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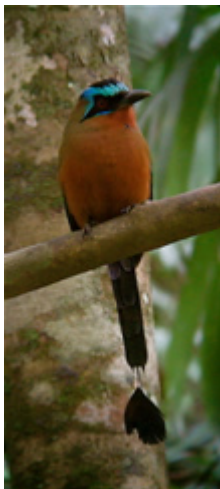
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In January 22nd I was leading a VENT Cruise in the Peruvian Amazon, when I received a radio message from Lima. Bob Sudstron, my VENT colleague could not lead the Trinidad and Tobago tour next February, and they needed to know if I could take over his position. As I was hearing the message, a memory came about my last time in Tobago. I believe it may have been more that ten years ago, I thought, when I accompanied Richard ffrench, the author of the Trinidad and Tobago bird book into this fascinating country.

Trinidad and Tobago comprises two islands. Tobago, with a population of about fifty thousand people, and the much larger Trinidad, with over a million inhabitants. Being small, this country represents indeed one of the best introductions to bird South America with many neotropical families represented but not an overwhelming number of species.



We met at Piarco airport in Port of Spain to catch our flight to Tobago. After a drive to Cuffie river nature retreat we started birding with scope views of White-tailed Nightjar while a Common Potto called some distance away. In the following day we explored what is claimed to be the first protected forest in the western hemisphere (1765) in the Gilpin Trace. Here we had astonishing views of males White-tailed Sabrewing (and a female nesting), White-throated Spadebill, Fuscous Flycatcher and Stripe-breasted Spinetail. In the afternoon, we visited a lek of blue-backed manakins, having also scope views of the Venezuelan Flycatcher and Great Black-Hawk.

The following day we started in the Hilton ponds, where we sighted the second record of Double-striped Thick-Knee for Tobago, and only the fifth for the country.

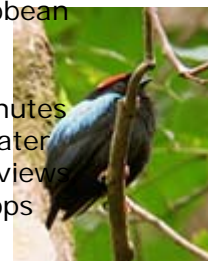
The day followed with many water birds, including Sora and White-cheeked Pintail. We also scoped Mangrove Cuckoo and did study sandpipers in the wetlands. In the afternoon we drove to Grafton Hills, where after birding the trail we enjoyed the fbird feeders with loads of bananaquits, barred antshrikes, white-lined tanagers while a pair of blue-crowned motmots approached to the “cheese table”.



Our last day in Tobago started in Speyside, where we took a glass-bottom boat to the even smaller Little Tobago. Here we walked the trail to the tropicbird nests and some of went ahead towards the boobies nests. In the glass-bottomed boat we enjoyed a Green Turtle, coral reef and a good sort of tropical fishes. In the afternoon we flew to Trinidad and drove onto the Arima mountains, in Asa Wright Nature Centre, where we spent the following four days.

The first morning in Asa Wright was loaded with new species. From toucans to hummingbirds we spent the entire morning scoping new species for the trip. In the afternoon we headed down to the Oilbird site, having astonishing views of this species, although the Gray-throated Leaf-tosser took over on the show, tossing leaves and searching for insects along the trail during our hike back to the centre.

The following day we drove across the Arima mountains towards the Caribbean village named Blanchisseuse. At the ridge of the mountains we had astonishing views of the only purely endemic Trinitarian bird species, the Trinidad Piping-Guan. What a moment! We enjoyed a male for various minutes and even took great photos and videos of this wonderful species. Minutes later we tried another hard-to-find species, the Scaled Antpitta, having decent views although did not get it in the scope. Other species included Streaked Xenops (scoped), Silvered Antbird and nice views of Pale-breasted Spinetail.



On the third day in Trinidad we headed to the Arima livestock station, getting astonishing views of Grassland Yellow-Finch. We also visited the Nariva swamp, having photo opportunities of Pinnated Bittern as well as the Azure Gallinule. Other sights included 3 species of kingfishers, as well as great views of Pearl Kite.

