

Venezuela

18 june-2 jul y 2000



18/6 Caracas - Maracay

19/6 Henri Pittier

20/6 Henri Pittier - Llanos

21/6 Llanos

22/6 Llanos - Ciudad Bolívar

23/6 Ciudad Bolívar - El Palmar

24/6 Rio Grande - San Isidro

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29/6 San Isidro - Cueva las Guacharo

30/6 Cueva las Guacharo - Guarounous

1/7 Guarounous -Piritu

2/7 Piritu - Caracas - Europe

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Introduction

Going to such a big and birdrich country as Venezuela for just two weeks is of course not enough and therefore we decided to concentrate on the Bolívar province in the southeast, with just "skimming the cream" of some of the other sites more or less en route. The main targets were the Escalera road and the surrounding forests and the Harpy eagle near Rio Grande. To add some more to the total triplist and our lifer-lists we spent one and a half day at Henri Pittier and about the same time in the vast Llanos area and also two days near the Oilbirdcave and in the Sucre province. Two full days was spent in the car with just some roadside birdingstops.

We faced no serious problems during the trip, just the normal stuff with flat tyres and some minor carproblems. We had some fears that last years heavy rain and landslides, which killed a lot of people, could cause us some problems and delays but the only signs of this was that a bridge was missing between Barcelona and Caracas and we had to make a detour. In the Guatapo NP southeast of Caracas one road had just been open to traffic and some, probably private, roadwork was still going on. People were maintaining the road with shovelers and asking for some money when we passed. We usually paid 100 Bolivares and they seemed happy with that.

At San Isidro (km 88) at the foot of the Escalera road we run out of local currency and tried to change money at the bank at km 87 but they didn't change dollars! Nor did they accept VISA or Mastercard! Money, 200 USD at the time, could be changed at the Corpoven gasstation at San Isidro by Augustino Jesuso. The gasstation is just opposite hotel Pillanera at which we stayed. A good idea is to change money in one of the larger cities like Ciudad Bolívar or Guayana before going south.

Fuel is very cheap, about 80 bolivares (about 12 cent!) for a litre and readily available. On the south side of Orinoco gasstations and habitations are few and one should fill up the tank whenever opportunity is given. We didn't and run out fuel in the middle of nowhere, but fortunately a small truck came within a minute and he had a 20-litre can on the back which we bought for about double price, which was a true bargain in our situation.

We had a Ford Festive rented from Budget and prebooked from Sweden. The total cost was 711 USD and the car was just about enough for four persons with not to much luggage and four telescopes.

Food was generally rather cheap and good and easy to find. In the bigger cities western food like hamburgers and pizzas could be found. In San Isidro we had lunch and dinner every day at restaurant Tasca which is just across the street from the hotel and nextdoor to the gasstation. They served the best food on the trip and also had excellent Chilean wine. In Sucre and at El Palmar we had dinner where we stayed at Klaus Mullers place and hotel Parador. We ate fresh vegetables all the time without being sick. We drank bottled water which is found everywhere and Polar beer which is sold in 22 cl bottles. At Rancho Grande in Henri Pittier we even drank tapwater as they said it was perfectly alright and it was.

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Itinerary

18/6. We departed from Sweden and landvetter airport and via Frankfurt arrived in Caracas in early evening. The prebooked car, a Ford Festive, from Budget was waiting for us. We went straight to Maracay 2 hours west of Caracas and spend the night in hotel Pipo, which is a four star luxury hotel that cost 93USD per night and double room. We didn't bother to find a cheaper hotel as it was getting late. The hotel is situated at the outskirts of town towards the Choroni road through Henri Pittier NP.

19/6. We made a pre-dawn start up the Choroni road to the pass (1/2 hour from the hotel) and birded both sides of the pass. Afternoon was spent at Rancho Grande and the Ocumare road in the western part of the park. We spend the night at Rancho Grande which was very basic and cost only 7 USD.

20/6. We birded from the roof of the building in the morning which was not as rewarding as mentioned in other reports. We also did the trails which starts immediately behind the far building. Later in the morning we birded the Ocumare road on the north side. Afternoon was transport to near San Fernando in the Llanos. Of course, 1 1/2 day in HPNP is much too little but we got a taste of it and saw about half of the endemics there.

21/6. Driving through San Fernando to Mantecal with several roadside stops. The road goes through good bird habitat all the time. Wetlands mixed with patches of forests and grazed areas. In the afternoon we went to Hato El Cedral, which is a big ranch southeast of Mantecal. They charged us 25 USD each for entering the ranch, which we at the beginning thought was rather expensive, but it turned out to be well worth the money. At the ranch we were met by an English speaking guide who gave us free soft drinks and together with a very bird knowledgeable companion of his, we went through the list of species we hadn't seen. The endemic White-bearded flycatcher occurs around the ranch buildings and was soon ticked off. We embarked a truck with seats on the back and went out on the ranch manors. Excellent views of the wetland birds and Caymans and rattor. We went with a motorboat in a small river and only after 100 meters we saw a four meter Anaconda which the guides pulled out from a hole in the bank. Many other goodies were seen during this little trip; several Hoatzins and Sunbitterns, superb views of Yellow-knobbed curassow. We went ashore twice to walk beside some smaller streams in search of Agami and Zigzag herons. We failed on those unfortunately. In the late afternoon and evening we went back to San Fernando. Like Henri Pittier, 1 1/2 day in the Llanos is too little but we saw most of the birds anyway.

22/6. A day of travelling. The original plan was to go to El Palmar but we only reached Ciudad Bolívar after 14 hours. We had to go south to Porto Paez by Orinoco near Colombia and then up along the south side of the mighty Orinoco river. Between San Fernando and Porto Paez two rivers have to be crossed by ferry. When we came to the second crossing there were no warnings that the road would end, which almost made us drive straight into the river! There is very good bird habitat south of San Fernando all the way to the Orinoco and we made several stops. South of the river the habitat is drier and more boring. Make sure to fill up with gas as soon as you see a gas station. We didn't and consequently run out of fuel in the middle of nowhere. Luckily a small truck came within a minute and he happened to have 20 liters on the back which we bought for about double price, which was a true bargain in this situation.

23/6. Early departure from Ciudad Bolívar and some hours driving to El Palmar where we checked in at hotel Parador in the outskirts of the town. The owner is apparently familiar with birdwatchers (pajaneros in Spanish), and we booked the Harpyguide through him. Afternoon was spent on the logging road around Rio Grande. We almost made it to the river with our car, it had been raining quite

a lot the last days and the road was flooded in some places so we couldn't make it all the way. If it's a bit drier or with a 4 WD it's no problems.

24/6. Departure at 6.00 in a Toyota jeep with the guide Javier. It took 1 hour 20 minutes to drive several kilometres past Rio Grande and an additional 1 1/2 hour djunglewalk before we came to the Harpy nest. The female was standing on the nest and made a short flight and perched on a big branch a we had gripping views for about 20 minutes before we left. We continued birdwatching along the road for some kilometres before going back to the hotel and had lunch and freshed up a bit before going the last 250 kilometres to San Isidro (km 88). Some roadside birding en route and a stop on the bridge over Rio Cauroni (with Black-collared swallow). We paid 70000 bolivares (105 USD) for the Harpyguide and jeep. That was what he asked for and we didn't negotiate. The time in San Isidro was spent at hotel Pillanera (6500 B/single room).

25/6. Rain until 11.00. We made some deserate attempt to bird along the Escalera road but didn't see much. Afternoon was spent on a logging road at km 66 which was rather rewarding.

26/6. A fine morgning on the Gran Sabana. During the morgning we worked ourselves slowly down the Escalera, birding different altitudes. The usual midday shower while having lunch and afternoon was spent along a loggingroad at km 87. Every evening we had dinner at restaurant Tasca just south of the gasstation which is across the street from our hotel. This restaurant turned out to serve the best food we had on the entire trip. We specially enjoyed their Bisteka with Papas fritas and 2 bottles of Chilean red wine Tucornal 1997. For 8000 B/bottle this was a fine ending to the days.

27/6. Light rain until 9.00. We did km 132-135 in the morgning and made several birdingstops on the way down. At this time we where run out of local currency and had to go to the bank at km 87 only to be informed that they couldn't change dollars! Nor could we get money on VISA or Mastercard! But the good news was that there is a guy at the gasstation in San Isidro that could change dollars. He could only change 200 USD at the time so we went back to him the next couple of days with 200 each time. Afternoon was spent, with light rain, around km 111, which is supposed to be a good place for Guianan C-o-t-R. We failed to see any though. Dinner as usual.

