach near Mazatlan.
28-02: 10+ at lake Cajititlan.
- 94. California Gull** *Larus californicus nominate*
15-02: Five at the beach near Mazatlan.
26/27-02: A few present in the harbour of Barra de Navidad.
- 95. Red-billed Tropicbird** *Phaethon aethereus mesonauta*
27-02: Two birds during our pelagic out of Barra de Navidad.
- 96. Black Storm Petrel** *Hydrobates melania*
27-02: Eight to ten birds during our pelagic out of Barra de Navidad.
- 97. Least Storm Petrel** *Hydrobates microsoma*
27-02: 20+ during our pelagic out of Barra de Navidad.
- 98. Woodstork** *Mycteria americana*
15-02: Three birds on transit near Mazatlan.
Daily observed in the San Blas area.
- 99. Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens rothschildi*
Regularly seen along the coast.
- 100. Blue-footed Booby** *Sula nebouxii nominate*
19-02: A single bird estuary near San Blas.
- 101. Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster brewsteri*
27-02: 10 during our pelagic out of Barra de Navidad.
- 102. Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga*
20-02: Four birds during the La Tovar boat trip.
- 103. Neotropic Cormorant** *Nannopterum brasilianum mexicanum*
Observed on five dates.
- 104. American White Ibis** *Eudocimus albus nominate*
19/20-02: 30+ Matanchen area, San Blas.
- 105. White-faced Ibis** *Plegadis chihi*
19/20-02: 10+ Matanchen area, San Blas.
26-02: 10 at marshy area along the Aeropuerto Road Playa de Oro.
- 106. Bare-throated Tiger Heron** *Tigrisoma mexicanum*
19-02: A single bird in mangroves near San Blas.
20-02: Four birds during the La Tovar boat trip.
- 107. Boat-billed Heron** *Cochlearius cochlearius zeledoni*
19-02: A single bird in mangroves near San Blas.
20-02: 10+ during the La Tovar boat trip.
- 108. Yellow-crowned Night Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea bancrofti*
19-02: Two birds in the mangroves near San Blas.
20-02: 10+ during the La Tovar boat trip.
- 109. Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax hoactii*
A total of 17 on three dates in the San Blas area.
20-02: 20 during the La Tovar boat trip.
28-02: 10 at Laguna Cajititlan.
- 110. Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea*
15-02: A single bird near Mazatlan.
A total of five birds on three dates in the San Blas area.
26-02: Three birds along the Aeropuerto Road Playa de Oro.
- 111. Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor ruficollis*
15-02: A single bird near Mazatlan.
A total of six birds on three dates in the San Blas area.

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- 112. Reddish Egret** *Egretta rufescens*
27-02: A single bird Barra de Navidad harbour.
- 113. Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula brewsteri*
Observed.
- 114. Green Heron** *Butorides virescens frazari*
19/20-02: Three birds Matanchen area, San Blas.
20-02: 10+ during the La Tovara boat trip.
26-02: Two at marshy area along the Aeropuerto Road Playa de Oro.
- 115. Western Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*
Observed on eight dates.
- 116. Great Egret** *Ardea alba*
15-02: Four near Mazatlan.
Common around San Blas on three dates.
26-02: A few near Barra de Navidad.
28-02: 10 at laguna Cajititlan.
- 117. Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias wardi*
19-02: Two birds mangroves near San Blas.
20-02: Five birds during the La Tovara boat trip.
28-02: Three birds at laguna Cajititlan.
- 118. American White Pelican** *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*
19-02: Observed along the coast at San Blas.
26/27-02: Observed along the coast at Barra de Navidad.
28-02: 50+ laguna Cajititlan.
- 119. Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis californicus*
Observed along the coast on five dates at Mazatlan, San Blas and Barra de Navidad.
- 120. Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*
Observed.
- 121. Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura nominate*
Observed.
- 122. Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus carolinensis*
26-02: A single bird near Barra de Navidad.
- 123. White-tailed Kite** *Elanus leucurus majusculus*
19-02: A single bird Chacalilla Road, San Blas area.
- 124. Hook-billed Kite** *Chondrohierax uncinatus*
26-02: Excellent views of two birds along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 125. Black Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus tyrannus serus*
20-02: A single bird along the Abajada Trail.
- 126. Cooper's Hawk** *Accipiter cooperii*
17-02: A single bird near Palmito.
20-02: A single bird La Tovara boat trip.
- 127. Northern Harrier** *Circus hudsonicus*
19-02: A single bird Chacalilla Road, San Blas.
- 128. Crane Hawk** *Geranospiza caerulescens nigra*
19-02: Two birds near San Blas.
- 129. Common Black Hawk** *Buteogallus anthracinus nominate*
19-02: At least seven birds in the mangrove area, San Blas.
- 130. Roadside Hawk** *Buteo magnirostris griseocauda*
15-02: A single bird on transit.
- 131. Harris's Hawk** *Patabuteo unicinctus*
19-02: A single bird Matanchen area, San Blas.
- 132. Grey Hawk** *Buteo plagiatus*
Recorded on seven dates.
- 133. Broad-winged Hawk** *Buteo*
21-02: A single bird near Tepic.
- 134. Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus fuliginosus*
19-02: Two birds along the Chacalilla Road, San Blas.
21-02: A single bird Cerro de San Juan.
25-04: Four birds at Laguna La Maria.