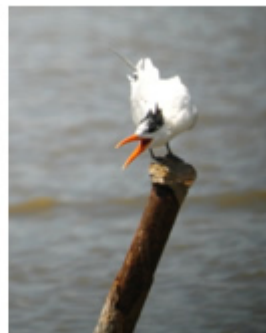
The fourth day continue with surprises, starting in the Aripo savannas and Wallerfield. Highlights included White-winged Becard, Red-bellied Macaws and Bran-colored Flycatcher. We had lunch at the

Arena forest, followed by great views of the noisy White-bellied Antbird and the diminutive Sooty Grassquit.

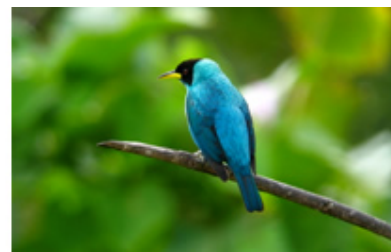
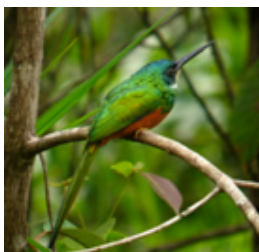


Once we spent sometime resting back at the centre we headed in the evening to the Wallerfield area, for a night outing. We arrived early enough to see Masked Yellowthroat and had dinner while enjoying red-bellied macaws, sulphury flycatchers and moriche orioles in the Moriche stand. In the night we saw Pauraque and enjoyed Spectacled Owl in the scope. Our fifth day in Trinidad and last full day of the trip started in the verandah of Asa Wright Nature Centre. Before breakfast we headed to the Discovery trail where we enjoyed spectacular views of white-bearded manakins displaying at the lek. At midmorning we joined Mahase again for a drive to the rice fields, the sewage ponds, Waterloo bay and the grand finale in the Caroni swamp. At Waterloo we observed 7 lesser black-backed gulls, a Large-billed Tern and many sandpipers and scarlet ibises.

On route to the Caroni swamp we enjoyed a Long-winged Harrier. Once on the swamp, we also saw Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Clapper Rail, Rufous-necked Wood-Rail (had a chorus of 3 individuals vocalizing!) and Green-throated Mango. The magic moment arrived when seeing dozens of scarlet ibises coming to roost. Our drive back was filled with views of a total eclipse of the moon.



It is always hard to choose the best experiences and the best bird species for a trip. I know some of you enjoyed digiscoping while others loved the motmots eating cheese in Tobago. I am sure we will remember the memorable times when the bird feeders at Asa Wright Nature Centre were loaded with purple honeycreepers, or being wake-up with the explosive song of the Rufous-vented Chachalaca in Tobago. It will be hard to beat the astonishing view of the Trinidad Pipin-Guan in the Arima mountains, although the always rewarding view of the Scarlet Ibis going to the roost is hard to forget.



Our tour packed 245 species of birds, representing about 55% of all the birds of Trinidad and Tobago. These species are compiled in the enclosed birdlist, which follows the order in Clements, J 2000. *Birds of the World*. 5th edition.



I want to thank our local guides and drivers. They all provided excellent support in the field and were incredibly skilled driving in the narrow roads of both islands. A special word goes to Mahase for his patience and tolerance when we were pushing a bit more to find rare species.

Last but not least, I want to thank you for joining us in this incredible introduction of the neo-tropical avifauna. I hope to see you again in another trip. Please remember, there are other great places in Brazil (Pantanal), Venezuela (Hato Pinero) and Peru (Amazon Cruise) where you can gain more skills of bird identification, learn about new bird families, enjoy photographing the great wildlife of south America and still bird at a low pace.