28/6. A fine morgning at km 111. Lasse saw a female C-o-t-R and Roger had a nice flock a bit further away including 2 Sharpbills. Birding up to km 128 before going back for lunch and changing money. We had Spaghetti Bolognese every day for lunch at restaurant Tasca. Afternoon was spent north of km 88 with rather unproductive birding as we couldn't find any good trails into the forest. The trail at km 67 which is mentioned in several reports, was heavily flooded in the beginning and the trails at km 71 and 73 we couldn't find. Kalle celebrated his 50th birthday.

29/6. We started at 6.30 from San Isidro and drove more or less non stop for 12 hours to Cueva las Guacharos and made it, with 10 minutes margin, to the big flyout of the Oilbirds. Night at hotel Venezia in nearby Caripe (9000 B/double).

30/6. We walked the maintrail opposite the cave up and down a couple of times in search of the Grey-headed warbler but in vain. It was surprisingly quiet in the forest. A few hours transport to Guarounos and Vuelta Larga where Germanborn Klaus Muller has a ranch and accomodiates tourists. We did some afternoon birding in a swamp in the outskirts of the village and in the garden with some new hummingbirds.

1/7. Birding with Daniel Muller at the ranch nearby. Daniel knows the birds perfect in this area and where to find them. The habitat is wetlands and some forest and much of the birds are the same as in

the Llanos but goodies includes Crimson-hooded manakin and Cream-coloured woodpecker. Afternoon was driving towards Caracas and we stopped for the night at Piritu just west of Barcelona. Evening along the beach with a lot of local people. Some stops along the road gave some northamerican waterbirds near the coast.

2/7. Driving with some birdingstops towards Caracas. We made a little detour through Guatopo NP before going into Caracas and in the evening fly back to Sweden.

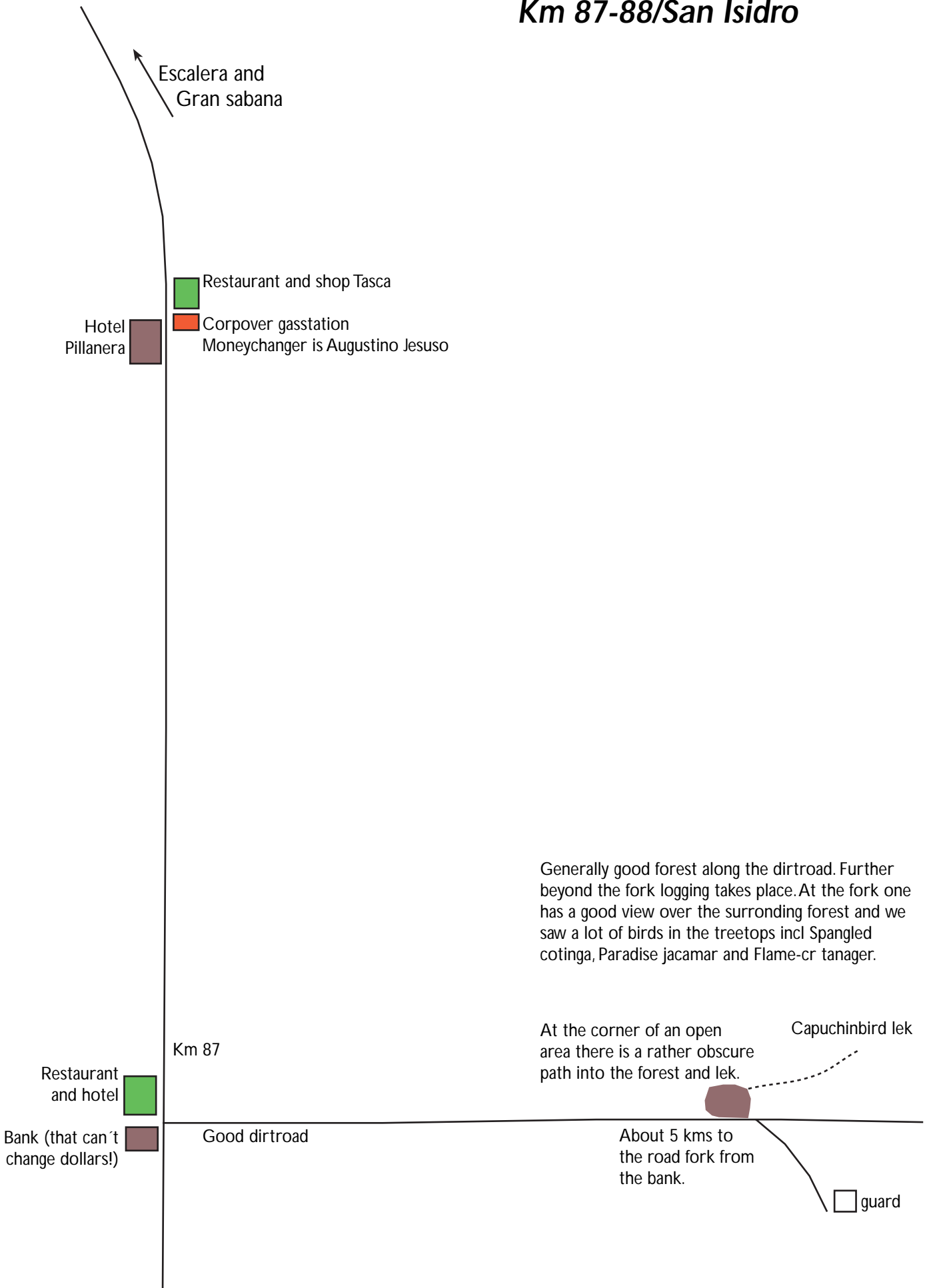
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We faced no serious problems during the trip, just the normal stuff with the car. South of the Orinocco is a long stretch with very few people and habitations. We run out of petrol here and luckily a truck came within a minute and had a 20-litre can which we could buy. This stop could have caused us a long delay, so fill up the tank whenever opportunity is given. There is a gas station just on the south shore of the river near Pto Paez. The next one is at Caicara, which one will pass about 10 kms east of and this means a detour. After that is a rather long way to an obscure "gasstation".

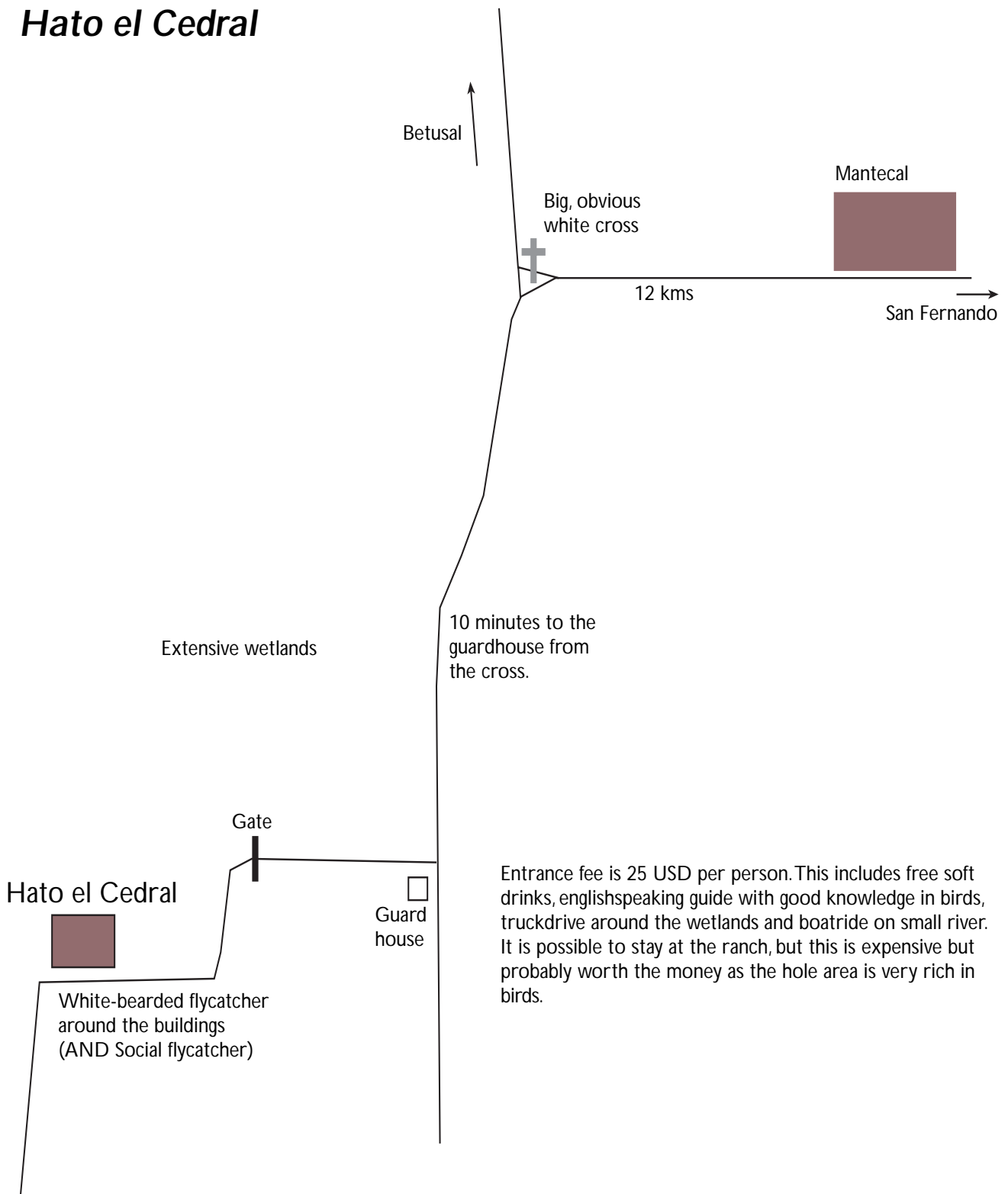
The food was generally good and none of us suffered from any stomach illness, although we ate fresh vegetables in many places. Bottled water is readily available and at Rancho Grande the tapwater was good for drinking (I know, I tried). In the major cities hamburgers can be found. We had Chilean wine in several places and found it to be both very good for a reasonable price. Otherwise the local beer, Polar, is available anywhere.

