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Introduction

This trip was a combination of birding and holiday together with my wife. The bird list can therefore not be compared to what to expect from a “hard-core birding trip” with a similar itinerary. The main contribution of this report might be some updated information on the birding sites described in Steve Howell’s “*A Bird-Finding Guide to Mexico*”. I strongly recommend using this book, most of the information is still accurate. I found a few trip reports on the Internet which provided some useful notes. Access to all visited sites, except for the Maya City of Toniná was described in Howell’s book. The Lonely Planet Guide was valuable as always.

We flew with Air France from Montpellier via Paris to Mexico City. From there we continued with Aeromexico to Oaxaca. The return trip followed the same route. We rented a car at Hertz in Oaxaca and dropped it at the same office. The cost for the car-rent was quite high but petrol was cheaper than in Europe. Driving was not more difficult than in France, but aware of all the “bumps” – they can be tough to your car! Weather was in general sunny, but windy at some sites, and rain (mostly during night) in Palenque and San Cristobál. Resident birds were very quiet and birding was frustratingly slow sometimes. I guess a visit in spring, February-May, would have given a different impression. I did not have any recordings of the endemic species, no “play-back” was used. But altogether it was a great trip; scenery was impressive, people were friendly and some of the birds were incredibly amazing.

Itinerary (birds endemic to Mexico and Central America are in bold)

- 9/11 We arrived late in Oaxaca and checked-in at Casa Arnel (friendly, nice and fairly cheap place).
- 10/11 I picked up the rental car in the morning and did some afternoon-birding along route 175 north of Oaxaca (Site 11.4). Birding was slow and the best bird was an Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush showing off well.
- 11/11 I went alone for an early departure for La Cumbre (11.5), where I had to pay 50 pesos as “entrance fee”. In fact, I heard from an American living near Oaxaca that the roads are private-owned and that the fee is legal. I spent the whole day along the road on the Northwest Side. It was a sunny day with quite strong winds. The morning was disappointing and slow but after 11h some of the target birds appeared. **Amethyst and Bumblebee Hummingbird, Pine Flycatcher, Dwarf Jay, Grey-barred Wren, Brown-backed Solitaire, Red Warbler, Crescent-chested Warbler, Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer and Collared Towhee** all provided good views. Two individuals of Jays were found (in mixed flocks with Grey-barred Wrens), one near the Km 2 pulloff and one at Km 8.
- 12/11 I went for Teotitlán del Valle (11.2) in the morning. Target birds were mostly found from Km 9 and beyond: **West Mexican Chachalaca, Dusky and Berylline Hummingbird, Boucard’s Wren, Grey Silky, White-throated Towhee, Oaxaca and Bridled Sparrow**. Birding was great with impressive numbers of wood-warblers near the reservoir. Visits to Monte Alban (11.1) in early afternoon and to Site 11.4 (**Grey-breasted Woodpecker**) in late afternoon/early evening produced little.
- 13/11 We visited Monte Alban (11.1) in the morning and then a long transport to Puerto Angel on the Pacific coast. More than 150 “bumps” were encountered this day. My planning was to reach La Soledad (11.9) by late afternoon to have a look for **Blue-capped Hummingbird**. Unfortunately, we felt sick during the transport, driving was slow, and we arrived too late to the site for this species. We arrived at 20h at the excellent ecolodge “La Posada Canon Derata” in Puerto Angel.
- 14/11 I went for birding west of Puerto Angel and Playa Zipolite (11.10) in the morning. Several of the target species were easily found in the thorn forest along the road. In less than two hours I observed **Doubleday’s Hummingbird, Citreoline Trogon, Russet-crowned Trogon and Golden-cheeked Woodpecker**. In late afternoon we went for sea-watching 8 km west of Puerto Angel in the small village of San Agustinillo. From a restaurant we had fairly good views of Audonbon’s Shearwater, Black and **Least Storm-Petrel** and Red-billed Tropicbird.
- 15/11 Another visit to Playa Zipolite (11.10) in the morning produced a pair of **Orange-breasted Bunting and Rufous-backed Thrush**. Slow transport to Salina Cruz and finally Tehuantepec. We visited La Ventosa Lagoon (11.14) in the afternoon, but the tide was high and no concentrations of waterbirds could be found. In saline ponds west of Salina Cruz we saw a few wader species and American White Pelican.
- 16/11 We had a long transport Tehuantepec-Tuxtla with a short stop at Tapanatepec Foothills (11.15) where two female **Rosita’s Buntings** were found at Km 10.

