

***Birds of the Isthmus of Panama 10 Days
Trip Report, February 11 – 20, 2009***



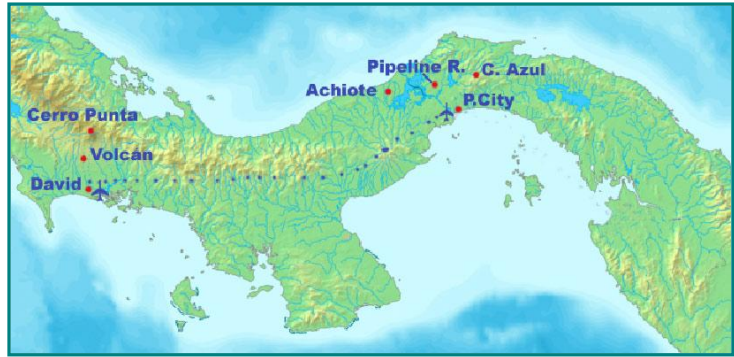
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Places:

CP = Central Panama

Metropolitan Nature Park
Pipeline Road
Ammo Dumps
Old Gamboa Road
Plantation Road
Summit Gardens
Birders' View
Maipo



CH = Chiriqui

David Airport
Querevalo Road
Cielito Sur
Volcan Lakes
Los Quetzales Trail
La Amistad I.P
Finca Hartmman
Finca Dracula
Cerro Punta

Endemic birds = *

Bird list

Tinamous (1)

Great Tinamou - CP (h)
Little Tinamou – CP (h)

Ducks, Swans, and Geese (3)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck - CP
Muscovy Duck - CP
Masked Duck – CH; *fantastic views of this scarce and vulnerable species at Volcan Lakes*

Guan and Chachalacas (2)

Gray-headed Chachalaca - CP
Black Guan – CH; *found in the mountain forest of Chiriqui; this is a globally threatened species*

New World Quail (1)

Spotted Wood-Quail – CH; *a convoy of five went across the trail near Volcan lakes*

Grebes (2)

Least Grebe – CH;
Pied-billed Grebe – CH; *seen at Volcan lakes*

Pelicans (1)

Brown Pelican – CP; *regularly recorded throughout*

Cormorants (1)

Neotropic Cormorant - CP

Darters (1)

Anhinga – CP; *seen at the summit ponds devouring a fish*

Frigatebirds (1)

Magnificent Frigatebird - CP

Hérons (8)

Rufescent Tiger-Heron – CP; *seen and scoped at the ammo-dumps near Gamboa*

Great Blue Heron - CP

Great Egret - CP

Snowy Egret - CP

Little Blue Heron - CP

Cattle Egret - CP

Green Heron - CP

Boat-billed Heron – CP; *nesting at the Summit Ponds*

Storks (1)

Wood Stork – CH; *one was seen flying at Querevalo Road in Chiriqui*

Vultures (2)

Black Vulture - CP

Turkey Vulture - CP

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites (17)

Osprey - CP

Gray-headed Kite - CP

Swallow-tailed Kite - CP

White-tailed Kite – CH; *one of this elegant kites was seen hovering over the open country*

Snail Kite - CP

Double-toothed Kite - CP

Mississippi Kite - CP

Semiplumbeous Hawk - CP

White Hawk - CP

Gray Hawk - CP

Common Black-Hawk - CP

Savanna Hawk – CP; *seen well on the grassy areas of the Gatun spillway near Colon*

Roadside Hawk - CP

Broad-winged Hawk - CP

Short-tailed Hawk - CP

Red-tailed Hawk - CH

Black Hawk-Eagle – CP; *good views of one adult flying over the Pipeline Road*

Falcons and Caracaras (4)

Crested Caracara – CH; *very common on Querevalo Road, Chiriqui Lowlands*

Yellow-headed Caracara - CP

American Kestrel - CP
Bat Falcon – CP; *seen on a nest near Gamboa Town*

Rails and Gallinules (3)

White-throated Crake - CP (h)
Purple Gallinule - CP
Common Moorhen - CP

Plovers and Lapwings (1)

Southern Lapwing - CP

Jacanas (2)

Northern Jacana - CH
Wattled Jacana - CP

Sandpipers and Allies (1)

Spotted Sandpiper - CP

Gulls, Terns, and Allies (1)

