



## **SOUTHERN MEXICO TOUR REPORT 2026**

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The Southern Mexico tour is the most comprehensive of the Birdquest itineraries in the country, covering Oaxaca, Chiapas, Veracruz, and central Mexico, and exploring a wide range of habitats in search of the region's many specialties. On this occasion, a Morelos pre-extension allowed us to add key highland species along with the Balsas drainage specialties from the drier areas, complementing the main itinerary perfectly. This combination delivered excellent results, with 496 species on the main tour and an additional 32 during the extension, for an impressive total of 528 species.

A superb mix of Mexican endemics and regional specialties included highlights such as Rose-bellied and Orange-breasted Buntings, White-throated and Dwarf Jays, Long-tailed Wood Partridge, Tuxtla Quail-Dove, Red and Pink-headed Warblers, Oaxaca and Bumblebee Hummingbirds and Giant Wren.

Among many other highlights were Slaty-breasted Tinamou, West Mexican Chachalaca, Singing Quail, Lesser Ground Cuckoo, Mexican Squirrel Cuckoo, Black and Least Storm Petrels, Galapagos and Black-vented Shearwaters, Buff-collared and Spot-tailed Nightjars, Amethyst-throated Mountaingem, Beautiful Sheartail, Dusky and Turquoise-crowned Hummingbirds, Wedge-tailed Sabrewing, Bearded Screech Owl, Fulvous Owl, Ornate and Black Hawk-Eagles, Citreoline and Mountain Trogons, Blue-throated and Russet-crowned Motmots, Grey-crowned, Grey-breasted and Golden-fronted Woodpeckers, Guatemalan Flicker, Flammulated, Salvadoran, Belted, Pileated, Pine, American Grey and Buff-breasted Flycatchers, White-striped Woodcreeper, Rufous-breasted Spinetail, Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo, Green Shrike-Vireo, 9 species of Jays which included Azure-hooded, Woodhouse's Scrub, Unicolored and Green Jays, Bridled Titmouse, Mexican Chicadee, Black-capped Swallow, Grey Silky-flycatcher, Phainopepla, Pygmy Nuthatch, Sumichrast's, Grey-barred,

Boucard's, Russet-naped and Rufous-browed Wrens, Blue Mockingbird, Ocellated Thrasher, Slate-colored Solitaire, Rufous-collared and Black Thrushes, Olive Warbler, Blue-crowned Chlorophonia, White-naped, Green-striped and Rufous-capped Brushfinches, Cinnamon-tailed, Striped, Sierra Madre, Rusty, Rufous-crowned and Oaxaca Sparrows, White-throated Towhee, Mexican Cacique, Yellow-backed, Audubon's and Black-backed Orioles, Virginia's, Black-throated Grey, Fan-tailed, Golden-browed and Red-faced Warblers, Red-breasted Chat, Blue Seedeater, Blue and Varied Buntings, Red-crowned Ant-Tanager ("Oaxaca" Ant-Tanager), Red-headed Tanager and Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer.

The Morelos pre-extension proved very rewarding, with an impressive 205 species recorded in just three days. Some of the standout sightings included Elf Owl, Balsas Screech Owl, Banded Quail, Lesser Roadrunner, Lucifer Sheartail, Grey-collared Becard, Pileated Flycatcher, Transvolcanic Jay, Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrow and Black-chested Sparrow.

On our first day of the pre-extension, we were picked up by Miguel in Mexico City and headed to Los Columpios Park on the outskirts of the city. Our main target was Colima Warbler, which Miguel had been seen in previous days, but despite our efforts we were unable to relocate it. Still, the visit produced excellent birding, highlighted by a group of Transvolcanic Jays and great views of Green-striped Brushfinch. Other species included Acorn Woodpecker, Greater Pewee, Hutton's Vireo, Blue Mockingbird, Orange-billed and Russet Nightingale-Thrushes, Yellow-eyed Junco, Lincoln's Sparrow, Canyon and Spotted Towhees, Bullock's Oriole, MacGillivray's and Golden-browed Warblers, Painted Whitestart and Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer.

After our visit to Los Columpios Park, we continued to birding stakeouts along Cerro Tepozteco, which turned out to be very rewarding. One of the top sightings was Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo with excellent views, while Black-capped Siskin and Mexican Violetear were also notable additions not seen on the main tour. Other species included Amethyst-throated and Blue-throated Mountaingems, Berylline Hummingbird, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, White-striped Woodcreeper, Eastern Warbling Vireo, Mexican Chickadee, American Bushtit, Grey Silky-flycatcher, Chipping Sparrow, Crescent-chested, Orange-crowned, Grace's and Hermit Warblers, and Flame-colored Tanager.

Later in the afternoon we visited the Oacalco area, a contrasting habitat of arid thorn scrub mixed with agricultural land. Here we enjoyed excellent views of Banded Quail and a very cooperative Lesser Roadrunner. Other highlights included Golden-cheeked Woodpecker, Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrow, and a roosting American Barn Owl in an old building. Additional species recorded were Dusky Hummingbird, White-fronted Amazon, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Thick-billed Kingbird, Dusky Flycatcher, Hooded and Streak-backed Orioles, Stripe-headed Sparrow, Magnolia Warbler and Painted Bunting.

One of the most memorable moments came at the same site, where large numbers of Vaux's Swifts gathered to roost inside the chimneys of the old building—an impressive spectacle as countless birds poured in at dusk. A Sharp-shinned Hawk took advantage of the concentration, successfully catching one at the entrance, adding an exciting predator moment to the day. We then continued to the nearby town of Tepoztlan for the night.

The following day we headed out for a pre-dawn owling session, which delivered excellent views of the endemic Balsas Screech Owl—one of our main targets—as well as superb looks at Elf Owl, a clear favorite of the pre-extension. Buff-collared Nightjar required some persistence, but we eventually connected just before dawn. With daylight, the birding continued to shine, highlighted by fantastic views of Lucifer Sheartail (both male and female), along with Balsas endemics such as Black-chested Sparrow, Boucard's Wren, and the localized Pileated Flycatcher. Other species that rounded out the morning included Ruddy Ground Dove (a scarce bird in Morelos), Broad-billed, Violet-crowned and Berylline Hummingbirds, Golden-crowned Emerald, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Nutting's Flycatcher, Golden Vireo, Western Warbling Vireo, Violet-green Swallow, Bewick's and Happy Wrens, Lark and Grasshopper Sparrows, Streak-backed Oriole, Virginia's Warbler, Indigo, Lazuli, Painted and Varied Buntings, and Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater.

We also visited a transitional Pine-Oak forest at Ocotitlan, where we recorded different species for the day such as the Western and Hammond's Flycatchers, Blue Mockingbird, Hermit Thrush, Elegant Euphonia, Rusty Sparrow, Black-throated Grey, Hermit and Rufous-capped Warblers and Western Tanager. The very last part of the day we went to Cuernavaca City, to check a site where White-naped Swift come to roost just before dusk.

On the last day of the pre-extension we focused on species that we haven't seen, so we visited Tepozteco Road in the first part of the morning. Here we target the Grey-collared Becard, which eventually we connected with one male. Other species seen included the Bumblebee Hummingbird, Coppery-tailed Trogon, Cassin's Vireo, Brown-backed Solitaire, White-throated Thrush and Red-faced Warbler. After our session at Tepozteco Road we continued to higher elevations at La Cima, where we looked for the Long-tailed Wood-Partridge

which we managed good views of them. Other species seen at La Cima included the American Robin, Rufous-backed Thrush, Striped Sparrow and the localized Endemic, Sierra Madre Sparrow.

We continued to Mexico City where we visited in some urban park where Miguel had information of Sparkling-tailed Hummingbird recent reports. Despite we didn't find the Sparkling-tailed Hummingbird we did see the endemic Black-backed Oriole and a female Calliope Hummingbird. Other birds were the Mexican Duck, Broad-billed Hummingbird, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Song Sparrow and Orchard and Hooded Orioles.

We finished the pre-extension by birding the San Gregorio wetlands before arriving to the Hotel to meet the other members of the group. Our visit to the wetlands definitely boost our list of the extension with species like the Ruddy Duck, Blue-winged, Cinnamon, and Green-winged Teals, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Pied-billed Grebe, Sora, American Avocet, Long-billed Dowitcher, Stilt, Baird's and Least Sandpipers, American White Pelican, Cassin's Kingbird, Vermillion Flycatcher, Tree Swallow, American Pipit and Common Yellowthroat.

The first day of the main tour saw us visiting Parque Las Maravillas, initially in search of the restricted endemic Sierra Madre Sparrow. Although we had already seen it during the pre-extension, it remained a key target for those who had joined only the main tour. While searching for the Sierra Madre Sparrow, we also enjoyed easy views of Striped Sparrow, another Mexican endemic, along with some Grass Wrens. After our sparrow search, we turned our attention to the pine woodlands of Parque Las Maravillas and made additional stops along the mountain roads. Here we recorded a fine selection of endemics, including Strickland's Woodpecker, White-striped Woodcreeper, Green-striped and Rufous-capped Brushfinches, Hooded Yellowthroat and the stunning Red Warbler.

Other notable sightings included the distinctive *macronyx* subspecies of Spotted Towhee, who has a distinctive Olive-backed, as well as the unique Olive Warbler, the sole member of its monotypic family. Additional species that rounded out the morning included Rivoli's Hummingbird, Hairy Woodpecker, Pine and Buff-breasted Flycatchers, Loggerhead Shrike, Mexican Chickadee, American Bushtit, Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets, White-breasted and Pygmy Nuthatches, Brown Creeper, Northern House Wren (Brown-throated form), Western Bluebird, Elegant Euphonia, Pine Siskin, Canyon Towhee, Crescent-chested Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Townsend's Warbler and Black-headed Grosbeak.

After our morning birding in the highlands, we continued to the well-known Lerma marshes, an important site for the highly restricted endemic Black-pollled Yellowthroat. We obtained good views of this sought-after species at two different locations within the extensive reedbeds. Other notable records here included Chihuahuan Meadowlark, Virginia Rail, Clark's Grebe, and Red-winged Blackbird (bicolored form).

This wetland proved to be the most productive of the tour, supporting a wide range of waterbirds and associated species. Among those recorded were Ruddy and Mexican Ducks, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, Pied-billed and Black-necked Grebes, Sora, Common Gallinule, American Coot, American Avocet, White-faced Ibis, American White Pelican, White-tailed Kite, Northern Harrier, Vermilion Flycatcher, Marsh Wren [*tolucensis*], American Pipit, Savannah and Song Sparrows, as well as large flocks of Yellow-headed Blackbirds. After our session at the Lerma marshes, we returned to Mexico City via the highway, reaching our hotel with little traffic.