- 17/11 The morning was spent at El Sumidero (12.1) where birding was slow and frustrating. The only area (almost) where we encountered birds was on the trail to Mirador El Roblar (the fourth Mirador). Afternoon was spent at Tuxtla Zoo, which was a quite nice zoo actually. Note that not all birds observed outside the cages are “twitchable”.
- 18/11 We did another try at El Sumidero in the morning but were as disappointed as yesterday. The best birds were a **Carnivet’s Emerald** and poor views of **Blue-and-white Mockingbird**. In the afternoon we continued to San Christóbal and saw 15+ Lesser Nighthawks around the Plaza (zócalo) and cathedral.
- 19/11 I went to the area at Km 2 on the Ocosingo Road near San Christóbal. Birding along the trails in the woods was excellent and the main target bird, the **Pink-headed Warbler**, was found within an hour. Other good birds were **Garnet-throated Hummingbird**, **Mountain Trogon**, **Rufous-browed Wren**, **Rufous-collared Thrush** and Red-faced Warbler. We went to Las Grutas (The Caves), a site mentioned in Howell’s book in the afternoon. This site, however, was very much restricted due to fences and it was not possible to reach the slopes of the ridge. We saw almost no birds at this site and continued to Ocosingo in the afternoon where we stayed at Hotel Central by the zócalo. Lesser Nighthawks were flying over the area in the evening.
- 20/11 In the morning we went to the impressive Maya city of Toniná. Birding was quite good near the entrance but also by the ruins. Best birds were Northern Parula, Rose-throated Becard and **Yellow-winged Tanager**. Along the road to Palenque we saw Melodious Blackbird and **Black-headed Siskin**. We had a short visit at the touristic spot of Agua Azul, quite impressive waterfalls, before continuing to Palenque (13.1) where we stayed at the “Mayabell” campsite.
- 21/11 I went alone for birding in the early morning along the road to the ruins and along the “Cascada Trail”. After breakfast we entered the ruin area but saw few birds.
- 22/11 Birding along the road to the ruins in the morning, and after lunch we drove to the La Libertad Road (13.3) and Usumacinta Marshes (13.4). Best birds were Boat-billed Heron, Aplomado Falcon and Double-striped Thick-knee.
- 23/11 A short morning visit to the trail just before the parking lot to the ruins at Palenque produced **Mexican Antthrush** and Orange-billed Sparrow. The rest of the day was a long transport to Tuxtepec via the state of Veracruz.
- 24/11 We had another long transport from Tuxtepec to Oaxaca via Valle Nacional (11.7) which was very slow and few birds were observed or heard. The best stop was at Km 102 where we encountered a mixed flock of **Grey-barred Wrens** and **Unicolored Jays**. In the evening we returned to Casa Arnel in Oaxaca.
- 25/11 We had a calm morning in Oaxaca and went to the ruins of Yagul (11.3) in the afternoon.
- 26/11 A chilly visit to Teotitlán del Valle (11.2) in the morning was the final birding on this trip. In the afternoon we started the long journey back to France.

Comments on Sites:

11.1: Monte Alban

The numerous narrow footpaths described in “Howell’s Guide” were closed off by a fence and the much more restricted area around “Tumba 7” provided difficult birding. The site was very quiet at our visits and birding might be less productive as it used to be. **Beautiful Hummingbird** is supposed to be fairly common in November but no sniff of this species at our visits. A glimpse of a blue shadow was probably a **Blue Mockingbird** and when hoping for **Dwarf Vireo**, I only found a Ruby-crowned Kinglet showing off well.

11.2: Teotitlán del Valle

My first morning at this site was very birdy. From the dam of the reservoir and all the way to Km 9, birds were plentiful. The second visit was not as good but still rewarding. I had excellent views of **Bridled** and **Oaxaca Sparrows** at Km 9 in the “gully” by the bend. No sight of **Ocellated Thrasher** or **Dwarf Vireo**. Rock Wren and many hummingbirds were found near the barrage of the dam.