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- 135. Zone-tailed Hawk** *Buteo albonotatus*
18-02: A single bird along the Panuco Road.
- 136. Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis hadropus*
15-02: A single bird near Palmito.
21-02: A single bird at Cerro de San Juan.
- 137. Mountain Pygmy Owl** *Glaucidium gnoma*
22-02: Heard at La Noria.
- 138. Colima Pygmy Owl** *Glaucidium palmarum* **endemic**
18-02: Heard along the Panuco Road.
20-02: Two different birds seen along the Abajada Trail.
21/22-02: Heard in the La Noria area.
24-02: Heard along the road to La Cumbre, Colima.
- 139. Ferruginous Pygmy Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*
19-02: A single bird seen in the Matanchen area, San Blas.
- 140. Stygian Owl** *Asio stygius lambi*
21-02: Heard at La Noria, Cerro de San Juan.
- 141. Great Horned Owl** *Bubo virginianus pallescens*
21-02: Heard at La Noria, Cerro de San Juan.
- 142. Whiskered Screech Owl** *Megascops trichopsis nominate*
17-02: Nice views of a pair near Palmito.
- 143. Balsas Screech Owl** *Megascops seductus* **endemic**
24-02: Excellent views of one along the road to La Cumbre, Colima.
- 144. Cinereous Owl** *Strix sartorii* **endemic**
22-02: Just after dawn we finally tracked down a calling bird at La Noria.
- 145. Eared Quetzal** *Euptilotis neoxenus*
17-02: Between 15 to 17 birds along the Durango Highway. An amazing spectacle.
- 146. Citreoline Trogon** *Trogon citreolus nominate* **endemic**
18-02: a female along the Panuco Road.
19-02: A male along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
20-02: A pair along the Bajada Trail.
26-02: Four birds along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 147. Elegant Trogon** *Trogon elegans ambiguus*
18-02: Two males along the Panuco Road.
20-02: A single bird along the Abajada Trail.
25-02: A single bird at Laguna La Maria.
- 148. Mountain Trogon** *Trogon mexicanus clarus*
17-02: Two pairs along the Barranca Rancho Libre, Durango Highway.
23-02: A pair along the road to Volcan de Nieve.
24-02: A male at Volcan de Fuego area.
28-02: A male along the road to Volcan de Nieve.
- 149. Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana hachisukai*
19-02: A single bird near San Blas.
20-02: Four birds during the La Tovar boat trip.
- 150. Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata nominate*
15-02: A single bird near Mazatlan.
20-02: Three birds during the La Tovar boat trip.
- 151. Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon*
19-02: A single bird mangrove area, San Blas.
20-02: Four birds during the La Tovar boat trip.
- 152. Russet-crowned Motmot** *Momotus mexicanus vanrossemi*
18-02: A single bird along the Panuco Road.
- 153. Acorn Woodpecker** *Melanerpes formicivorus*
17-02: Four birds Durango Highway area.
23-02: 10+ along the road to Volcan de Nieve.
24-02: Four birds in the Volcan de Fuego area.
28-02: Three birds along the road to Volcan de Nieve.
- 154. Golden-cheeked Woodpecker** *Melanerpes chrysogenys nominate – flavinuchus* **endemic**
18-02: Four along the Panuco Road and two birds near San Blas.

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- 19-02: 10+ San Blas area.
20-02: Five birds in the San Blas area.
25-02: Four birds Laguna La Maria area.
26-02: Four birds along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 155. Gila Woodpecker** *Melanerpes uropygialis nominate*
19-02: A pair near the beach, San Blas.
- 156. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** *Sphyrapicus varius*
22-02: A single bird at Cerro de San Juan.
- 157. Ladder-backed Woodpecker** *Dryobates scalaris sinaloensis*
23-02: A female lower area, Volcan de Fuego area.
- 158. Smoky-brown Woodpecker** *Leuconotopicus fumigatus*
24-02: A single bird in the Volcan de Fuego area.
- 159. Arizona Woodpecker** *Leuconotopicus arizonae fraterculus*
16-02: Heard near Palmito.
17-02: Twice a single bird along the Durango Highway.
- 160. Grey-crowned Woodpecker** *Colaptes auricularis endemic*
20-02: A pair along the Abajada Trail.
- 161. Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus scapularis*
18-02: A single bird along the Panuco Road.
25-02: A single bird Laguna La Maria area.
- 162. Pale-billed Woodpecker** *Campephilus guatemalensis nelsoni*
17-02: Heard near Palmito.
18-02: A single bird along the Durango Highway.
- 163. Crested Caracara** *Caracara plancus cheriway*
Single birds on seven dates.
- 164. Laughing Falcon** *Herpetotheres cachinnans*
18-02: A single bird along the Panuco Road and another on transit.
19-02: Great views of a perched bird along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
- 165. Collared Forest Falcon** *Micrastur semitorquatus naso*
25-02: A single bird at Laguna La Maria.
- 166. American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*
Single birds recorded on six dates.
- 167. Monk Parakeet** *Myiopsitta monachus*
28-02: A few at laguna Cajititlan. Introduced species.
- 168. White-fronted Amazon** *Amazona albifrons*
19-02: Four birds along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
- 169. Lilac-crowned Amazon** *Amazona finschi endemic*
25-02: 15 birds seen Laguna La Maria. Very nice and close views in flight.
26-02: 10 birds along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 170. Mexican Parrotlet** *Forpus cyanopygius nominate endemic*
18-02: 10 birds along the Panuco Road.
19/20-02: 10 birds San Blas area.
25-02: Three birds Laguna La Maria.
- 171. Orange-fronted Parakeet** *Eupsittula canicularis clarae*
18-02: Eight birds along the Panuco Road.
20-02: Large flock of 40 birds Matanchen area, San Blas.
- 172. Military Macaw** *Ara militareis mexicanus*
18-02: 15 birds along the Panuco Road.
Great and close views of perched birds and birds in flight. This must be one of the best places anywhere to observe this species.
- 173. Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus*
21-02: A single bird near La Noria, Cerro de San Juan.
- 174. Ivory-billed Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster tardus in the north and mentalis further south.*
19-02: A single bird along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
25-02: Two birds Laguna La Maria.
26-02: A single bird along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 175. White-striped Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes leucogaster umbrosus endemic*
Single birds on two dates Durango Highway area.

