



## BIRD LIST

Family + common name	Scientific name	Plate	Page
<b>RALLIDAE – Rails, Coots and Gallinules</b>			
Gray-necked wood-rail	<i>Aramides cajanea</i>	6 (13)	125
<b>CRACIDAE – Curassows, Guans and Chachalacas</b>			
Grey-headed chachalaca	<i>Ortalis cinereiceps</i>	12 (1)	118
<b>CATHARTIDAE – American Vultures</b>			
Turkey vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	13 (3)	96
Black vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	13 (4)	96
<b>ACCIPITRIDAE – Hawks, Kites and Eagles</b>			
Great black-hawk	<i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>	13 (7)	105
Short-tailed hawk	<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>	14(1)	107
Swainson's hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	14(3)	108
* Crested caracara	<i>Polyborus planeu</i>	14 (12)	112
Black-shouldered kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	15 (1)	99
American swallow-tailed kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	15 (2)	99
* Peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	15 (5)	117
Hook billed kite	<i>Chondrohierax uncinatus</i>	16 (9)	98
Roadside hawk	<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	16 (12)	107
Broad-winged hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	16 (13)	107
<b>FALCONIDAE – Falcons and Caracaras</b>			
*Crested caracara	<i>Polyborus plancus</i>	14 (12)	112
Laughing falcon	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>	15 (8)	113
Yellow-headed caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>	15 (9)	113
Bat falcon	<i>Falco rufigularis</i>	15(14)	116

## **COLUMBIDAE – Pigeons and Doves**

Scaled pigeon	<i>Columba speciosa</i>	18 (4)	166
Blue ground dove	<i>Claravis pretiosa</i>	18 (6)	171
Ruddy ground dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	18 (7)	170
White-tipped dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	18(14)	172
Gray-chested dove	<i>Leptotila cassinii</i>	18 (16)	173

## **PSITTACIDAE - Parrots**

White-crowned parrot	<i>Pionus senilis</i>	19 (7)	181
Brown-hooded parrot	<i>Pionopsitta haematotis</i>	19 (9)	180
Crimson-fronted parakeet	<i>Aratinga finschi</i>	19 (10a)	177
Red-fronted parrotlet	<i>Touit costaricensis</i>	19 (15)	180

## **STRIGIDAE – Typical Owls**

Mottled owl	<i>Ciccaba virgata</i>	20(6)	194
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## **CUCULIDAE - Cuckoos**

Squirrel cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>	21 (7)	185
Smooth-billed ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	21 (8)	186

## **CAPRIMULGIDAE - Nightjars**

Lesser nighthawk	<i>Chordeiels acutipennis</i>	21(12)	200
Common pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>	21 (18)	200

## **APODIDAE - Swifts**

White-collared swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	22 (1)	206
Lesser swallow-tailed swift	<i>Panyptila cayennensis</i>	22 (7)	208

## **HIRUNDINIDAE - Swallows**

Blue-and-white swallow	<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	22 (20)	345
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## **TROCHILIDAE- Hummingbirds**

Little hermit	<i>Phaethornis longemareus</i>	23(1)	211
Long-tailed hermit	<i>Phaethornis superciliosus</i>	23 (2)	211
Green hermit	<i>Phaethornis guy</i>	23 (3)	211
Violet sabrewing	<i>Campylopterus hemileucurus</i>	23 (9)	213
Scaley-breasted hummingbird	<i>Phaeochroa cuvierii</i>	23(10)	212
Green breasted mango	<i>Anthracothorax prevostii</i>	23 (13)	214

Purple-crowned fairy	<i>Heliothryx barroti</i>	23 (14)	228
Green-crowned brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa jacula</i>	23 (15)	227
White-necked jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>	23(17)	213
Long-billed starthroat	<i>Heliomaster longirostris</i>	23 (18)	229
Snow-bellied hummingbird	<i>Amazilia edward</i>	24 (3)	222
Rufous-tailed hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>	24 (10)	222
Steely-vented hummingbird	<i>Amazilia saucerrottei</i>	24 (15)	221
White-tailed hummingbird	<i>Elvira chionura</i>	24(19)	224
Magenta-throated woodstar (f)	<i>Calliphlox bryantae</i>	24 (2)	229
Violet-headed hummingbird	<i>Klais guimeti</i>	25(11)	215

### TROGONIDAE

Violaceous trogon	<i>Trogon violaceus</i>	26(8)	236
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### MOMOTIDAE - Motmots

Blue-crowned motmot	<i>Momotus momota</i>	27 (8)	242
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### RAMPHASTIDAE - Toucans

Fiery-billed aracari	<i>Pteroglossus frantzii</i>	27 (16)	249
* Emerald toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus prasinus</i>	27(17)	248
* Chestnut-mandibled toucan	<i>Ramphastos swainsonii</i>	27 (19)	250

### CAPITONIDAE - Barbets

Red-headed barbet	<i>Eubucco bourcierii</i>	28 (2)	246
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### PICIDAE - Woodpeckers

Lineated woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	27 (13)	257
Hoffmann's woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes hoggmannii</i>	28 (16)	253
Red-crowned woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>	28 (17)	253
Yellow-bellied sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	28(20)	254
Olivaceous piculet	<i>Picumnus olivaceus</i>	29 (1)	251

### DENDROCOLAPTIDAE - Woodcreepers

Ruddy woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla homochroa</i>	29(13)	260
Spotted woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus erythropygius</i>	29 (20)	264

### FORMICARIIDAE - Antbirds

Russet antshrike	<i>Thamnistes anabatinus</i>	31 (4)	278
Black-hooded antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus bridgesi</i>	31(6)	277

**FURNARIIDAE - Ovenbirds**

Pale-breasted spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>	32(11)	267
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**PIPRIDAE - Manakins**