As we say in Latin America, *Hasta la próxima!*

Birds

English name	Latin name		
Tinamous		Tinamidae	
Little Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus soui</i>	TR	Only heard.
Grebes		Podicipedidae	
Least Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i>	TO,TR	Usually in sewage ponds.
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	TO	a Single individual in the sewage ponds.
Shearwaters & Petrels		Procellariidae	
Audubon's Shearwater	<i>Puffinus lherminieri</i>	TO	Only a nest in Little Tobago. Not seen much of the bird.
Tropicbirds		Phaethontidae	
Red-billed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon aethereus</i>	TO	Great views of nests in Little Tobago.
Pelicans		Pelecanidae	
Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	TO,TR	many individuals, usually on the sea/ocean.
Gannets & Boobies		Sulidae	
Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>	TO	Great views in Little Tobago. Enjoyed a pair nesting.
Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	TO	Many pairs nesting in Little Tobago.
Cormorants		Phalacrocoracidae	
Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	TR	Roost in Caroni swamp.
Anhingas & Darters		Anhingidae	
Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	TO	One at the Hilton ground.
Frigatebirds		Fregatidae	
Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	TO	Daily views in Tobago.
Herons, Egrets & Bitterns		Ardeidae	
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	TO	One at the sewage pond.
Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>	TR	One at the Nariva swamp.
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	TO,TR	Various sights.
Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	TO,TR	Various sights.
Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	TO,TR	Various sights.
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	TO,TR	Various sights.
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	TO,TR	Nesting in Tobago. Various sights in Trinidad.
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	TR	Caroni swamp.
Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	TO	Sewage pond.
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	TR	One flying late on Caroni swamp.
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	TO,TR	Various sights. Usually near the sea/ocean.
Pinnated Bittern	<i>Botaurus pinnatus</i>	TR	Great views (Scoped!) at the Nariva swamp.

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Ibises & Spoonbills		Threskiornithidae	
Scarlet Ibis	<i>Eudocimus ruber</i>	TR	Great views at Waterloo and in the Caroni swamp.
Ducks, Geese & Swans		Anatidae	
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>	TO	Sewage ponds.
White-cheeked Pintail	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>	TO	Sewage ponds.
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	TO	Sewage ponds.
New World Vultures		Cathartidae	
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	TO,TR	Daily views.
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	TO,TR	Daily views. A single northern migrant race in the Arima mountains.
Osprey		Pandionidae	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	TO,TR	Few sights in both islands.
Hawks, Eagles & Kites		Accipitridae	
Gray-headed Kite	<i>Leptodon cayanensis</i>	TR	3 individuals soaring over the Arima mountains.
Pearl Kite	<i>Gampsonyx swainsonii</i>	TR	A individual scoped in the Nariva swamp.
Double-toothed Kite	<i>Harpagus bidentatus</i>	TR	Repeatedly seen in Asa Wright Nature Centre.
Long-winged Harrier	<i>Circus buffoni</i>	TR	A pair (nesting?) at the Nariva swamp.
White Hawk	<i>Leucopternis albicollis</i>	TR	Pair soaring I the Arima mountains.
Common Black-Hawk	<i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>	TR	Several views, including on e individual catching crabs in Marianne bridge.
Great Black-Hawk	<i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>	TO	Gtreat view in Tobago.
Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	TR	Various individuals seen in the savannas and grasslands.
Gray Hawk	<i>Asturina nitida</i>	TR	seen soaring and perched in the Arima mountains and walelrfield.
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	TO,TR	Various sights. Always of individuals soaring.
Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>	TR	Various pairs in the Arima mountains. Also seen on route to Waterloo.
Zone-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albonotatus</i>	TR	Various sights on the Arima mountains.
Black Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>	TR	Mostly heard. Glimpsed once on top of the Arima mountains.
Ornate Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus ornatus</i>	TR	Scope views of a very distant individual over the Arima mountains.
Caracaras & Falcons		Falconidae	
Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>	TR	Various sights.
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	TR	Seen twice. One in Nariva swamp and the second in Caroni swamp.
Bat Falcon	<i>Falco ruficularis</i>	TR	A individual flying in Marianne bridge area.
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	TR	Astonishing views inWallerfield.
Guans, Chachalacas & Allies		Cracidae	