Laughing Gull - CP

Pigeons and Doves (11)

Rock Pigeon - CP
Pale-vented Pigeon - CP
Scaled Pigeon – CP; *seen from the Canopy Tower at the Discovery Center*
Short-billed Pigeon - CP (h)
Mourning Dove - CH
Plain-breasted Ground-Dove- CH; *found at the Chiriqui lowlands*
Ruddy Ground-Dove - CP
White-tipped Dove - CP
Gray-chested Dove - CP
*Purplish-backed Quail-Dove - CP (h)
*Buff-fronted Quail-Dove - CH

Parrots (6)

*Sulphur-winged Parakeet - CH
Brown-throated Parakeet – CH
Orange-chinned Parakeet - CP
Blue-headed Parrot - CP
Red-lored Amazon - CP
Mealy Amazon - CP

Cuckoos (4)

Mangrove Cuckoo – CH; *found near Querevalo road, Chiriqui lowlands*
Squirrel Cuckoo - CP
Greater Ani - CP
Smooth-billed Ani - CP

Typical Owls (1)

Spectacled Owl – CP; *localized at Old Gamboa Road*

Swifts (2)

Short-tailed Swift - CP
Band-rumped Swift - CP

Hummingbirds (24)

Green Hermit - CH
Long-billed Hermit – CP; *quite common at the feeders of the Discovery Center near Pipeline*
Stripe-throated Hermit - CP
Violet Sabrewing – CH; *spectacular males and females were observed several times on the Highlands*
White-necked Jacobin - CP
Green Violet-ear - CH
Black-throated Mango - CP
*Veraguan Mango – CH; *great found of this National Endemic near la Barqueta*
Violet-headed Hummingbird - CP
Rufous-crested Coquette – CP; *one of the highlights of the trip, close views at Birders' View*
Violet-crowned Woodnymph - CP
*Violet-capped Hummingbird - CP
Blue-chested Hummingbird - CP
Snowy-bellied Hummingbird - CP
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird – CP; *the more widespread hummingbird in Panama*
Stripe-tailed Hummingbird – CH; *fairly common at the feeders of Cielito Sur (Chiriqui Highlands)*
*White-tailed Emerald - CH
White-vented Plumeleteer - CP
Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer - CP
*White-throated Mountain-gem - CH
Magnificent Hummingbird - CH
Long-billed Starthroat – CH; *great views of this very long billed hummer*
*Volcano Hummingbird - CH
*Scintillant Hummingbird - CH

Trogon (5)

Violaceous Trogon – CP; *found and scoped several times on Pipeline Road*
Black-throated Trogon - CP
Black-tailed Trogon - CP
Slaty-tailed Trogon – CP; *a common trogon of the lowlands forest of the Panama Canal*
Resplendent Quetzal – CH; *stunning views of several males and females. Good photographs were taken near Cerro Punta. This was one of the target birds of the tour.*

Motmots (3)

Blue-crowned Motmot – CP; *scoped at the Metropolitan Nature Park*
Rufous Motmot - CP
Broad-billed Motmot – CP

Kingfishers (2)

Ringed Kingfisher - CP
Green Kingfisher - CP

Puffbirds (1)

White-necked Puffbird – CP; *lethargic bird found on the canopy borders of Pipeline Road*

Barbets and Toucans (6)

*Blue-throated Toucanet – CH; *Splited in several forms. Blue-throated Toucanet is found from Costa Rica to Western and Central Panama. Violet-throated Toucanet from Eastern Panama to Colombia*

Collared Aracari - CP

*Fiery-billed Aracari – CH; *fantastic views of this regional endemic at Finca Hartmman*

Yellow-eared Toucanet – CA; *nice views at Cerro Azul*

Keel-billed Toucan – CP; *quite common in the lowlands forest*

Chestnut-mandibled Toucan – CP; *fairly common in the humid and wet forest of the Canal Corridor*

Woodpeckers (10)

Olivaceous Piculet – CP; *found in the lighter woodland near Gamboa, this is the smallest woodpecker in Panama.*

Acorn Woodpecker - CH

Black-cheeked Woodpecker - CP

Red-crowned Woodpecker – CP; *a common woodpecker of open areas*

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – CP; *this was a lifebird for the resident guide, this is a very rare migrant for Panama*

