



Oaxaca, Mexico: Highlands to the Coast

July 18–27, 2021

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Oaxaca is known as Mexico's birdiest state with nearly 800 species documented and is widely considered the culinary crown of the country. Oaxaca's rugged landscape and merging of ecosystems leads not only to avian diversity, but a high level of endemism. On this trip alone, we had the pleasure of seeing over thirty of Mexico's endemic species! Our trip took us through a large variety of habitats from epiphyte-laden pine-oak highlands above the Oaxaca valley to the humid coastal forests near Huatulco. Every day was filled with wonderful birds, breathtaking scenery and incredible meals. After checklists in the evening were complete, it was not uncommon to discuss everyone's favorite birds *and* food on the day! A huge thank you to Amy and Jorge for being wonderful guides, and for Ramon's boundless energy as our driver. Eric Antonio Martinez of Birding Mexico was most helpful in getting this tour off the ground in the last minute and helping create this wonderful itinerary. Red Hill Birding is already looking forward to the next visit to Oaxaca with great anticipation!

Top 5 Birds as Voted by the Group

1. Bumblebee Hummingbird
2. Fulvous Owl
3. (tie) Orange-breasted Bunting, Pale-billed Woodpecker, Red Warbler and Dwarf Jay
4. Galapagos Shearwater
5. Rose-bellied Bunting



Bumblebee Hummingbird – photo by Adam Sell

Day 1 – July 18

This was an arrival day for the group. After picking everyone up at the airport and transferring to the wonderful Hotel Mision de Los Ángeles, it was rather late. After a small orientation for the upcoming trip, it was time to rest from travel and prep for the first day out birding the Oaxacan Valley.

Day 2 - July 19

We began making our way to Teotilán de Valle in the morning, with a dawn stop on the road to town which gave us a taste of the common birds of the valley, including **Vermillion Flycatcher**, **Blue Grosbeak**, and the endemic **White-throated Towhee**. Farther up, we also had a single **Boucard's Wren** and a distant pair of **Gray-breasted Woodpeckers**. Passing through the town, we stopped at a small lake before heading into the pine-oak foothills. We had our only **Least Grebe** and **Kildeer** on the water, but a singing **Berylline Hummingbird** stole our attention. Up slope, we got a pair of **West Mexican Chachalacas** in the scope and a singing **Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater** gave great views.

Making our way up into the foothills, the birds kept coming as the habitat changed to more dense oak scrub. We had great looks at some endemics to the region including **Pileated Flycatcher**, **Blue Mockingbird**, **Bridled and Oaxaca Sparrow**, and **Black-vented Oriole**. Other highlights include **Greenish Elaenia**, **Rufous-capped Warbler**, and some flyby **Elegant Euphonias**. We continued to higher elevation where the pine-oak habitat dominated and new birds rolled in, such as **Tufted Flycatcher**, **Hutton's Vireo**, **Crescent-chested Warbler**, and heard-only **White-striped Woodcreeper**. We made our way down the mountain for our first taste of seemingly endless good meals at Rancho Zapata, where in between bites of mole, we had close looks another **Gray-breasted Woodpecker** and a **Boucard's Wren** visiting a nest site. After lunch, we made our way to the archeological site Yagul. Birding was somewhat slow, but we encountered a close **Bridled Sparrow**, our first **Blue-black Grassquit** and a shy pair of **Canyon Wrens** that reluctantly showed themselves. After another wonderful Oaxacan meal, we made our way back to the hotel where some participants continued the endemic bird hunt by finding the resident **Rufous-backed Robins**.



Rufous-backed Robin - Photo by Adam Sell

Day 3 - July 20

Today we began our trip up to the highlands of La Cumbre. We started at dawn near a foothill creek and enjoyed watching the avian world come to life with highlights including a confiding flock of **Gray Silky-flycatchers**, **Rose-throated Becard**, **Greater Pewee**, **Golden Vireo** and an **Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush** walking in the open for a change. As the morning progressed, we made our way to higher elevation and the Sendero Cabeza de Vaca. In the cool of the morning we hiked a portion of the trail and enjoyed **White-eared Hummingbird**, **Spot-crowned Woodcreeper**, **Russet Nightingale-Thrush**, **Olive Warbler**, and **Red Warbler**. Later, we made our way further into the La Cumbre region and after some work we ran into a small group of **Gray-barred Wrens** that also included a few **Dwarf Jays** and some quick but close looks at a pair of **Strong-billed Woodcreepers**. A few minutes later, as we were heading to another stop, we heard more wrens calling and stumbled upon a flock of over 20 **Dwarf Jays** and 15 **Gray-barred Wrens**, both of which were feeding juveniles! We all enjoyed the flock for as long as they were around before heading down to a bridge along a creek crossing where we had our first cooperative **Collared Towhee**.