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Rufous-vented Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis ruficauda</i>	TO	Calling every morning at 05:50AM in Cuffie river. Great views al over the island and specially at Grafton hills.
<u>Trinidad Piping-Guan</u>	<i>Pipile pipile</i>	TR	What a view. A male scoped for 6+ minutes. Got good photos!
Rails, Gallinules & Coots		Rallidae	
Clapper Rail	<i>Rallus longirostris</i>	TR	A very responsive male in Caroni swamp. Taxonomical position under revision. May well represent a separate species.
<u>Rufous-necked Wood-Rail</u>	<i>Aramides axillaris</i>	TR	Seen it the Caroni swamp. Heard three individuals.
Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	TO	3 in the sewage ponds.
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>	TO	A single individual in the Hilton ponds.
<u>Azure Gallinule</u>	<i>Porphyrio flavirostris</i>	TR	Amazing views of an individual in Nariva swamp.
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	TO	Common in Tobago sewage ponds.
Jacanas		Jacanidae	
Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>	TO,TR	Common in freshwater wetlands.
Burhinidae		Thick-knees	
<u>Double-striped Thick-Knee</u>	<i>Burhinus bistriatus</i>	TO	A single individual near the Hilton grounds. This is the second record for Tobago and the fift for the country!
Plovers & Lapwings		Charadriidae	
Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>	TO,TR	Common in both islands.
American Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	TR	3 individuals in Waterloo.
Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	TR	Many individuals in Waterloo.
Sandpipers & Allies		Scolopacidae	
South American / Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago sp.</i>	TO	One individual flushed in the sewage ponds.
Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	TR	About 8 individuals in Waterloo.
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Willet	<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	TR	At least one individual in Waterloo.
Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>	TO,TR	1 individual in Tobago and various sights in Waterloo.
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	TR	1 individual in Waterloo.

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Gulls		Laridae	
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	TR	7 individuals in Waterloo.
Laughing Gull	<i>Larus atricilla</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Terns		Sternidae	
Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	TO	6 in the Caribbean side of Tobago.
Royal Tern	<i>Sterna maxima</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
<u>Large-billed Tern</u>	<i>Phaetusa simplex</i>	TR	A single individual in Waterloo.
Skimmers		Rhynchopidae	
Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	TR	Various individuals in Waterloo.
Pigeons & Doves		Columbidae	
Rock Pigeon (Introduced)	<i>Columba livia</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Scaled Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas (Col.) speciosa</i>	TR	Various sights in the Arima mountains.
Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas (C.) cayennensis</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	TO	Various sights in Tobago.
Common Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>	TR	A pair in Wallerfield.
Plain-breasted Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina minuta</i>	TR	A single individual in Nariva swamp.
Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	TO	Seen twice in Tobago.
Gray-fronted Dove	<i>Leptotila rufaxilla</i>	TR	Various sights in Asa Wright nature centre.
<u>Ruddy Quail-Dove</u>	<i>Geotrygon montana</i>	TR	One individual flushed in Asa Wright discovery trail.
Parrots, Macaws & Allies		Psittacidae	
Red-bellied Macaw	<i>Orthopsittaca manilata</i>	TR	Great views in the Moriche stand at Waterfield.
Green-rumped Parrotlet	<i>Forpus passerinus</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Orange-winged Parrot	<i>Amazona amazonica</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
<u>Yellow-crowned Parrot</u>	<i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>	TR	A pair in Nariva swamp.
Cuckoos		Cuculidae	
<u>Mangrove Cuckoo</u>	<i>Coccyzus minor</i>	TO	Scoped in Tobago.
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Striped Cuckoo	<i>Tapera naevia</i>	TR	Seen once at the livestock station and heard again in Nariva.
Typical Owls		Strigidae	
Tropical Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops (Otus) choliba</i>	TR	H at wallerfield.
<u>Spectacled Owl</u>	<i>Pulsatrix perspicillata</i>	TR	Great views in Wallerfield.
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>	TR	Scoped at the Arima scrub.
Oilbird		Steatornithidae	
Oilbird	<i>Steatornis caripensis</i>	TR	Great views at Asa Wright.
Potoos		Nyctibiidae	