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- 176. Northern Beardless Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma imberbe*
18-02: Two birds along the Panuco Road.
25-02: Two birds Laguna La Maria.
- 177. Black Phoebe** *Sayornis nigricans semiater*
15-02: A single bird near Mazatlan.
18-02: A single bird on transit.
26-02: A single bird Barra de Navidad.
- 178. Northern Tufted Flycatcher** *Mitrephanes olivaceus*
18-02: A single bird along the Panuco Road.
21-02: A single bird La Noria, Cerro de San Juan.
25-02: A single bird Laguna La Maria.
- 179. Greater Pewee** *Contopus pertinax*
Recorded on eight dates.
- 180. Willow Flycatcher** *Empidonax traillii*
19/20-02: At least four birds observed on both dates in the Matanchen area, San Blas.
- 181. White-throated Flycatcher** *Empidonax albigularis timidus*
20-02: After some effort we finally tracked down two birds in the Matanchen area, San Blas.
- 182. Least Flycatcher** *Empidonax minimus*
19-02: A single bird along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
25-02: Two/three birds Laguna La Maria.
- 183. Hammond's Flycatcher** *Empidonax hammondii*
17-02: A single bird near Palmito, Durango Highway.
- 184. American Dusky Flycatcher** *Empidonax oberholseri*
16-02: A single bird near Palmito.
- 185. Western Flycatcher** *Empidonax difficilis cineritius* and *occidentalis*
17-02: Two birds Barranca Rancho Libre.
18-02: Two birds along the Panuco Road.
19-02: A single bird along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
25-02: A single bird Laguna La Maria.
26-02: Two birds along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 186. Buff-breasted Flycatcher** *Empidonax fulvifrons rubicundus*
25-02: A single bird Laguna La Maria area.
- 187. Vermillion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus obscurus*
Recorded on seven dates.
- 188. Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis hesperis*
20-02: Common La Tovar boat trip.
23-02: Three birds lower area, Volcan de Fuego.
25-02: Common Laguna La Maria area.
26-02: Two near Barra de Navidad.
- 189. Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus derbianus*
Recorded on six dates.
- 190. Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua*
20-02: Heard and one seen Singayta Track, San Blas. Another bird in the Matanchen area, San Blas.
25-02: A single bird at Laguna La Maria.
- 191. Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus satrapa*
Observed
- 192. Cassin's Kingbird** *Tyrannus vociferans nominate*
28-02: Two at laguna Cajititlan.
- 193. Thick-billed Kingbird** *Tyrannus crassirostris*
18-02: Four along the Panuco Road.
25-02: Two at Laguna La Maria.
- 194. Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer olivascens*
19-02: A single bird along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
25-02: A single bird Laguna La Maria.
26-02: Two birds along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 195. Nutting's Flycatcher** *Myiarchus nuttingi inquietus*
18-02: A single bird along the Panuco Road.