Satisfied with our morning, we had on the best meals of our trip at Colibrí Restaurant just north of our location. The food was excellent, as was the house made hot chocolate. Their deck overlooked a scrubby area where we had very close views of **Rufous-capped Brushfinch**, **Dusky-capped Flycatcher**, and **Blue-throated Mountain-gem**. In the evening, we visited some more desert scrub on the western edge of Oaxaca City, where we tried to coax out a **Dwarf Vireo**, but looks were brief. Some participants saw our first **Dusky Hummingbird** and **Thick-billed Kingbirds**. Dinner was at another restaurant named Colibrí, and we enjoyed more examples of Oaxaca's culinary charm.



Dwarf Jay - photo by Adam Sell

Day 4 – July 21

Today was full of twists and turns. Early in the morning, we were told by our driver, Ramón, that the main road to our morning location was currently held up by a roadblock started by one of the communities in the area. We decided to take the detour around the road block, which ended up being over 2 hours long due to all traffic to and from Mexico City being diverted to the same road. We had the full Oaxaca experience, but ultimately made it to our destination! A later start might have led to some birds being missed at Arroyo Guacamaya, but we still added some great birds like **Lesser Roadrunner**, **Plumbeous Vireo**, **Slate-throated Redstart**, **Black-headed Siskin**, and more **Oaxaca Sparrows**. The views from this canyon are some of the best in the region, and it was refreshing to see so much habitat protected. The drive back to our hotel proved just as long, but with the added bonus of getting a flat tire! Our pit stop showed the flexibility of the group, as we continued to look for birds from our newly declared hotspot. Eventually, we made it back to our hotel in time for some rest.

If the day wasn't already long enough, we decided to take up a notch by heading back to the La Cumbre region for some evening owling! We retraced our step from the day before and found ourselves in the heart of the region while the sun was setting. We were serenaded by **Russet Nightingale-thrushes** and a pair of **Brown-backed Solitaires**. A distant **Northern Pygmy-Owl** was calling, and we worked hard for one "chuck" note from a **Mexican Whip-poor-will**, but the star of the evening cooperated. After some light playback, we enjoyed close views of a calling **Fulvous Owl**, with its partner calling farther off down the ridge. Further down in elevation, we tried for other owls, but incoming rain made it difficult, but not before we had one soft-hooting **Flammulated Owl**. Finally back at the hotel, we were nearly asleep before our heads hit the pillow. This day would never have been possible if it weren't for our super-human driver, Ramón. Thank you for your determination!

Day 5 – July 22

We packed up for our travel day in the morning and made our way at sunrise to Monte Albán, a pre-Columbian archeological site located just outside the city. The grounds themselves opened later in the morning, so we enjoyed the trails around the entrance. **Blue Mockingbirds** and **Orange-billed Nightingale-thrushes** were singing everywhere, as well as the occasional **Golden Vireo** and a large morning flight of **House Finches** was noted. Further in we had our first looks at **Northern Beardless Tyrannulet**. After some searching and watching the clock for our time to head into the ruins, we came across our main target for the morning and enjoyed some good but brief looks at a **Slaty Vireo**. Heading into the main site we found a **Streak-backed Oriole** and heard our target **Ocellated Thrasher** but were never able to get conclusive visuals on one. Our time at the site was very enjoyable and the views of the site and panoramic of the city below were stunning.

We began to make the long trek San Jose del Pacifico with a break for lunch midway that included more wonderful food and a displaying **Blue-black Grassquit**. With the day nearly over, we pulled into the Cabañas Puesta del Sol in the highlands of the Sierra Madre del Sur. We barely had time to put our bags down before the birding began in earnest, with stunning views

of **Garnet-throated Hummingbird** by the reception area feeders. The grounds surrounding the cabañas were both beautiful and birdy. We found our way to a flower bank and scrubby area before dinner and quickly picked up **Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer**, **White-throated Flycatcher** and **Slate-throated Redstart**. A **White-collared Swift** passed by low and a **Hooded Yellowthroat** sang and gave skulking views. In time, we found a preferred flowering tree that held a male **Bumblebee Hummingbird**. The restaurant at the hotel proved excellent and we all enjoyed a wonderful meal in the cool of a mountain evening.