The people was generally very friendly and helpfull. We didn't feel unsafe in any place nor did we have any problems with the police or military, apart from a checkpoint near the Columbian border which took about 10 minutes. It is rather necessary to know some spanish. At least to be able to ask for the way, order food, etc. We only had this basic knowledge in spanish. During the trip we only met five people who could speak english.

Km 87-88/San Isidro

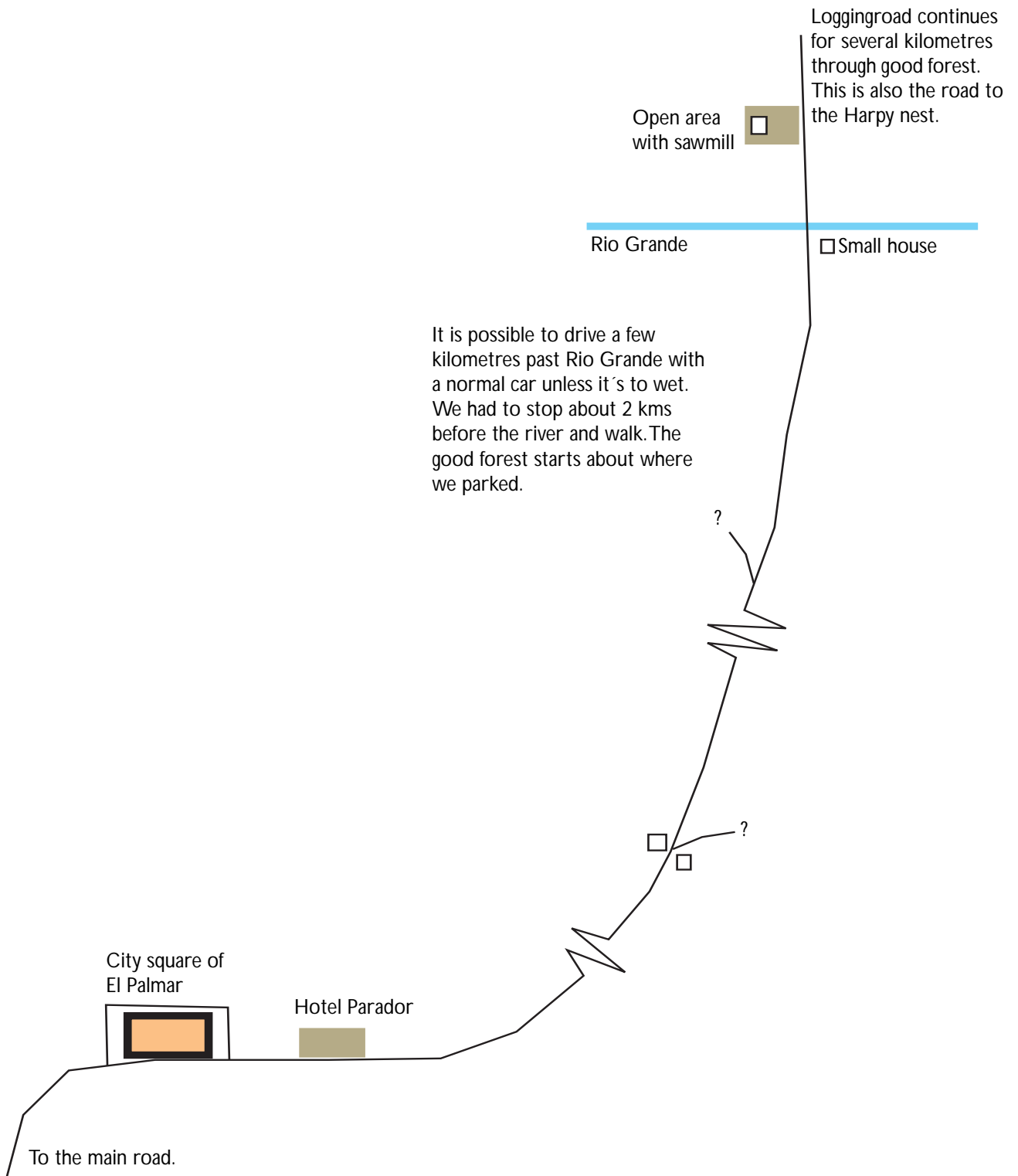


Hato el Cedral



Entrance fee is 25 USD per person. This includes free soft drinks, englishspeaking guide with good knowledge in birds, truckdrive around the wetlands and boatripe on small river. It is possible to stay at the ranch, but this is expensive but probably worth the money as the hole area is very rich in birds.

Rio Grande and Imataca forest



The turn-off towards El Palmar is 200 metres after the km 96 sign and not signposted.

Great Tinamou Heard Escalera 25-26/6	<i>Tinamus major</i>
Red-legged Tinamou 1 Heard Sucre 1/7	<i>Crypturellus erythropus</i>
Variiegated Tinamou 1 heard Escalera 27-28/6	<i>Crypturellus variegatus</i>
Pied-billed Grebe 5 along the coast east of Barcelona 1/7	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
Brown Pelican Common along the coast.	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>
Neotropic Cormorant Common in the Llanos and along the coast.	<i>Phalacrocorax olivaceus</i>
Anhinga Fairly common in the Llanos.	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>
Magnificent Frigatebird Common along the coast.	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>
Whistling Heron Singles in the Llanos.	<i>Syrigma sibilatrix</i>
Capped Heron 1 Sucre 1/7	<i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>
Cocoi Heron Singles in the Llanos, 2 Guarounous, Sucre 1/7	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>
Great Egret Common in wetlands. About 500 in one wetland south of San Fernando 22/6	<i>Egretta alba</i>
Tricolored Heron About 25 along the coast.	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>
Little Blue Heron Fairly common in the Llanos, 1 along the coast west of Barcelona 2/7	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>
Snowy Egret Fairly common in the Llanos and Guarounous, Sucre.	<i>Egretta thula</i>
Cattle Egret Common	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Striated Heron Singles in suitable habitat.	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
Yellow-crowned Night-heron 4 on a boattrip at Hato el Cedral, Llanos 21/6	<i>Nycticorax violaceus</i>
Black-crowned Night-heron Singles in suitable habitat. About 25 in the same wetland as the huge number of Great egrets south of San Fernando.	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Rufescent Tiger-heron Singles in the Llanos	<i>Tigrisoma lineatum</i>
Least Bittern 1 male Guarounous, Sucre 1/7	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>