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- 196. Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus magister*
19-02: Two birds Chacalilla area, San Blas.
25-02: Two birds Laguna La Maria area.
- 197. Flammulated Flycatcher** *Ramphotrigon flammulatum* **endemic**
26-02: Heard and two birds seen along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 198. Bright-rumped Attila** *Attila spadiceus*
17-02: Heard Barranca Rancho Libre.
26-02: Heard along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 199. Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata griseiceps*
20-02: Two birds along the Abajada Trail and another two birds in the afternoon near San Blas.
25-02: A single bird Laguna La Maria area.
- 200. Grey-collared Becard** *Pachyramphus major uropygialis*
21-02: A male heard and briefly seen near La Noria, Cerro de San Juan.
- 201. Rose-throated Becard** *Pachyramphus aglaiae albiventris*
19-02: Three birds along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
20-02: A single bird along the Abajada Trail.
23-02: A single bird Volcan de Fuego.
24-02: Two birds in the Volcan de Fuego area.
- 202. Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo** *Vireolanius melitophrys nominate*
23-02: Great views of this beautiful vireo along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
- 203. Golden Vireo** *Vireo hypochryseus nitidus* **endemic**
18-02: Four birds along the Panuco Road.
- 204. Warbling Vireo** *Vireo gilvus*
Observed on six dates.
- 205. Hutton's Vireo** *Vireo huttoni stephensi*
17-02: A single bird at Barranca Rancho Libre.
24-02: A single bird at Volcan de Fuego.
- 206. Plumbeous Vireo** *Vireo plumbeus nominate*
18-02: A single bird identified along the Panuco Road.
- 207. Bell's Vireo** *Vireo bellii*
19-02: A single bird along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
26-02: A single bird along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 208. Black-capped Vireo** *Vireo atricapilla*
18-02: Two birds along the Panuco Road.
19-02: Two birds Chacalilla area, San Blas.
25-02: A single bird at Laguna La Maria
- 209. Dwarf Vireo** *Vireo nelsoni* **endemic**
24-02: Two birds Volcan de Fuego area.
- 210. San Blas Jay** *Cyanocorax anblasianus* **endemic**
26-02: After some effort we finally tracked down a small flock of six to eight birds along the Aeropuerto Road Playa de Oro.
- 211. Purplish-backed Jay** *Cyanocorax beecheii* **endemic**
19-02: A single bird along the Singayta Track, San Blas was our only observation.
- 212. Tufted Jay** *Cyanocorax dickeyi* **endemic**
15-02: Six birds along the Durango Highway.
17-02: 15 birds along the Durango Highway.
- 213. Black-throated Magpie-Jay** *Calocitta colliei* **endemic**
18-02: 20 birds along the Panuco Road.
21-02: Three birds La Noria area, Cerro de San Juan.
- 214. White-throated Magpie-Jay** *Calocitta formosa nominate*
24-02: Heard La Cumbre, Colima.
26-02: Four birds along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 215. Steller's Jay** *Cyanocitta stelleri*
17-02: Eight birds along the Durango Highway.
- 216. Transvolcanic Jay** *Aphelocoma ultramarina* **endemic**
24-02: Three birds seen several times in the Volcan de Fuego area.
- 217. Sinaloa Crow** *Corvus sinaloae* **endemic**
Observed on five dates.

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- 218. Northern Raven** *Corvus corax sinuatus*
18-02: A single bird along the Panuco Road.
Heard on two dates in the La Noria area, Cerro de San Juan.
- 219. Grey Silky-Flycatcher** *Ptiliogonys cinereum pallescens*
23/28-02: Five and three birds along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
- 220. Bridled Titmouse** *Baeolophus wollweberi caliginosus*
17-02: Four birds along the Durango Highway.
- 221. Mexican Chickadee** *Poecile sclateri nominate*
23-02: Three birds along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
28-02: Two birds along the road to Volcan de Nieve.
- 222. Mangrove Swallow** *Tachycineta albilinea*
15-02: Two birds near Mazatlan.
19-02: Four birds near San Blas.
26-02: A single bird along the Aeropuerto Road Playa de Oro.
- 223. Grey-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea*
23-02: A single bird at Volcan de Nieve.
28-02: 20 at Volcan de Nieve area.
- 224. Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*
Recorded on six dates.
- 225. Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica erytrogaster*
15-02: 20+ near Mazatlan.
20-02: 10+ Matanchen area, San Blas.
25-02: 10+ Laguna La Maria.
- 226. American Bushtit** *Psaltriparus minimus melanotis*
23-02: Three birds along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
24-02: Two birds Volcan de Fuego area.
25-02: Two birds Laguna La Maria.
28-02: Two birds along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
- 227. Ruby-crowned Kinglet** *Corthylio calendula nominate*
16-02: A single bird near Palmito.
17-02: Observed along the Durango Highway and Barranca Rancho Libre.
23-02: Two birds along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
28-02: A single bird along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
- 228. Grey-barred Wren** *Campylorhynchus megalopterus nominate* **endemic**
23-02: Six birds along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
24-02: Four birds in the Volcan de Fuego area.
- 229. Spotted Wren** *Campylorhynchus gularis* **endemic**
17-02: Five birds along the Durango Highway and three birds at Barranca Rancho Libre.
23-02: Four birds lower area of Volcan de Fuego.
- 230. Canyon Wren** *Catherpes mexicanus conspersus*
16-02: Heard at Puente Baluarte.
- 231. Happy Wren** *Pheugopedius felix sonora and pallidus* **endemic**
18-02: Two birds along the Panuco Road.
23-02: Two birds lower area of Volcan de Fuego.
24-02: A single bird in the Volcan de Fuego area.
26-02: A single bird along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 232. Sinaloa Wren** *Thryophilus sinaloa cinereus and nominate* **endemic**
18-02: Six birds along the Panuco Road.
- 233. House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon brunnicollis*
16-02: Two birds Puente Baluarte.
24-02: A single bird lower area Volcan de Fuego.
25-02: A single bird Laguna La Maria.
- 234. White-bellied Wren** *Uropsika leucogastra pacifica*
26-02: Three birds along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 235. Blue-grey Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila caerulea*
Observed on nine dates.
- 236. Black-capped Gnatcatcher** *Polioptera nigriceps nominate* **endemic**
16-02: Only a single bird identified at Puente Baluarte.