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Common Potoo	<i>Nyctibius griseus</i>	TO	Heard in Cuffie river.
Nightjars & Allies		Caprimulgidae	
Short-tailed Nighthawk	<i>Lurocalis semitorquatus</i>	TR	Seen from the verandah of Asa Wright.
Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>	TR	Great views in Wallerfield.
White-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus cayennensis</i>	TO,TR	Great views at Cuffie River and also in Wallerfield.
Swifts		Apodidae	
Chestnut-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne rutila</i>	TR	At least 8 individuals from the Crstophene (Chayote) plantation in the Arima mountains.
White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	TR	At least 2 individuals from the Crstophene (Chayote) plantation in the Arima mountains.
Band-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura spinicauda</i>	TR	Seen daily from the Asa Wright verandah.
Gray-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i>	TR	Seen daily from the Asa Wright verandah.
<u>Vaux's Swift</u>	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>	TR	A new species for the country. One individual soaring very low (at eye level) at the Crstophene plantation on 1 March 2007.
Short-tailed Swift	<i>Chaetura brachyura</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Fork-tailed Palm-Swift	<i>Tachornis squamata</i>	TR	Seen i in Wallerfield.
Hummingbirds		Trochilidae	
Rufous-breasted Hermit	<i>Glaucis hirsuta</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Green Hermit	<i>Phaethornis guy</i>	TR	Flushed the morning we explored the Discovery trail.
Little Hermit	<i>Phaethornis longuemareus</i>	TR	Seen in Asa Wright.
<u>White-tailed Sabrewing</u>	<i>Campylopterus ensipennis</i>	TO	Male scoped in Tobago. Also seen a female nesting in the same location.
White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Green-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothorax viridigula</i>	TR	Male perched in Caroni swamp.
Black-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothorax nigricollis</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
<u>Ruby-topaz Hummingbird</u>	<i>Chrysolampis mosquitus</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
<u>Tufted Coquette</u>	<i>Lophornis ornatus</i>	TR	Male in Asa Wright seen from the Verandah. What a bird!
Blue-chinned Sapphire	<i>Chlorostilbon notatus</i>	TR	A couple of sights in Asa Wright.
Blue-tailed Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon mellisugus</i>	TR?	Possibly heard the morning we walked to the entrance of the centre.
White-chested Emerald	<i>Agyrtia brevirostris</i>	TR	Daily views fro the vrandah of Asa Wright.
Copper-rumped Hummingbird	<i>Saucerottia tobaci</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Trogons		Trogonidae	
White-tailed Trogon	<i>Trogon viridis</i>	TR	Great views in the parking area of Asa Wright.
Violaceous Trogon	<i>Trogon violaceus</i>	TR	Never really saw well. Always hidden behind foliage.

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Collared Trogon	<i>Trogon collaris</i>	TR	Pair scoped in Tobago.
Kingfishers		Alcedinidae	
Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle torquata</i>		
Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	TR	A single individual in Nariva swamp.
Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>	TR	A single individual in Nariva swamp.
<u>American Pygmy Kingfisher</u>	<i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>	TR	Great views of a single individual flying across a channel.
Motmots		Momotidae	
Blue-crowned Motmot	<i>Momotus momota</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Jacamars		Bucconidae	
Rufous-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Toucans		Ramphastidae	
Channel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i>	TR	Daily views of pair perched and then flying across the Nariva valley.
Woodpeckers & Allies		Picidae	
Red-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>	TO	Daily views in Tobago.
<u>Red-rumped Woodpecker</u>	<i>Veniliornis kirkii</i>	TR	One morning seen from the Verandah of Asa Wright. Also heard in Arima.
Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Piculus rubiginosus</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	TR	Pair building a nest in Asa Wright.
Ovenbirds		Furnariidae	
Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>	TR	A single individual in the Arima mountains.
Stripe-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis cinnamomea</i>	TO,TR	Great views in Tobago.
Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomea</i>	TR	Pair in Nariva swamp. Also seen in the sewage ponds.
Streaked Xenops	<i>Xenops rutilans</i>	TR	Great views in Marianne bridge.
<u>Gray-throated Leaf-tosser</u>	<i>Sclerurus albigularis</i>	TR	Astonishing views of a individual gleaning foliage at the trail in Asa Wright.
Woodcreepers		Dendrocolaptidae	
Plain-brown Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i>	TO	A single individual in the trail.
<u>Olivaceous Woodcreeper</u>	<i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i>	TO	Pair seen twice. Voice similar to those of the northern cordillera of Venezuela.
Cocoa Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus susurrans</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Straight-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Dendroplex (Xiph.) picus</i>	TR	Pair in Caroni swamp.
<u>Streak-headed Woodcreeper</u>	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>	TR	Pair in Waterloo.
Typical Antbirds		Thamnophilidae	
Great Antshrike	<i>Taraba major</i>	TR	Male seen daily coming to the bird feeder in Asa Wright.
Black-crested Antshrike	<i>Sakesphorus canadensis</i>	TR	Pair in Wallerfield.
Barred Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Plain Antvireo	<i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i>	TO	Male seen twice in Tobago.

