

# Trip to the eastern side of the state of Falcón, Venezuela

October 7-10, 2002

Participant: Patricia Shoultz

Leader: David Ascanio

Total: 155 individuals

## Birdlist

### oct.07:

Caracas-La Arboleda

La Arboleda farm and south road (10:00-12:00m): farmland with scattered trees, patches of tropical moist forest, pastures

Morrocoy NP entrance (4:00 pm) Mangrove swamp with red and black mangrove

Cuare WR (05:00-06:00pm) Coastal wetland, grassland, urban area and edges with mangroves

apparently (and according to Edith) I had rained the night before our arrival. This rain was followed by a long period of dry days. Frogs were vocalizing even at midday and birds were very active. The water level in Cuare was also very high. As result, al

### Oct.08:

Cerro Chichiriviche (06:10-09:00am)

Cerro La Misión (10:00-12:00m)

Punta Brava (Tucacas) 04:00-06:00pm

Tropical dry forest

Secondary growth

Farmland

remnants of ecotone Tropical Moist-Humid Forest

Rizophora mangrove

Avicennia mangrove

### Oct.09:

Camino Cabeza de Cochino (06:00-09:00am)-The King Ranch road

Farmland

Pastures

Remnants of Tropical Moist Forest

Freshwater wetlands

SPECIE	Oct. 07	Oct. 08	Oct. 09
<b>GRAY TINAMOU</b> <i>Tinamus tao</i>		Heard in Cerro La Misión	
<b>LEAST GREBE</b> <i>Podiceps dominicus</i>	1 poss sight in Cuare		
<b>BROWN PELICAN</b> <i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	seen across the caribbean coast		
<b>NEOTROPIC CORMORANT</b> <i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	1 flying the road across Cuare		
<b>MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD</b> <i>Fregata magnificens</i>	several ind flying over the caribbean sea		

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<b>HORNED SCREAMER</b> <i>Anhima cornuta</i>			heard in Tony´s property
<b>AMERICAN FLAMINGO</b> <i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	7 groups varying in size from 300 to 500 ind. One group had 800+ ind. One large group in the back side of Cuare scattered along the lagoon with about 1200 ind. Also 100+ ind in the entrance of Morrocoy NP		
<b>GREAT EGRET</b> <i>Ardea alba</i>	several individuals flying across the road		
<b>SNOWY EGRET</b> <i>Egretta thula</i>		possible sight in Cuare (dumping site!)	
<b>REDDISH EGRET</b> <i>Egretta rufescens</i>		1 possible sight in Cuare (light phase)	
<b>TRI COLORED HERON</b> <i>Egretta tricolor</i>	2 individuals in Cuare		about 4 in Punta Brava
<b>CATTLE EGRET</b> <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	several individuals along the highway		
<b>STRIATED HERON</b> <i>Butorides striatus</i>			2 individuals in Punta Brava
<b>BARE-FACED (WHISPERING) IBIS</b> <i>Phimosus infuscatus</i>	various individuals along high way		several individuals along the King Ranch road
<b>WHITE IBIS</b> <i>Eudocimus albus</i>	one individual with two Scarlet Ibises		
<b>SCARLET IBIS</b> <i>Eudocimus ruber</i>	several sightings along the wetlands. When alarmed, would flight to the Rizophora mangrove (protection) to return to the feeding grounds later	several sights along the coastal wetlands	several sights in Punta Brava
<b>BLACK VULTURE</b> <i>Coragyps atratus</i>	various individuals near La Arboleda	several in diferent localities	several in diferent localities
<b>TURKEY VULTURE</b> <i>Cathartes aura</i>	2 resident individuals in La Arboleda	several individuals - all resident!	several individuals - all resident!
<b>OSPREY</b> <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		one soaring over Cerro La Misión	
<b>CRANE HAWK</b> <i>Geranospiza caerulescens</i>	1 possible individual near La Arboleda		
<b>SAVANNA HAWK</b> <i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	1 individual in La Arboleda		
<b>COMMON BLACK-HAWK</b> <i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>	2 individuals in Cuare		
<b>GREAT BLACK-HAWK</b> <i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>		1 in La Arboleda	
<b>GRAY HAWK</b> <i>Buteo nitidus</i>			2 heard but only one seen along the King Ranch road