Garnet-throated Hummingbird - photo by Adam Sell

Day 6. July 23

Today would be another travel day, but one filled with birding, including a morning on the hotel grounds. We spent the morning hoping for some White-throated Jays, but it wasn't to be. We did enjoy good looks at **Rivoli's Hummingbird**, **Red Crossbills**, **Chestnut-capped Brushfinch**, **Spotted Towhee**, and **Crescent-chested Warbler** among many others.

After lunch, we began to make our way down slope to the coast with some targeted stops that included **Amethyst-throated Mountain-gem**, **Common Chlorospingus**, **Ruddy-capped Nigtingale-Thrush**, **Golden-browed Warbler**, **Red-headed Tanager**, and **Tufted Flycatcher**. One stop included a good flower patch that held the hyper-endemic **Blue-capped Hummingbird** that is localized to the Sierra de Miahuatlán within Oaxaca. Other great birds included a family group of **Eye-ringed Flatbills** and **Golden-crowned Warbler**.

We continued our drive downslope to the coastal city of Huatulco, a popular destination for tourists along the Pacific. As we dropped in elevation, we enjoyed watching the habitat change to a more humid forest and ultimately, the dry forest region that is well protected around the city. Even on the drive to the coast, new birds were picked up like **Orange-fronted Parakeet**, **Gray-breasted Martin**, and **Yellow-winged Cacique**. As we unloaded the van at our destination

for the remainder of the tour, some in the group got distracted by the **Rufous-naped Wren** across the street and the **Magnificent Frigatebirds** overhead.

Day 7. July 24

This morning we retraced our steps and started at lower elevation before making our way up to the coffee growing region. We began at Hagia Sofia, a botanical garden in the region. Our morning hike through this lowland dry forest was very birdy and filled with new species for the tour, including **Red-billed Pigeon**, **Squirrel Cuckoo**, **Cinnamon Hummingbird**, **Citreoline Trogon**, **Russet-crowned Motmot**, **Northern Barred** and **Ivory-billed Woodcreepers**, **Masked Tityra**, **White-throated Magpie-Jay**, **Happy** and **Banded Wrens**, and **Grayish Saltator**. Many of the birds represented family groups and it was fun to document breeding success.

On our way to the coffee finca, we made one stop at higher elevation where a noisy band of **Black-headed Saltators** made us aware of some fruiting cecropia. While waiting around the trees, a pair of **Scrub Euphonias** paid a visit. The vista opposite the cecropias gave us a good view to scan for **Wagler's Northern Emerald-Toucanet**, but it would sadly only be marked as heard. However, a roving flock of 20 **Red-legged Honeycreepers** made for good company. An extra stop to continue looking for the toucanet was unsuccessful, but a high-flying **Bat Falcon** was a good addition.

The shade-grown coffee plantation of Oro del Sur made for a marvelous walk before lunch, where it was surprisingly active. A mixed flock at the outset gave near eye-level views of **Red-headed Tanager** and a **Rusty Sparrow** gave fleeting views up the trail. Twice, we were buzzed by a trap-lining **Mexican Hermit**, which fed long enough for the group to see this giant hummingbird. Another **Blue-capped Hummingbird** was a treat, as was the glimpses of a skulking **Gray-breasted Wood-Wren**. Our lunch at the plantation was one of the best of the trip, and included a wonderful sampling of coffee, local chocolate and honey. Even the birding while we enjoyed our mole coloradito was fantastic! We finally had some prolonged views of the endemic **Golden-crowned Emerald** while a group of **White-throated Thrushes** fed on a fruiting ficus.

After purchasing some of the coffee grown on the farm, we made our way back for a small siesta before heading out in the evening to explore a small portion of the Huatulco National Park. A walk on a boardwalk trail gave crushingly close views of **Citreoline Trogon**, a perched juvenile **Roadside Hawk**, and a mixed flock that included **White-lored Gnatcatcher** and **Blue Bunting**. Walking on the main road, we heard the song of a **Red-breasted Chat** and, after some off trail bushwhacking and patient waiting, we all had good views of the singing male before it disappeared again into the brush. With the sun setting we made our way back to the van, but not before finding our first **Nutting's Flycatcher** and enjoying stunning views of a male **Pale-billed Woodpecker**.