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<u>White-flanked Antwren</u>	<i>Myrmotherula axillaris</i>	TR	Male on the trail to the Oilbird cave. It was very shy and difficult to see.
White-fringed Antwren	<i>Formicivora grisea</i>	TO	Good views in Tobago. Treated sometimes as Northern White-fringed Antwren.
Silvered Antbird	<i>Sclateria naevia</i>	TR	Great views at Marianne bridge.
White-bellied Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza longipes</i>	TR	Great views of a pair in Arena forest.
Antthrushes & Antpittas	Formicariidae		
Black-faced Antthrush	<i>Formicarius analis</i>	TR	Daily views at Asa Wright.
<u>Scaled Antpitta</u>	<i>Grallaria guatemalensis</i>	TR	Seen briefly in the Arima mountains. Very secretive.
Cotingas	Cotingidae		
<u>Bearded Bellbird</u>	<i>Procnias averano</i>	TR	Astonishing views from the verandah.
Manakins	Pipridae		
White-bearded Manakin	<i>Manacus manacus</i>	TR	Great views in Trinidad. Lek was very active only early in the morning.
Blue-backed Manakin	<i>Chiroxiphia pareola</i>	TO	Lek visited and scoped!
Golden-headed Manakin	<i>Pipra erythrocephala</i>	TR	Various individuals and lek in Arena forest.
Tyrant Flycatchers	Tyrannidae		
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>	TR	Pair seen well in Wallerfield. Heard daily in Asa Wright.
Forest Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis gaimardii</i>	TR	A single individual seen in Asa Wright (parking area).
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Lesser Elaenia	<i>Elaenia chiriquensis</i>	TR	Scoped in Wallerfield.
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>	TO	Seen well (singing) in Tobago.
Slaty-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon superciliaris</i>	TR	One individual on the way to the Oilbird cave.
Yellow-olive Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>	TR	Only heard at the entrance of Asa Wright.
Yellow-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
<u>White-throated Spadebill</u>	<i>Platyrinchus mystaceus</i>	TO	Scoped in Tobago.
<u>Bran-colored Flycatcher</u>	<i>Myiophobus fasciatus</i>	TR	Scoped in Trinidad.
Fuscous Flycatcher	<i>Cnemotriccus fuscatus</i>	TO	Scoped in Grafton Hills, Tobago.
Euler's Flycatcher	<i>Lathrotriccus euleri</i>	TR	Only heard in the Arima mountains and in Asa Wright.
Tropical Pewee	<i>Contopus cinereus</i>	TR	One individual scoped from the verandah of Asa Wright.
Pied Water-Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>	TR	Seen various occasions in Trinidad.
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>	TR	Seen various occasions in Trinidad. Usually in the same habitat as previous species.
Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>	TR	Heard daily in Asa Wright.
<u>Venezuelan Flycatcher</u>	<i>Myiarchus venezuelensis</i>	TO	Great views (Scoped!) in Tobago mountain range well inside the forest.
Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>	TO	Seen in Cuffie river.