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- 237. Brown Creeper** *Certhia americana alticola*
16-02: A single bird along the Durango Highway.
17-02: Two birds at Barranca Rancho Libre.
23-02: A single bird lower area of Volcan de Fuego.
24-02: A single bird in the Volcan de Fuego area.
- 238. Northern Mockingbird** *Mimus polyglottos nominate*
15-02: A single bird near Mazatlan.
- 239. Blue Mockingbird** *Melanotis caerulescens nominate* **endemic**
Single birds on two dates near Palmito, Durango Highway area.
18-02: Two birds along the Panuco Road.
25-02: Three birds Laguna La Maria area.
- 240. Curve-billed Thrasher** *Toxostoma curvirostre occidentale*
23-02: Two birds lower area, Volcan de Fuego area.
25-02: A single bird Laguna La Maria.
- 241. Eastern Bluebird** *Sialia sialis fulva*
17-02: A single bird near Palmito.
23-02: A single bird lower area, Volcan de Fuego area.
25-02: Two birds Laguna La Maria.
- 242. Brown-backed Solitaire** *Myadestes occidentalis nominate and oberholseri*
Recorded on nine dates. Commonly heard in highland areas.
- 243. Aztec Thrush** *Ridgwayia pinicola nominate* **endemic**
23-02: We bumped into a large flock of at least 40 birds in a fruiting tree along the road up to Volcan de Nieve. Great views of this rare endemic species.
- 244. Swainson's Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus*
15-02: A single bird near Palmito.
20-02: A single bird Matanchen area, San Blas.
- 245. Hermit Thrush** *Catharus guttatus*
16-02: Two birds along the Durango Highway.
17-02: A single bird Barranca Rancho Libre.
- 246. Russet Nightingale-Thrush** *Catharus occidentalis olivascens and lambi* **endemic**
16-02: A single bird near Palmito.
23-02: Two birds along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
- 247. White-throated Thrush** *Turdus assimilis lygrus*
16-02: Two birds along the Durango Highway.
25-02: Three birds Laguna La Maria.
- 248. American Robin** *Turdus migratorius*
16-02: Four birds along the Durango Highway and a single bird in Palmito village.
17-02: A single bird Barranca rancho Libre.
- 249. Rufous-backed Thrush** *Turdus rufopalliatu nominate*
19-02: Two birds along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
26-02: A single bird along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 250. Olive Warbler** *Peucedramus taeniatus jaliscensis*
24-02: A single bird in the Volcan de Fuego area.
- 251. House Finch** *Haemorhous mexicanus coccineus*
22-02: A single bird at Laguna Zaquipan.
23-02: A single bird lower area of Volcan de Fuego.
- 252. Lesser Goldfinch** *Spinus psaltria hesperophilus*
23-02: 10+ Volcan de Nieve area.
- 253. Black-headed Siskin** *Spinus notatus forreri*
16-02: A single bird near Palmito.
23-02: A single bird along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
- 254. West Mexican Euphonia** *Euphonia godmani* **endemic**
18-02: Six birds along the Panuco Road.
- 255. Elegant Euphonia** *Euphonia elegans*
23-02: A single bird lower area of Volcan de Fuego.
- 256. Stripe-headed Sparrow** *Peucaea ruficauda acuminata*
19-02: Six birds beach area, San Blas.
24-02: Rather common Volcan de Fuego area.
25-02: 10+ Laguna La Maria.