On this tour we followed a slightly revised itinerary, altering the order of localities. Rather than focusing on morning birding, we prioritized our drive towards the Oaxaca region and concentrated our birding efforts during the afternoon. Our first productive stops were in the dry scrub of the Oaxaca highlands, where we searched for several key targets during the heat of the afternoon. Despite the challenging conditions, we succeeded in finding the endemics Ocellated Thrasher, White-throated Towhee and brief views of Oaxaca Sparrow for some. Other species recorded here included Brown-crested Flycatcher, Lark Sparrow, Black-vented Oriole and Orange-crowned Warbler.

We then continued to the Ixtepeji area, where we spent the remainder of the day birding in pine woodlands. Our principal objective was Dwarf Jay, one of the most sought-after species of the tour; however, we were unable to locate it during this initial visit, though further opportunities lay ahead. Additional species recorded included Steller's Jay, Mexican Chickadee, Grey Silky-flycatcher, Grey-barred Wren, and Hermit, Golden-browed, and Red Warblers. During a night excursion, we enjoyed excellent views of a Fulvous Owl, while Mexican Whip-poor-will was heard only.

The following day began well, with excellent views of a group of four Long-tailed Wood-Partridges around our breakfast area. Other species noted during this time **comprised** Steller's Jay, Brown-backed Solitaire, American Robin and Collared Towhee. We then

proceeded to a series of stakeouts in semi-arid scrub, where we targeted several localized specialties. Key species here **included** Slaty Vireo, Ocellated Thrasher, Oaxaca Sparrow, Rufous-crowned Sparrow [*australis*], and Audubon's Oriole. Additional species **recorded** here **featured** Woodhouse's Scrub Jay, Northern Raven, Blue Mockingbird and Spotted Towhee. Continuing our journey, we drove through pine woodlands while searching for one of the tour's key targets, the Dwarf Jay. After a persistent effort, we were rewarded with excellent views of a small group of Jays associating with Grey-barred Wrens. Other notable species encountered during this search included Mountain Trogon, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Spot-crowned Woodcreeper, and a striking Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo.

After lunch, we birded the upper sections of the famous Valle Nacional, which proved highly productive. Highlights here featured Black Thrush and two jay species, Azure-hooded and Unicolored, the latter representing our fifth jay species of the day. Additional species recorded during this session included Band-tailed Pigeon, Collared Trogon, Northern Emerald Toucanet, Spotted Woodcreeper, Grey-breasted Wood Wren, Common Chlorospingus, and Rufous-capped and Chestnut-capped Brushfinches. We also obtained brief views of Mexican Whip-poor-will just before dinner, providing a fitting end to an excellent day.

Today we birded the Valle Nacional Road, traversing an altitudinal gradient from pine woodlands to broadleaf cloud forest at lower elevations. This transition proved highly productive, with several notable highlights. Among the most memorable was the sight of three Ornate Hawk-Eagles soaring together, along with the melodious Slate-colored Solitaire, Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush, Blue-crowned Chlorophonia, and the very distinctive nominate subspecies of White-naped Brushfinch, which differs markedly from other forms. Additional species recorded during the day included Crested Guan, Collared Trogon, Eye-ringed Flatbill, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner, Blue-headed Vireo, Azure-hooded and Unicolored Jays, Brown-backed Solitaire, Common Chlorospingus, Black-throated Green Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Red-crowned Ant-Tanager and Flame-colored Tanager.

In the late afternoon, we birded around Tuxtepec, where a selection of mostly common species and a few migrants were recorded. These included Groove-billed Ani, Red-billed Pigeon, American White Ibis, Tricolored Heron, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, White-eyed Vireo, Brown Jay, Blue-grey Gnatcatcher, Clay-colored Thrush, Montezuma Oropendola, Black-and-white, Orange-crowned, Hooded, Magnolia, and American Yellow Warblers, Grey-crowned Yellowthroat, Painted Bunting, and Morelet's Seedeater. We also came close to seeing Ruddy Crake; however, it was seen only by the leader while we searched for it in the wet grassy areas.

After dark, while searching for Striped Owl, we instead encountered something even better: a Spot-tailed Nightjar. This unexpected write-in proved to be one of the standout sightings of the tour.

The following morning, we visited an area of limestone outcrops cloaked in humid semi-deciduous forest, a key site for the restricted endemic Sumichrast's Wren. On this occasion, we encountered a very cooperative individual, which afforded excellent views.

The area was very productive, yielding a fine selection of tropical species. These included Long-billed Hermit, White-bellied Emerald, Ferruginous and Central American Pygmy-Owls (the latter heard only), Slaty-tailed and Black-headed Trogons, Black-cheeked and Golden-fronted Woodpeckers, Red-lored Amazon, Sulphur-rumped Myiobius, Northern Bentbill, Tawny-winged and Ivory-billed Woodcreepers, Northern Plain Xenops, Rufous-breasted Spinetail, Rufous Piha, Rufous Mourner, Ochre-crowned Greenlet, Band-backed and Spot-breasted Wrens, Wood Thrush, Ovenbird, Blue-winged Warbler, Northern Parula and Black-faced Grosbeak.

During the afternoon, we drove towards Catemaco, making several stops along the way. These produced Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Black-necked Stilt, Green-breasted Mango, Buff-bellied Hummingbird, White-fronted Amazon, Orange-fronted Parakeet, Couch's Kingbird, Least Flycatcher, Yellow-throated and Blue-headed Vireos, Brown Jay, Southern House Wren, Scrub Euphonia, Lesser Goldfinch, Orchard, Hooded and Altamira Orioles, Giant Cowbird, and Yellow-winged Tanager. We arrived in the evening and enjoyed a pleasant dinner in Catemaco.

On this day, we visited the Sierra de los Tuxtlas, aiming to find one of the most difficult targets of the tour, the elusive Tuxtla Quail-Dove. We had two close encounters with responsive individuals, but unfortunately failed to obtain views. Nevertheless, the area produced a good selection of notable species. Highlights included Slaty-breasted Tinamou, Wedge-tailed Sabrewing, Black Hawk-Eagle, and Green Shrike-Vireo. These were complemented by Vaux's Swift, Mottled Owl, Golden-olive Woodpecker, Ochre-bellied and Yellowish Flycatchers, Eye-ringed Flatbill, Greenish Elaenia, Olivaceous and Ivory-billed Woodcreepers, Fawn-throated Foliage-gleaner, Green Jay, White-breasted Wood Wren, Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush, Blue-crowned Chlorophonia, Chestnut-capped Brushfinch (*apertus* form), Red-throated Ant Tanager, White-winged Tanager and Black-headed Saltator.

During the afternoon, we birded near the coastal habitats at Sontecomapan, where the highlight was an excellent sighting of Sungrebe. Most of the remaining species were widespread, although several were new for the trip. These included Lesser Scaup, Least Grebe, Northern Jacana, Brown Pelican, Bare-throated Tiger Heron, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Osprey, Ringed and Green Kingfishers, Collared Aracari, Olive-throated Parakeet, Great Crested Flycatcher, Barred Antshrike, Bronzed Cowbird, Northern Waterthrush and Morelet's Seedeater.

Next day, we revisited the Sierra de los Tuxtlas to give the Tuxtla Quail-Dove another try. Unfortunately, the weather conditions were very different from the previous day, with intermittent rain and dense cloud cover creating very dark conditions throughout the morning. Nevertheless, we were already in the area and returned to one of the territories from the previous day, where we had a responsive bird. At one point, it approached quite closely, but the poor light and its tendency to remain deep in the understory prevented the clients from getting onto it. Using a thermal camera helped keep track of the Quail-Dove position, and it proved to be an extremely shy species. Definitely a tricky bird, but at least the clients came away with a Swedish tick.

Unfortunately, we were playing against the time as we need to drive to Tuxtla Gutierrez so our birding time was limited and the efforts in the Quail-Dove consumed most of our time, but some of the birds seen during our second visit to the Sierra de los Tuxtlas were Northern Plain Xenops, Fawn-throated Foliage-gleaner, White-breasted Wood Wren, Worm-eating and Golden-crowned Warblers and Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (*rubicoides* form). After our visit to Sierra de los Tuxtlas we spent our afternoon driving to Tuxtla Gutierrez, where the only notable sightings were an Aplomado Falcon at a gas station stop and Keel-billed Toucans that were noted during the drive.

The next day we had to split the group to deal with a health issue affecting one of our participants. The majority went with Miguel to El Ocote, while Leo accompanied the participant to medical services in Tuxtla Gutierrez. At El Ocote, intermittent rain affected birding conditions at times. Unfortunately, our main target, Nava's Wren, remained heard only, as despite all efforts the bird refused to show. Some of the species recorded there included Long-billed Hermit, Wedge-tailed Sabrewing, Berylline Hummingbird, Collared Trogon, Lesson's Motmot, Keel-billed Toucan, Golden-olive and Smoky-brown Woodpeckers, Tawny-winged and Ivory-billed Woodcreepers, Band-backed Wren, Scrub and Yellow-throated Euphonias, Rusty Sparrow, Yellow-billed Cacique, Ovenbird, Worm-eating, Nashville and MacGillivray's Warblers, Black-faced Grosbeak, Red-throated Ant-Tanager, and Yellow-faced Grassquit.

Meanwhile, Leo did some birding with another participant at who had stayed behind to rest in Tuxtla Gutierrez, before the rest of the group rejoined them in the afternoon. Most of this birding took place during the hottest part of the day, but fortunately the bad weather on the other side of the mountains kept temperatures relatively cool at Sumidero Canyon. During this session they recorded several good species, including the rare Blue Seedeater, Belted Flycatcher, Green-fronted Hummingbird and Plain-capped Starthroat.

Later in the afternoon, the rest of the group joined them at Sumidero Canyon, where we focused our efforts on finding Slender Sheartail in its usual area, but without success. Some of the birds seen towards the end of the day included Canivet's Emerald, Russet-crowned Motmot, Least Flycatcher, Lesser Greenlet, Green Jay, Banded Wren, Clay-colored Thrush, Streak-backed Oriole and Western Tanager.

We visited the famous Sumidero Canyon again for a full morning, where we recorded a good variety of birds. Highlights included a group of Singing Quails, a male Slender Sheartail, the uncommon Flammulated Flycatcher, and a stunning male Red-breasted Chat. Unfortunately, the Belted Flycatcher did not cooperate and remained heard only. Very brief views of a Lesser Roadrunner crossing the path for some, along with the *aurantiacus* form of Yellow Grosbeak, were other notable sightings. Additional species that rounded out the morning included Buff-bellied Hummingbird, Yellow-olive Flatbill, Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet, Cabanis's Wren, Olive Sparrow, Ovenbird, Fan-tailed Warbler and Blue Bunting.