11.3: Yagul

An afternoon visit was probably not optimal for birding. **Grey-breasted Woodpecker** and **Dusky Hummingbird** were easy to find. However, no sight of **Beautiful Hummingbird** of which this site is supposed to be excellent.

11.4: Route 175 North

Very poor for birding! **Grey-breasted Woodpecker** was the best bird found.

11.5: La Cumbre

I had a really good day’s birding at this site at the northwest side. Birding was particularly good near the Km2 pulloff.

11.7: Valle Nacional

Very slow birding.

11.9: La Soledad

The forests along this road looked really good. Unfortunately, we were sick during the drive and short of time. I read in a report somewhere that **White-throated Jay** was observed in the year 2000 at around 25 km north of La Soledad in pine-oak forest along a logging track.

11.10: Puerto Angel/Playa Zipolite

We birded along the road west of Playa Zipolite where the road climbed up a hill. Birding was good in the thorn forest. We continued this coastal road until we reached a small village, San Agustinillo, about 8 km from our lodge in Puerto Angel. From a restaurant by the beach we could view a stack for seabirds (full of Brown Bobbies and several Red-billed Tropicbirds). Less than 2 km from the coast, quite a few Black and Least Storm-Petrels and three Audobon's Shearwaters were foraging. It could be productive to negotiate with one of the fishermen in Puerto Angel to go offshore in search of seabirds. By the time of our visit you had to expect to pay at least 600 pesos for a three-hour-tour.

11.14: La Ventosa Lagoon

The tide was high at our visit and the site looked quite crappy.

11.15: Tapanatepec Foothills

The **Rosita's Bunting** was found at Km 10 as expected.

12.1: El Sumidero

A disappointing site. We had some mist in early morning that disappeared quickly and the sunny and warm weather might have been the cause of the low bird-activity. The best area was the trail to the fourth Mirador, Mirador El Roblar. Along this trail, I had poor views of **Blue-and-white Mockingbird**.

12.8: San Cristóbal Area

Situated at 2100 m elevation, San Cristobál was a nice and cool area. Birding was excellent at the Km 2 site on Ocosingo road and in retrospective we should have avoided El Sumidero and spent some more time in San Cristobál instead. Note that it is not worth going to Las Grutas. Several recent bird reports also mention that Cerro Huitepec is not good for birding. Forests are patchy around the town, but the secondary scrub east of the town might be good.

Toniná

This Mayan city is not yet as well known as the ruins of Palenque and is thus frequented by far less tourists. This fact together with the impressive view from the top of the ruins makes this site at least as fascinating as Palenque. I would say it has more charm compared to the more famous Palenque. Birding was quite good at the parking lot by the entrance and also in the patchy forest by the ruins. The ruins are easily found, the access route is described in the Lonely Planet Guide.

13.1: Palenque

The Maya ruins of Palenque are quite impressive but with all the herds of tourists, birding is not very rewarding. The trail to the Temple of Inscriptions was closed at our visit and access to this trail was only through a guide which was fairly expensive. We decided not to enter this trail. The trails just before the parking lot were quite good, particularly the second one (closest to the parking lot) where **Mexican Antthrush** was whistled out easily. In fact, only a handful species were singing in the mornings and birding was quite slow. If you never have been to a Neotropical rain forest before, Palenque might be OK as a first encounter. I was not impressed of my bird list from this site.

13.3: The La Libertad Road

We found the Aplomado Falcons rather close to La Libertad and we had two Boat-billed Herons flying over the second small bridge north of the La Libertad junction at dusk.

13.4: The Usumacinta Marshes

We had no luck with finding any good marshes and water seemed to be scarce. We were, however, short of time and had not the possibility to go all the way to Km Post 175 (20 km past the Palizada junction) which often seems to be good for Jabiru. We tried the first side roads after the bridge over Usumacinta River but did not find that many birds. I would recommend a whole day at this site and at La Libertad Road together.