Day 8. July 25

We had a very early start to the morning, as we needed to make our way to the isthmus of Tehuantepec by sunrise. It was a long drive, but even a roadside stop for a bathroom break netted us some new birds like the extremely localized endemic **Cinnamon-tailed Sparrow** and our first **Orange-breasted Buntings**. Our morning walk at Ojo de Agua was windy, but where we found the trail sheltered from the wind, the birding was excellent. We enjoyed good views of **Broad-billed "Doubleday's" Hummingbird**, and brief looks at **Canivet's Emerald** and **Green-fronted Hummingbird**. While working up a flock with a pygmy owl whistle, we soon had an actual **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** join the mix. **Orange-breasted Buntings** were numerous but after some patience, at the end of the trail we enjoyed a male **Rose-bellied Bunting**. Another stop in the region gave us a heard-only **Lesser Ground Cuckoo**, a soaring **Gray Hawk** and on the drive out, a beautiful pair of **"Masked" Northern Bobwhites**! Driving around this region gave us a few new birds including **Striped Sparrow**, and a **Northern Jacana** tending to a group of juveniles.

Lunch was an impromptu stop as the planned location was closed, but we ended up having some of the best tacos of the trip, which would become most-wanted fuel for our final stop of the day to search Playa Santa Maria Xadani. On the drive in, we flushed a **few Lesser Nighthawks**, had our first good look at **Tropical Mockingbird** and enjoyed another swallow species in **Mangrove Swallow**. The beach, bay and nearby mudflats were loaded with new birds for the trip. Our first stop held numerous waders including **Roseate Spoonbill**, **Tricolored Heron**, **Reddish Egret** and **Little Blue Heron**. A lone **American White Pelican** was a surprise and we saw a good number of **Black Skimmers** resting on a spit with a single **Sandwich Tern**. The clear highlight on the northern shore, was a beautiful juvenile **Aplomado Falcon** which landed across the bay for great scope views. With **Least** and **Gull-billed Terns** flying about, we went to the southern side where mudflats were larger and contained a good concentration of shorebirds. The shorebirds were close and allowed for excellent studies. Highlights include **Black-necked Stilt**, **Black-bellied**, **Collared**, **Snowy** and **Semipalmated Povers**, **Marbled Godwit**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, **Stilt**, **Western**, and **Pectoral Sandpipers** and **Short-billed Dowitcher**. On our walk back to the van, the sweet song of a **Ruddy-breasted Seedeater** led us to great views of a male for our final new bird of the day.



Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl - photo by Adam Sell

Day 9. July 26

The group rejoiced at the prospect of sleeping in a bit, but the excitement for the upcoming day was high, as we planned to venture out to sea this morning! At dawn, we met down at Huatulco's harbor and made our way out. **Brown Pelicans** and **Magnificent Frigatebirds** were easy silhouettes in the early morning and were a nice addition to the stunning sunrise. The shelf is not far offshore from Huatulco and we soon were enjoying pelagic species such as **Wedge-rumped, Black** and "**Chapman's**" **Leach's Storm-petrels**, **Galapagos, Pink-footed** and **Wedge-tailed Shearwaters**, and few distant birds that escaped identification. We also enjoyed seeing numerous **Black Terns** and a few booby species, including **Masked** and **Nazca Booby**. The weather had been pleasant for the entire trip, so it only seemed appropriate that our only rain would come during the pelagic. We covered our gear and attempted to stay dry, but at some point, it seemed futile. A **Brown Booby** made a close pass during the rain and eventually decided to rest right next to the boat and ponder our predicament. A few non-avian highlights on the pelagic included a few **Green Sea Turtles** and close pod of **Bottle-nosed Dolphins**. We eventually made our way back to land and enjoyed a wonderful beachside seafood meal and, ever-birding, picked up the only **Osprey** for the trip!

After a well-earned siesta, we made our way back out to the Tangelunda area, which includes the grounds of a golf course. A close **West-Mexican Chachalaca** greeted us and despite the humidity of the evening, the birds were active. We enjoyed a lot of the thorn forest specialties including some new ones like **Colima Pygmy-Owl**, and flyover **Lilac-crowned Parrots**. We also had better views of **the Golden-cheeked Woodpecker** and **Cinnamon Hummingbird**, as well as the rather striking "**Long-crested**" **Northern Cardinal**. After dinner, a few ventured out to search for night birds. We heard **Pacific Screech-Owl** and **Mottled Owl**, and had brief looks at an actively hunting **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl**.



Wedge-rumped Storm-Petrel - photo by Adam Sell

Day 10. July 27

This was a travel day for some participants, but others had flights out the following morning, so we had a day to continue birding around Huatulco. We made another foray into the national park this morning along Sendero Cruz del Monte, where we had a few more species to find for the trip. It was a humid morning with **White-tipped Doves** sounding off everywhere, but we managed to find some good birds including a heard-only **Collared Forest-Falcon**, **Flammulated Flycatcher**, **Olive Sparrow**, **Altamira Oriole** and more **Blue Buntings**. We then ventured to a more urban park, and continued to find new birds for the trip, with the biggest highlight being great looks at a pair **Plain-capped Starthroats**. Other highlights include **Russet-crowned Motmot**, **White-lored Gnatcatcher**, **Rufous-naped** and **Banded Wrens**, **Clay-colored Thrush**, **Blue-gray Tanager**, **Graysish Saltator**, and five species of orioles.