After lunch in Tuxtla Gutierrez, we continued on to San Cristobal de las Casas, arriving in time for an afternoon session in the highlands. Back in the pine woodlands, but south of Tehuantepec Isthmus, we entered a new avifaunal zone with strong ties to the Guatemalan highlands. The afternoon produced a great selection of species, including the dazzling Garnet-throated Hummingbird, a pair of Blue-throated Motmots, Guatemalan Flicker, and Rufous-collared Robin. Other additions included White-throated Swift, Rivoli's Hummingbird, Hairy Woodpecker, Rose-throated Becard and Hermit Warbler.

An evening owling session capped off the day nicely, with excellent views of two individuals of the localized near-endemic Bearded Screech Owl, along with Mexican Whip-poor-will. An Unspotted Saw-whet Owl called persistently, but unfortunately refused to show.

The next morning, we were back in the humid pine forest with abundant bromeliads around San Cristobal de las Casas. The high density of bromeliads clearly attracted excellent hummingbird activity, particularly from Garnet-throated Hummingbirds, while several Amethyst-

throated Mountaingems were also noted. Our main target for the morning was the Pink-headed Warbler, and fortunately we found a pair within the first hours of the day. Although they occur regularly in the area, they can sometimes be surprisingly tricky to locate. Other notable sightings included Hutton's Vireo, Black-capped Swallow, Unicolored Jay, Rufous-browed Wren, Black-vented, Yellow-backed, and Bullock's Orioles, as well as Golden-browed and Red-faced Warblers.

After a productive morning around San Cristobal, we descended to the Pacific lowlands to bird the Puerto Arista area. Our main target here was the Giant Wren, a species restricted to the Pacific lowlands of Chiapas and adjacent Guatemala. After some searching, we successfully connected with a small family group of wrens. Another notable highlight was Salvadoran Flycatcher (a recently described *Myiarchus*), along with Mexican Cacique and Spot-breasted Oriole for some. Unfortunately, White-bellied Chachalaca did not appear during our visit, but the afternoon proved very birdy overall. Additional species included Northern Jacana, Lesser Nighthawk, Cinnamon Hummingbird, Grey Hawk, Orange-chinned and Orange-fronted Parakeets, Willow Flycatcher, White-throated Magpie-Jay, Tropical Mockingbird, Orchard, Streak-backed, Altamira, and Baltimore Orioles, Painted Bunting, Cinnamon-bellied Saltator and Blue-grey Tanager.

The next day we visited the arid scrub and thorn forest of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, home to several regional specialties. One of our main targets, Cinnamon-tailed Sparrow, was located with ease. The other key species, the spectacular Rose-bellied Bunting—one of the stars of the tour—proved equally rewarding. We initially encountered several young males, but eventually a stunning adult male appeared and stole the show. As if that wasn't enough, shortly after seeing the adult Rose-bellied Bunting, a male Orange-breasted Bunting made an appearance—two absolute cracking birds in quick succession. Another highlight of the morning was a selection of Beautiful Sheartails, including females and juveniles, along with Turquoise-crowned Hummingbird—both Mexican endemics. Other species that rounded out the morning included West Mexican Chachalaca, Lesser Ground Cuckoo, Plain-capped Starthroat, Ferruginous Pygmy Owl, Short-tailed Hawk, Belted Kingfisher, Orange-fronted Parakeet, Nutting's and Brown-crested Flycatchers, Bell's Vireo, White-throated Magpie-Jay, White-lored Gnatcatcher, Banded Wren and Altamira Oriole.

Later, we visited Playa Xadani, where we enjoyed a good selection of shorebirds, including American Oystercatcher, Black-bellied, Semipalmated, and Collared Plovers, Hudsonian Whimbrel, Marbled Godwit, Red Knot, Sanderling, and Least, Western, and Semipalmated Sandpipers. A first-winter American Herring Gull was a notable record, alongside Laughing Gull, Royal Tern, Reddish Egret, Mangrove Swallow and Stripe-headed Sparrow.

On the way to Huatulco, we made several stops in dry forest habitat, which produced Caspian Tern, Citreoline Trogon, Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet, Bell's Vireo, Russet-naped Wren, Rufous-backed Thrush, Mexican Cacique, and Northern Cardinal (carneus form).

We were scheduled to do a pelagic the following day, but sea conditions were not suitable, so we postponed it in the hope that conditions would improve. Instead, we spent the day birding the foothills of the Sierra de Mihuatlan, part of the Sierra Madre del Sur. These mountains are home to another highly restricted endemic, the Oaxaca Hummingbird, one of our main targets for the day. It took some time to locate, but by mid-morning we were rewarded with excellent views of both male and female of this range-restricted species. Another interesting sighting was Red-crowned Ant-Tanager from this region, currently treated as the Oaxaca form *affinis*, and a taxon that may well be split in the future. The *wagleri* form of Northern Emerald-Toucanet (Wagler's Toucanet) also gave us superb views on several occasions. Other endemics included Grey-crowned Woodpecker, Golden Vireo, Blue Mockingbird, and Red-hooded Tanager. Additional species recorded during the day included Berylline Hummingbird, Broad-winged and Zone-tailed Hawks, Greenish Elaenia, Thick-billed Kingbird, Least Flycatcher, Eastern Warbling Vireo, White-throated Magpie-Jay, Grey Catbird, Swainson's and White-throated Thrushes, Lincoln's Sparrow, Bronzed Cowbird, Tennessee, Fan-tailed, and Rufous-capped Warblers, Tropical Parula, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Red-legged Honeycreeper.

On the return to Huatulco, we visited the lower drier areas at the base of the mountains, where we saw several additional species, including the endemic Mexican Squirrel Cuckoo, Nutting's Flycatcher, Russet-naped Wren, Red-breasted Chat and Streak-backed Oriole. By late afternoon we checked the coast for seabirds, where the only notable species were Elegant Tern and a white morph of Reddish Egret. Other regular species included Magnificent Frigatebird, Brown Pelican, Laughing Gull and Barn Swallow, with the latter moving in large numbers.

On the last day the ocean conditions improved and we were able to do the pelagic trip. Overall activity was quite low, with no major concentrations of birds offshore. The pelagic species recorded included small groups of Red-necked Phalaropes, Black Storm Petrel and at least a couple of Least Storm Petrels, as well as Galapagos and Black-vented Shearwaters, Cocos Booby and a juvenile Jaeger (probably

Parasitic) chasing Laughing Gulls.

On the way back to the port, strengthening northern winds made for a rather rough journey. After returning, we had lunch in Huatulco before beginning our drive up to the higher mountains of the Sierra de Mihuatlan, where we spent the night at San Jose del Pacifico. Some species that we recorded during the drive included Vaux's Swift, Golden-crowned Emerald, Berylline Hummingbird, Dusky-capped Flycatcher and Masked Tityra.

The humid pine forest in the Sierra de Mihuatlan holds a disjunct population of the stunning White-throated Jay, which was the main target of our visit. In these mountains the species is more difficult to see than in the highlands of Guerrero, so encounters are often challenging and far from guaranteed. After a persistent search, our group was eventually rewarded with a pair of White-throated Jays, although they showed rather skittish behavior. Other notable sightings were several individuals of Bumblebee Hummingbird, Garnet-throated Hummingbird, Rivoli's Hummingbird, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Northern House Wren (Brown-throated H W), Brown-backed Solitaire, Ruddy-capped Solitaire, Black Thrush, Chestnut-capped Brushfinch, Bullock's and Scott's Orioles, Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler, Red Warbler and Western Tanager.

After productive birding in the Sierra de Mihuatlan, we continued to the interior Oaxaca Valley, which is dominated by arid scrub vegetation. Some of the regional specialties included the endemics Dusky Hummingbird, Boucard's Wren and Bridled Sparrow. Other species noted during the journey included Lesser Nighthawk, White-tailed and Zone-tailed Hawk, Crested Caracara, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Cassin's Kingbird, Northern Mockingbird, House Finch and Virginia Warbler. Upon arrival at Teotitlan del Valle, we settled into our comfortable hotel, where we spent the final nights of the tour.

Our morning at Teotitlan del Valle was very productive, and we managed to see all of our main targets. The first species we focused on was the skulking Dwarf Vireo, which, with some patience and the right technique, eventually gave everyone good views. Shortly after, we found the localized endemic Pileated Flycatcher. The Grey-breasted Woodpecker initially proved tricky, but persistence paid off and we were rewarded with excellent views. A few cooperative Rock Wrens were also much appreciated. Other species recorded during the morning included Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Ring-necked Duck, West Mexican Chachalaca, Least Grebe, Mourning Dove, Killdeer, Wood Stork, Black-crowned Night Heron, Red-tailed Hawk, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Thick-billed Kingbird, Say's and Black Phoebes, Grey Flycatcher, Bewick's and Boucard's Wrens, Curve-billed Thrasher, Lark, Chipping and Lincoln's Sparrows, White-throated Towhee, Black-vented Oriole, Orange-crowned, Virginia and MacGillivray's Warblers and Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater.

During the afternoon we headed to the mountains above Teotitlan del Valle, birding the transition zone between arid scrub and higher elevation pine-oak forest. We encountered a few mixed-species flocks that included interesting species such as Bridled Titmouse, Plumbeous Vireo, Painted Whitestart, and Grace's and Black-throated Grey Warblers. With some persistence, we managed to locate a Northern Pygmy Owl, which was another highlight of the afternoon. Other species recorded included Blue-throated Mountaingem, White-striped Woodcreeper, Tufted Flycatcher, Brown Creeper, Hermit Thrush, Elegant Euphonia and Hepatic Tanager.

We carried out our final owling session, but windy conditions limited activity and we were unable to find the owls we were hoping for. As a consolation, however, we enjoyed excellent views of Buff-collared Nightjar.

On the last day of the tour, we left Teotitlan early in the morning to begin our drive back to Mexico City. Our first birding stops were in the desertic areas of Tehuacan, where we added several new species to the trip list. The Phainopepla was one of the most exciting sightings in the Tehuacan desert, while other notable birds included the nominate subspecies of Yellow Grosbeak, an endemic Mexican form. Additional new species for the main tour included Harris's Hawk and a striking male Varied Bunting, the latter having been seen previously during the Morelos pre-extension. Other species recorded during our stops in the Tehuacan area included Dusky Hummingbird, Grey-breasted Woodpecker, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Cassin's Kingbird, White-lored Gnatcatcher, Boucard's Wren, Northern Mockingbird, and Bridled Sparrow.

Later, we made a stop at Aculco, where we added Black-chinned Sparrow and Canyon Wren—both new for the trip—along with other species such as Vermilion Flycatcher, Curve-billed Thrasher, and Canyon Towhee. A further stop in pine woodlands produced a Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer, another tick for the main tour, while a repeat sighting of the endemic Green-striped Brushfinch provided a very nice encounter. Additional species recorded here included Tufted, Hammond's, Western, and Buff-breasted Flycatchers, as well as Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush and Hepatic Tanager.