Bird List (about 305 species):

Great Tinamou (<i>Tinamus major</i>)	Palenque
Least Grebe (<i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Audobon's Shearwater (<i>Puffinus lherminieri</i>)	Puerto Angel
Black Storm-Petrel (<i>Oceanodroma melania</i>)	Puerto Angel
Least Storm-Petrel (E) (<i>O. microsoma</i>)	Puerto Angel
Red-billed Tropicbird (<i>Phaethon aethereus</i>)	Puerto Angel
Brown Booby (<i>Sula leucogaster</i>)	Puerto Angel
Am. White Pelican (<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>)	Salina Cruz
Brown Pelican (<i>P. occidentalis</i>)	Salina Cruz, El Sumidero
Neotropic Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>)	Salina Cruz
Anhinga (<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>)	La Libertad Road
Magnificent Frigatebird (<i>Fregata magnificens</i>)	Puerto Angel
Great Blue Heron (<i>Ardea herodias</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Puerto Angel, Salina Cruz, El Sumidero, Usumacinta Marshes
Great Egret (<i>Egretta alba</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Salina Cruz
Snowy Egret (<i>E. thula</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Salina Cruz, El Sumidero
Little Blue Heron (<i>E. caerulea</i>)	Palenque, Usumacinta Marshes
Tricolored Heron (<i>E. tricolor</i>)	Salina Cruz
Cattle Egret (<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Puerto Angel, Salina Cruz, Toniná, Palenque, La Libertad Road, Yagul
Green Heron (<i>Butorides virescens</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Salina Cruz, Usumacinta Marshes
Black-crowned Night-Heron (<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>)	La Libertad Road
Boat-billed Heron (<i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>)	La Libertad Road
Roseate Spoonbill (<i>Platalea ajaja</i>)	La Libertad Road
Wood Stork (<i>Mycteria americana</i>)	Usumacinta Marshes
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>)	La Libertad Road
Green-winged Teal (<i>Anas carolinensis</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Blue-winged Teal (<i>A. discors</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Ring-necked Duck (<i>Aythya collaris</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Lesser Scaup (<i>A. affinis</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Ruddy Duck (<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Black Vulture (<i>Coragyps atratus</i>)	Several localities
Turkey Vulture (<i>Cathartes aura</i>)	Common
Osprey (<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>)	Puerto Angel
White-tailed Kite (<i>Elanus leucurus</i>)	Monte Alban
Sharp-shinned Hawk (<i>Accipiter striatus</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, (1 possible El Sumidero)
Grey Hawk (<i>Buteo nitidus</i>)	Puerto Angel, La Libertad Road
Roadside Hawk (<i>B. magnirostris</i>)	Toniná, La Libertad Road
White-tailed Hawk (<i>B. albicaudatus</i>)	La Libertad Road, Yagul
Red-tailed Hawk (<i>B. jamaicensis</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban, Yagul
Crested Caracara (<i>Caracara plancus</i>)	La Libertad Road, Yagul
Laughing Falcon (<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>)	La Libertad Road
American Kestrel (<i>Falco sparverius</i>)	Route 175 towards Puerto Angel, Salina Cruz, Toniná, La Libertad Road, Yagul
Merlin (<i>F. columbarius</i>)	San Christobál
Aplomado Falcon (<i>F. femoralis</i>)	La Libertad Road
Bat Falcon (<i>F. ruficularis</i>)	Palenque, La Libertad Road