Wood Stork About 50 in the Llanos.	<i>Mycteria americana</i>
Maguari Stork Common in the Llanos, 1 near the orinocco 29/6	<i>Ciconia maguari</i>
Jabiru Common near Hato el Cedral and singles elsewhere in the Llanos.	<i>Ephippiorhynchus mycteria</i>
Buff-necked Ibis Fairly comon in the Llanos.	<i>Theristicus caudatus</i>
Sharp-tailed Ibis 6 between San Fernando and Mantecal 21/6	<i>Cercibis oxycerca</i>
Green Ibis 1 heard Guarounous, Sucre 1/7	<i>Mesembrinibis cayennensis</i>
Bare-faced Ibis Fairly common Llanos.	<i>Phimosus infuscatus</i>
American White Ibis 2 im Hato el Cedral and 3 in a big flock of Scarlet ibises between San Fernando and Mantecal 21/6	<i>Eudicmus albus</i>
Scarlet Ibis Some flocks in the Llanos. 5 Guarounous 1/7, 5 along the coast west of Barcelona 2/7.	<i>Eudicmus ruber</i>
Glossy Ibis 10 Llanos 20/6 and 1 south of San Fernando 22/7	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Roseate Spoonbill Singles in the llanos and along the north coast.	<i>Ajaia ajaja</i>
American Flamingo 1 along the north coast west of Barcelona 2/7	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>
White-faced Whistling-duck Common in the Llanos.	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
Black-bellied Whistling-duck Common in the Llanos.	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>
Orinoco Goose 30 at Hato el Cedral 21/6 and 6 south of San Fernando 22/6.	<i>Neochen jubatus</i>
Muscovy Duck 3 south of San Fernando 22/6	<i>Carinia moschata</i>
Brazilian Duck 2 Hato el Cedral 21/6	<i>Amazonetta brasiliensis</i>
White-cheeked Pintail 10 along the coast east of Barcelona 1/7 and 200 west of Barcelona 2/7	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>
Blue-winged Teal 1 male along the coast east of Barcelona 1/7	<i>Anas discors</i>
Turkey Vulture Common	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture Fairly common in the Llanos and open country south of Orinocco.	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture Singles in the rainforest at Rio Grande and Escalera area.	<i>Cathartes melambrotus</i>
American Black Vulture Common	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>
King Vulture Singles in forested areas. 1 im in the Llanos 21/6	<i>Sarcorhampus papa</i>
Osprey 1 Llanos 21/6	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
American Swallow-tailed Kite Fairly common in small groups.	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>
Pearl Kite 1 by the ferry north of Orinocco 22/6, 2 between Ciudad Guayana and El Palmar 23/6, 1 along the road west of Barcelona 2/7.	<i>Gampsonyx swainsonii</i>
White-tailed Kite Singles in the Llanos and Sucre	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>
Snail Kite 2 Llanos 20/6 and 5 21/6	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>
Slender-billed Kite 1 Vuelta Larga, Guarounous, Sucre 1/7	<i>Rostrhamus hamatus</i>
Double-toothed Kite At least 2 different birds at the Escalera 25-28/6	<i>Harpagus bidentatus</i>
Plumbeous Kite Fairly common in small flocks from Llanos and eastwards.	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>
Tiny Sparrowhawk 1 seen at about km 112 Escalera 26/6	<i>Accipiter superciliosus</i>
White Hawk 2-3 seen at Gran Sabana 25-27/6	<i>Leucopternis albigollis</i>
Grey-lined Hawk 1 Rio Grande 23/6	<i>Asturnia (Buteo) nitidus</i>
Common Black Hawk 1 Guatapo NP 2/7	<i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>
Great Black Hawk 1 Ocumare Rd, Henri Pittier 19/6, 2 Hato el Cedral 21/6	<i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>
Savanna Hawk About 20 in the Llanos 20-22/6	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>
Black-collared Hawk Common in the Llanos. 2 Vuelta Larga, Sucre 1/7	<i>Busarellus nigricollis</i>
Harris' Hawk 1 Hato el Cedral 21/6, 1 Vuelta Larga, Sucre 1/7	<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>
Roadside Hawk Singles throughout	<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus*
1 Rio Grande 24/6, 1 near Maturin, Monegas 29/6

White-tailed Hawk *Buteo albicaudatus*
Singles in most places

Harpy Eagle *Harpia harpyja*
1 female on the nest at Rio Grande 24/6.
According to the guide the birds have an egg in the nest. 3 nests are known in the area.

Black Hawk-eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus*
1 Guatapo NP 2/7

Red-throated Caracara *Daptrius americanus*
4 in the forest near the Harpy nest, Rio Grande 24/6

Crested Caracara *Polyborus cheriway*
Common in open areas.

Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima*
Common in open areas.

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans*
1 north of San Isidro 28 and 29/6, 2 heard Vuelta Larga 1/7

Collared Forest-falcon *Micrastur semitorquatus*
1 near Rancho Grande, HP 20/6

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*
About 10 seen in the open areas on transport days 22-23/6 and 29/6

Bat Falcon *Falco rufigularis*
2 along the road north of San Isidro 24/6 and 3 Guarounous 30/6

Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis*
1 Llanos 21/6 and 2 south of San Fernando 22/6

Rufous-vented Chachalaca *Ortalis ruficauda*
3 Hato el Cedral 21/6, 1 heard Vuelta larga 1/7 and 1 seen along the road east of Piritu.

Band-tailed Guan *Penelope argyrotis*
7 in a group on the Choroní Rd, HP 19/6

Spix's Guan *Penelope jacquacu*
1 seen and heard on the Escalera 26/6

Yellow-knobbed Currasow *Crax daubentoni*
Gripping views of one walking along the riverbank at Hato el Cedral 21/6

Crested Bobwhite *Colinus cristatus*
2 on the road south of El Palmar 24/6

Venezuela Wood-quail *Odontophorus columbianus*
1-2 heard on the Choroní Rd, HP 19/6

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna*
About 25 seen in the Llanos 20-22/6 and 10 Vuelta Larga 1/7

Grey-necked Wood-rail *Eulabeornis cajaneus*
1 Llanos 20/6, 6 Hato el Cedral 21/6 and 1 Rio Grande 24/6

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*
5 in the Llanos 20/6, 25 Vuelta Larga 1/7

Azure Gallinule *Gallinula flavirostris*
1 Hato el Cedral 21/6, 1 south of San Fernando 22/6 and 2 Vuelta Larga 1/7

American Purple Gallinule *Gallinula martinica*
2 llanos 20/6, 1 hato el Cedral 21/6, 2+4 near El Palmar 23-24/6

Caribbean Coot *Fulica caribaea*
6 along the coast east of Baelona 1/7

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias*
3 Hato el Cedral 21/6

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana*
Common in wetlands

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*
20 along the coast east of Barcelona 1/7, 100 west of Piritu 2/7

Double-striped Stone-curlew *Burhinus bistriatus*
2 south of San Fernando 22/6

Pied Lapwing *Vanellus cayanusa*
Common in the Llanos

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*
Fairly common to common in wetlands

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
10 west of Piritu 2/7

Wilson's Plover *Charadrius wilsonia*
3 along the coast east of Barcelona 1/7

Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris*
2 Hato el Cedral 21/6, 1 on the Orinocco 22/6, 10 along the coast east of Barcelona 1/7, 10 along the coast west of Piritu 2/7

Hudsonian Wimbrel *Numenius hudsonicus*
2 along the coast west of Piritu 2/7

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*
2 near the coast in barcelona 1/7, 8 along the coast west of Piritu 2/7

Willet *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*
1 along the coast west of piritu 2/7

South American Snipe *Gallinago paraquaiiae*
4 between San Fernando and Mantecal 21/6, 1 south of San Fernando 22/6

Laughing Gull *Larus atricilla*
3 on the Orinocco 29/6, 3 Guarounous 30/6, 4 along the coast east of Barcelona 1/7, 10 along the coast west of Piritu 2/7

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex*
Common in the Llanos with about 50 seen 21/6 and 300 22/6, most of these south of San Fernando but also a few along the Orinocco.
4 Vuelta Larga 1/7, 10 along the coast west of Piritu 2/7

Common Tern 10 near the coast west of Piritu 2/7	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
Yellow-billed Tern 4 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Sterna superciliaris</i>
Royal Tern 2 along the coast east of Barcelona 1/7, 4 west of Piritu 2/7	<i>Sterna maximus</i>
Black Skimmer 4 in the Llanos 21/6 and 20 south of San Fernando 22/6, 1200 east of Barcelona in a huge flock, 100 west of Piritu 2/7	<i>Rynchops niger</i>
Rock Dove Seen daily	<i>Columba livia</i>
Bare-eyed Pigeon 3 along the road west of Piritu 2/7	<i>Columba corensis</i>
Pale-vented Pigeon Fairly common in most places.	<i>Columba cayennensis</i>
Ruddy Pigeon 1 on a nest at the Harpy site, Rio Grande 23/6	<i>Columba subvinacea</i>
Eared Dove fairly common in open places.	<i>Zenaida ariculata</i>
Ruddy Ground-dove Common	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>
Scaly Dove Fairly common in Llanos and open places.	<i>Scardafella squammata</i>
White-tipped Dove 1 HP 20/6, 10 Llanos 21/6, 1 Vuelta larga 1/7	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>
Lined Quail-dove 2 heard Ocumare Rd, HP 20/6	<i>Geotrygon linearis</i>
Ruddy Quail-dove 2 Rio Grande 23-24/6	<i>Geotrygon montana</i>
Scarlet Macaw 3 between San Fernando and Mantecal 20/6	<i>Ara macao</i>
Red-and-green Macaw 2+2 Escalera 26-27/6 About 10 more large, red macaws where seen on the Escalera but could not be safely identified.	<i>Ara chloroptera</i>
Chestnut-fronted Macaw 9 south of the Orinocco 22/6	<i>Ara severa</i>
Red-bellied Macaw 6 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Ara manilata</i>
Red-shouldered Macaw 1 with the Chestnut-fronted Macaws south of the Orinocco 22/6	<i>Ara nobilis</i>
Red (Scarlet) -fronted Parakeet About 50 on the Choroní Rd, HP 19/1	<i>Aratinga wagleri</i>