Our final birding stop of the tour yielded the only Dusky Flycatcher and Broad-billed Hummingbird of the main trip. Other species recorded during this last session included Dusky Hummingbird, Golden-crowned Emerald, Thick-billed Kingbird, Blue-headed Vireo, Virginia Warbler, and Varied Bunting.

Once in Mexico City, it was time to say goodbye to our very enthusiastic group. It had been a fantastic tour, filled with many memorable highlights.

#### **BIRDS OF THE MAIN TOUR**

**1<sup>st</sup> Rose-bellied Bunting**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Spot-tailed Nightjar**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dwarf Jay**

**4<sup>rd</sup> Long-tailed Wood-Partridge**

**5<sup>th</sup> Fulvous Owl**

#### **BIRDS OF THE MORELOS PRE-EXTENSION**

**1<sup>st</sup> Elf Owl**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Balsas Screech Owl**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Banded Quail**

#### **SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR**

Species marked with the diamond symbol (◊) are either endemic to the country or local region or considered 'special' birds for some other reason (e.g., it is only seen on one or two Birdquest tours; it is difficult to see across all or most of its range; the local form is endemic or restricted-range and may in future be treated as a full species).

The species names and taxonomy used in the bird list follows Avilist v2025 (Avilist Core Team 2025. *Avilist: The Global Avian Checklist v2025* )

#### **BIRDS OF THE MAIN TOUR**

**Slaty-breasted Tinamou** ◊ *Crypturellus boucardi* Seen at Sierra de Los Tuxtlas.

**Black-bellied Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis*

**Ruddy Duck** *Oxyura jamaicensis* Seen at Lerma marsh.

**Muscovy Duck** *Cairina moschata*

**Ring-necked Duck** *Aythya collaris* Seen at Teotitlan.

**Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis*

**Blue-winged Teal** *Spatula discors*

**Cinnamon Teal** *Spatula cyanoptera*

**Northern Shoveler** *Spatula clypeata*

**Gadwall** *Mareca strepera* Seen at Lerma marsh.

**Mexican Duck** ♦ *Anas diazi* Small numbers at Lerma marsh.

**Crested Guan** *Penelope purpurascens* Seen at Valle Nacional.

**Plain Chachalaca** ♦ *Ortalis vetula*

**West Mexican Chachalaca** ♦ *Ortalis poliocephala* Endemic.

**Long-tailed Wood Partridge** ♦ *Dendrortyx macroura* Endemic.

**Singing Quail** ♦ *Dactylortyx thoracicus* Seen at Sumidero Canyon.

**Spotted Wood Quail** ♦ *Odontophorus guttatus* (H) Heard only at La Reforma.

**Least Grebe** *Tachybaptus dominicus*

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps*

**Black-necked Grebe (Eared G)** *Podiceps nigricollis* Seen at Lerma Marsh.

**Clark's Grebe** *Aechmophorus clarkii* Good views at Lerma Marsh.

**Groove-billed Ani** *Crotophaga sulcirostris*

**Pheasant Cuckoo** *Dromococcyx phasianellus* (H) Heard only at Valle Nacional.

**Lesser Ground Cuckoo** ♦ *Morococcyx erythropygus* Seen at Tolistoque Ojo de Agua.

**Lesser Roadrunner** ♦ *Geococcyx velox* Brief views at Sumidero Canyon by some.

**Common Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana*

**Mexican Squirrel Cuckoo** ♦ *Piaya mexicana* Endemic. Seen in the foothills of Pluma Hidalgo.

**Inca Dove** *Columbina inca*

**Common Ground Dove** *Columbina passerina*

**Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti*

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*

**Grey-headed Dove** ♦ *Leptotila plumbeiceps* (H) Heard only at Sierra de Los Tuxtlas.

**White-winged Dove** *Zenaida asiatica*

**Mourning Dove** *Zenaida macroura*

**Tuxtla Quail-Dove** ♦ *Zentrygon carrikeri* (LO & H) Endemic. Very elusive, we had very close encounters in two different days at Sierra de Los Tuxtlas. At the end only leader managed to see it, heard only for participants.

**White-faced Quail-Dove** ♦ *Zentrygon albifacies*

**Red-billed Pigeon** *Patagioenas flavirostris*

**Band-tailed Pigeon** *Patagioenas fasciata*

**Short-billed Pigeon** ♦ *Patagioenas nigrirostris* (H)

**Eurasian Collared Dove (introduced)** *Streptopelia decaocto*

Rock Dove (introduced) *Columba livia*

Sungrebe *Heliornis fulica* Great views at Sontecomapam.

Russet-naped Wood Rail ◊ *Aramides albiventris* (H) Heard only near Tuxtepec.

Virginia Rail *Rallus limicola* Seen by some at Lerma Marsh.

Sora *Porzana carolina* Seen at Lerma Marsh.

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*

American Coot *Fulica americana*

Ruddy Crane ◊ *Laterallus ruber* (LO & H) At Tuxtepec.

Double-striped Thick-knee *Hesperoburhinus bistriatus* (H) Heard only at Tuxtepec.

American Avocet *Recurvirostra americana* Seen at Lerma Marsh.

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*

American Oystercatcher *Recurvirostra americana* Seen at Playa Xadani.

Grey Plover (Black-bellied P) *Pluvialis squatarola*

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*

Collared Plover *Anarhynchus collaris* Seen at Playa Xadani.

Northern Jacana *Jacana spinosa*

Hudsonian Whimbrel *Numenius hudsonicus*

Marbled Godwit *Limosa fedoa* Good numbers at Playa Xadani.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus* Around 30 individuals were seen during the Huatulco Pelagic.

Willet (Western W) *Tringa [semipalmata] inornata*

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Red Knot *Calidris canutus* Around 20 individuals at Playa Xadani.

Sanderling *Calidris alba* Seen at Playa Xadani and Playa Bamba.

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*

Jaeger sp. *Stercorarius* sp. A juvenile Parasitic/Pomarine Jaeger was seen during the pelagic, but not the closest views.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia* Seen at Playa Bamba.

Elegant Tern ◊ *Thalasseus elegans* Seen near Huatulco.

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus*

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla*

American Herring Gull *Larus smithsonianus* Initially identified as Western Gull, by checking photos latter we noticed it was actually an American Herring Gull. At Playa Xadani.

Black Storm Petrel ◊ *Hydrobates melania* Several were seen at the Huatulco Pelagic.

Least Storm Petrel ◊ *Hydrobates microsoma* At least two individuals were recorded during the Huatulco Pelagic.

Galapagos Shearwater ◊ *Puffinus subalaris* Seen during Huatulco Pelagic.

Black-vented Shearwater ◊ *Puffinus opisthomelas* Seen during Huatulco Pelagic.

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*

Cocos Booby *Sula brewsteri* Seen during Huatulco Pelagic.

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*

Neotropic Cormorant *Nannopterum brasilianum*

American White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*

White-faced Ibis *Plegadis chihi*

American White Pelican *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis*

Bare-throated Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma mexicanum* Seen at Sontecomapam and Puerto Arista.

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius*

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*

Tricolored Heron (Louisiana H) *Egretta tricolor*

Reddish Egret *Egretta rufescens* A white morph near Huatulco.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

Yellow-crowned Night Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*

Great Egret (American G E) *Ardea [alba] egretta*

Western Cattle Egret *Ardea ibis*

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*

Spot-tailed Nightjar ◊ *Antiurus maculicaudus* Great views at Tuxtepec. A good write-in for the tour.

Buff-collared Nightjar ◊ *Antrostomus ridgwayi* Excellent views at Teotitlan.

Mexican Whip-poor-will ◊ *Antrostomus arizonae*

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis*

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris*

Vaux's Swift *Chaetura vauxi* Some were noted above Huatulco.

White-throated Swift *Aeronautes saxatalis*

Long-billed Hermit *Phaethornis longirostris* Seen at La Reforma and El Ocote.

Mexican Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis mexicanus* Very brief views for some at Pluma Hidalgo.

Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis* (H)

Green-breasted Mango ◊ *Anthracothorax prevostii*

Blue-throated Mountaingem ◊ *Lampornis clemenciae*

Amethyst-throated Mountaingem ◊ (A-t Hummingbird) *Lampornis amethystinus* Seen at San Cristobal.

Garnet-throated Hummingbird ◊ *Lamprolaima rhami* Seen at San Cristobal and at San Jose del Pacifico.

Rivoli's Hummingbird ◊ *Eugenes fulgens*

Plain-capped Starthroat ◊ *Helimaster constantii*

Beautiful Sheartail ◊ (B Hummingbird) *Calothorax pulcher* Endemic. Good views at Tehuantepec.

Slender Sheartail ◊ *Doricha enicura* A male seen at Sumidero Canyon.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*

Bumblebee Hummingbird ◊ *Selasphorus heloisa* Endemic. Good views at San Jose del Pacifico.

Dusky Hummingbird ◊ *Phaeoptila sordida* Endemic.

Broad-billed Hummingbird *Cynanthus latirostris* Seen the last day of the tour on route to Mexico City.

Turquoise-crowned Hummingbird ◊ *Cynanthus doubledayi* Endemic. Seen well at Tehuantepec.

Golden-crowned Emerald ◊ *Cynanthus auriceps* Endemic. Seen above Huatulco and during the last day of the tour on route to Mexico City.

Canivet's Emerald ◊ (Fork-tailed E) *Cynanthus canivetii*

White-eared Hummingbird ◊ *Basilinna leucotis*

Wedge-tailed Sabrewing ◊ (Long-tailed S) *Pampa [curvipennis] excellens*

Emerald-chinned Hummingbird ◊ *Abeillia abeillei* (LO) Seen by Miguel at Valle Nacional.

Oaxaca Hummingbird ◊ (Blue-capped H) *Eupherusa cyanophrys* Endemic. Good views of male and female at Pluma Hidalgo.

Green-fronted Hummingbird ◊ *Ramosomyia viridifrons* Seen by some at Sumidero Canyon.

Azure-crowned Hummingbird ◊ *Saucerottia cyanocephala* Seen at Valle Nacional and Sierra de Los Tuxtlas.

Berylline Hummingbird ◊ *Saucerottia beryllina*

Cinnamon Hummingbird ◊ *Amazilia rutila*

**Buff-bellied Hummingbird** ◊ *Amazilia yucatanensis* Good views at Sumidero Canyon, the *cerviniventris* form.

**Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** *Amazilia tzacatl*

**White-bellied Emerald** ◊ *Chlorestes candida*

**Unspotted Saw-whet Owl** ◊ *Aegolius ridgwayi* (H) Heard only at San Cristobal.

**Central American Pygmy Owl** ◊ *Glaucidium griseiceps* (H) Heard only at La Reforma.

**Ferruginous Pygmy Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum*

**Great Horned Owl** *Buho virginianus*

**Bearded Screech Owl** ◊ *Megascops barbarus* Good views at San Cristobal, a localized near-endemic with Guatemala.

**Mottled Owl** *Strix virgata* Great views

**Fulvous Owl** ◊ *Strix fulvescens* Great views at Ixtepegui.

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*

**White-tailed Kite** *Elanus leucurus*

**Black Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus tyrannus* Good views of one individual flying low at Sierra de Los Tuxtlas.