After a relaxing afternoon siesta with time to pack, we made our way towards the Río Copalita area and along the river's edge had some flyby **Neotropic Cormorants**, **Snowy Egrets**, and **Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks**. A newly arrived **Spotted Sandpiper** was a good reminder that migration was already underway. In the woods around the river, we came across a group of 6+ **Citreoline Trogons**, and finally connected with a close **Lineated Woodpecker**. Our final stop for the trip had us waiting for the possibility of some flyby parrots. A **Melodious Blackbird** and a pair of **Pale-billed Woodpeckers** kept us entertained until we saw some flyby parrots and ultimately found a distant group of **Lilac-crowned Parrots** roosting and had great scope views. It was nice to finally seem them perched. Our final checklist and dinner was had, and we enjoyed a final tally of our total species and endemics, reliving what had been a fantastic trip.

It was a joy to travel with you all on our inaugural trip to Oaxaca, Mexico and I cannot wait to return. I look forward to travelling with you all again soon. Until next time!



BIRD LIST. 276 species, including 14 heard only, 7 leader only and 37 endemics. Checklist follows Clements/eBird list, 2019 update. Ext. = Extension only (7/27/21); H = Heard only; L = Tour leader only; * = Endemic. Important subspecies groups in parentheses. Birdlife International threatened status: CR = Critically endangered; EN = Endangered; VU = Vulnerable; NT = Near-threatened.

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl (Anatidae)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*

Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows (Cracidae)

West Mexican Chachalaca* *Ortalis poliocephala*

New World Quail (Odontophoridae)

Northern Bobwhite (Masked) (NT) *Colinus virginianus*

Grebes (Podicipedidae)

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus*

Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*
 Red-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas flavirostris*
 Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata*
 Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*
 Inca Dove *Columbina inca*
 Common Ground Dove *Columbina passerina*
 Ruddy Ground Dove (L) *Columbina talpacoti*
 White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*
 White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*
 Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*

Cuckoos (Cuculidae)

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*
 Lesser Ground-Cuckoo (H) *Morococcyx erythropygus*
 Lesser Roadrunner *Geococcyx velox*
 Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*

Nightjars and Allies (Caprimulgidae)

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis*
 Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor*
 Common Pauraque (L) *Nyctidromus albicollis*
 Mexican Whip-poor-will (H) *Antrostomus arizonae*

Swifts (Apodidae)

Black Swift - VU

Chestnut-collared Swift

White-collared Swift

Vaux's Swift

Cypseloides niger

Streptoprocne rutila

Streptoprocne zonaris

Chaetura vauxi

Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)

Mexican Hermit*

Rivoli's Hummingbird

Plain-capped Starthroat

Amethyst-throated Mountain-gem

Blue-throated Mountain-gem

Garnet-throated Hummingbird

Bumblebee Hummingbird*

Golden-crowned Emerald*

Canivet's Emerald

Dusky Hummingbird*

Broad-billed Hummingbird (Doubleday's)

Blue-capped Hummingbird* (EN)

Berylline Hummingbird

Cinnamon Hummingbird

Green-fronted Hummingbird

White-eared Hummingbird

Phaethornis mexicanus

Eugenes fulgens

Helimaster constantii

Lampornis amethystinus

Lampornis clemenciae

Lamprolaima rhami

Atthis heloisa

Chlorostilbon auriceps

Chlorostilbon canivetii

Cynanthus sordidus

Cynanthus latirostris

Eupherusa cyanophrys

Amazilia beryllina

Amazilia rutila

Amazilia viridifrons

Hylocharis leucotis

Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)

Black-necked Stilt

American Avocet

Himantopus mexicanus

Recurvirostra americana

Plovers and Lapwings (Charadriidae)

Black-bellied Plover

Collared Plover

Snowy Plover (NT)

Semipalmated Plover

Killdeer

Pluvialis squatarola

Charadrius collaris

Charadrius nivosus

Charadrius semipalmatus

Charadrius vociferus

Jacanas (Jacanidae)

Northern Jacana

Jacana spinosa

Sandpipers and Allies (Scolopacidae)