White-eyed Parakeet *Aratinga leucophthalmus*
2 Guarounous 30/6 and 300 vuelta Larga 1/7

Brown-throated Parakeet *Aratinga perintax*
20 along the road near a café south of Maturin 29/6

White-eared (Maroon-faced) Parakeet *Pyrrhura leucotis*
20 around the Oilbird-cave near Caripe 30/6

Painted Parakeet *Pyrrhura picta*
25 Rio Grande 23/6 and 2 24/6

Fiery-shouldered Parakeet *Pyrrhura egregia*
8 Escalera 26/6

Red-eared Parakeet *Pyrrhura hoematotis*
50 HP 19/6 mainly near the pass on the choroni Rd, 10 Rancho Grande 20/6

Green-rumped Parrotlet *Forpus passerinus*
20 HP 19/6 and 15 in HP and along the way south 20/6, 25 in the Llanos 21/6

Dusky-billed Parrotlet *Forpus sclateri*
1 Rio Grande 23/6

Orange-chinned Parakeet *Brotogeris jugularis*
20 in the Llanos 20/6 and 5 21/6

Golden-winged Parakeet *Brotogeris chrysopterus*
5 Rio Grande 23/6 and 10 24/6, 4 Escalera 26/6

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus*
1 Escalera 26/6, 9 north of San Isidro 28/6

Red-billed Parrot *Pionus sordidus*
20 HP 19/6 and 5 20/6

Dusky Parrot *Pionus fuscus*
9 just north of San Isidro 26/6

Blue-cheeked Amazon *Amazona dufresniana*
Seen just north of San Isidro 4+5+2 25-27/6

Festive Amazon *Amazona festiva*
2 flying across the Orinocco 22/6

Yellow-crowned Amazon *Amazona ochrocephala*
4 between San Fernando and Mantecal 21/6

Orange-winged Amazon *Amazona amazonica*
Small groups in the lowlands, more common in the northeast.

Mealy Amazon *Amazona farinosa*
2 Rio Grande 24/6

Red-fan Parrot *Deropterus accipitrinus*
4 km 86 25/6 and 3 km 70 28/6

Hoatzin *Opisthocomus hoazin*
About 30 Hato el Cedral 21/6

Dwarf Cuckoo *Coccyzus pumilus*
1 by the guardstation at Hato el Cedral 21/6

Dark-billed Cuckoo 2 by the ferry on the north bank of the	<i>Coccyzus melacoryphus</i> Orinocco 22/6
Squirrel Cuckoo Singles in most places. 9 seen in total.	<i>Piaya cayana</i>
Little Cuckoo 1 Guarounous 30/6	<i>Piaya minuta</i>
Greater Ani 25 in the Llanos and Hato el Cedral 21/6 and 5 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Crotophaga major</i>
Smooth-billed Ani Common	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>
Groove-billed Ani Fairly common in the Llanos Most of the Anis where not specifically identified.	<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>
Burrowing Owl 10 south of San Fernando 22/6	<i>Athene cucularia</i>
Stygian Owl 2 heard Rancho Grande 19/6	<i>Asio stygius</i>
Short-eared Owl 1 south of San Fernando 22/6	<i>Asio flammeus</i>
Oilbird At least 1000 at the cave near Caripe 29/6. This was a spectacular experience!	<i>Steatornis caripensis</i>
Blackish Nightjar 1 ad + 1 chick near the Harpy nest, Rio Grande 24/6	<i>Caprimulgus nigrescens</i>
White-chinned Swift 1 seen in a flock with other swifts at km 70 28/6	<i>Cypseloides cryptus</i>
Chestnut-collared Swift 30 Rancho Grande 19/6	<i>Cypseloides rutilus</i>
Tepui Swift 10 km 123 Escalera 25/6 and 25 28/6	<i>Cypseloides phelpsi</i>
White-collared Swift Common HP and Escalera	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>
Band-rumped Swift 50 Rio Grande 23/6 and 50 km 70 28/6	<i>Chaetura spinicauda</i>
Grey-rumped Swift 15 Rancho Grande 20/6	<i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i>
Ashy-tailed Swift 10 km 70 28/6	<i>Chaetura andrei</i>
Short-tailed Swift Seen in lowlands with 20 south of the Orinocco 22/6 and near El Palmar 24/6 and 30/6. 15 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Chaetura brachyura</i>
White-tipped Swift About 50 Rancho Grande; HP 20/6, common Oilbird cave, Caripe 30/6	<i>Aeronautes montivagus</i>

Fork-tailed Palm-swift *Tachornis squamata*
5 Maracay 19/6, 50 south of the Orinocco 22/6, 5 daily in Sucre 30/6-1/7

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila cayennensis*
1 north of San Isidro 26/6

Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy*
5 along the main trail opposite the Oilbird cave 30/6

Eastern Long-tailed Hermit *Phaethornis superciliosus*
1 near the Harpy nest, Rio Grande 24/6

Pale-bellied Hermit *Phaethornis anthophilus*
1 Ocumare Rd, HP 20/6

White-bearded Hermit *Phaethornis hispidus*
1 Escalera 26/6 and 1 ad feeding a fledged juvenal at km 111 28/6

Reddish Hermit *Phaethornis ruber*
1 north of San Isidro 25/6

Little Hermit *Phaethornis longuemareus*
5 Vuelta Larga 1/7

Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis*
2 Choroni Rd, HP 19/6. This is a spilt from Little Hermit.

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora*
4 Ocumare Rd, HP 20/6, 1 Rio Grande 24/6, 2 km 92 26/6

Green-throated Mango *Anthrocothorax viridigula*
1 Guarounous 30/6

Black-throated Mango *Anthrocothorax nigricollis*
5 Ocumare Rd, HP 20/6, 1 El Palmar 23/6, 4 Guarounous 30/6, 5 Vuelta Larga 1/7

Ruby-topaz Hummingbird *Chrysolampis mosquitus*
1 Vuelta Larga 1/7

Tufted Coquette *Lophornis ornata*
1 female in the garden at Muller's, Guarounous 30/6

Peacock Coquette *Lophornis pavonina*
2 females in a flowering tree upper Escalera 26/6

Blue-tailed Emerald *Chlorostilbon mellisugus*
1 by the ferry on the north bank of the Orinocco 22/6 and 1 Rio Grande 23/6

Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thaluraina furcata*
Singles on the Escalera 25-28/6

Tepui Goldenthrroat *Polytmus milleri*
1 Gran Sabana 26/6

Glittering-throated Emerald *Polyerata fimbriata*
1 by the ferry on the north bank of the Orinocco 22/6, 3 El Palmar 23/6, 5 Vuelta Larga 1/7

Copper-rumped Hummingbird *Amazilia tobaci*
3 Guarounous 30/6, 2 Vuelta Larga 1/7

Long-tailed Sylph *Agelaiocercus kingi*
6 Henri Pittier 19/6 and 5 20/6. At Rancho Grande they have a feeder which attracts Long-tailed Sylph.

Black-eared Fairy 1 km 92 25/6 and 1 km 112 28/6	<i>Heliathyx aurita</i>
Long-billed Starthroat 1 Guarounous 30/6	<i>Heliomaster longirostris</i>
White-tailed Trogon 1 km 87 26/6	<i>Trogon viridis</i>
Collared Trogon 2 Choroní Rd, HP 19/6	<i>Trogon collaris</i>
Violaceous Trogon 1 Rio Grande 23/6 and 2 24/6	<i>Trogon violaceus</i>
Ringed Kingfisher Singles near wetlands	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>
Amazon Kingfisher Singles HP and the Llanos, 1 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>
Green Kingfisher 2 at a nest Ocumare Rd, HP 20/6	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>
Green-tailed Jacamar 2 Rio Grande 23/6, 1 north of San Isidro 26/6	<i>Galbula galbula</i>
Rufous-tailed Jacamar 10 HP 19/6 and 2 20/6	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>
Paradise Jacamar 2 Rio Grande 24/6, 14 seen in the lowlands north of San Isidro 25-28/6	<i>Galbula dea</i>
Russet-throated Puffbird 1 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Hypnelus ruficollis</i>
Black Nunbird 2 km 92 25/6	<i>Monasa atra</i>
Swallow-wing Fairly common in the lowlands at Rio Grande south to San Isidro	<i>Chelidoptera tenebrosa</i>
Black-spotted Barbet 1 Rio Grande 24/6, 2 north of San Isidro 25/6, 4 26/6 and 6 28/6	<i>Capito niger</i>
Groove-billed Toucanet 4+5 HP 19-20/6, 5 Oilbird cave, Caripe 30/6	<i>Aulacorhynchus sulcatus</i>
Chestnut-tipped Toucanet 3 km 111 27/6, 1 km 112 28/6	<i>Aulacorhynchus derbianus</i>
Green Aracari 2 Rio Grande 23/6, 5 north of San Isidro 25/6 and 4 26/6	<i>Pteroglossus viridis</i>
Black-necked Aracari 4 Rio Grande 24/6, fairly common north of San Isidro	<i>Pteroglossus aracari</i>
Channel-billed Toucan 2 km 92 25/6	<i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i>
Red-billed Toucan Singles Rio Grande-San Isidro	<i>Ramphastos tucanus</i>