**Ornate Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus ornatus* Three individuals soaring together at Valle Nacional.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** *Accipiter striatus* Seen at San Jose del Pacifico.

**Cooper's Hawk** *Astur cooperii* (LO & H) Heard only at Ixtepegui.

**Northern Harrier** *Circus hudsonius* Seen at Lerma Marsh.

**Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris*

**White-tailed Hawk** *Geranoaetus albicaudatus* Seen at Yagul, Oaxaca.

**Grey Hawk** *Buteo plagiatus*

**Broad-winged Hawk** *Buteo platypterus*

**Zone-tailed Hawk** *Buteo albonotatus*

**Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus*

**Red-tailed Hawk** *Buteo jamaicensis*

**Slaty-tailed Trogon** *Trogon Massena*

**Black-headed Trogon** ◊ *Trogon melanocephalus* Seen at La Reforma.

**Citreoline Trogon** ◊ *Trogon citreolus* Endemic.

**Gartered Trogon (Northern Violaceous T)** *Trogon caligatus*

**Mountain Trogon** ◊ *Trogon mexicanus*

**Collared Trogon** *Trogon collaris*

**Tody Motmot** ♦ *Hylomanes momotula* (H) Heard only at Sierra de Los Tuxtlas.

**Blue-throated Motmot** ♦ *Aspatha gularis* Good views at San Cristobal.

**Russet-crowned Motmot** ♦ *Momotus mexicanus* Good views at Sumidero Canyon.

**Lesson's Motmot** ♦ (Blue-diademed M) *Momotus lessonii* Seen at El Ocote.

**Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon*

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata*

**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana*

**Keel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos sulfuratus*

**Collared Aracari** *Pteroglossus torquatus*

**Northern Emerald Toucanet** ♦ *Aulacorhynchus prasinus* Seen at Valle Nacional.

**Northern Emerald Toucanet** ♦ (Wagler's T) *Aulacorhynchus [prasinus] wagleri* Good views at Pluma Hidalgo.

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus*

**Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus*

**Grey-crowned Woodpecker** ♦ *Colaptes auricularis* Endemic. Good views at Pluma Hidalgo.

**Northern Flicker** *Colaptes auratus* Seen at Parque Las Maravillas.

**Guatemalan Flicker** ♦ *Colaptes mexicanoides* Seen at San Cristobal.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** *Sphyrapicus varius*

**Acorn Woodpecker** *Melanerpes formicivorus*

**Black-cheeked Woodpecker** *Melanerpes pucherani*

**Grey-breasted Woodpecker** ♦ *Melanerpes hypopolius* Endemic. Seen at Teotiltan and Tehuacan desert.

**Golden-fronted Woodpecker (Velasquez's W)** *Melanerpes [aurifrons] santacruzi*

**Ladder-backed Woodpecker** *Dryobates scalaris*

**Hairy Woodpecker** *Leuconotopicus villosus*

**Smoky-brown Woodpecker** *Leuconotopicus fumigatus* Seen at El Ocote.

**Strickland's Woodpecker** ♦ *Leuconotopicus stricklandi* Endemic. Good views at Parque Las Maravillas.

**Laughing Falcon** *Herpetotheres cachinnans*

**Barred Forest Falcon** *Micrastur ruficollis*

**Crested Caracara (Northern C C)** *Caracara [plancus] cheriway*

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*

**Bat Falcon** *Falco ruficularis* Seen at Pluma Hidalgo.

**Applomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis* One seen at a gas station on route to Catemaco.

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* One noted at Huatulco.

**Orange-chinned Parakeet** *Brotogeris jugularis*

**White-crowned Parrot** ♦ *Pionus senilis* (H) Heard only at El Ocote.

**Red-lored Amazon (R-l Parrot)** *Amazona autumnalis*

**White-fronted Amazon** ♦ (W-f Parrot) *Amazona albifrons* Seen on route to Catemaco and El Ocote.

**Mealy Amazon** *Amazona farinose* (H) Heard only at La Reforma.

**Olive-throated Parakeet** ♦ (Aztec P) *Eupsittula [nana] astec* Seen at Tuxtepec and Sontecomapam.

**Orange-fronted Parakeet** ♦ *Eupsittula canicularis* Good views at Tehuantepec.

**Red-capped Manakin** *Cenatopipra mentalis* (H) Heard only at La Reforma.

**Rufous Piha** ♦ *Lipaugus unirufus* Great views at La Reforma.

**Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata*

**Rose-throated Becard** *Pachyramphus aglaiae*

**Sulphur-rumped Myiobius** *Myiobius sulphureipygius* Seen at La Reforma.

**Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus*

**Eye-ringed Flatbill** *Rhynchocyclus brevirostris* Seen at Valle Nacional and Sierra de Los Tuxtlas.

**Yellow-olive Flatbill (Y-o Flycatcher)** *Tolmomyias sulphurescens* Seen at Sumidero Canyon.

**Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum*

**Northern Bentbill** ♦ *Oncostoma cinereigulare* Good views at La Reforma.

**Northern Beardless Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma imberbe* Seen at Playa Bamba in the Pacific dry lowlands.

**Greenish Elaenia** *Myiopagis viridicata*

**Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster*

**Flammulated Flycatcher** ♦ *Ramphotrigon flammulatum* Great views at Sumidero Canyon.

**Rufous Mourner** *Rhytipterna holerythra* Good views at La Reforma.

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer*

**Ash-throated Flycatcher** *Myiarchus cinerascens* Seen at Oaxaca Valley areas.

**Nutting's Flycatcher** ♦ *Myiarchus nuttingi*

**Salvadoran Flycatcher** ♦ *Myiarchus flavidior* Great views of a responsive bird at Puerto Arista.

**Great Crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus crinitus*

**Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus*

**Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus*

**Bright-rumped Attila (Flammulated A)** *Attila [spadiceus] flammulatus*

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis*

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher *Myiodynastes luteiventris* (H)

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*

Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana* Seen on route to Sierra de Los Tuxtlas.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*

Couch's Kingbird ◊ *Tyrannus couchii*

Thick-billed Kingbird ◊ *Tyrannus crassirostris*

Cassin's Kingbird *Tyrannus vociferans*

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus*

Western Kingbird *Tyrannus verticalis*

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*

Belted Flycatcher ◊ *Xenotriccus callizonus*

Pileated Flycatcher ◊ *Xenotriccus mexicanus*

Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya* Seen at Teotitlan and Tehuacan desert.

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*

Willow Flycatcher *Empidonax traillii* Good views of a bird vocalizing at Puerto Arista.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher *Empidonax flaviventris*

Yellowish Flycatcher ◊ *Empidonax flavescens* Seen at Sierra de Los Tuxtlas.

Western Flycatcher ◊ (Pacific Slope F) *Empidonax [difficilis] difficilis* Seen at Pluma Hidalgo.

Western Flycatcher ◊ (Cordilleran F) *Empidonax [difficilis] occidentalis* Seen at the upper areas of Valle Nacional.

Hammond's Flycatcher *Empidonax hammondi* Seen on the last day on route to Mexico D.F.

American Dusky Flycatcher *Empidonax oberholseri* Seen on the last day on route to Mexico D.F.

Pine Flycatcher ◊ *Empidonax affinis* Good views at Parque Las Maravillas.

Least Flycatcher *Empidonax minimus*

American Grey Flycatcher *Empidonax wrightii* Seen at Teotitlan.

Buff-breasted Flycatcher ◊ *Empidonax fulvifrons*

Northern Tufted Flycatcher *Mitrephanes phaeocercus*

Greater Pewee *Contopus pertinax*

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus*

Mayan Antthrush ◊ (Mexican A) *Formicarius moniliger* (H) Heard only at La Reforma.

Tawny-throated Leaftosser *Sclerurus mexicanus* (LO)

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus*

Tawny-winged Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla anabatina* Seen at La Reforma and El Ocote.

**Ivory-billed Woodcreeper** ♦ *Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*

**Spotted Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius* Good views at Valle Nacional.

**White-striped Woodcreeper** ♦ *Lepidocolaptes leucogaster* Endemic. Seen the first day of the main tour after visit Parque Las Maravillas.

**Spot-crowned Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes affinis*

**Northern Plain Xenops** *Xenops mexicanus*

**Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner** *Anabacerthia variegaticeps* Good views at Valle Nacional.

**Fawn-throated Foliage-gleaner** *Automolus cervinigularis* Seen at Sierra de Los Tuxtlas.

**Rufous-breasted Spinetail** ♦ *Synallaxis erythrothorax* Seen at La Reforma.

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis*

**Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo** ♦ *Vireolanius melitophrys* Good views at the pine woodlands above Valle Nacional.

**Green Shrike-Vireo** ♦ *Vireolanius pulchellus* Excellent views at Sierra de Los Tuxtlas.

**Ochre-crowned Greenlet** *Tunchiornis ochraceiceps* Seen at La Reforma.

**Lesser Greenlet** *Pachysylvia decurtata*

**Golden Vireo** ♦ *Vireo hypochryseus* Endemic. Seen at Pluma Hidalgo.

**Eastern Warbling Vireo** *Vireo gilvus* Common at Pluma Hidalgo area.

**Hutton's Vireo** *Vireo huttoni*

**Yellow-throated Vireo** *Vireo flavifrons* Seen on route to Catemaco.

**Blue-headed Vireo** *Vireo solitarius*

**Plumbeous Vireo** *Vireo plumbeus* Seen at San Cristobal.

**White-eyed Vireo** *Vireo griseus*

**Bell's Vireo** *Vireo bellii* Seen at Tehuantepec and Playa Bamba.

**Slaty Vireo** ♦ *Vireo brevipennis* Endemic. Seen in the dry valleys after Ixtepegui.

**Dwarf Vireo** ♦ *Vireo nelsoni* Endemic. Good views at Teotitlan

**Loggerhead Shrike** *Lanius ludovicianus*

**White-throated Jay** ♦ *Cyanolyca mirabilis* Endemic. Seen at San Jose del Pacifico.

**Dwarf Jay** ♦ *Cyanolyca nanus* Endemic. Great views in the higher areas above Valle Nacional.

**Azure-hooded Jay** ♦ *Cyanolyca cucullata* Good views at Valle Nacional, the endemic Mexican form *mitrata*.

**Steller's Jay** *Cyanocitta stelleri*

**Woodhouse's Scrub Jay** ♦ *Aphelocoma woodhouseii*

**Unicolored Jay** ♦ *Aphelocoma unicolor* Two different subspecies were seen: the nominate form at San Cristobal, and the *oaxacae* at Valle Nacional.