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- 257. Black-chested Sparrow** *Paucaea humeralis* **endemic**
24-02: Four birds along the road to La Cumbre, Colima.
- 258. Grasshopper Sparrow** *Ammodramus savannarum*
19-02: A single bird Chacalilla area, San Blas.
25-02: Two birds Laguna La Maria.
- 259. Five-striped Sparrow** *Amphispiza quinquestriata*
16-02: A single bird at Puente Baluarte.
- 260. Lark Sparrow** *Chondestes grammicus*
16-02: 20+ at Puente Baluarte.
28-02: Four birds at laguna Cajititlan.
- 261. Chipping Sparrow** *Spizella passerina*
Recorded on three dates in the Durango Highway area.
- 262. Green-striped Brushfinch** *Arremon virenticeps* **endemic**
17-02: A single bird Barranca Rancho Libre.
23-02: A single bird along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
- 263. Yellow-eyed Junco** *Junco phaeonotus nominate*
A total of 12 on two dates in the Durango Highway area.
23 and 28-02: Two and three birds along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
- 264. Striped Sparrow** *Oriturus superciliosus* **endemic**
22-02: Seven birds at Laguna Zaquipan on our way to Ciudad Guzman.
- 265. Savannah Sparrow** *Passerculus sandwichensis*
19-02: Six birds Matanchen area, San Blas.
- 266. Lincoln's Sparrow** *Melospiza lincolni*
A total of nine birds on two dates in the Durango Highway area.
- 267. Rusty-crowned Ground Sparrow** *Melospiza kieneri nominate* **endemic**
18-02: Two birds along the Panuco Road.
25-02: Two birds Laguna La Maria.
- 268. Canyon Towhee** *Melospiza fusca perpallida*
24-02: Two birds Volcan de Fuego area.
- 269. Rusty Sparrow** *Aimphila rufescens nominate*
23-02: A single bird lower area Volcan de Fuego.
- 270. Green-tailed Towhee** *Pipilo chlorurus*
16-02: A single bird Puente Baluarte.
- 271. Spotted Towhee** *Pipilo maculatus griseipygius*
17-02: Two birds Barranca Rancho Libre.
- 272. Collared Towhee** *Pipilo ocai alticola* **endemic**
23-02: Two birds along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
- 273. Rufous-capped Brushfinch** *Atlapetes pileatus dilutus* **endemic**
16-02: Two birds along the Durango Highway near Palmito.
17-02: Two birds Barranca Rancho Libre.
- 274. Yellow-breasted Chat** *Icteria virens auricollis*
18-02: A single bird along the Panuco Road.
19-02: Heard along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
26-02: A single bird along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 275. Yellow-headed Blackbird** *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*
28-02: 10+ at laguna Cajititlan.
- 276. Chihuahuan Meadowlark** *Sturnella liliana*
19-02: Three birds Chacalilla area, San Blas.
- 277. Mexican Cacique** *Cassiculus melanicterus*
Observed.
- 278. Scott's Oriole** *Icterus parisorum*
A total of three birds on two dates in the Durango Highway area.
- 279. Bullock's Oriole** *Icterus bullockii*
23-02: Two birds lower area Volcan de Fuego.
- 280. Streak-backed Oriole** *Icterus pustulatus microstictus and nominate*
Observed on six dates
- 281. Black-backed Oriole** *Icterus abeillei* **endemic**
28-02: Three birds at laguna Cajititlan.

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- 282. Black-vented Oriole** *Icterus wagleri*
19-02: Four birds at the start of the Singayta Track, San Blas.
25-02: A single bird Laguna La Maria.
- 283. Hooded Oriole** *Icterus cucullatus*
Observed on five dates.
- 284. Orchard Oriole** *Icterus spurius*
18-02: Two birds along the Panuco Road.
26-02: A male along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 285. Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus sonoriensis*
26-02: A single bird along the Aeropuerto Road Playa de Oro.
- 286. Bronzed Cowbird** *Molothrus aeneus assimilis*
28-02: Flock at laguna Cajititlan.
- 287. Brown-headed Cowbird** *Molothrus ater*
15-02: Four birds near Mazatlan.
26-02: 20+ along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 288. Great-tailed Crackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus graysoni*
Observed on seven dates.
- 289. Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia*
17-02: A single bird at Barranca Rancho Libre.
20-02: A single bird along the Abajada Trail.
23-02: Two birds along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
26-02: A single bird along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 290. Crescent-chested Warbler** *Oreothlypis superciliosa sodalis*
A total of three birds on two dates in the Durango Highway area.
- 291. Orange-crowned Warbler** *Leiothlypis celata*
Observed on eight dates.
- 292. Lucy's Warbler** *Leiothlypis luciae*
23-02: A single bird lower area of Volcan de Fuego.
- 293. Nashville Warbler** *Leiothlypis ruficapilla ridgwayi*
16-02: Three birds along the Durango Highway and a single bird at Puente Baluarte.
23-02: Four birds Volcan de Fuego area.
24-02: Four birds Volcan de Fuego area.
25-02: 10 Laguna La Maria area.
26-02: Four along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 294. Virginia's Warbler** *Leiothlypis virginiae*
25-02: Two birds Laguna La Maria area.
- 295. MacGillivray's Warbler** *Geothlypis tolmiei*
16-02: A single bird at Puente Baluarte.
17-02: A single bird at Barranca Rancho Libre.
20-02: A single bird Matanchen area, San Blas.
23-02: A single bird lower area of Volcan de Fuego.
- 296. Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas*
15-02: A single bird near Mazatlan.
20-02: Four birds Matanchen area, San Blas.
21-02: Two birds Parque Ecologica, Tepic.
- 297. American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla*
A total of three birds on two dates in the Durango Highway area.
- 298. Tropical Parula** *Setophaga pitiayumi pulchra*
19-02: Two birds near San Blas.
21-02: A single bird near La Noria, Cerro de San Juan.
26-02: Two birds along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 299. American Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga aestiva*
19-02: Two birds along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
20-02: Two birds Matanchen area, San Blas.
- 300. Audubon's Warbler** *Setophaga auduboni*
A total of five birds on two dates in the Durango Highway area.
18-02: Two birds along the Panuco Road.