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<b>ROADSIDE HAWK</b> <i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	various sightings along the road		
<b>NORTHERN CRESTED-CARACARA</b> <i>Caracara cheriway</i>	various sights including a pair in Cuare		a pair along the King Ranch road
<b>YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA</b> <i>Milvago chimachima</i>	2 individuals near La Arboleda		2 in La Arboleda
<b>LAUGHING FALCON</b> <i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>		a pair in Cerro La Misión	
<b>AMERICAN KESTREL</b> <i>Falco sparverius</i>		a single one in the farmlands along the road to cerro La Misión	
<b>RUFIOUS-VENTED CHACHALACA</b> <i>Ortalis ruficauda</i>		several individuals in Cerro Chichiriviche	
<b>RUSTY-FLANKED CRAKE</b> <i>Laterallus levraudi</i>		heard at 200m in Cerro La Misión	
<b>CLAPPER RAIL</b> <i>Rallus longirostris</i>		one individual in Punta Brava	
<b>PLAIN-FLANKED RAIL</b> <i>Rallus wetmorei</i>		4 pairs -at least!- in Punta Brava	
<b>LIMPKIN</b> <i>Aramus guarauna</i>	several individuals in the freshwater wetlands near La Arboleda. One continuously singing in the night of Oct. 7	one individual vocalizing in La Arboleda from 04:00am aprox.	one individual vocalizing in La Arboleda from 04:00am aprox.
<b>SOUTHERN LAPWING</b> <i>Vanellus chilensis</i>	6 ind along the road		La Arboleda
<b>AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER</b> <i>Pluvialis dominica</i>		1 ind in the Morrocoy NP entrance. Never saw it flying so could be the previous one	
<b>SEMI PALMATED PLOVER</b> <i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>		1 possible sight near Indunave	
<b>WILSON'S PLOVER</b> <i>Charadrius wilsonia</i>	1 ind in Cuare	1 ind in Indunave	
<b>COLLARED PLOVER</b> <i>Charadrius collaris</i>	3 ind in Indunave		
<b>BLACK-NECKED STILT</b> <i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	50+ ind in Cuare		
<b>WATTLED JACANA</b> <i>Jacana jacana</i>	various in wetlands around La Arboleda		
<b>GREATER YELLOWLEGS</b> <i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	6 ind in Cuare		
<b>LESSER YELLOWLEGS</b> <i>Tringa flavipes</i>	10+ ind in Cuare		
<b>SOLITARY SANDPIPER</b> <i>Tringa solitaria</i>	6 ind in Morrocoy entrance		
<b>WILLET</b> <i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>	1 ind in Morrocoy entrance		
<b>SPOTTED SANDPIPER</b> <i>Actitis macularia</i>	2-3 ind in Cuare		
<b>WHIMBREL</b> <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	2 ind. 1 in Cuare and 1 in Morrocoy		