Peregrine Falcon (<i>F. peregrinus</i>)	Puerto Angel
Plain Chachalaca (<i>Ortalis vetula</i>)	Tuxtla Zoo
West Mexican Chachalaca (E) (<i>O. poliocephala</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Puerto Angel
Common Moorhen (<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>)	Salina Cruz
American Coot (<i>Fulica americana</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Double-Striped Thick-Knee (<i>Burhinus bistriatus</i>)	La Libertad Road
Semipalmated Plover (<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>)	Salina Cruz
Black-necked Stilt (<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>)	Salina Cruz, Usumacinta Marshes
American Avocet (<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>)	Salina Cruz
Northern Jacana (<i>Jacana spinosa</i>)	Usumacinta Marshes
Greater Yellowlegs (<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>)	Salina Cruz
Willet (<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>)	Salina Cruz
Spotted Sandpiper (<i>Actitis macularia</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Salina Cruz
Least Sandpiper (<i>Calidris minutilla</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Salina Cruz, Usumacinta Marshes
Laughing Gull (<i>Larus atricilla</i>)	Salina Cruz
Royal Tern (<i>Sterna maxima</i>)	(Unidentified Royal/Elegant Terns near Puerto Angel), Salina Cruz
White-winged Dove (<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, Teotitlán del Valle, Puerto Angel, Toniná, La Libertad Road
Mourning Dove (<i>Z. macroura</i>)	Tapanatepec Foothills, Yagul
Inca Dove (<i>Columbina inca</i>)	Common
Common Ground-Dove (<i>C. passerina</i>)	Monte Alban
Plain-breasted Ground-Dove (<i>C. minuta</i>)	La Libertad Road
Ruddy Ground-Dove (<i>C. talpacoti</i>)	Tapanatepec Foothills, Toniná
Grey-headed Dove (<i>Leptotila plumbeiceps</i>)	Palenque
Aztec Parakeet (<i>Aratinga astec</i>)	Palenque
White-fronted Parrot (<i>Amazona albifrons</i>)	Puerto Angel
Red-lore Parrot (<i>A. autumnalis</i>)	Toniná
Squirrel Cuckoo (<i>Piaya cayana</i>)	Toniná, Palenque
Groove-billed Ani (<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>)	Salina Cruz
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>)	Puerto Angel, El Sumidero, Palenque
Lesser Nighthawk (<i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>)	San Christobál, Ocosingo, Palenque
White-collared Swift (<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>)	Km 145 on Route 175 towards Puerto Angel, Palenque
Vaux's Swift (<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>)	El Sumidero, Toniná
Long-tailed Hermit (<i>Phaethornis superciliosus</i>)	Palenque
Violet Sabrewing (<i>Campylopterus hemileucurus</i>)	Palenque
Canivet's Emerald (E) (<i>Chlorostilbon canivetii</i>)	El Sumidero
Dusky Hummingbird (E) (<i>Cynanthus sordidus</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban, Yagul
Doubleday's Hummingbird (E) (<i>C. doubledayi</i>)	Puerto Angel
White-eared Hummingbird (E) (<i>Basilinna leucotis</i>)	La Cumbre, Km 145 on Route 175 towards Puerto Angel, San Christobál, Oaxaca to Tuxtepec (Site 11.6)
Berylline Hummingbird (E) (<i>Amazilia beryllina</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban, El Sumidero, Yagul
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird (<i>A. tzacatl</i>)	Agua Azul, Palenque
Amethyst-throated Hummingbird (E) (<i>Lampornis amethystinus</i>)	La Cumbre
Garnet-throated Hummingbird (E) (<i>Lamprolaima rhami</i>)	San Christobál, Valle Nacional
Magnificent Hummingbird (<i>Eugenes fulgens</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, La Cumbre, Teotitlán del Valle