Whimbrel

Marbled Godwit

Ruddy Turnstone

Stilt Sandpiper

Least Sandpiper

Numenius phaeopus

Limosa fedoa

Arenaria interpres

Calidris himantopus

Calidris minutilla

Pectoral Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher
Spotted Sandpiper
Greater Yellowlegs
Willet
Lesser Yellowlegs

Calidris melanotos
Calidris mauri
Limnodromus griseus
Actitis macularius
Tringa melanoleuca
Tringa semipalmata
Tringa flavipes

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)

Laughing Gull
Bridled Tern (L)
Least Tern
Gull-billed Tern
Black Tern
Royal Tern
Sandwich Tern
Black Skimmer

Leucophaeus atricilla
Onychoprion anaethetus
Sternula antillarum
Gelochelidon nilotica
Chlidonias niger
Thalasseus maximus
Thalasseus sandvicensis
Rynchops niger

Northern Storm-Petrels (Hydrobatidae)

Leach's Storm-Petrel (VU)
Wedge-rumped Storm-Petrel
Black Storm-Petrel

Oceanodroma leucorhoa
Oceanodroma tethys
Oceanodroma melania

Shearwaters and Petrels (Procellariidae)

Pink-footed Shearwater (VU)
Wedge-tailed Shearwater
Galapagos Shearwater

Ardenna creatopus
Ardenna pacifica
Puffinus subalaris

Frigatebirds (Fregatidae)

Magnificent Frigatebird

Fregata magnificens

Boobies and Gannets (Sulidae)

Masked Booby
Nazca Booby
Masked/Nazca Booby
Brown Booby

Sula dactylatra
Sula granti
Sula dactylatra/granti
Sula leucogaster

Cormorants and Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)

Neotropic Cormorant

Phalacrocorax brasilianus

Pelicans (Pelecanidae)

American White Pelican
Brown Pelican

Pelecanus erythrorhynchos
Pelecanus occidentalis

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns (Ardeidae)

Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Tricolored Heron
Reddish Egret (NT)
Cattle Egret
Green Heron

Ardea alba
Egretta thula
Egretta caerulea
Egretta tricolor
Egretta rufescens
Bubulcus ibis
Butorides virescens

Ibises and Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)

White Ibis
Roseate Spoonbill

Eudocimus albus
Platalea ajaja

New World Vultures (Cathartidae)

Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture

Coragyps atratus
Cathartes aura

Osprey (Pandionidae)

Osprey

Pandion haliaetus

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites (Accipitridae)

White-tailed Kite
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Roadside Hawk
White-tailed Hawk
Gray Hawk
Short-tailed Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk

Elanus leucurus
Accipiter striatus
Accipiter cooperii
Rupornis magnirostris
Geranoaetus albicaudatus
Buteo plagiatus
Buteo brachyurus
Buteo jamaicensis

Owls (Strigidae)

Flammulated Owl (H)
Pacific Screech-Owl (H)
Northern Pygmy-Owl (H)
Colima Pygmy-Owl*
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl
Mottled Owl (H)
Fulvous Owl

Psilosops flammeolus
Megascops cooperi
Glaucidium gnoma
Glaucidium palmarum
Glaucidium brasilianum
Ciccaba virgata
Strix fulvescens

Trogon (Trogonidae)

Citreoline Trogon*
Mountain Trogon
Collared Trogon

Trogon citreolus
Trogon mexicanus
Trogon collaris

Motmots (Momotidae)

Russet-crowned Motmot

Momotus mexicanus

Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)

Green Kingfisher

Chloroceryle americana

Toucans (Ramphastidae)

Northern Emerald-Toucanet (Wagler's) (H)

Aulacorhynchus prasinus

Woodpeckers (Picidae)

Acorn Woodpecker

Melanerpes formicivorus

Golden-cheeked Woodpecker*

Melanerpes chrysogenys

Gray-breasted Woodpecker*

Melanerpes hypopolius

Golden-fronted Woodpecker

Melanerpes aurifrons

Ladder-backed Woodpecker

Dryobates scalaris

Hairy Woodpecker (South Mexican)

Dryobates villosus

Pale-billed Woodpecker

Campephilus guatemalensis

Lineated Woodpecker

Dryocopus lineatus

Northern Flicker

Colaptes auratus

Falcons and Caracaras (Falconidae)

Collared Forest-Falcon (H)

Micrastur semitorquatus

Crested Caracara

Caracara cheriway

Laughing Falcon (H)

Herpetotheres cachinnans

Aplomado Falcon

Falco femoralis

Bat Falcon

Falco rufigularis

Peregrine Falcon

Falco peregrinus

New World and African Parrots (Psittacidae)