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- 301. Grace's Warbler** *Setophaga graciae yaegeri*
17-02: A single bird Durango Highway.
24-02: A single bird Volcan de Fuego area.
- 302. Black-throated Grey Warbler** *Setophaga nigrescens*
Observed on seven dates.
- 303. Townsend's Warbler** *Setophaga townsendi*
16-02: Two birds along the Durango Highway.
17-02: Two birds Barranca Rancho Libre.
23-02: A single bird along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
- 304. Fan-tailed Warbler** *Euthlypis lachrymosa tethrus*
18-02: Two birds along the Panuco Road.
19-02: A single bird along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
- 305. Rufous-capped Warbler** *Basileuterus rufifrons dugesi*
28-02: A single bird along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
- 306. Golden-browed Warbler** *Basileuterus belli bateli*
28-02: A single bird along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
- 307. Wilson's Warbler** *Cardellina pusilla*
Recorded on eight dates.
- 308. Red-faced Warbler** *Cardellina rubrifrons*
16-02: Two birds along the Durango Highway.
17-02: Two birds Barranca Rancho Libre.
- 309. Red Warbler** *Cardellina rubra* **endemic**
17-02: Twice a single bird along the Durango Highway and Barranca Rancho Libre.
- 310. Painted Whitestart** *Myioborus pictus nominate*
A total of six birds on three dates in the Durango Highway area.
24-02: A single bird in the Volcan de Fuego area.
- 311. Slate-throated Whitestart** *Myioborus miniatus nominate*
18-02: A single bird along the Panuco Road.
23-02: Two birds along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
28-02: Two birds along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.
- 312. Flame-colored Tanager** *Piranga bidentata flammea*
A total of three birds on two dates in the Durango Highway area.
20-02: Two birds along The Abajada Trail.
- 313. Hepatic Tanager** *Piranga hepatica nominate*
Single birds on two dates in the Durango Highway area.
23-02: A pair lower area Volcan de Fuego.
- 314. Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra cooperi*
19-02: A single bird along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
21-02: A single bird La Noria area.
- 315. Western Tanager** *Piranga ludoviciana*
18-02: A single bird along the Panuco Road.
19-02: A single bird near San Blas.
23-02: One lower area Volcan de Fuego.
20-02: A single bird Volcan de Fuego area.
- 316. Red-headed Tanager** *Piranga erythrocephala candida* **endemic**
A total of five birds on two dates in the Durango Highway area.
- 317. Yellow Grosbeak** *Pheucticus chrysopheplus nominate*
18-02: Three birds along the Panuco Road.
- 318. Black-headed Grosbeak** *Pheucticus melanocephalus*
Observed on seven dates.
- 319. Red-breasted Chat** *Granatellus venustus nominate* **endemic**
25-02: A pair observed near Barra de Navidad.
- 320. Blue Bunting** *Cyanocompsa parellina*
26-02: Two birds along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 321. Blue Grosbeak** *Passerina caerulea*
19-02: Six birds along the Singayta Track, San Blas.
23-02: A single bird lower area Volcan de Fuego.

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- 322. Indigo Bunting** *Passerina cyanea*
19-02: A single bird near San Blas.
25-02: 10+ Laguna La Maria.
- 323. Varied Bunting** *Passerina versicolor*
16-02: Six birds Puente Baluarte.
18-02: 10+ along the Panuco Road.
23-02: Four birds lower area Volcan de Fuego.
25-02: 20+ Laguna La maria.
- 324. Painted Bunting** *Passerina ciris*
23-02: A female lower area Volcan de Fuego.
25-02: 10+ Laguna La Maria.
- 325. Orange-breasted Bunting** *Passerina leclancherii grandior* **endemic**
24-02: Four birds along the road up to La Cumbre, Colima.
25-02: 20+ Laguna La Maria and 10 near Barra de Navidad in the afternoon.
26-02: 10 along the Playa de Oro Road.
- 326. Cinnamon-bellied Saltator** *Saltator grandis plumbeiceps*
16-02: A single bird at Puente Baluarte.
18-02: Eight birds along the Panuco Road.
20-02: Three birds in the San Blas area.
25-02: Two birds Laguna La Maria.
- 327. Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina splendens*
16-02: A single bird at Puente Baluarte.
18-02: A single bird along the Panuco Road.
19-02: A single bird near San Blas.
- 328. Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater** *Sporophila torqueola atriceps* **endemic**
23-02: 10+ lower area of Volcan de Fuego.
24-02: 10+ Barra deNavidad area.
25-02: Common Laguna La Maria.
- 329. Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa baritula nominate*
23 and 28-02: Two birds along the road up to Volcan de Nieve.