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Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	TR	Very common in Trinidad. Number of individuals seen only surpassed by the Bananquit!
Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>	TR	Daily views in Asa Wright.
Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	TO,TR	Views in both islands. Not very common.
Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>	TR	Common vice this time of the year. Seen in various edge type of habitat.
Sulphury Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannopsis sulphurea</i>	TR	2 pairs in the Moriche stand at Wallerfield.
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Gray Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
<u>White-winged Becard</u>	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>	TR	After some effort, a male was located in Wallerfield. Scoped!
Black-tailed Tityra	<i>Tityra cayana</i>	TR	Various pairs in the slope of the Arima mountains.
Swallows		Hirundinidae	
<u>Caribbean Martin</u>	<i>Progne dominicensis</i>	TO	What a view! Great photos and recordings. Singing.
Gray-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	TR	Common in Trinidad.
White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>	TR	Common in wetlands in Trinidad.
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	TR	Common in the slope of the Arima mountains.
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		a Single individual in the Caroni swamp.
Wrens		Troglodytidae	
Rufous-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus rutilus</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Mockingbirds & Thrashers		Mimidae	
Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>	TO,TR	Various sights in both islands.
Thrushes & Allies		Turdidae	
Yellow-legged Thrush	<i>Platycichla flavipes</i>	TO	Scoped in the mountain ridge.
Cocoa Thrush	<i>Turdus fumigatus</i>	TR	Common species in Asa Wright. Comes to the bird feeder daily.
Bare-eyed Thrush	<i>Turdus nudigenis</i>	TR	Common species in Asa Wright. Comes to the bird feeder daily.
White-necked Thrush	<i>Turdus albicollis</i>	TO,TR	Pair nesting in Tobago. Also seen in the Arima mountains in Trinidad.
Gnatcatchers		Poliophtilidae	
Long-billed Gnatwren	<i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i>	TR	Pair in the Arima mountains.
Vireos & Allies		Vireonidae	
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	TO,TR	Heard in Tobago, seen in Wallerfield, in Trinidad.
<u>Scrub Greenlet</u>	<i>Hylophilus flavipes</i>	TO	Very good views at Grafton hills.
Golden-fronted Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus aurantiifrons</i>	TR	Very common in Trinidad.
Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	TR	Very common in Trinidad.

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Siskins, Crossbills & Allies		Fringillidae	
Trinidad Euphonia	<i>Euphonia trinitatis</i>	TR	Seen flying from the Verandah of Asa Wright. Also heard every day in Trinidad.
Violaceous Euphonia	<i>Euphonia violacea</i>	TO,TR	Daily views in both islands.
New World Warblers		Parulidae	
Tropical Parula	<i>Parula pitiayumi</i>	TR	Seen once in Trinidad in the Arima mountains.
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	TO,TR	Seen varios times usually associated with scrub or mangrove. Also one sight in Tobago.
Bay-breasted Warbler	<i>Dendroica castanea</i>	TR	This species was never called when we met to do our list. This may well be the species we saw briefly in the Arima scrub. Of course, we cannot count on that sight yet. I will keep in the birdlist of this trip only for future reference!
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	TO	Pair of individual in male adult plumage in the forest.
Northern Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>	TR	Daily views in Trinidad.
<u>Masked Yellowthroat</u>	<i>Geothlypis aequinoctialis</i>	TR	Great views in Wallerfield. Voice differs dramatically from those individuals in the Orinoco delta, in Venezuela.
Bananaquit		Coerobidae	
Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	TO,TR	Probably the most numerous species of the country!
Tanagers & Allies		Thraupidae	
Bicolored Conebill	<i>Conirostrum bicolor</i>	TR	Pair in Caroni swamp.
White-shouldered Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus luctuosus</i>	TR	Pair in Asa Wright at the trail to the Oilbird cave.
White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	TO,TR	Daily views in both islands.
<u>Red-crowned Ant-Tanager</u>	<i>Habia rubica</i>	TR	A male seen well in the trail to the Oilbird cave.
Silver-beaked Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>	TO,TR	Daily views in both islands.
Blue-gray Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	TO,TR	Daily views in both islands.
Blue-capped Tanager	<i>Thraupis cyanocephala</i>	TO,TR	Daily views in both islands.
Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	TO,TR	Daily views in both islands.
Turquoise Tanager	<i>Tangara mexicana</i>	TR	Astonishing views in Aripo. Seen well also in the Arima mountains.
Speckled Tanager	<i>Tangara guttata</i>	TR	Pair flushed in the Arima mountains. Not see well this time!
Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>	TR	Daily views in Trinidad.
Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>	TR	Great views in Aripo.
Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>	TR	Daily views in Trinidad.
Purple Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i>	TR	Daily views in Trinidad.
Red-legged Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>	TO	Seen weel feeding in the nectar of the Inmortelle flowers, in Tobago.