Lilac-crowned Parrot* - EN

Amazona finschi

Yellow-headed Parrot - EN

Amazona oratrix

White-fronted Parrot

Amazona albifrons

Orange-fronted Parakeet - VU

Eupsittula canicularis

Green Parakeet

Psittacara holochlorus

Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers (Furnariidae)

Northern Barred-Woodcreeper

Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae

Strong-billed Woodcreeper

Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus

Ivory-billed Woodcreeper

Xiphorhynchus flavigaster

White-striped Woodcreeper* (H)

Lepidocolaptes leucogaster

Spot-crowned Woodcreeper

Lepidocolaptes affinis

Tityras and Allies (Tityridae)

Masked Tityra

Tityra semifasciata

Rose-throated Becard

Pachyramphus aglaiae

Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)

Eye-ringed Flatbill
 Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet
 Greenish Elaenia
 Pileated Flycatcher*
 Tufted Flycatcher (Mexican)
 Greater Pewee
 Western Wood-Pewee
 White-throated Flycatcher
 Cordilleran Flycatcher
 Black Phoebe (L)
 Vermilion Flycatcher
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher
 Nutting's Flycatcher
 Flammulated Flycatcher*
 Great Kiskadee
 Boat-billed Flycatcher
 Social Flycatcher
 Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher
 Tropical Kingbird
 Cassin's Kingbird
 Thick-billed Kingbird

Rhynchocyclus brevirostris
Camptostoma imberbe
Myiopagis viridicata
Xenotriccus mexicanus
Mitrephanes phaeocercus
Contopus pertinax
Contopus sordidulus
Empidonax albigularis
Empidonax occidentalis
Sayornis nigricans
Pyrocephalus rubinus
Myiarchus tuberculifer
Myiarchus nuttingi
Deltarhynchus flammulatus
Pitangus sulphuratus
Megarynchus pitangua
Myiozetetes similis
Myiodynastes luteiventris
Tyrannus melancholicus
Tyrannus vociferans
Tyrannus crassirostris

Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis (Vireonidae)

Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo* (H)
 Golden Vireo*
 Slaty Vireo*
 Dwarf Vireo*
 Hutton's Vireo
 Plumbeous Vireo
 Warbling Vireo
 Yellow-green Vireo

Vireolanius melitophrys
Vireo hypochryseus
Vireo brevipennis
Vireo nelsoni
Vireo huttoni
Vireo plumbeus
Vireo gilvus
Vireo flavoviridis

Shrikes (Laniidae)

Loggerhead Shrike (NT)

Lanius ludovicianus

Crows, Jays, and Magpies (Corvidae)

Dwarf Jay* (NT)
 White-throated Magpie-Jay
 Green Jay (L)
 Steller's Jay
 Common Raven

Cyanolyca nanus
Calocitta formosa
Cyanocorax yncas
Cyanocitta stelleri
Corvus corax

Tits, Chickadees, and Titmice (Paridae)

Mexican Chickadee

Poecile sclateri

Bridled Titmouse

Baeolophus wollweberi

Swallows (Hirundinidae)

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Stelgidopteryx serripennis

Gray-breasted Martin

Progne chalybea

Mangrove Swallow

Tachycineta albilinea

Violet-green Swallow

Tachycineta thalassina

Barn Swallow

Hirundo rustica

Cliff Swallow

Petrochelidon pyrrhonota

Long-tailed Tits (Aegithalidae)

Bushtit

Psaltirparus minimus

Kinglets (Regulidae)

Golden-crowned Kinglet (H)

Regulus satrapa

Nuthatches (Sittidae)

White-breasted Nuthatch

Sitta carolinensis

Treecreepers (Certhiidae)

Brown Creeper

Certhia americana

Gnatcatchers (Polioptilidae)

White-lored Gnatcatcher

Polioptila albiloris

Wrens (Troglodytidae)

Rock Wren

Salpinctes obsoletus

Canyon Wren

Catherpes mexicanus

House Wren

Troglodytes aedon

Bewick's Wren (West Mexican)

Thryomanes bewickii

Gray-barred Wren*

Campylorhynchus megalopterus

Rufous-naped Wren (Sclater's)

Campylorhynchus rufinucha

Boucard's Wren*

Campylorhynchus jocosus

Happy Wren*

Pheugopedius felix

Banded Wren

Thryophilus pleurostictus

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (Central American)

Henicorhina leucophrys

Mockingbirds and Thrashers (Mimidae)