**White-throated Magpie-Jay** ♦ *Cyanocorax formosus*

**Brown Jay** *Cyanocorax morio*

**Green Jay** *Cyanocorax yncas*

**Northern Raven (Common R)** *Corvus corax*

**Bridled Titmouse** ♦ *Baeolophus wollweberi* Good views at the mountains above Teotitlan.

**Mexican Chickadee** ♦ *Poecile sclateri*

**Mangrove Swallow** *Tachycineta albilinea*

**Violet-green Swallow** *Tachycineta thalassina*

**Grey-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea*

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*

**Black-capped Swallow** ♦ *Atticora pileata* Excellent views at San Cristobal.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* Huge number were passing by the Pacific lowlands mainly.

**American Bushtit** *Psaltiriparus minimus*

**Grey Silky-flycatcher** ♦ (G Silky) *Ptiliogonys cinereus*

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** *Corthylio calendula*

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** *Regulus satrapa*

**White-breasted Nuthatch** *Sitta carolinensis*

**Pygmy Nuthatch** *Sitta pygmaea*

**Brown Creeper (B Treecreeper)** *Certhia americana*

**Blue-grey Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila caerulea*

**White-lored Gnatcatcher** ♦ *Polioptila albiloris*

**Rock Wren** *Salpinctes obsoletus* Excellent views at Teotitlan.

**Canyon Wren** *Catherpes mexicanus* Seen the last day on route to Mexico DF.

**Sumichrast's Wren** ♦ (Slender-billed W) *Hylorchilus sumichrasti* Endemic. Great views at La Reforma.

**Nava's Wren** ♦ *Hylorchilus navai* (H) Endemic. Heard only at El Ocote.

**Bewick's Wren** *Thryomanes bewickii*

**Band-backed Wren** *Campylorhynchus zonatus*

**Grey-barred Wren** ♦ *Campylorhynchus megalopterus* Endemic.

**Giant Wren** ♦ *Campylorhynchus chiapensis* Endemic. Good views at Puerto Arista.

**Russet-naped Wren** ♦ *Campylorhynchus humilis* Endemic. Seen at the Pacific coast dry forest lowlands, North of Tehuantepec Istmus.

**Rufous-backed Wren** ♦ *Campylorhynchus capistratus* (H) Heard only at Puerto Arista.

**Boucard's Wren** ♦ *Campylorhynchus jocosus* Endemic. Seen at Oaxaca Valley areas.

**Grass Wren** *Cistothorus platensis*

**Marsh Wren** *Cistothorus palustris* The endemic subspecies *tolucensis* at Lerma Marsh.

**Northern House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*

**Northern House Wren** ◊ (Brown-throated H W) *Troglodytes [aedon] brunneicollis*

**Southern House Wren** *Troglodytes musculus*

**Rufous-browed Wren** ◊ *Troglodytes rufociliatus* Good views at San Cristobal.

**White-bellied Wren** ◊ *Uropsila leucogastra* (H) Heard only at La Reforma.

**Spot-breasted Wren** *Pheugopedius maculipectus*

**Cabanis's Wren** ◊ *Cantorchilus modestus* Seen at Sumidero Canyon.

**White-breasted Wood Wren** *Henicorhina leucosticta* Seen at Sierra de Los Tuxtlas.

**Grey-breasted Wood Wren** *Henicorhina leucophrys*

**Banded Wren** ◊ *Thryophilus pleurostictus* Good views at Sumidero Canyon.

**Blue-and-white Mockingbird** ◊ *Melanotis hypoleucus* (LO) Seen by leader at Sumidero Canyon.

**Blue Mockingbird** ◊ *Melanotis caerulescens* Technically a Mexican Endemic, several sightings during the trip.

**Grey Catbird** *Dumetella carolinensis* Seen at Pluma Hidalgo.

**Curve-billed Thrasher** *Toxostoma curvirostre*

**Ocellated Thrasher** ◊ *Toxostoma ocellatum* Endemic. Seen on different opportunities in Oaxaca region.

**Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus*

**Northern Mockingbird** *Mimus polyglottos*

**Common Starling (introduced)** *Sturnus vulgaris*

**Eastern Bluebird** *Sialia sialis* Seen above Valle Nacional.

**Western Bluebird** *Sialia mexicana* Seen at Parque Las Maravillas.

**Brown-backed Solitaire** ◊ *Myadestes occidentalis*

**Slate-colored Solitaire** ◊ *Myadestes unicolor* Seen at Valle Nacional and Sierra de Los Tuxtlas.

**Wood Thrush** *Hylocichla mustelina*

**Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush** ◊ *Catharus mexicanus* Seen at Valle Nacional and Sierra de Los Tuxtlas.

**Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush** *Catharus aurantiirostris*

**Swainson's Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus*

**Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush** ◊ *Catharus frantzii* Seen at San Jose del Pacifico.

**Russet Nightingale-Thrush** ◊ *Catharus occidentalis* Endemic. Seen at Parque Las Maravillas.

**Hermit Thrush** *Catharus guttatus* Seen at Teotitlan.

**Rufous-collared Thrush** ◊ *Turdus rufitorques* Seen at San Cristobal.

**American Robin** *Turdus migratorius*

**Black Thrush** ◊ (B Robin) *Turdus infuscatus* Seen at Valle Nacional and San Jose del Pacifico.

**White-throated Thrush (W-t Robin)** *Turdus assimilis*

**Rufous-backed Thrush** ◊ (R-b Robin) *Turdus rufopalliatus*

**Clay-colored Thrush (C-c Robin)** *Turdus grayi*

**Olive Warbler** ◊ *Peucedramus taeniatus*

**House Sparrow (introduced)** *Passer domesticus*

**American Pipit (Buff-bellied P)** *Anthus rubescens* Seen at Lerma Marsh.

**Elegant Euphonia (Blue-hooded E)** *Chlorophonia elegantissima*

**Blue-crowned Chlorophonia** ◊ *Chlorophonia occipitalis* Good views from Valle Nacional and Sierra de Los Tuxtlas.

**Scrub Euphonia** *Euphonia affinis*

**Yellow-throated Euphonia** ◊ *Euphonia hirundinacea*

**Olive-backed Euphonia** ◊ *Euphonia gouldi* (H) Heard only at La Reforma.

**House Finch** *Haemorhous mexicanus*

**Red Crossbill (Common C)** *Loxia curvirostra* (H)

**Pine Siskin** *Spinus pinus*

**Lesser Goldfinch (Dark-backed G)** *Spinus psaltria*

**Lark Sparrow** *Chondestes grammacus*

**Chipping Sparrow** *Spizella passerina*

**Black-chinned Sparrow** *Spizella atrogularis* Seen the last day of the tour on route to Mexico D.F.

**Common Chlorospingus** *Chlorospingus flavopectus*

**Olive Sparrow** ◊ *Arremonops rufivirgatus* Good views at Sumidero Canyon.

**Green-backed Sparrow** ◊ *Arremonops chloronotus* (H) Heard only at El Ocote.

**Cinnamon-tailed Sparrow** *Peucaea sumichrasti* Endemic. Good views at Tehuantepec.

**Stripe-headed Sparrow** ◊ *Peucaea ruficauda*

**Bridled Sparrow** ◊ *Peucaea mystacalis* Endemic. Good views at the dry regions of Oaxaca Valley.

**Green-striped Brushfinch** ◊ *Arremon virenticeps* Endemic. Seen at Parque Las Maravillas also the last day of the tour on route to Mexico D.F.

**Chestnut-capped Brushfinch** *Arremon brunneinucha*

**Yellow-eyed Junco** ◊ *Junco phaeonotus*

**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis*

**Striped Sparrow** ◊ *Oriturus superciliosus* Endemic. Seen at Parque Las Maravillas.

**Savannah Sparrow** *Passerculus sandwichensis*

**Sierra Madre Sparrow** ♦ *Xenospiza baileyi* Endemic. Good views at Parque Las Maravillas.

**Song Sparrow** *Melospiza melodia* Seen at Lerma Marsh.

**Lincoln's Sparrow** *Melospiza lincolnii*

**Rusty Sparrow** ♦ *Aimophila rufescens*

**Rufous-crowned Sparrow** ♦ *Aimophila ruficeps*

**Oaxaca Sparrow** ♦ *Aimophila notosticta* Endemic. Seen at Oaxaca Valley.

**Canyon Towhee** ♦ *Melospiza fusca*

**White-throated Towhee** ♦ *Melospiza albicollis* Endemic. Good views at Teotitlan.

**Spotted Towhee** *Pipilo maculatus*

**Collared Towhee** ♦ *Pipilo ocai* Endemic. Good views at Ixtepegui.

**Rufous-capped Brushfinch** ♦ *Atlapetes pileatus* Endemic. Seen at Parque Las Maravillas also above Valle Nacional.

**White-naped Brushfinch** ♦ *Atlapetes albinucha* The very distinctive nominate form, which is endemic by the way.

**Yellow-breasted Chat** *Icteria virens* (LO) Seen by leader at Puerto Arista.

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* Seen at Lerma Marsh.

**Chihuahuan Meadowlark** ♦ *Sturnella liliana* Seen at Lerma Marsh.

**Yellow-billed Cacique** *Amblycercus holosericeus* Seen at Sumidero Canyon.

**Mexican Cacique** ♦ (Yellow-winged C) *Cassiculus melanicterus*

**Montezuma Oropendola** *Psarocolius montezuma*

**Black-vented Oriole** ♦ *Icterus wagleri*

**Orchard Oriole** *Icterus spurius*

**Hooded Oriole** *Icterus cucullatus*

**Yellow-backed Oriole** *Icterus chrysater* Seen at San Cristobal.

**Yellow-tailed Oriole** *Icterus mesomelas* (H) Heard only at Sontecomapam.

**Streak-backed Oriole** ♦ *Icterus pustulatus*

**Bullock's Oriole** *Icterus bullockiorum*

**Spot-breasted Oriole** ♦ *Icterus pectoralis* Seen at Puerto Arista.

**Altamira Oriole** ♦ *Icterus gularis*

**Audubon's Oriole** ♦ *Icterus graduacauda* Seen in the Oaxaca near Ixtepegui.

**Baltimore Oriole** *Icterus galbula*

**Black-backed Oriole** *Icterus abeillei* Endemic. A juvenile seen at the restaurant in route to Lerma Marsh.

**Scott's Oriole** *Icterus parisorum*

**Red-winged Blackbird** *Agelaius phoeniceus*

Red-winged Blackbird ◊ (Bicoloured B) *Agelaius [phoeniceus] gubernator* Seen at Lerma Marsh.