Golden-spangled Piculet 1 Rio Grande 23/6 and 3 24/6, 2 Escalera 28/6	<i>Picumnus exilis</i>
Scaled Piculet 3 Choroni Rd, HP 19/6, 2 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Picumnus squamulatus</i>
Black-dotted Piculet 1 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Picumnus nigropunctatus</i>
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker Common Rio Grande-San Isidro	<i>Melanerpes cruentatus</i>
Red-crowned Woodpecker Fairly common in the lowlands	<i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>
Smoky-brown Woodpecker 2 HP 19/6	<i>Veniliornis fumigatus</i>
Golden-collared Woodpecker 2 Escalera 25/6	<i>Veniliornis cassini</i>
Red-rumped Woodpecker 2 km 127 Escalera 27/6	<i>Veniliornis kirkii</i>
Yellow-throated Woodpecker 3 Rio Grande 24/6, 1 Escalera 25/6	<i>Piculus flavigula</i>
Golden-olive Woodpecker 4 HP 19/6, 1 Rio Grande 24/6, 1 Escalera 27/6	<i>Piculus rubiginosus</i>
Spot-breasted Woodpecker 2 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Colaptes punctigula</i>
Scale-breasted Woodpecker 2 Rio Grande 24/6	<i>Celeus grammicus</i>
Cream-coloured Woodpecker 2 Guarounous 30/6, 1 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Celeus flavus</i>
Lineated Woodpecker 1 Llanos 21/6, 1 Guarounous 30/6, 1 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>
Red-necked Woodpecker 4 Escalera 26/6 and 2 27/6	<i>Campephilus rubicollis</i>
Crimson-crested Woodpecker 1 Rio Grande 24/6	<i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>
Plain-brown Woodcreeper 3 Rancho Grande 19/6, 1 Escalera 27/6	<i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i>
Olivaceous Woodcreeper 1 Henri Pittier 19/6, 3 Escalera 25-28/6	<i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i>
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper 1 Rio Grande 24/6, 3 km 87 28/6	<i>Glyphorhynchus spirurus</i>
Strong-billed Woodcreeper 1 Rancho Grande 20/6, 1 Oilbird cave 29/6	<i>Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus</i>

Barred Woodcreeper 1 km 111 28/6	<i>Dendrocolaptes certhia</i>
Straight-billed Woodcreeper 2 Llanos 21/6	<i>Xiphorhynchus picus</i>
Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper 1 km 112 Escalera 28/6	<i>Xiphorhynchus pardalotus</i>
Buff-throated Woodcreeper 1 HP 20/6, 1 San Isidro 25/6	<i>Xiphorhynchus guttatus</i>
Streak-headed Woodcreeper 2 Escalera 26/6	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>
Spot-crowned Woodcreeper 1 HP 19/6	<i>Lepidocolaptes affinis</i>
Red-billed Scythebill 1 Rancho Grande, HP 21/6	<i>Campylorhamphus trochilirostris</i>
Pale-breasted Spinetail 2 km 118 Escalera 28/6	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>
Tepui Spinetail 2 km 132 Escalera 27/6	<i>Cranioleuca demissa</i>
Crested Spinetail 6 Rancho Grande 19/6, 2 Oilbird cave 30/6	<i>Cranioleuca subcristata</i>
Yellow-chinned Spinetail Fairly common in wetlands	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomea</i>
Common Thornbird 3 Hato el Cedral 21/6	<i>Phacellodomus rufifrons</i>
Guttulated Foliage-Gleaner 1 Choroni Rd, HP 19/6	<i>Philydor guttatus</i>
Montane Foliage-Gleaner 15 HP 19/6 mainly Choroni Rd and 2 Ocumare Rd 20/6	<i>Anabacerthia striaticollis</i>
Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner 5 HP, mainly Choroni Rd 19/1 and 1 Ocumare Rd 20/6	<i>Philydor rufus</i>
Streaked Xenops 4 Ocumare Rd, HP 19/6	<i>Xenops rutilans</i>
Great Antshrike 1 Rio Grande 23/6	<i>Taraba major</i>
Pygmy Antwren 2 km 87 26/6	<i>Myrmotherula brachyura</i>
Brown-bellied Antwren 1 km 112 28/6	<i>Myrmotherula gutturalis</i>
Slaty Antwren 1 on the trail behind Rancho Grande, HP 19/6	<i>Myrmotherula schisticolor</i>
Todd's Antwren 1 km 87 25/6, 2 km 112 26/6, and 1 27/6	<i>Herpsilochmus stictocephalus</i>

Ash-winged Antwren 1 km 87 26/6	<i>Terenura spodioptila</i>
Grey Antbird 1 Rio Grande 23/6	<i>Cercomacra cinerascens</i>
Black-throated Antbird 4 km 87 26/6	<i>Myrmeciza atrothorax</i>
White-plumed Antbird 10 in a flock km 100 27/6	<i>Pithys albifrons</i>
Rufous-throated Antbird 2 with the White-plumed 27/6	<i>Gymnopithys rufigula</i>
Scale-backed Antbird 1 km 87 28/7	<i>Hylophylax poecilinota</i>
Black-faced Antthrush 1 on the trail behind Rancho Grande 19/6	<i>Formicarius analis</i>
Short-tailed Antthrush 1 on the longer trail behind Rancho Grande 20/6	<i>Chamaeza campanisona</i>
Tepui Antpitta 1 seen Escalera 26/6 and 2 heard 27-28/6	<i>Myrmothera simplex</i>
Slender-footed Tyrannulet 6 Rio Grande 23/6	<i>Zimmerius graciliceps</i>
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet 1 Oilbird cave 30/6	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet 2 north of San Isidro 26/6	<i>Tyrannulus elatus</i>
Yellow-bellied Elaenia 2 HP 19/6, 1 Oilbird cave 30/6, 20 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>
Small-billed Elaenia 2 lower Choroní Rd, HP 19/6, 1 HP 20/6	<i>Elaenia parvirostris</i>
Plain-crested Elaenia 3 Gran Sabana 26/6	<i>Elaenia cristata</i>
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher 2 Rio Grande 23/6	<i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>
Slaty-capped Flycatcher 1 Oilbird cave 30/6	<i>Leptopogon superciliaris</i>
Black-fronted Tyrannulet 3 km 133 Escalera 27/6	<i>Phylloscartes nigrifrons</i>
Venezuelan Bristle Tyrant 2 near the pass on the Choroní Rd, HP 19/6	<i>Phylloscartes venezuelanus</i>
Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant 1 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Lophotriccus galeatus</i>
Common Tody-Flycatcher 8 Llanos 21/6, 3 El Palmar 23/6, 5 Guarounous 30/6, 1 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>

Yellow-olive Flycatcher 5 Ocumare Rd, HP 19/6 and 1 20/6	<i>Tolmomyias sulphureus</i>
Royal Flycatcher 1 km 87 28/6	<i>Onychorhynchus coronatus</i>
Euler's Flycatcher 1 Llanos 21/6	<i>Lathrotriccus euleri</i>
Cinnamon Flycatcher 5 HP 19/6 and 2 20/6	<i>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea</i>
Smoke-coloured Pewee 1 Escalera 25/6 and 3 27/6	<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>
Fuscous Flycatcher 2 near the pass on the Choroní Rd, HP 19/6	<i>Cnemotriccus fuscatus</i>
Black Phoebe 8 Rancho Grande 19-20/6, 1 Guarounous 30/6	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>
Vermilion Flycatcher 1 in the Llanos north of San Fernando 20/6	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
Pied Water Tyrant Fairly common near water	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>
White-headed Marsh Tyrant Fairly common near water	<i>Fluvicola leucocephala</i>
Long-tailed Tyrant 2 Rio Grande 23/6, 1 km 87 25/6	<i>Colonia colonus</i>
Cliff Flycatcher 3 km 100 Escalera on a big cliff.	<i>Hirundinea ferruginea</i>
Cattle Tyrant 25 Llanos 21/6 and 2 22/6, 2 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Machetornis rixosus</i>
Cinnamon Attila 1 heard Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Attila cinnamomeus</i>
Greyish Mourner 1 Rio Grande 24/6	<i>Rhytipterna simplex</i>
Dusky-capped Flycatcher 2 HP 19/6	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>
Great Kiskadee Common except on Escalera	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>
Lesser Kiskadee 2 Guarounous 30/6	<i>Philohydor lictor</i>
Boat-billed Flycatcher 1 Ocumare Rd, HP 19/6, 1 Oilbird cave 30/6	<i>Megarhynchus pitangua</i>
Rusty-margined Flycatcher 2 Llanos 20/6, 5 Guarounous 30/6	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>
Social Flycatcher Common	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>