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<b>SEMI PALMATED SANDPIPER</b> <i>Calidris pusilla</i>		4-5 ind in mudflats around Indunave	
<b>LEAST SANDPIPER</b> <i>Calidris minutilla</i>	4 ind in mudflats around Indunave		
<b>STILT SANDPIPER</b> <i>Micropalama himantopus</i>	22 ind (small group) in Morrocoy entrance	possible sight along the beach entering the road to Tucacas	
<b>ROYAL TERN</b> <i>Sterna maximus</i>			
<b>LARGE-BILLED TERN</b> <i>Phaetusa simplex</i>	2 ind in Cuare		
<b>BLACK SKIMMER</b> <i>Rhychops niger</i>	various ind in Cuare		
<b>BARE-EYED PIGEON</b> <i>Columba corensis</i>	2 ind flying north-south at 06:00 pm in Cuare		
<b>PALE-VENTED PIGEON</b> <i>Columba cayennensis</i>	various sightings		
<b>EARED DOVE</b> <i>Zenaida auriculata</i>		several in Cuare flying north-suth at 06:00pm	
<b>SCALED DOVE</b> <i>Scardafella squammata</i>	several ind in Las Lapas road		
<b>COMMON GROUND-DOVE</b> <i>Columbina passerina</i>	several ind in Las Lapas road		few along the King Ranch road
<b>RUDDY GROUND-DOVE</b> <i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	widespread. Several sights		widespread. Several sights along the King Ranch road
<b>WHITE-TIPPED DOVE</b> <i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	1 ind in King Ranch road	2 ind in Cerro Chichiriviche road	one along the road
<b>CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW</b> <i>Ara severa</i>	2 ind in Sanare area		heard in La Arboleda
<b>BROWN-THROATED PARAKEET</b> <i>Aratinga pertinax</i>	2 ind in Cuare		
<b>GREEN-RUMPED PARROTLET</b> <i>Forpus passerinus</i>	several sight records including farmland	Morrocoy NP and Cerro Misión	
<b>YELLOW-CROWNED PARROT</b> <i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>	heard in farmland	heard in Cerro Chichiriviche and Cerro Misión	2 along the King Ranch road
<b>ORANGE-WINGED PARROT</b> <i>Amazona amazonica</i>	several pairs flying west-east in Cuare		
<b>SQUIRREL CUCKOO</b> <i>Piaya cayana</i>	2 in King Ranch road	2 in Cerro Chichiriviche	
<b>SMOOTH-BILLED ANI</b> <i>Crotophaga ani</i>	seen in open farmland in King Ranch road		
<b>GROOVE-BILLED ANI</b> <i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>	common in La Arboleda		
<b>STRIPED CUCKOO</b> <i>Tapera naevia</i>	several heard in farmland and one seen in Las Lapas road		

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<b>LESSER NIGHTHAWK</b> <i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>	one ind roosting along a branch of a tree in La Arboleda	2 individuals flying over La Arboleda at dusk	
<b>RUFIOUS-BREASTED HERMIT</b> <i>Glaucis hirsuta</i>		2 ind in Cerro Chichiriviche	
<b>PALE-BELLIED HERMIT</b> <i>Phaethornis anthophilus</i>		one possible sight in Cerro Chichiriviche	
<b>BLUE-TAILED EMERALD</b> <i>Chlorostilbon mellisugus</i>	1 male in the King Ranch road spotted by Thrish!		
<b>GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD</b> <i>Amazilia fimbriata</i>			1 ind feeding at a flowering tree in the King Ranch road
<b>RINGED KINGFISHER</b> <i>Megaceryle torquata</i>	1 in wetland in King Ranch road	(this or next?) 1 in Mangrove in Punta Brava road	
<b>BELTED KINGFISHER</b> <i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>		possible sight record in Punta Brava	
<b>RUFIOUS-TAILED JACAMAR</b> <i>Galbula ruficauda</i>		1 female in Cerro La Misión	
<b>RUSSET-THROATED PUFFBIRD</b> <i>Hypnelus ruficollis</i>	2 heard in moist forest on King Ranch road		1 individual seen with a single chest band and a second broken one
<b>SCALED PICULET</b> <i>Picumnus squamulatus</i>	several sights including La Arboleda, King Ranch road	sight record in Cerro Chichiriviche	about 4 individuals seen in the king ranch road
<b>SPOT-BREASTED WOODPECKER</b> <i>Chrysoptilus punctigula</i>			1 heard in Posada La Arboleda
<b>LINEATED WOODPECKER</b> <i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	heard in King Ranch road		
<b>RED-CROWNED WOODPECKER</b> <i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>	seen in La Arboleda		
<b>RED-RUMPED WOODPECKER</b> <i>Veniliornis kirkii</i>		heard in Cerro Misión	
<b>CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER</b> <i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>		possible family group in Cerro Misión with 3 ind. One with male plumage and two with female plumage	
<b>CARIBBEAN HORNERO</b> <i>Furnarius longirostris</i>	great views in La Arboleda	more views in Cerro Chichiriviche and heard in Cerro Misión	a single individual building a nest on a horizontal branch of a small tree
<b>PALE-BREASTED SPINETAIL</b> <i>Synallaxis albescens</i>	heard in King Ranch road		
<b>STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER</b> <i>Xiphorhynchus picus</i>	common and widespread		heard around Posada La Arboleda
<b>STREAK-HEADED WOODCREEPER</b> <i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>		a pair in Cerro Misión	
<b>BLACK-CRESTED ANTSHRIKE</b> <i>Sakesphorus canadensis</i>		heard in Cerro Misión	one male in the king ranch road
<b>BLACK-BACKED ANTSHRIKE</b> <i>Sakesphorus melanonotus</i>		great view of a male in Cerro Misión	