Orange-collared manakin	<i>Manacus aurantiacus</i>	33 (2)	302
White-crowned manakin	<i>Pipra pipra</i>	33 (8)	300
White-ruffed manakin	<i>Corapipo leucorrhoa</i>	33 (9)	302

**TITYRIDAE - Tityras and Becards**

White-winged becard	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>	33 (13)	292
Masked tityra	<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>	34 (1)	293
Black-crowned tityra (m)	<i>Tityra inquisitor</i>	34 (2)	294

**COTINGIDAE – Cotingas**

Turquoise cotinga	<i>Cotinga ridgwayi</i>	34(5)	296
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**TYRANNIDAE – American or Tyrant Flycatchers**

Tropical kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	35 (1)	307
Western kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	35(2)	308
Eastern kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	35 (3)	307
Fork-tailed flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus forficatus</i>	35 (4)	306
Piratic flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>	35 (8)	308
Golden-bellied flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes hemichrysus</i>	35 (9)	312
Streaked flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	35(11)	311
Boat-billed flycatcher	<i>Megarhynchus pitangua</i>	35 (12)	309
Great kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	35 (13)	313
Social flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>	35 (14)	313
Grey capped flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes granadensis</i>	35 (16)	312
Dusky-capped flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus panamensis</i>	35(21)	316
Black phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	36(5)	305
Western wood-pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	36(7)	317
Olive-striped flycatcher	<i>Mionectes olivaceus</i>	36 (24)	340
Yellow-olive flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>	37(16)	328
Yellow-bellied elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	37 (26)	333
Lesser elaenia	<i>Alaenia chiriquensis</i>	37 (25)	334

**TROGLODYTIDAE - Wrens**

Rufous-breasted wren	<i>Thryothorus rutilus</i>	39 (8)	357
Plain wren	<i>Thryothorus modestus</i>	38 (17)	352

House wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	38 (18)	357
Slaty-backed Nightingale-thrush	<i>Catharus fuscater</i>	38 (23)	368

**TURDIDAE – Thrushes, Robins, Solitaires and Allies**

Orange-billed nightingale thrush	<i>Catharus aurantiirostris</i>	38(26)	369
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Clay-colored robin	<i>Turdus grayi</i>	39 (8)	363

**CORVIDAE – Jays, Crows and Allies**

Brown jay	<i>Cyanocorax morio</i>	39 (19)	348
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**VIREONIDAE – Vireos, Greenlets, Shrike-Vireos and Peppershrikes**

Red-eyed vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	40(3)	378
Yellow-throated vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	40 (6)	377

**COEREBIDAE - Bananaquit**

Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	40 (24)	382
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**PARULIDAE - Warblers**

Rufous-capped warbler	<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>	40 (16)	403
*Tennessee warbler	<i>Vermivora peregrine</i>	40 (22)	385
*Northern parula	<i>Parula americana</i>	41(4)	386
*Black-and-white warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	41 (13)	383
*Yellow warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	42 (2)	387

**SYLVIIDAE – Gnatcatchers, Gnatwrens and Old World Warblers**

Tropical gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila plumbea</i>	41 (2)	371
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**ICTERIDAE – American Orioles and Blackbirds**

*Northern Baltimore oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	44 (7)	412
Red-breasted blackbird	<i>Sturnella militaris</i>	44 (13)	414
Bronzed cowbird	<i>Molothus aeneus</i>	44 (15)	408
Great-tailed grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>	44 (16)	409

**THRAUPIDAE – Tanagers and Honeycreepers**

Yellow-crowned euphonia	<i>Euphonia luteicapilla</i>	45 (1)	419
Thick-billed euphonia	<i>Euphonia laniirostris</i>	45(8)	420
Gray-headed tanager	<i>Eucometis penicillta</i>	45 (17)	437

Palm tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	45 (19)	429
Red-legged honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes lucidus</i>	46 (2)	426
Blue dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>	46 (3)	427
Green honeycreeper	<i>Chlorohanes spiza</i>	46 (7)	425
Speckled tanager	<i>Tangara guttata</i>	46 (8)	422
Bay-headed tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>	46 (9)	424
Spangle-cheeked tanager	<i>Tangara dowii</i>	46 (12)	425
Golden-hooded tanager	<i>Tangara larvata</i>	46 (13)	423
Blue-gray tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	46 (15)	428
White-lined tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	46 (16)	436
Scarlet-rumped tanager	<i>Ramphocelus passerinii</i>	47 (4)	429
Summer tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>	47(5)	430
Flame-coloured tanager	<i>Piranga bidentata</i>	47 (9)	433

### EMBERIZIDAE – New World Sparrows, Finches, Grosbeaks and Allies

Buff-throated saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>	48 (2)	442
Streaked saltator	<i>Saltator albicollis</i>	48 (4)	443
Rose-breasted grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	48(8)	445
Black-headed brush-finch	<i>Atlapetes atricapillus</i>	48 (14)	457
Orange-billed sparrow	<i>Arremon aurantiistrois</i>	48(17)	458
White-eared ground sparrow	<i>Melozone leucotis</i>	48 (19)	460
White-collared seedeater	<i>Sporophila torqueola</i>	49 (2)	448
Variable seedeater	<i>Sporophila aurita</i>	49 (3)	449
Yellow-bellied seedeater	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>	49 (4)	450
Yellow-faced grassquit	<i>Tiaris olivacea</i>	49 (6)	447
Rufous-collared sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	50 (13)	463
Black striped sparrow	<i>Arremonops conirostris</i>	50 (14)	459

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#### **Note:**

- *This list includes only confirmed species and not the many small birds we have been unable to identify accurately*
- *Those marked with an asterisk are rare or migratory visitors*

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