Yellow-throated Flycatcher 5 Rio Grande 24/6, 1 north of San Isidro 25/6	<i>Conopias parva</i>
White-bearded Flycatcher 1 Hato el Cedral 21/6	<i>Phelpsia inornata</i>
Streaked Flycatcher Common HP 19-20/6, 2 km 87 28/6, 3 Caripe 30/6	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>
Golden-crowned Flycatcher 1+4 HP 19-20/6	<i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus</i>
Piratic Flycatcher 2 north of San Isidro 25/6 and 1 26/6	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>
Variiegated Flycatcher Singles south of the Orinocco	<i>Empidonomus varius</i>
Tropical Kingbird Common	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
Fork-tailed Flycatcher Common	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>
Gray Kingbird Fairly common in the Llanos	<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>
Green-backed Becard 1 km 112 Escalera 28/6	<i>Pachyramphus viridis</i>
Cinereous Becard 1 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Pachyramphus rufus</i>
Chestnut-crowned Becard 1 Choroní Rd, HP 19/6	<i>Pachyramphus castaneus</i>
Pink-throated Becard 3 Rancho Grande 24/6, 2 north of San Isidro 25/6	<i>Pachyramphus minor</i>
Black-tailed Tityra 1 HP 19/6, 2 Rio Grande 23/6	<i>Tityra cayana</i>
Crimson-hooded Manakin 1 Rancho Grande 1/7	<i>Pipra aureola</i>
Golden-breasted Fruiteater 5 at the pass on the Choroní Rd, HP 19/6	<i>Pipreola aureopectus</i>
Handsome Fruiteater 1 female with the Golden-breasted 19/6 and 1 male Ocumare Rd 20/6	<i>Pipreola formosa</i>
Screaming Piha Seen and heard Rio Grande 23-24/6, heard north of San Isidro 25/6	<i>Lipaugus vociferans</i>
Rose-coloured Piha 1 km 120 Escalera 28/6	<i>Lipaugus streptophorus</i>
Purple-breasted Cotinga 1 km 87 26/6	<i>Cotinga cotinga</i>
Spangled Cotinga 2 north of San Isidro 25/6 and 2 km 87 26/6	<i>Cotinga cayana</i>

Pompadour Cotinga 1 km 100 Escalera 25/6	<i>Xipholena punicea</i>
Purple-throated Fruitcrow 1 Rio Grande 24/6	<i>Querula purpurata</i>
Red-ruffed Fruitcrow 1 Caroni river near El Dorado 24/6	<i>Pyroderus scutatus</i>
Capuchinbird 2 heard km 87 26/6 and 1 heard 28/6	<i>Perissocephalus tricolor</i>
White Bellbird Fairly common middle Escalera. About 10 seen but more heard	<i>Procnias alba</i>
Bearded Bellbird Singles middle Escalera. A few seen and more heard. White is the more common	<i>Procnias averano</i>
Guianan Cock Of The Rock 1 female seen flying across the road at km 111 28/6	<i>Rupicola rupicola</i>
Sharpbill 2 in a big flock at km 112 Escalera 28/6	<i>Oxyruncus cristatus</i>
White-winged Swallow Singles to fairly common near water	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>
Brown-chested Martin Fairly common	<i>Phaeoprogne tapera</i>
Grey-breasted Martin Common	<i>Progne chalybea</i>
Blue-and-white Swallow Fairly common in mountainous areas	<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>
White-banded Swallow 3 Caroni bridge 24/6, 1 km 92 25/6	<i>Atticora fasciata</i>
Black-collared Swallow 50 Caroni bridge 24/6	<i>Atticora melanoleuca</i>
Tawny-headed Swallow Singles Gran Sabana 25-26/6	<i>Alopochelidon fuscata</i>
Southern Rough-winged Swallow Singles	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>
Black-capped Donacobius 1 between San Fernando and Mantecal 21/6	<i>Donacobius atricapillus</i>
Stripe-backed Wren 2 Hato el Cedral 21/6, 5 Guarounous 30/6, 8 Vuelta Larga 1/7, 3 west of Piritu 2/7	<i>Campylorhynchus nuchalis</i>
Coraya Wren 2 km 111 Escalera 27-28/6	<i>Thryothorus coraya</i>
Buff-breasted Wren 3 HP 20/6	<i>Thryothorus leucotis</i>
House Wren Singles HP, Llanos and Sucre	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>

Flutist Wren 1 heard km 112 Escalera 28/6	<i>Microcerculus ustulatus</i>
Tropical Mockingbird Common	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>
Orange-billed Nightingale Thrush 1 on the trail opposite the Oilbird cave 30/6	<i>Catharus aurantiirostris</i>
Yellow-legged Thrush 3 HP 19/6	<i>Platycichla flavipes</i>
Glossy-black Thrush 5 near the pass on the Choroní Rd, HP 19/6, 1 at the Oilbird cave 30/6	<i>Turdus serranus</i>
Black-hooded Thrush 1 Rancho Grande 20/6, 1 Escalera 25/6	<i>Turdus olivater</i>
Pale-breasted Thrush 10 daily Hp 19-20/6, 5 Oilbird cave 30/6	<i>Turdus leucomelas</i>
Black-billed Thrush 2 Escalera 28/6	<i>Turdus ignobilis</i>
Bare-eyed Thrush 3 Ocumare Rd, HP 19/6 and 4 20/6, 1 Llanos 22/6, 1 Oilbird cave 30/6	<i>Turdus nudigenis</i>
White-necked Thrush 2 km 111 Escalera 28/6	<i>Turdus albicollis</i>
Tropical Gnatcatcher 2 between Maracay and San Fernando 20/6, 1 west of Piritu 2/7	<i>Polioptila plumbea</i>
Guianan Gnatcatcher 2 north of San Isidro 25/6	<i>Polioptila guianensis</i>
Rufous-collared Sparrow Singles on the Escalera and Gran Sabana	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>
Grassland Sparrow 1 Llanos 21/6 and 1 south of San Fernando 22/6	<i>Ammodramus humeralis</i>
Yellow-browed Sparrow 3 Hato el Cedral 21/6	<i>Ammodramus aurifrons</i>
Orange-fronted Yellow-Finch 2 between Maracay and San Fernando 20/6	<i>Sicalis colombiana</i>
Saffron Finch Common in the Llanos, 4 west of Piritu 2/7	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>
Blue-black Grassquit Common	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>
Grey Seedeater 1 Llanos 20/6 and 5 21/6, 5 Guarounous 30/6	<i>Sporophila intermedia</i>
Lined Seedeater Singles in the southeast	<i>Sporophila lineola</i>

Lesson's Seedeater 2 Llanos 21/6	<i>Sporophila bouvronides</i>
Yellow-bellied Seedeater Singles in the Llanos and HP, 5 north of the Oilbird cave 30/6	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>
Ruddy-breasted Seedeater Singles in the Llanos, 10 daily on the Gran Sabana 26-27/6, 1 Vuelta Larga 1/7	<i>Sporophila minuta</i>
Lesser Seed Finch 5 Rio Grande 23/6 and 1 24/6, 2 north of San Isidro 25/6 and 1 28/6	<i>Oryzoborus angolensis</i>
Ochre-breasted Brush Finch 10 HP 19/6, 3 Oilbird cave 30/6	<i>Atlapetes semirufa</i>
Tepui Brush Finch 10 Escalera 27/6	<i>Atlapetes personatus</i>
Gray Pileated-Finch 1 between Maracay and San Fernando 20/1	<i>Coryphospingus pileatus</i>
Red-capped Cardinal Fairly common in the Llanos	<i>Paroaria gularis</i>
Yellow-green Grosbeak 10 north of San Isidro 25/6 and 28/6	<i>Caryothraustes canadensis</i>
Slate-colored Grosbeak 1 north of San Isidro 26/6	<i>Pitylus grossus</i>
Buff-throated Saltator 3 HP 19-20/6 along the Ocumare Rd	<i>Saltator maximus</i>
Greyish Saltator Singles in suitable habitat	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>
Orinocan Saltator 1 between San Fernando and Mantecal 21/6	<i>Saltator orenocensis</i>
Streaked Saltator 5 along the Ocumare Rd, HP 19/6	<i>Saltator striatipectus</i>
Ultramarine Grosbeak 2 south of Maracay 20/6	<i>Cyanocompsa brissonii</i>
Black-faced Tanager 3 Gran Sabana 26/6	<i>Schistoclamys melanopis</i>
Magpie Tanager 5 Rio Grande 23/6, 2 north of San Isidro 25/6 and 28/6	<i>Cissopis leveriana</i>
Common Bush Tanager Common HP	<i>Chlorospingus ophthalmicus</i>
Fulvous-headed Tanager 10 HP 19/6	<i>Thlypopsis fulviceps</i>
Yellow-backed Tanager 2 Escalera 25/6 and 1 26/6	<i>Hemithraupis flavicollis</i>
Hooded Tanager 1 between San Fernando and Mantecal 21/6	<i>Nemosia pileata</i>