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Buntings, Sparrows & Seedeaters		Emberizidae	
Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>	TO,TR	Daily views in both islands. Many males displaying.
Ruddy-breasted Seedeater	<i>Sporophila minuta</i>	TR	Seen by Walt in the Aripo livestock station.
Black-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris bicolor</i>	TO	Common and widespread in the island.
Grassland Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis luteola</i>	TR	A flock in Aripo livestock station.
<u>Sooty Grassquit</u>	<i>Tiaris fuliginosa</i>	TR	What a view! A male singing (scoped!) near the Arena forest.
Red-capped Cardinal	<i>Paroaria gularis</i>	TR	Found by our boatman in the Caroni swamp.
Saltators, Cardinals & Allies		Cardinalidae	
Grayish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	TR	Seen in the Aripo savannas.
Troupials & Allies (Icterids)		Icteridae	
Yellow-hooded Blackbird	<i>Chrysomus icterocephalus</i>	TR	More than 8 individuals in the Nariva swamp.
Red-breasted Blackbird	<i>Sturnella militaris</i>	TR	Seen well in the Aripo livestock station.
Carib Grackle	<i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>	TO,TR	Common in both islands. More studies should be carried out, specially considering the difference with the call notes.
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	TO,TR	Daily views in both islands.
Giant Cowbird	<i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>	TO,TR	Seen once in Tobago and twice in Trinidad.
<u>Moriche Oriole</u>	<i>Icterus chrysocephalus</i>	TR	A pair in the Moriche stand at Wallerfield.
Yellow Oriole	<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>	TR	Pairs in Asa Wright.
Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela</i>	TR	Common and widespread in Trinidad.
Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>	TO,TR	Daily views in both islands.

Reptiles, Amphibians, Butterflies and Mammals

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REPTILES			
Cook's Tree Boa	<i>Corallus ruschenbergerii</i>	TO,TR	Seen once in Tobago. Also seen well in Trinidad.
Racer snake	<i>Liophis sp.</i>	TR	One individual in Tobago. Photo record.
Green Iguana	<i>Iguana iguana</i>	TO	
Lizard	<i>Anolis sp.</i>	TO	
Tegu Lizard	<i>Tupinambis sp.</i>	TR	
Spectacled Cayman	<i>Cayman crocodilus</i>	TR	
Legless Lizard (Two-headed Lizard)	<i>Amphisbaena alba</i>	TR	Impressive one! Photo record from Asa Wright.
AMPHIBIANS			
Yellow-throated Frog	<i>Mannophryne trinitatis</i>	TR	Great views on the way to the Oilbird cave.
BUTTERFLIES			
Blue Morpho Butterfly	<i>Morpho sp.</i>	TR	
Heliconia Butterfly	<i>Heliconius sp.</i>	TR	
MAMMALS			
Red-rumped Agouti	<i>Dasyprocta agouti</i>	TR	
Red-tailed Squirrel	<i>Sciurus granatensis</i>	TR	
Forest Bat		TO	