Ruby-throated Hummingbird (<i>Archilochus colubris</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, common
Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban, Yagul	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird (<i>Selasphorus platycercus</i>)	La Cumbre
Bumblebee Hummingbird (E) (<i>S. heloisa</i>)	La Cumbre, Km 145 on Route 175
towards Puerto Angel	
Citreoline Trogon (E) (<i>Trogon citreolus</i>)	Puerto Angel
Violaceous Trogon (<i>T. violaceus</i>)	Valle Nacional
Mountain Trogon (E) (<i>T. mexicanus</i>)	San Christobál
Russet-crowned Motmot (E) (<i>Momotus mexicanus</i>)	Puerto Angel, Tuxtla Zoo
Ringed Kingfisher (<i>Ceryle torquata</i>)	Usumacinta Marshes
Belted Kingfisher (<i>C. alcyon</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Salina Cruz, Usumacinta
Marshes	
Amazon Kingfisher (<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>)	Agua Azul
Rufous-tailed Jacamar (<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>)	Palenque
Collared Aracari (<i>Pteroglossus torquatus</i>)	Palenque
Keel-billed Toucan (<i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>)	Palenque, Valle Nacional
Acorn Woodpecker (<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>)	Toniná
Black-cheeked Woodpecker (<i>Centurus pucherani</i>)	Palenque
Golden-cheeked Woodpecker (E) (<i>C. chrysogenys</i>)	Puerto Angel
Grey-breasted Woodpecker (E) (<i>C. hypopolius</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, Yagul
Golden-fronted Woodpecker (<i>C. aurifrons</i>)	Tuxtla Zoo, El Sumidero, Toniná,
Palenque	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>)	San Christobál, Palenque
Ladder-backed Woodpecker (<i>Picoides scalaris</i>)	Palenque
Hairy Woodpecker (<i>P. villosus</i>)	San Christobál
Golden-olive Woodpecker (<i>Piculus rubiginosus</i>)	Toniná, Palenque
Chestnut-colored Woodpecker (<i>Cealeus castaneus</i>)	Palenque
Lineated Woodpecker (<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>)	Puerto Angel
Pale-billed Woodpecker (<i>Campephilus guatemalensis</i>)	Puerto Angel, Palenque
Strong-billed Woodcreeper (<i>Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus</i>)	La Cumbre, San
Christobál	
Streak-headed Woodcreeper (<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>)	Toniná, Palenque
Spot-crowned Woodcreeper (<i>L. affinis</i>)	La Cumbre, San Christobál
Barred Antshrike (<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>)	El Sumidero
Mexican Antthrush (E) (<i>Formicarius moniliger</i>)	Palenque
Northern Beardless Tyrannulet (<i>Camptostoma imberbe</i>)	El Sumidero
Royal Flycatcher (<i>Onychorhynchus coronatus</i>)	Palenque
Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher (<i>Myiobius sulphureipygius</i>)	Palenque
Common Tufted Flycatcher (<i>Mitrephanes phaeocercus</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, San Christobál
Greater Pewee (<i>Contopus pertinax</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Western Pewee (<i>C. sordidulus</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, San Christobál
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>)	Palenque
Alder Flycatcher (<i>E. alnorum</i>)	San Christobál
Hammond's Flycatcher (<i>E. hammondii</i>)	La Cumbre
Dusky Flycatcher (<i>E. oberholseri</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban
Pine Flycatcher (E) (<i>E. affinis</i>)	La Cumbre, San Christobál
Black Phoebe (<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Say's Phoebe (<i>S. saya</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Vermilion Flycatcher (<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, Teotitlán
del Valle, Monte Alban, La Libertad Road, Yagul	
Ash-throated Flycatcher (<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle

Nutting's Flycatcher (<i>M. nuttingi</i>)	Monte Alban, Puerto Angel, El Sumidero, Yagul
Great Kiskadee (<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>)	Salina Cruz
Boat-billed Flycatcher (<i>Megarhynchus pitangua</i>)	Tuxtla Zoo, El Sumidero
Social Flycatcher (<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>)	Salina Cruz, El Sumidero, Toniná
Tropical Kingbird (<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, Toniná
Cassin's Kingbird (<i>T. vociferans</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, Teotitlán del Valle
Western Kingbird (<i>T. verticalis</i>)	Monte Alban, Tapanatepec Foothills, El Sumidero, Toniná, Yagul
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (<i>T. forficatus</i>)	Route 175 towards Puerto Angel, common near Salina Cruz
Fork-tailed Flycatcher (<i>T. savana</i>)	La Libertad Road
Rose-throated Becard (<i>Pachyramphus aglaiae</i>)	La Cumbre, Toniná
Masked Tityra (<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>)	Toniná, between Ocosingo-Agua Azul, Palenque
Red-capped Manakin (<i>Pipra mentalis</i>)	Palenque
Grey-breasted Martin (<i>Progne chalybea</i>)	Salina Cruz, Tapanatepec Foothills
Violet-green Swallow (<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban, El Sumidero, Yagul
Northern Rough-winged Swallow (<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban, Puerto Angel, Yagul
Ridgway's Rough-winged Swallow (E) (<i>S. ridgwayi</i>)	El Sumidero, Toniná
Bank Swallow (<i>Riparia riparia</i>)	Usumacinta Marshes
Barn Swallow (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	Monte Alban, Yagul
Steller's Jay (<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>)	La Cumbre, San Christobál
White-throated Magpie-Jay (<i>Calocitta formosa</i>)	Km 195 on Route 175 towards Puerto Angel, Puerto Angel, Salina Cruz
Green Jay (<i>Cyanocorax yncas</i>)	Route 175 towards Puerto Angel, Tuxtla Zoo, El Sumidero
Brown Jay (<i>C. morio</i>)	Ocosingo, Toniná, Palenque
Dwarf Jay (E) (<i>Cyanolyca nana</i>)	La Cumbre
Western Scrub Jay (<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, Teotitlán del Valle
Unicolored Jay (E) (<i>A. unicolor</i>)	Valle Nacional
Northern Raven (<i>Corvus corax</i>)	La Cumbre, Tapanatepec Foothills
Mexican Chickadee (<i>Parus sclateri</i>)	La Cumbre, Route 175 towards Puerto Angel
Bushtit (<i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, La Cumbre, Teotitlán del Valle
Brown Creeper (<i>Certhia americana</i>)	La Cumbre, Route 175 towards Puerto Angel, San Christobál
Band-backed Wren (<i>Campylorhynchus zonatus</i>)	San Christobál
Grey-barred Wren (E) (<i>C. megalopterus</i>)	La Cumbre, Valle Nacional
Rufous-naped Wren (<i>C. rufinucha</i>)	Puerto Angel
Boucard's Wren (E) (<i>C. jocosus</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Rock Wren (<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Canyon Wren (<i>Catherpes mexicanus</i>)	Monte Alban, Yagul
Spot-breasted Wren (<i>Thryothorus maculipectus</i>)	Palenque
Banded Wren (<i>T. pleurostictus</i>)	Puerto Angel, Tuxtla Zoo
Plain Wren (<i>T. modestus</i>)	El Sumidero
Bewick's Wren (<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Yagul
Southern House Wren (<i>Troglodytes [a.] musculus</i>)	Toniná
Rufous-browed Wren (E) (<i>T. rufociliatus</i>)	San Christobál
White-breasted Wood-Wren (<i>Henicorhina leucosticta</i>)	Palenque