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<b>BARRED ANTSHRIKE</b> <i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>		a pair in Cerro Misión	
<b>NORTHERN WHITE-FRINGED ANTWREN</b> <i>Formicivora intermedia</i>	common and widespread in all semi dry habitat or shrub	common and widespread in all semi dry habitat or shrub	
<b>WHITE-BELLIED ANTBIRD</b> <i>Myrmeciza longipes</i>		superb view in Cerro Chichiriviche	
<b>SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET</b> <i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>	seen in moist forest along the king ranch road	heard in La Arboleda	one on the road towards king ranch
<b>YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA</b> <i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	heard in king ranch road		heard in king ranch road
<b>NORTHERN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER</b> <i>Sublegatus arenarum</i>		heard in Cerro Chichiriviche	
<b>COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER</b> <i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>	a pair in La Arboleda		
<b>OCHRE-LORED FLATBILL</b> <i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>	one in La Arboleda		
<b>VERMILION FLYCATCHER</b> <i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	several in La Arboleda and Cerro Chichiriviche area (arid slopes)	several in La Arboleda and Cerro Chichiriviche area (arid slopes)	La Arboleda
<b>CATTLE TYRANT</b> <i>Machetornis rixosus</i>	several views in Farmland	any in Cerro Chichiriviche?	
<b>PIED WATER-TYRANT</b> <i>Fluvicola pica</i>	La Arboleda		
<b>GREAT KISKADEE</b> <i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	La Arboleda and many other sites		
<b>LESSER KISKADEE</b> <i>Philohydor lictor</i>	heard in La Arboleda		
<b>BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER</b> <i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>			heard in La Arboleda
<b>SOCIAL FLYCATCHER</b> <i>Myiozetetes similis</i>	one seen in the king ranch road		
<b>RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER</b> <i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>	several pairs along the king ranch road and one in La Arboleda		
<b>STREAKED FLYCATCHER</b> <i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	one in La Arboleda		
<b>TROPICAL KINGBIRD</b> <i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	widespread	widespread	
<b>GRAY KINGBIRD</b> <i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>	3 ind in Las Lapas road-possible northern migrant race		
<b>FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER</b> <i>Tyrannus savana</i>	several along the Cuare road		
<b>WHITE-WINGED BECARD</b> <i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>	a pair in king ranch road		a pair again in king ranch road
<b>CINEREOUS BECARD</b> <i>Pachyramphus rufus</i>		one male in Cerro Chichiriviche road	one male in the king ranch road