Hairy Woodpecker - CH

*Stripe-cheeked Woodpecker – CP; *one of the key birds of the trip. One of the twelve national endemics in Panama*

Cinnamon Woodpecker - CP

Lineated Woodpecker – CP; *this large woodpecker is always impressive in the field*

Crimson-crested Woodpecker - CP

Ovenbirds and Allies (4)

Red-faced Spinetail - CH (Volcan Lake)

*Ruddy Treerunner - CH

*Streak-breasted Treehunter - CH

Plain Xenops – CP; *a tiny “minutus” overbird found most of the time hanging upside-down.*

Woodcreepers (7)

Plain-brown Woodcreeper - CP

Olivaceous Woodcreeper - CP

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper - CP

Straight-billed Woodcreeper – CP; *found near Panama City, Diablo Mangroves area*

Cocoa Woodcreeper - CP

Streak-headed Woodcreeper - CP

Spot-crowned Woodcreeper - CH

Antbirds (11)

Fasciated Antshrike - CP

Barred Antshrike - CP

*Black-hooded Antshrike – CH; *nice views of this regional endemic*

Western Slaty-Antshrike - CP

Checker-throated Antwren - CP

White-flanked Antwren - CP

Dot-winged Antwren - CP

Dusky Antbird - CP

White-bellied Antbird - CP

Chestnut-backed Antbird - CP

Spotted Antbird – CP; *good views of this very responsive antbird of the lowland forest*

Antthrushes and Antpittas (2)

Black-faced Antthrush - CP (h)

Streak-chested Antpitta – CP; *superb views at Pipeline Road, the bird came just few meters away from our small group*

Tapaculos (1)

*Silvery-fronted Tapaculo – CH; *responsive but hard to see well at La Amistad International Park*

Tyrant Flycatchers and Allies (40)

Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet - CH

Brown-capped Tyrannulet - CP (h)

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet - CP

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet - CP

Forest Elaenia – CP

Greenish Elaenia - CP

Yellow-bellied Elaenia – CP

Lesser Elaenia - CP

Mountain Elaenia - CH

Torrent Tyrannulet - CH

Paltry Tyrannulet - CP

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant - CP

Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant - CP

Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant (h)

Common Tody-Flycatcher - CP

Olivaceous Flatbill - CP

Yellow-margined Flycatcher - CP

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher - CP

Black-tailed Flycatcher - CP

*Dark Pewee - CH

Tropical Pewee - CP

Yellowish Flycatcher - CH

Black Phoebe - CP

Bright-rumped Attila - CP (h)

Dusky-capped Flycatcher - CP

Panama Flycatcher - CP

Great Crested Flycatcher - CP

Lesser Kiskadee - CP

Great Kiskadee - CP

Rusty-margined Flycatcher - CP

Social Flycatcher - CP

Streaked Flycatcher - CP

Piratic Flycatcher - CP

Tropical Kingbird - CP

Fork-tailed Flycatcher - CP

Bright-rumped Attila (h) -CP

Cinnamon Becard - CP

White-winged Becard - CP

Rose-throated Becard – CH; *nice views of this uncommon bird at Volcan Lakes*

Masked Tityra - CP

Cotingas (2)

Blue Cotinga – CP; *seen from the Canopy Tower at the Discovery Center*

Purple-throated Fruitcrow – CP; *several of these birds were seen at Pipeline Road*

Manakins (6)

Golden-collared Manakin - CP

White-ruffed Manakin - CH

Lance-tailed Manakin - CP

Blue-crowned Manakin - CP

Red-capped Manakin - CP

Lance-tailed Manakin (h) - CP

Vireos (8)

Yellow-throated Vireo - CH

Brown-capped Vireo - CH

Philadelphia Vireo - CH

Lesser Greenlet – CP

Golden-fronted Greenlet - CP

Scrub Greenlet- CP

Rufous-browed Peppershrike - CH

Green Shrike-Vireo (h) - CP

Jays and Crows (1)

Black-chested Jay - CP

Swallows (6)

Gray-breasted Martin - CP

Mangrove Swallow - CP

Blue-and-white Swallow - CH

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - CP

Southern Rough-winged Swallow - CP

Barn Swallow - CP

Wrens (11)