Grey-breasted Wood-Wren (<i>H. leucophrys</i>)	Valle Nacional
Golden-crowned Kinglet (<i>Regulus satrapa</i>)	La Cumbre
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (<i>R. calendula</i>)	La Cumbre, Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban, Km 145 on Route 175 towards Puerto Angel
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher (<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban, Puerto Angel, El Sumidero, Toniná, Palenque, Yagul
White-lored Gnatcatcher (<i>P. albiloris</i>)	Tapanatepec Foothills, El Sumidero
Brown-backed Solitaire (E) (<i>Myadestes occidentalis</i>)	La Cumbre, Route 175 towards Puerto Angel
Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush (<i>Catharus aurantirostris</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca
Swainson's Thrush (<i>C. ustulatus</i>)	Palenque
Hermit Thrush (<i>C. guttatus</i>)	La Cumbre
Wood Thrush (<i>C. mustelinus</i>)	Agua Azul, Palenque
Clay-colored Thrush (<i>T. grayi</i>)	El Sumidero, Tuxtla Zoo, Toniná, Palenque
Rufous-backed Thrush (E) (<i>Turdus rufopalliatus</i>)	Puerto Angel, San Christobál
American Robin (<i>T. migratorius</i>)	Oaxaca
Grey Catbird (<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>)	Palenque
Northern Mockingbird (<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Salina Cruz
Tropical Mockingbird (<i>M. gilvus</i>)	La Libertad Road
Blue-and-white Mockingbird (E) (<i>M. hypoleucus</i>)	El Sumidero
Curve-billed Thrasher (<i>Toxostoma curvirostre</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Yagul
American Pipit (<i>Anthus rubescens</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Grey Silky (E) (<i>Ptilonys cinereus</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban
Loggerhead Shrike (<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
White-eyed Vireo (<i>Vireo griseus</i>)	Toniná
Blue-headed Vireo (<i>V. solitarius</i>)	San Christobál
Cassin's Vireo (<i>V. cassini</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, La Cumbre
Plumbeous Vireo (<i>V. plumbeus</i>)	El Sumidero
Yellow-throated Vireo (<i>V. flavifrons</i>)	Palenque
Hutton's Vireo (<i>V. huttoni</i>)	La Cumbre, Teotitlán del Valle, San Christobál, Yagul
Warbling Vireo (<i>V. gilvus</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban
Lesser Greenlet (<i>Hylophilus decurtatus</i>)	Palenque
Tennessee Warbler (<i>Vermivora peregrina</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, El Sumidero
Orange-Crowned Warbler (<i>V. celata</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban, Toniná
Nashville Warbler (<i>V. ruficapilla</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban, El Sumidero, Toniná, Yagul
Crescent-chested Warbler (E) (<i>V. superciliosa</i>)	La Cumbre, Teotitlán del Valle, San Christobál
Northern Parula (<i>Parula americana</i>)	Toniná, Palenque
Yellow Warbler (<i>Dendroica petechia</i>)	Puerto Angel, Salina Cruz, Tapanatepec Foothills, Toniná, Palenque
Magnolia Warbler (<i>D. magnolia</i>)	El Sumidero, Toniná, Agua Azul, Palenque
Yellow-rumped Warbler (<i>D. coronata</i>)	Oaxaca, Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban, Palenque
Black-throated Grey Warbler (<i>D. nigrescens</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban
Townsend's Warbler (<i>D. townsendi</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, very common La Cumbre, Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban, San Christobál
Hermit Warbler (<i>D. occidentalis</i>)	La Cumbre, San Christobál