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<b>CHESTNUT-CROWNED BECARD</b> <i>Pachyrhamphus castaneus</i>		a possible pair in Cerro Chichiriviche road	
<b>LANCE-TAILED MANAKIN</b> <i>Chiroxiphia lanceolata</i>		a male and several females (or young?) feeding on a Legume in Cerro Chichiriviche	
<b>RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE</b> <i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	one with dark iris in king ranch road		
<b>SCRUB GREENLET</b> <i>Hylophilus flavipes</i>	poss sight in La Arboleda	various ind including one feeding in a Legume! (pale iris)	
<b>GOLDEN-FRONTED GREENLET</b> <i>Hylophilus aurantiifrons</i>	common and widespread	common and widespread	
<b>BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN</b> <i>Progne tapera</i>	several flying around Las Lapas road		
<b>BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIOUS</b> <i>Donacobius atricapillus</i>		Cerro Misión (200m)	
<b>RUFOUS-BREASTED WREN</b> <i>Thryothorus rutilus</i>		Cerro Chichiriviche	
<b>HOUSE WREN</b> <i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	common and widespread	common and widespread	
<b>TROPICAL GNATCATCHER</b> <i>Polioptila plumbea</i>	king ranch road and Cuare		
<b>TROPICAL MOCKINGBIRD</b> <i>Mimus gilvus</i>	common in savannas and dry areas		
<b>TROPICAL PARULA</b> <i>Parula pitaiayumi</i>	one in king ranch road (moist forest)		
<b>YELLOW WARBLER</b> <i>Dendroica aestiva</i>	2 in La Arboleda		
<b>PROTHONOTARY WARBLER</b> <i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	1 in king ranch road		
<b>NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH</b> <i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>		2 in Punta Brava mangroves	
<b>GOLDEN-CROWNED WARBLER</b> <i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>	1 poss heard in king ranch road		
<b>BANANAQUIT</b> <i>Coereba flaveola</i>	heard several times		
<b>WHITE-EARED CONEBILL</b> <i>Conirostrum leucogenys</i>			good view of 3 individuals foraging in a Saman tree
<b>WHITE-LINED TANAGER</b> <i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	several sights	Cerro Chichiriviche	
<b>SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER</b> <i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>	common and widespread	common and widespread except in mangrove	
<b>BLUE-GRAY TANAGER</b> <i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	common and widespread	common and widespread except in mangrove	
<b>GLAUCOUS TANAGER</b> <i>Thraupis glaucocolpa</i>	one in La Arboleda		

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<b>PALM TANAGER</b> <i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	3 in La Arboleda		
<b>TRINIDAD EUPHONIA</b> <i>Euphonia trinitatis</i>	several times heard around La Arboleda		a family group foraging along the King Ranch road
<b>SOUTHERN GRAYISH-SALTATOR</b> <i>Saltator coerulescens</i>		a pair in Cerro Chichiriviche road	
<b>BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR</b> <i>Saltator maximus</i>	king ranch road (1 ind.)		
<b>BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT</b> <i>Volatinia jacarina</i>	common and widespread specially in farmland		
<b>BLACK-FACED GRASSQUIT</b> <i>Tiaris bicolor</i>		possible sight record near Cerro La Mision	
<b>GRAY SEEDEATER</b> <i>Sporophila intermedia</i>		one possible Ring-necked Seedeater (split from this one) in Cerro Mision	
<b>LESSON'S SEEDEATER</b> <i>Sporophila bouvronides</i>		one singing in the slope of Cerro Chichiriviche	
<b>RUDDY-BREASTED SEEDEATER</b> <i>Sporophila minuta</i>	several along the king ranch road		several along the king ranch road
<b>SAFFRON FINCH</b> <i>Sicalis flaveola</i>	common and widespread specially in farmland		
<b>YELLOW-HOODED BLACKBIRD</b> <i>Agelaius icterocephalus</i>	king ranch road		
<b>EASTERN MEADOWLARK</b> <i>Sturnella magna</i>			possible heard in the King Ranch road
<b>RED-BREASTED BLACKBIRD</b> <i>Sturnella militaris</i>	king ranch road		king ranch road
<b>CARIB GRACKLE</b> <i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>	king ranch road		
<b>SHINY COWBIRD</b> <i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	several in La Arboleda		
<b>ORANGE-CROWNED ORIOLE</b> <i>Icterus auricapillus</i>	a pair in La Arboleda		
<b>ORIOLE BLACKBIRD</b> <i>Gymnomystax mexicanus</i>		Cerro Mision	
<b>CRESTED OROPENDOLA</b> <i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>	Heard near La Arboleda		
<b>FOREST ELAENIA</b>	La Arboleda farm		king ranch road
<b>PLAIN THORNBIRD</b>	common along the King Ranch road		common along the King Ranch road
<b>GUIRA TANAGER</b>	3 ind including a male along the King Ranch road		
<b>THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA</b>	one possible female along the king ranch road		