Bronzed Cowbird *Molothrus aeneus*

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus*

Melodious Blackbird *Dives dives*

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*

Ovenbird *Seiurus aurocapilla*

Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis*

Louisiana Waterthrush *Parkesia motacilla*

Worm-eating Warbler *Helmitheros vermivorum* Seen at Sierra de Los Tuxtlas and El Ocote.

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*

Blue-winged Warbler *Vermivora cyanoptera* Seen at La Reforma.

Crescent-chested Warbler ◊ *Oreothlypis superciliosa*

Tennessee Warbler *Leiothlypis peregrina*

Orange-crowned Warbler *Leiothlypis celata*

Nashville Warbler *Leiothlypis ruficapilla*

Virginia's Warbler *Leiothlypis virginiae* Seen at Teotitlan.

MacGillivray's Warbler *Geothlypis tolmiei*

Grey-crowned Yellowthroat *Geothlypis poliocephala* Seen at Tuxtepec.

Kentucky Warbler *Geothlypis formosa* Seen at El Ocote.

Black-polled Yellowthroat ◊ *Geothlypis speciosa* Endemic. Seen at Lerma Marsh.

Hooded Yellowthroat ◊ *Geothlypis nelsoni* Endemic. Seen at Parque Las Maravillas.

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla*

Hooded Warbler *Setophaga citrina* A nice male at Tuxtepec.

Northern Parula *Setophaga americana*

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitayumi*

Magnolia Warbler *Setophaga magnolia*

American Yellow Warbler (Yellow W) *Setophaga aestiva*

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's W) *Setophaga [coronata] auduboni*

Black-throated Grey Warbler *Setophaga nigrescens* Seen at Teotitlan.

Graces's Warbler *Setophaga graciae* Seen at Teotitlan.

Black-throated Green Warbler *Setophaga virens*

**Golden-cheeked Warbler** ♦ *Setophaga chrysoparia* (LO) Seen by Miguel at San Cristobal.

**Hermit Warbler** *Setophaga occidentalis*

**Townsend's Warbler** *Setophaga townsendi*

**Fan-tailed Warbler** ♦ *Basileuterus lachrymosus* Good views at Sumidero Canyon and Pluma Hidalgo.

**Rufous-capped Warbler** ♦ *Basileuterus rufifrons*

**Golden-browed Warbler** ♦ *Basileuterus belli*

**Golden-crowned Warbler** *Basileuterus culicivorus*

**Wilson's Warbler** *Cardellina pusilla*

**Red-faced Warbler** ♦ *Cardellina rubrifrons* Good views at San Cristobal.

**Pink-headed Warbler** ♦ *Cardellina versicolor* A pair seen at San Cristobal.

**Red Warbler** ♦ *Cardellina rubra* Seen in the highlands of Mexico City and San Jose del Pacifico.

**Painted Whitestart** ♦ (P Redstart) *Myioborus pictus*

**Slate-throated Whitestart** (S-t Redstart) *Myioborus miniatus*

**Yellow Grosbeak** *Pheucticus chrysopleus* Two forms were seen during the tour: At Sumidero Canyon we saw the orange form ("Guatemalan" Y G) *aurantiacus*, and at the Tehuacan desert we saw the nominate form which is restricted to Western Mexico.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** *Pheucticus ludovicianus*

**Black-headed Grosbeak** *Pheucticus melanocephalus*

**Red-breasted Chat** ♦ *Granatellus venustus* Nearly Endemic. Good views at Sumidero Canyon and at the foothills above Huatulco.

**Blue Seedeater** ♦ *Amaurospiza concolor* Seen by some at Sumidero Canyon.

**Blue Bunting** ♦ *Cyanocopsa parellina* Great views at Sumidero Canyon.

**Indigo Bunting** *Passerina cyanea*

**Rose-bellied Bunting** ♦ *Passerina rositae* Endemic. Fantastic views at Tehuantepec, including an adult male and several young males and females. The bird of the trip!

**Orange-breasted Bunting** ♦ *Passerina leclancherii* A stunning male at Tehuantepec, just after seen the Rose-bellied Bunting male.

**Painted Bunting** ♦ *Passerina ciris*

**Varied Bunting** *Passerina versicolor* Seen at Tehuantepec desert.

**Red-crowned Ant Tanager** *Habia rubica* We saw two different subspecies during the tour; the nominate form was seen at Valle Nacional and Sierra de Los Tuxtlas, at the foothills of Sierra Mihuatlan we saw the *affinins* form which is a potential split.

**Black-faced Grosbeak** ♦ *Caryothraustes polioaster* Seen at La Reforma and at El Ocote.

**Northern Cardinal** *Cardinalis cardinalis* The distinctive form *carneus* ("Long-crested") from the western Pacific coast of Mexico to Isthmus of Tehuantepec. Good views at Playa Bamba and above Huatulco.

**Red-throated Ant Tanager** ♦ *Driophlox fuscicauda* Seen at La Reforma, Sierra de Los Tuxtlas and El Ocote.

**Red-headed Tanager** ♦ *Piranga erythrocephala* Endemic. Great views at Pluma Hidalgo.

**White-winged Tanager** *Piranga leucoptera*

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*

Hepatic Tanager (Northern H T) *Piranga [flava] hepatica*

Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana*

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus*

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*

Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer ♦ *Diglossa baritula* Seen the last day on route to Mexico D.F.

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* Seen at Sierra de Los Tuxtlas.

Black-headed Saltator *Saltator atriceps*

Cinnamon-bellied Saltator *Saltator grandis* Seen at Puerto Arista.

Morelet's Seedeater *Sporophila moreletii* Seen at Puerto Arista

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*

Yellow-faced Grassquit *Tiaris olivaceus*

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*

Yellow-winged Tanager ♦ *Thraupis abbas* Seen on route to Catemaco and Sierra de Los Tuxtlas.

#### BIRDS OF MORELOS PRE-EXTENSION

Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis* Small numbers at San Gregorio wetlands.

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors*

Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera*

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata* Big numbers at San Gregorio wetlands where they were nesting at the moment.

Gadwall *Mareca strepera* A couple at San Gregorio wetlands.

American Wigeon *Mareca americana*

Mexican Duck ♦ *Anas diazi*

Green-winged Teal (W) *Anas [crecca] carolinensis*

West Mexican Chachalaca ♦ *Ortalis poliocephala* (H) Endemic. Heard only at Amilsingo reserve.

Long-tailed Wood Partridge ♦ *Dendrortyx macroura* Endemic. Good views at La Cima.

Banded Quail ♦ *Philortyx fasciatus* A Balsas Endemic. Around 9 individuals at Oacalco.

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*

Lesser Roadrunner ♦ *Geococcyx velox* Great views at Oacalco.

Inca Dove *Columbina inca*

Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* A rare sighting for Morelos.

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*

**White-winged Dove** *Zenaida asiatica*

**Eurasian Collared Dove (introduced)** *Streptopelia decaocto*

**Rock Dove (introduced) (Feral Pigeon)** *Columba [livia] var\_domestica*

**Virginia Rail** *Rallus limicola* (H)

**Sora** *Porzana carolina* Seen at San Gregorio wetlands.

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata*

**American Coot** *Fulica americana*

**American Avocet** *Recurvirostra americana* Seen at San Gregorio wetlands.

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus*

**Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus*

**Long-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus scolopaceus* Seen at San Gregorio wetlands.

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*

**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes*

**Stilt Sandpiper** *Calidris himantopus* Seen at San Gregorio wetlands.

**Baird's Sandpiper (B)** *Calidris bairdii* Seen at San Gregorio wetlands.

**Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla*

**White-faced Ibis** *Plegadis chihi*

**American White Pelican** *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*

**Least Bittern** *Botaurus exilis* (H) Heard only at San Gregorio wetlands.

**Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*

**Green Heron** *Butorides virescens*

**Great Egret (American G E)** *Ardea [alba] egretta*

**Western Cattle Egret** *Ardea ibis*

**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias*

**Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis*

**Buff-collared Nightjar** ♦ *Antrastomus ridgwayi* Brief views at Amilsingo Reserve.

**White-naped Swift** ♦ *Streptoprocne semicollaris* We visited a roosting site at Cuernavaca where big numbers came at dusk.

**Vaux's Swift** *Chaetura vauxi* We visited an old sugar mill where thousands (20.000+) come to roost inside the old chimneys, an almost unreal spectacle.

**Mexican Violetear** ♦ *Colibri thalassinus* Seen at Cerro Tepozteco.

**Amethyst-throated Mountaingem** ♦ (A-t Hummingbird) *Lampornis amethystinus* Seen at Cerro Tepozteco.

**Blue-throated Mountaingem** ♦ (B-t Hummingbird) *Lampornis clemenciae* Seen at Cerro Tepozteco and La Cima.

Rivoli's Hummingbird ◊ *Eugenes fulgens* (LO)

Lucifer Sheartail ◊ *Calothorax lucifer* Great views of at least 3 different individuals, including a full adult male.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*

Calliope Hummingbird ◊ *Selasphorus calliope* A female seen at Mexico City Park.

Bumblebee Hummingbird ◊ *Selasphorus heloisa*

Dusky Hummingbird ◊ *Phaeoptila sordida* Endemic. Seen at Oacalco region.

Broad-billed Hummingbird ◊ *Cynanthus latirostris*

Golden-crowned Emerald ◊ *Cynanthus auriceps* Endemic. Seen at Amilsingo Reserve.

White-eared Hummingbird ◊ *Basilinna leucotis*

Violet-crowned Hummingbird ◊ *Ramosomyia violiceps* Seen at Tepoztlan.

Berylline Hummingbird ◊ *Saucerottia beryllina*

American Barn Owl *Tyto furcata* A roosting bird at the sugar mill buildings.

Elf Owl ◊ (B) *Micrathene whitneyi* Great great views at Amilsingo Reserve.

Colima Pygmy Owl ◊ *Glaucidium palmarum* (H) Heard only at Amilsingo Reserve.

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum*

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus* (H)

Balsas Screech Owl ◊ *Megascops seductus* One of the Balsas Endemics, great views at Amilsingo Reserve.

Mottled Owl *Strix virgata* (H)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus* One individual hunted and captured a Vaux's Swift right at the entrance of the chimney where the swifts were entering to roost.

Cooper's Hawk *Astur cooperii* One individual at Mexico City.

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*

Coppery-tailed Trogon ◊ *Trogon ambiguus* Seen at the lower areas of Cerro Tepozteco.

Mountain Trogon ◊ *Trogon mexicanus* (H) Heard only at Cerro Tepozteco.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (W) *Sphyrapicus varius*

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*

Golden-cheeked Woodpecker ◊ *Melanerpes chrysogenys* Endemic. Seen at Oacalco area.