Blue Mockingbird*

Melanotis caerulescens

Curve-billed Thrasher

Toxostoma curvirostre

Ocellated Thrasher* (H)

Toxostoma ocellatum

Tropical Mockingbird

Mimus gilvus

Northern Mockingbird

Mimus polyglottos

Thrushes and Allies (Turdidae)

Brown-backed Solitaire
Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush
Russet Nightingale-Thrush*
Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush
White-throated Thrush
Clay-colored Thrush
American Robin
Rufous-backed Robin*

Myadestes occidentalis
Catharus aurantiirostris
Catharus occidentalis
Catharus frantzii
Turdus assimilis
Turdus grayi
Turdus migratorius
Turdus rufopalliat

Silky-flycatchers (Ptiliogonatidae)

Gray Silky-flycatcher

Ptiliogonys cinereus

Olive Warbler (Peucedramidae)

Olive Warbler

Peucedramus taeniatus

Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus

Finches, Euphonias, and Allies (Fringillidae)

Scrub Euphonia
Elegant Euphonia
House Finch
Red Crossbill
Black-headed Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch

Euphonia affinis
Euphonia elegantissima
Haemorhous mexicanus
Loxia curvirostra
Spinus notatus
Spinus psaltria

New World Sparrows (Passerellidae)

Common Chlorospingus (Southwest Mexico)
Cinnamon-tailed Sparrow* (NT)
Stripe-headed Sparrow
Bridled Sparrow*
Olive Sparrow
Chestnut-capped Brushfinch
Yellow-eyed Junco
White-throated Towhee
Rusty Sparrow
Rufous-crowned Sparrow (H) (L)
Oaxaca Sparrow*
Spotted Towhee
Collared Towhee*
Rufous-capped Brushfinch*

Chlorospingus flavopectus
Peucaea sumichrasti
Peucaea ruficauda
Peucaea mystacalis
Arremonops rufivirgatus
Arremon brunneinucha
Junco phaeonotus
Melospiza albicollis
Aimophila rufescens
Aimophila ruficeps
Aimophila notosticta
Pipilo maculatus
Pipilo ocai
Atlapetes pileatus

Troupials and Allies (Icteridae)

Eastern Meadowlark (NT)
 Yellow-winged Cacique
 Black-vented Oriole
 Orchard Oriole
 Streak-backed Oriole
 Spot-breasted Oriole
 Altamira Oriole
 Audubon's Oriole (Dickey's)
 Red-winged Blackbird
 Bronzed Cowbird
 Brown-headed Cowbird
 Melodious Blackbird
 Great-tailed Grackle

Sturnella magna
Cassiculus melanicterus
Icterus wagleri
Icterus spurius
Icterus pustulatus
Icterus pectoralis
Icterus gularis
Icterus graduacauda
Agelaius phoeniceus
Molothrus aeneus
Molothrus ater
Dives dives
Quiscalus mexicanus

New World Warblers (Parulidae)

Crescent-chested Warbler
 Hooded Yellowthroat
 Rufous-capped Warbler
 Golden-browed Warbler
 Golden-crowned Warbler
 Red Warbler*
 Painted Redstart
 Slate-throated Redstart

Oreothlypis superciliosa
Geothlypis nelsoni
Basileuterus rufifrons
Basileuterus belli
Basileuterus culicivorus
Cardellina rubra
Myioborus pictus
Myioborus miniatus

Cardinals and Allies (Cardinalidae)

Hepatic Tanager
 Red-headed Tanager*
 Northern Cardinal (Long-crested)
 Black-headed Grosbeak
 Red-breasted Chat*
 Blue Bunting
 Blue Grosbeak
 Rose-bellied Bunting* NT
 Orange-breasted Bunting*

Piranga flava
Piranga erythrocephala
Cardinalis cardinalis
Pheucticus melanocephalus
Granatellus venustus
Cyanocompsa parellina
Passerina caerulea
Passerina rositae
Passerina leclancherii

Tanagers and Allies (Thraupidae)

Blue-gray Tanager
 Red-legged Honeycreeper
 Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer
 Blue-black Grassquit
 Ruddy-breasted Seedeater
 Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater*
 Yellow-faced Grassquit (L)
 Black-headed Saltator

Thraupis episcopus
Cyanerpes cyaneus
Diglossa baritula
Volatinia jacarina
Sporophila minuta
Sporophila torqueola
Tiaris olivaceus
Saltator atriceps

Grayish Saltator

Saltator coerulescens

The group enjoying a singing Collared Towhee (endemic to Mexico) in the beautiful pine-oak highlands of the La Cumbre region