White-headed Wren - CP

Black-bellied Wren - CP

Bay Wren - CP

Rufous-breasted Wren - CP

Buff-breasted Wren - CP

Plain Wren - CP

House Wren - CP

*Ochraceous Wren - CH

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren – CH

White-breasted Wood-Wren - CP

Song Wren - CP

Old World Warblers (2)

Long-billed Gnatwren - CP

Tropical Gnatcatcher - CP

Thrushes (6)

*Black-faced Solitaire - CH (h); *this regional endemic was found at La Amistad International Park*

*Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush - CH

Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush - CH

Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush - CH

Mountain Thrush - CH

Clay-colored Thrush - CP

Mockingbirds and Allies (1)

Tropical Mockingbird - CP

Silky-Flycatchers (2)

*Black-and-yellow Silky-flycatcher - CH

*Long-tailed Silky-flycatcher - CH

Wood-Warblers (22)

Golden-winged Warbler - CP

Tennessee Warbler - CH

*Flame-throated Warbler - CH

Tropical Parula - CH ; *Hartman Farm; good place to see it*

Yellow Warbler - CP

Chestnut-sided Warbler - CP

Black-throated Green Warbler - CH

Blackburnian Warbler - CH

Bay-breasted Warbler - CP

Black-and-white Warbler - CP

American Redstart - CH

Prothonotary Warbler - CP

Northern Waterthrush - CP

Kentucky Warbler - CH

Mourning Warbler - CH

Wilson's Warbler - CH

Slate-throated Redstart - CH

*Collared Redstart - CH

Rufous-capped Warbler - CP

*Black-cheeked Warbler - CH

Buff-rumped Warbler - CH

*Wrenthrush - CH ; *Found at La Amistad National Park; early morning, it was drizzling. This Highland endemic is rare in dense undergrowth but it came right close to the group after playing the song.*

Bananaquit (1)

Bananaquit - CP

Tanagers (24)

Common Bush-Tanager - CH

Sooty-capped Bush-Tanager - CH

White-shouldered Tanager - CP
White-lined Tanager - CP
Red-throated Ant-Tanager - CP
Hepatic Tanager - CP
Summer Tanager - CP
Flame-colored Tanager - CH
White-winged Tanager - CH
Crimson-backed Tanager - CP
Cherrie's Tanager - CH
Blue-gray Tanager - CP
Palm Tanager - CP
Blue-and-gold Tanager - CH
Plain-colored Tanager - CP
Emerald Tanager - CP
Silver-throated Tanager - CH
Speckled Tanager - CP
Bay-headed Tanager – CP; *spectacular bird to watch!*
Rufous-winged Tanager - CP
Golden-hooded Tanager - CP
Blue Dacnis - CP
Green Honeycreeper - CP
Red-legged Honeycreeper - CP

Buntings and Allies (11)

Variable Seedeater - CP
Yellow-bellied Seedeater - CP
Lesser Seed-Finch - CP
Yellow-faced Grassquit - CP
Slaty Finch - CH
*Slaty Flowerpiercer - CH
*Yellow-thighed Finch - CH
*Large-footed Finch - CH
Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch - CH
Black-striped Sparrow - CP
Rufous-collared Sparrow - CH

Cardinals and Allies (5)

Streaked Saltator - CP
Buff-throated Saltator - CP
Rose-breasted Grosbeak - CP,
Blue-black Grosbeak - CP
Indigo Bunting - CH; *nice migrant*

American Blackbirds (11)

Red-breasted Blackbird - CP
Eastern Meadowlark - CH
Great-tailed Grackle - CP
Orchard Oriole - CH
Yellow-backed Oriole - CP
Yellow-tailed Oriole - CP
Baltimore Oriole - CP

Scarlet-rumped Cacique - CP
Yellow-rumped Cacique - CP
Crested Oropendola - CP
Chestnut-headed Oropendola - CP

Goldfinches and Allies (5)

Yellow-crowned Euphonia - CP
Thick-billed Euphonia - CP
Fulvous-vented Euphonia - CP
White-vented Euphonia - CP
Yellow-bellied Siskin - CH

Mammals

Geoffroy's Tamarin
Mantled Howler Monkey
White-faced Capuchin
Three-toed Sloth
Red-tailed Squirrel
Variegated Squirrel
Central American Agouti
White-nosed Coati
Nine-banded Armadillo