Ladder-backed Woodpecker *Dryobates scalaris*

Hairy Woodpecker *Leuconotopicus villosus*

Crested Caracara (Northern C C) *Caracara [plancus] cheriway*

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Monk Parakeet (introduced) *Myiopsitta monachus* (H) Heard only at Mexico City, introduced.

White-fronted Amazon ◊ *Amazona albifrons*

Grey-collared Becard ◊ *Pachyramphus major* A male seen at Cerro Tepozteco.

Rose-throated Becard *Pachyramphus aglaiae*

Northern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma imberbe*

Greenish Elaenia *Myiopagis viridicata* Good views at El Columpio and at Tepoztlan.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*

Ash-throated Flycatcher *Myiarchus cinerascens* Seen at Oacalco.

Nutting's Flycatcher ◊ *Myiarchus nuttingi* Seen at Almisingo Reserve.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*

Thick-billed Kingbird ◊ *Tyrannus crassirostris*

Cassin's Kingbird *Tyrannus vociferans*

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*

Pileated Flycatcher ◊ *Xenotriccus mexicanus* Endemic. Seen around Oacalco.

Black Phoebe (B) *Sayornis nigricans*

Western Flycatcher ◊ (Cordilleran F) *Empidonax [difficilis] occidentalis*

Hammond's Flycatcher *Empidonax hammondi*

American Dusky Flycatcher (Dusky F) *Empidonax oberholseri*

Pine Flycatcher ◊ *Empidonax affinis* Seen at Parque El Columpio Park.

Northern Tufted Flycatcher *Mitrephanes phaeocercus*

Greater Pewee *Contopus pertinax*

White-striped Woodcreeper ◊ *Lepidocolaptes leucogaster* Endemic. Seen at Cerro Tepozteco.

Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo ◊ *Vireolanius melitophrys* Great views at Cerro Tepozteco.

Golden Vireo ◊ *Vireo hypochryseus* Endemic. Seen at Almisingo Reserve.

Eastern Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus* Seen at Cerro Tepozteco.

Western Warbling Vireo *Vireo swainsoni* Seen at Oacalco area.

Hutton's Vireo ◊ *Vireo huttoni*

Cassin's Vireo *Vireo cassinii*

Transvolcanic Jay ◊ *Aphelocoma ultramarina* Seen at Parque El Columpio.

Mexican Chickadee ◊ *Poecile sclateri*

Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor* Good views of one individual at San Gregorio wetlands.

Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina*

Northern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*

Barn Swallow (American B S) *Hirundo [rustica] erythrogaster*

American Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* Seen at Oacalco area.

American Bushtit ◊ (Black-eared B) *Psaltiriparus [minimus] melanurus* Seen at different sites in the highlands.

Grey Silky-flycatcher ◊ (G Silky) *Ptiliogonys cinereus*

Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Corthylio calendula*

White-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta carolinensis*

Pygmy Nuthatch ◊ *Sitta pygmaea* Seen at Cerro Tepozteco.

Brown Creeper (B Treecreeper) *Certhia americana*

Blue-grey Gnatcatcher *Poliophtila caerulea*

Canyon Wren *Catherpes mexicanus* (H)

Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii*

Grey-barred Wren ◊ *Campylorhynchus megalopterus* Endemic. Seen at El Columpio Park.

Boucard's Wren ◊ *Campylorhynchus jocosus* Endemic. Seen near Tepoztlan.

Marsh Wren *Cistothorus palustris* (H)

Northern House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*

Happy Wren ◊ *Pheugopedius felix* Endemic. Seen at the drier areas.

Blue Mockingbird ◊ *Melanotis caerulescens* Endemic. Seen at different occasions.

Curve-billed Thrasher *Toxostoma curvirostre* Seen at Oacalco area.

Brown-backed Solitaire ◊ *Myadestes occidentalis*

Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus aurantiirostris*

Russet Nightingale-Thrush ◊ *Catharus occidentalis* Endemic. Good views at La Cima.

Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus* Seen at La Cima.

American Robin *Turdus migratorius*

White-throated Thrush *Turdus assimilis*

Rufous-backed Thrush ◊ *Turdus rufopalliatus* Common during the pre-extension.

Olive Warbler ◊ *Peucedramus taeniatus* Male and female seen at El Columpio Park.

House Sparrow (introduced) *Passer domesticus*

American Pipit *Anthus rubescens* Good views at San Gregorio wetlands.

Elegant Euphonia (Blue-hooded E) *Chlorophonia elegantissima*

House Finch *Haemorhous mexicanus*

Red Crossbill (Common C) *Loxia curvirostra* (H) Heard only at La Cima.

Black-headed Siskin ◊ *Spinus notatus* Seen at Cerro Tepozteco.

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria*

Lark Sparrow *Chondestes grammacus*

Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina*

Grasshopper Sparrow *Ammodramus savannarum* Good views at Oacalco.

Stripe-headed Sparrow *Peucaea ruficauda*

Black-chested Sparrow ◊ *Peucaea humeralis* Endemic. Good views at Amilsingo Reserve.

Green-striped Brushfinch ◊ *Arremon virenticeps* Endemic. Good views at El Columpio Park.

Yellow-eyed Junco ◊ *Junco phaeonotus*

Striped Sparrow ◊ *Oriturus superciliosus* Endemic. Seen at La Cima.

Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis* (LO)

Sierra Madre Sparrow ◊ *Xenospiza baileyi* Endemic. Great views at La Cima.

Song Sparrow ◊ *Melospiza melodia*

Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolni*

Rusty Sparrow ◊ *Aimophila rufescens*

Rusty-crowned Ground Sparrow ◊ *Melospiza kieneri* Endemic. Good views at Oacalco.

Canyon Towhee ◊ *Melospiza fusca*

Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus*

Hooded Oriole ◊ *Icterus cucullatus*

Streak-backed Oriole *Icterus pustulatus*

Bullock's Oriole *Icterus bullockiorum*

Black-backed Oriole ◊ (Abeille's O) *Icterus abeillei* Endemic. A young male at El Canal Nacional, Mex DF.

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*

Louisiana Waterthrush (W) *Parkesia motacilla*

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*

Crescent-chested Warbler ◊ *Oreothlypis superciliosa*

Orange-crowned Warbler *Leiothlypis celata*

Nashville Warbler *Leiothlypis ruficapilla*

Virginia's Warbler *Leiothlypis virginiae*

MacGillivray's Warbler ◊ *Geothlypis tolmiei*

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*

Magnolia Warbler *Setophaga magnolia* One seen at Oacalco area.

American Yellow Warbler *Setophaga aestiva*

Yellow-rumped Warbler (B) (Myrtle W) *Setophaga [coronata] coronata* One seen at Tepoztlan.

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's W) *Setophaga [coronata] auduboni*

Black-throated Grey Warbler *Setophaga nigrescens*

Grace's Warbler ◊ *Setophaga graciae* Seen at Tepoztlan.

Hermit Warbler ◊ *Setophaga occidentalis*

Townsend's Warbler ◊ *Setophaga townsendi*

Rufous-capped Warbler ◊ *Basileuterus rufifrons*

Golden-browed Warbler ◊ *Basileuterus belli* Good views at Parque El Columpio.

Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*

Red-faced Warbler ◊ *Cardellina rubrifrons* Great views at Cerro Tepozteco.

Painted Whitestart ◊ (P Redstart) *Myioborus pictus*

Slate-throated Whitestart (S-t Redstart) *Myioborus miniatus*

Black-headed Grosbeak *Pheucticus melanocephalus*

Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea*

Lazuli Bunting ◊ *Passerina amoena* Good views at Oacalco, one individual coming to drink water.

Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea*

Painted Bunting ◊ *Passerina ciris*

Varied Bunting ◊ *Passerina versicolor* Nice male at Oacalco.

Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava*

Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana*

Flame-colored Tanager ◊ *Piranga bidentata*

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*

Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer ◊ *Diglossa baritula* Seen at El Columpio Park.

Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater ◊ *Sporophila torqueola* Endemic. Good views at Oacalco.

#### MAMMAL LIST DURING THE MAIN TOUR

Central American Black Howler *Alouatta pigra* (H)

Mexican Cottontail *Sylvilagus cunicularius* Seen at Teotitlan.

Common Rock Squirrel *Otospermophilus variegatus*

Red-bellied Squirrel *Sciurus aureogaster*

#### MAMMALS OF MORELOS PRE-EXTENSION

White-nosed Coati *Nasua narica* Seen at Cuernavaca at the White-naped roosting swifts site.

Northern Raccoon (Common R) *Procyon lotor* Seen at Cuernavaca at the White-naped roosting swifts site.

Mexican Cottontail *Sylvilagus cunicularius* Seen before dawn at Almisingo Reserve.

Common Rock Squirrel *Otospermophilus variegatus*

Red-bellied Squirrel *Sciurus aureogaster* Fairly common, mainly in pine woodlands.



Orange-bellied Bunting (image by Leo Garrigues)



*Pink-headed Warbler (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Fulvous Owl (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Golden-browed Warbler (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Dwarf Jay (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Elf Owl (Morelos Pre-Extension) (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Spot-tailed Nightjar (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Rose-bellied Bunting (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Red Warbler (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*White-throated Towhee (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Buff-collared Nightjar (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*White-naped Brushfinch (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Unicolored Jay (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Galapagos Shearwater (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Sumichrast's Wren (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Striped Sparrow (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Salvadoran Flycatcher (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Sierra Madre Sparrow (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Song Sparrow (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Giant Wren (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Strickland's Woodpecker (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Russet-naped Wren (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Rufous-crowned Sparrow (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Rufous-browed Wren (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Rufous-breasted Spinetail (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Blue-winged Warbler (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Rock Wren (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Plain-capped Starthroat (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Bearded Screech Owl (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrow (Morelos Pre-Extension) (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Pygmy Nuthatch (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Red-breasted Chat (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Balsas Screech Owl (Morelos Pre-Extension) (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*White-throated Jay (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Red-faced Warbler (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Red-headed Tanager (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Black-capped Swallow (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Pileated Flycatcher (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Phainopepla (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Oaxaca Sparrow (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Northern Pygmy Owl (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Grey-breasted Woodpecker (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Grey-crowned Woodpecker (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Long-tailed Wood-Partridge (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Lucifer Sheartail (Morelos Pre-Extension) (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Mexican Squirrel Cuckoo (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Northern Emerald Toucanet [wagleri] (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Green-striped Brushfinch (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Green Shrike-Vireo (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Golden-crowned Kinglet (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Golden Vireo (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Golden Grosbeak (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Flammulated Flycatcher (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Cinnamon-tailed Sparrow (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Chestnut-sided Shrike Vireo (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Bridled Sparrow (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Boucard's Wren (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Belted Flycatcher (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Black-backed Oriole (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Black-polled Yellowthroat (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Black-vented Shearwater (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*Blue Mockingbird (image by Leo Garrigues)*



*American Grey Flycatcher (image by Leo Garrigues)*