

Half day birding at El Avila national park with Elliott Bedows and Sheila Norton

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Column A

March 1. 07:00AM-02:00PM El Avila national park. Coastal cordillera of Venezuela. Sea level to 2000meters. Dry scrub to cloud forest.

Column B

March 1 03:30-04:30PM Creek in Puerto Viejo hotel, Catia La Mar. Caribbean Sea.

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BROWN PELICAN <i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>		100+
NEOTROPIC CORMORANT <i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>		2
MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD <i>Fregata magnificens</i>		50+ including females and young ind. Very few adults males
GREAT EGRET <i>Ardea alba</i>		6
BLACK VULTURE <i>Coragyps atratus</i>	100+	
TURKEY VULTURE <i>Cathartes aura</i>	1 ind. resident race	
YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA <i>Milvago chimachima</i>	road entrance, 1 ind.	
RUFIOUS-VENTED CHACHALACA <i>Ortalis ruficauda</i>	30+ singing continuously from sea level up to 1700m	
SOUTHERN LAPWING <i>Vanellus chilensis</i>		1
LAUGHING GULL <i>Larus atricilla</i>		40+ adult, sub-adult (side rectrices black?) and juvenal plumage? (ind with banded tail)
ROYAL TERN <i>Sterna maxims</i>		2 caribbean sea
LEAST TERN <i>Sterna antillarum</i>		6 ind in the surf
ROCK PIGEON <i>Columba livia</i>	many in populated areas in the park	many along the creek
BAND-TAILED PIGEON <i>Columba fasciata</i>	8+ 1700m	
SCALED DOVE <i>Scardafella squammata</i>		3+
COMMON GROUND-DOVE <i>Columbina passerina</i>	2	5
RUDDY GROUND-DOVE <i>Columbina talpacoti</i>		1

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WHITE-TIPPED DOVE <i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	1 300m	
SCARLET-FRONTED PARAKEET <i>Aratinga wagleri</i>		3 Puerto Viejo
BROWN-THROATED PARAKEET <i>Aratinga pertinax</i>	twice 4ind below 500m	
* BLOOD-EARED PARAKEET <i>Pyrrhura hoematotis</i>	3ind 1700m	
BLUE-HEADED PARROT <i>Pionus menstruus</i>	pair 1700m	
SQUIRREL CUCKOO <i>Piaya cayana</i>	1	
SMOOTH-BILLED ANI <i>Crotophaga ani</i>	3ind 1700m	
WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT <i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	1 900m	
WHITE-TIPPED SWIFT <i>Aeronautes montivagus</i>	1 1000m fly by	
SOOTY-CAPPED HERMIT <i>Phaethornis augusti</i>	1 only David A. 1200m	
WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN <i>Florisuga mellivora</i>	1 sub-adult in Inmortelle tree	
GREEN VIOLETEAR <i>Colibri thalassinus</i>	Silhouette at 1900m	
BLUE-TAILED EMERALD <i>Chlorostilbon mellisugus</i>	6 or 7 ind forragin in Agabe inflorescence above 300m	
GOLDEN-TAILED SAPPHIRE <i>Chrysuronia oenone</i>	several males and females, specially forraging in Inmortelle and one female in Agabe	
* BUFFY HUMMINGBIRD <i>Leucippus fallax</i>	Despite much search, no one responded nor one seen	
* COPPER-RUMPED HUMMINGBIRD <i>Amazilia tobaci</i>	4+ forraging in Inmortelle inflorescence	
BRONZY INCA <i>Coeligena coeligena</i>	2 ind	
LONG-TAILED SYLPH <i>Agelaiocercus kingi</i>	1 male only by D. Ascanio	
RUFIOUS-TAILED JACAMAR <i>Galbula ruficauda</i>	4 pairs (one seen very well) from 300m to 1700m	
* RUSSET-THROATED PUFFBIRD <i>Hypnelus ruficollis</i>	one only heard by D. Ascanio	
* GROOVE-BILLED TOUCANET <i>Aulacorhynchus sulcatus</i>	Heard by D. Ascanio	
GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER <i>Piculus rubiginosus</i>	2	

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RED-CROWNED WOODPECKER <i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>	1 at 1700m	
PALE-BREASTED SPINETAIL <i>Synallaxis albescens</i>	glimpsed from the vehicle	
* BLACK-THROATED SPINETAIL <i>Synallaxis castanea</i>	1 ind seen. Not very responsive to playback. The fact that it was only one individual suggest a breeding season?	
* CRESTED SPINETAIL <i>Cranioleuca subcristata</i>	1 in the feeding flock 1900m	
BUFF-FRONTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER <i>Philydor rufus</i>	1 ind visiting a potential nest site, which was a mud crevice in a roofed area at the edge of the road, like the one made by the treehunters	
STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER <i>Xiphorhynchus picus</i>	2 at 4000m	
MONTANE WOODCREEPER <i>Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger</i>	1 feeding flock 1900m	
BARRED ANTSHRIKE <i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>	H twice at 700m	
NORTHERN WHITE-FRINGED ANTWREN <i>Formicivora intermedia</i>	H at 700m	
* CARACAS TAPACULO <i>Scytalopus caracae</i>	4 heard and 1 very well seen at 2000 in Chusquea bamboo	
SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET <i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>	1 seen at 600m	
MOUSE-COLORED TYRANNULET <i>Phaeomyias murina</i>	pair at 800m	
NORTHERN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER <i>Sublegatus arenarum</i>	1 at 700m	
WHITE-THROATED TYRANNULET <i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>	3 ind from 1700-2000m	
OCHRE-LORED FLATBILL <i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>	heard at 700m	
SOCIAL FLYCATCHER <i>Myiozetetes similis</i>	4 ind 1200m	
RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER <i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>	1 ind 1400m?	
GOLDEN-CROWNED FLYCATCHER <i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus</i>	2 heard 2000m	
TROPICAL KINGBIRD <i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	several, mostly below 1600m	1 hotel
MASKED TITYRA <i>Tityra semifasciata</i>	a male 1700m	
GOLDEN-BREASTED FRUITEATER <i>Pipreola aureopectus</i>	heard twice. V=never came after playback	