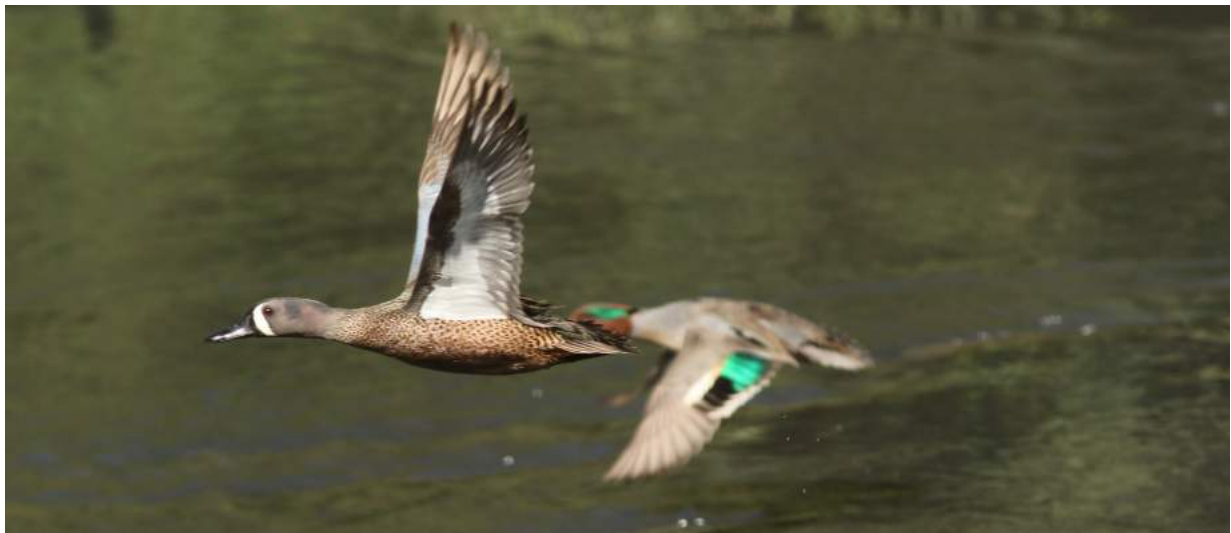


Sunset at Barra de Navidad

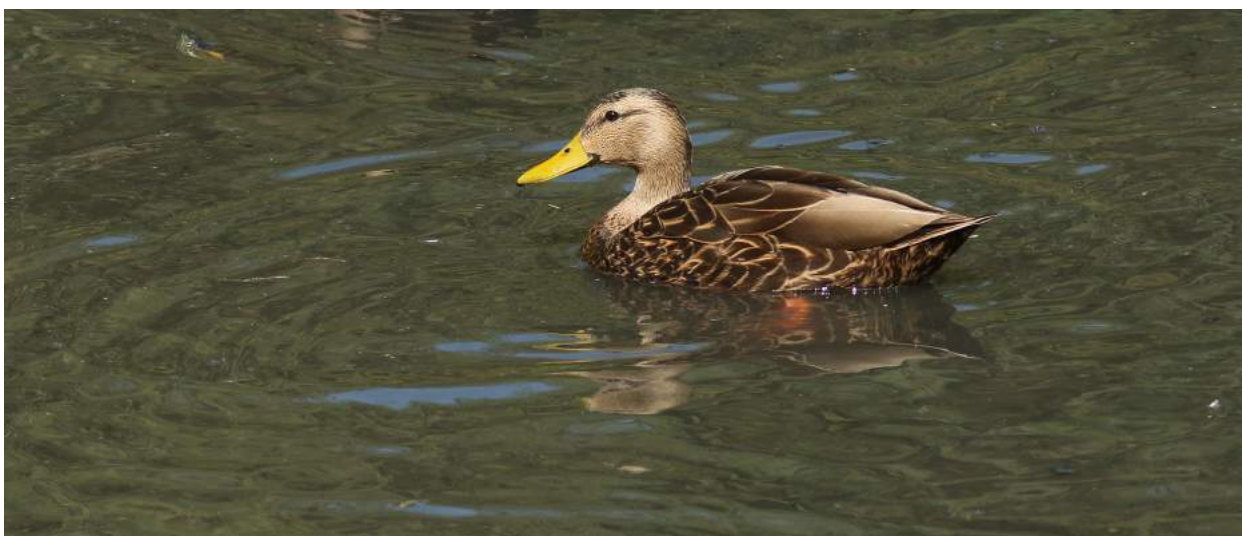
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Green Heron *Buteo virescens* Tovarà boat trip



Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* – Tepic



Mexican Duck *Anas diazi* – Tepic

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Heermann's Gull *Larus heermanni* – harbour of Barra de Navidad



Royal Tern *Sterna maxima* – harbour of Barra de Navidad



Black Skimmers *Rynchops niger* – harbour of Barra de Navidad

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Marbled Godwits *Limosa fedoa* – harbour of Barra de Navidad



American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus* – San Blas



American Avocet *Recurvirostra americana* – San Blas

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Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus* – Panuco Road.



Common Black Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus* – San Blas mangrove area



Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus* – Playa de Oro Road

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Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* – La Tovarà boat trip



Mountain Trogon *Trogon mexicanus* – Barranca Rancho libre



Citreoline Trogon *Trogon citreolus* – Panuco Road

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Elegant (Coppery-tailed) Trogon *Trogon elegans ambiguus* – Panuco Road



Russet-crowned Motmot *Momotus mexicanus* – Panuco Road



Orange-fronted Parakeet *Aratinga canicularis* – Panuco Road

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Audubon's Warbler *Setophaga audeboni* – Durango Highway



Townsend's Warbler *Dendroica townsendi* – Durango Highway



Black-throated Grey Warbler *Dendroica nigrescens* – Volcan de Fuego area.

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Black and White Warbler *Mniotilta varia* – Barranca Rancho Libre



Nashville Warbler *Vermivora ruficapilla* – Volcan de Fuego area.



Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula* – Durango Highway

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Western Flycatcher *Empidonax difficilis*– Playa de Oro Road.



Northern Tufted Flycatcher *Mitrephanes phaeocercus*



Greater Pewee *Contopus pertinax* – Volcan de Fuego area