Olive-backed Tanager Fairly common Escalera	Mitrospingus oleagineus
Fulvous Shrike Tanager 1 km 112 Escalera 28/6	Lanio fulvus
Flame-crested Tanager 1 km 87 north of San Isidro 26/6	Tachyphonus cristatus
Fulvous-crested Tanager 1 north of San Isidro 25/6	Tachyphonus surinamus
White-shouldered Tanager 1 south of Maracay 20/6	Tachyphonus luctuosus
White-lined Tanager Fairly common in HP, singles elsewhere in semiopen habitat	Tachyphonus rufus
Red-shouldered Tanager 2 km 122 Escalera 25/6	Tachyphonus phoenicius
White-winged Tanager 5 Ocumare Rd, HP 19/6, 2 San Isidro 27/6, 3 Guarounous 30/6	Piranga leucoptera
Silver-beaked Tanager Common in most places	Ramphocelus carbo
Blue-grey Tanager Common	Thraupis episcopus
Glaucous Tanager 1 south of Maracay 20/1, 1 west of San Fernando 21/6, 20 Rio Grande 23/6, 10 north of San Isidro 28/6, 5 west of Piritu 2/7	Thraupis glaucocolpa
Palm Tanager Common	Thraupis palmarum
Blue-capped Tanager Common HP 19/6	Thraupis cyanocephala
Blue-winged Mountain Tanager 10 near the pass on the Choroni Rd, HP 19/6	Ansiognathus flavinucha
Violaceous Euphonia 5 Rio Grande 23/6	Euphonia violacea
Thick-billed Euphonia 2 Ocumare Rd, HP 20/6	Euphonia laniirostris
Golden-bellied Euphonia 2 Rio Grande 23/6, 5 north of San Isidro 26/6	Euphonia chrysopasta
White-vented Euphonia 1 north of San Isidro 27/6	Euphonia minuta
Orange-bellied Euphonia 2 HP 19/6	Euphonia xanthogaster
Golden-sided Euphonia 1 Rio Grande 24/6	Euphonia cayennensis

Blue-naped Chlorophonia 1 near the pass in the Choróní Rd, HP19/6	<i>Chlorophonia cyanea</i>
Turquoise Tanager 10 Rio Grande 23/6, 2 north of San Isidro 25/6	<i>Tangara mexicana</i>
Paradise Tanager 5 Escalera 25/6 and 25 27/6	<i>Tangara chilensis</i>
Golden Tanager 10 HP 19/6 and 3 20/6	<i>Tangara arthus</i>
Yellow-bellied Tanager Fairly common Escalera	<i>Tangara xanthogastra</i>
Spotted Tanager 1 Escalera 25/6	<i>Tangara punctata</i>
Speckled Tanager Singles HP, Escalera and Oilbird cave	<i>Tangara guttata</i>
Bay-headed Tanager Singles HP, Escalera and Oilbird cave	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>
Burnished-buff Tanager 4 Ocumare Rd, HP 19/6, 1 El Palmar 23/6	<i>Tangara cayana</i>
Rufous-cheeked Tanager 1 near the pass on the Choróní Rd, HP 19/6	<i>Tangara rufigenis</i>
Blue-necked Tanager 4 Choróní Rd 19/6	<i>Tangara cyanicollis</i>
Masked Tanager 3 Escalera 25/6 and 1 26/6	<i>Tangara nigrocincta</i>
Beryl-spangled Tanager 10 HP 19/6, mainly Choróní Rd	<i>Tangara nigroviridis</i>
Black-headed Tanager 2 km 122 Escalera 25/6 and 2 27/6	<i>Tangara cyanoptera</i>
Black-faced Dacnis 6 north of San Isidro 25/6 and 2 28/6	<i>Dacnis lineata</i>
Blue Dacnis Singles Rio Grande and north of San Isidro	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>
Green Honeycreeper 2 HP 19/6, fairly common Escalera	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>
Short-billed Honeycreeper 2 Rio Grande 23/6	<i>Cyanerpes nitidus</i>
Purple Honeycreeper 3 Rio Grande 24/6, Fairly common Escalera	<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i>
Red-legged Honeycreeper Fairly common Escalera	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>
Swallow Tanager 25 HP 19/6 and 10 29/6	<i>Tersina viridis</i>

Bananaquit Fairly common	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>
Tropical Parula 5 HP 19/6, singles Escalera, 10 Oilbird cave 30/6	<i>Parula pitiayumi</i>
Slate-throated Redstart 25 HP 19-20/6, singles Escalera	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>
Two-banded Warbler 2 km 112 Escalera 28/6	<i>Basileuterus bivittatus</i>
Golden-crowned Warbler 1 HP 19/6, 10 Oilbird cave 30/6	<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>
Three-striped Warbler 25 HP 19/6, including recently fledged.	<i>Basileuterus tristriatus</i>
Chestnut-vented Conebill 1 between San Fernando and Mantecal 21/6	<i>Conirostrum speciosum</i>
Rufous-browed Peppershrike 3 Ocumare Rd, HP 19/6	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>
Chivi Vireo 1 HP 20/6	<i>Vireo chivi</i>
Brown-capped Vireo 2 HP 19/6 and 1 20/6	<i>Vireo leucophrys</i>
Tepui Greenlet 5 km 132-133 Escalera 27/6	<i>Hylophilus sclateri</i>
Golden-fronted Greenlet 1 between San Fernando and Mantecal 21/6	<i>Hylophilus aurantiifrons</i>
Crested Oropendola Common	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>
Green Oropendola 20 Rio Grande 24/6, 1 north of San Isidro 26/6	<i>Psarocolius viridis</i>
Russet-backed Oropendola 50 HP 19/6	<i>Psarocolius angustifrons</i>
Yellow-rumped Cacique Common in wetlands	<i>Cacicus cela</i>
Red-rumped Cacique 2 north of San Isidro 25/6	<i>Cacicus haemorrhous</i>
Yellow-backed Oriole 1 north of San Fernando 20/6	<i>Icterus chrysater</i>
Yellow Oriole Fairly common in wetlands and open habitat	<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>
Orange-crowned Oriole 1 Rio Grande 23/6	<i>Icterus auricapillus</i>
Troupial 1 north of San Fernando 20/6, 5 Llanos 21/6	<i>Icterus icterus</i>

Oriole Blackbird	<i>Gymnomystax mexicanus</i>
Fairly common in the Llanos, 1 west of Piritu 2/7	
Yellow-hooded Blackbird	<i>Agelaius icterocephalus</i>
Common in the Llanos, 1 El Palmar 24/6, 10 Guarounous 30/6, 10 west of Piritu 2/7	
Red-breasted Blackbird	<i>Leistes militaris</i>
Singles in open grassland	
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>
Singles in open grassland	
Tepui Mountain Grackle	<i>Macroagelaius imthurni</i>
30 upper Escalera 27/6 and 20 28/6	
Carib Grackle	<i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>
Common in the north and Llanos	
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>
5 Llanos 21/6, 1 Guarounous 30/6	
Giant Cowbird	<i>Scaphidura oryzivora</i>
3 Rio Grande 23/6, 2 Guarounous 30/6	
Cayenne Jay	<i>Cyanocorax cayanus</i>
Singles around San Isidro	
Inca Jay	<i>Cyanocorax yncas</i>
20 HP 19/6, 20 Oilbird cave 30/6	

Problem birds

Black Solitary Eagle	<i>Harpyhaliaetus solitarius</i>
1 most probably this species over the Oilbird-cave at Caripe 30/6. According to the literature this species shouldn't be here. However, no other options seems likely as it clearly looked bigger than Greater black hawk.	
Grey-winged Trumpeter	<i>Psophia crepitans</i>
1 seen near the Rio Cauroni 24/6. This bird was near human habitation and there where also people and dogs near the bird so it does not feel like a wild one.	
Tepui Parrotlet	<i>Nannopsittaca panychlora</i>
6 most probably this species Rio Grande 23/6. The birds did have yellow in the face.	
Pale-tipped Tyrannulet	<i>Inezia subflava</i>
1 Oilbird cave 30/6, that looked like this species with white outer tailfeathers but altitude far to high according to the literature.	