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BROWN-CAPPED VIREO <i>Vireo leucophrys</i>	1 feeding flock 1700m	
SCRUB GREENLET <i>Hylophilus flavipes</i>	3+ 300-700?m	
INCA JAY <i>Cyanocorax yncas</i>	3+ 1700m	
GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN <i>Progne chalybea</i>	various 600m	some hotel
BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW <i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	75+ 1200m	
SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW <i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	common below 1200m	
BARN SWALLOW <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	1 seen by Elliot Bedows	
RUFIOUS-BREASTED WREN <i>Thryothorus rutilus</i>	pair at 800m	
HOUSE WREN <i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	10+ in edge road	
GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN <i>Henicorhina leucophrys</i>	pair at 1700m	
LONG-BILLED GNATWREN <i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i>	1 1200m	
TROPICAL GNATCATCHER <i>Polioptila plumbea</i>	6 below 1200m	
ORANGE-BILLED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH <i>Catharus aurantiirostris</i>	heard at 1700m	
GLOSSY-BLACK THRUSH <i>Turdus serranus</i>	various above 1700m	
TROPICAL MOCKINGBIRD <i>Mimus gilvus</i>	various along the road edge	
TROPICAL PARULA <i>Parula pitayumi</i>	2 above 1700m	
BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER <i>Mniotilta varia</i>	1 with feeding flock	
AMERICAN REDSTART <i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	2 (male and female) above 1500m	
THREE-STRIPED WARBLER <i>Basileuterus tristriatus</i>	8 ind in edge above 1200m	
BANANAQUIT <i>Coereba flaveola</i>	many	
COMMON BUSH-TANAGER <i>Chlorospingus ophthalmicus</i>	2 at 1500m	
WHITE-LINED TANAGER <i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	several below 1200m	
BLUE-GRAY TANAGER <i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	pair at 700m	
BLUE-CAPPED TANAGER <i>Thraupis cyanocephala</i>	8-10 ind above 1650m	
FAWN-BREASTED TANAGER <i>Pipraeidea melanonota</i>	excellent views 1700m feeding flock?	
BLUE-NAPED CHLOROPHONIA <i>Chlorophonia cyanea</i>	two ind with feeding flock at 1700m	

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GOLDEN TANAGER <i>Tangara arthus</i>	pair at 1700m	
BLACK-CAPPED TANAGER <i>Tangara heinei</i>	a male at 1700m	
SPECKLED TANAGER <i>Tangara guttata</i>	one with feeding flock at 1700m	
BLACK-FACED GRASSQUIT <i>Tiaris bicolor</i>	several below 700m. Singing spontaneously	
RUDDY-BREASTED SEEDEATER <i>Sporophila minuta</i>		one male, three females
SAFFRON FINCH <i>Sicalis flaveola</i>		one in hotel
* OCHRE-BREASTED BRUSH-FINCH <i>Atlapetes semirufus</i>	3 at 1600m, responding well after playback	
* TEPUI BRUSH-FINCH <i>Atlapetes personatus</i>		
SLATY BRUSH-FINCH <i>Atlapetes schistaceus</i>		
NORTHERN RUFOUS-NAPED BRUSH-FINCH <i>Atlapetes latinuchus</i>		
CHESTNUT-CAPPED BRUSH-FINCH <i>Buarremon brunneinuchus</i>	excellent views of a pair at 1600m, then a second pair was heard at 1800m. Behave more like an <i>Arremon</i> Sparrow!	
BLACK-STRIPED SPARROW <i>Arremonops conirostris</i>	common voice in the lowlands. About 6 seen very well	
RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW <i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	heard at 1800m	
CARIB GRACKLE <i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>		many
GIANT COWBIRD <i>Molothrus oryzivora</i>	1 1200m	
YELLOW-BACKED ORIOLE <i>Icterus chrysater</i>	H 1600m	
YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE <i>Cacicus cela</i>	1 1600m with <i>Plonus menstruus</i>	
CRESTED OROPENDOLA <i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>	several at 1300m	
[TRICOLORED (BLACK-HEADED) MUNIA] <i>Lonchura malacca</i>		6 ind (two in adult male plumage) along the puerto viejo creek on a grass
HOUSE SPARROW <i>Passer domesticus</i>		2 ind same creek
Other species:		
Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth	1 at 1200m	

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Parrot Snake (<i>Chironius monticola</i>)	1 in the south side at 1900m. All dark green with two terminal black lines.	