Black-throated Green Warbler (<i>D. virens</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, El Sumidero, Toniná, Agua Azul, Palenque
Black-and-white Warbler (<i>Mniotilta varia</i>)	El Sumidero, Palenque
American Redstart (<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>)	El Sumidero, Toniná, Palenque
Worm-eating Warbler (<i>Helmitheros vermivorus</i>)	Palenque
Ovenbird (<i>Seiurus aurocapillus</i>)	Palenque
Northern Waterthrush (<i>S. noveboracensis</i>)	Agua Azul, Palenque
Louisiana Waterthrush (<i>S. motacilla</i>)	Agua Azul, Palenque
Kentucky Warbler (<i>Oporornis formosus</i>)	Palenque
Mourning Warbler (<i>O. philadelphia</i>)	El Sumidero
MacGillivray's Warbler (<i>O. tolmiei</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, Teotitlán del Valle, El Sumidero
Common Yellowthroat (<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>)	Palenque
Hooded Warbler (<i>Wilsonia citrina</i>)	Palenque
Wilson's Warbler (<i>W. pusilla</i>)	Oaxaca, Route 175 North of Oaxaca, Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban, El Sumidero, San Christobál, Toniná, Yagul
Red-faced Warbler (<i>Cardellina rubrifrons</i>)	San Christobál
Red Warbler (E) (<i>Ergaticus ruber</i>)	La Cumbre, Oaxaca to Tuxtepec (Site 11.6)
Pink-headed Warbler (E) (<i>E. versicolor</i>)	San Christobál
Slate-throated Whitestart (<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>)	La Cumbre, Teotitlán del Valle, Km 145 on Route 175 towards Puerto Angel
Rufous-capped Warbler (E) (<i>Basileuterus rufifrons</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban, El Sumidero
Golden-browed Warbler (E) (<i>B. belli</i>)	Km 145 on Route 175 towards Puerto Angel, Valle Nacional
Yellow-breasted Chat (<i>Icteria virens</i>)	Palenque
Olive Warbler (<i>Peucedramus taeniatus</i>)	San Christobál
Bananaquit (<i>Coereba flaveola</i>)	Palenque
Golden-hooded Tanager (<i>Tangara larvata</i>)	Palenque
Red-legged Honeycreeper (<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>)	Agua Azul
Scrub Euphonia (<i>Euphonia affinis</i>)	Palenque
Yellow-throated Euphonia (<i>E. hirundinacea</i>)	El Sumidero, Toniná, Palenque
Blue-hooded Euphonia (<i>E. elegantissima</i>)	Toniná
Blue-grey Tanager (<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>)	Toniná
Yellow-winged Tanager (E) (<i>T. abbas</i>)	Toniná, Palenque, Valle Nacional
Red-throated Ant-Tanager (<i>Habia fuscicauda</i>)	Palenque
Summer Tanager (<i>Piranga rubra</i>)	Oaxaca, Palenque
Western Tanager (<i>P. ludoviciana</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban, Puerto Angel, El Sumidero
Crimson-collared Tanager (<i>Phlogothraupis sanguinolenta</i>)	Between Ocosingo-Agua Azul, Palenque
Scarlet-rumped Tanager (<i>Ramphocelus passerinii</i>)	Palenque
Common Bush-Tanager (<i>Chlorospingus ophthalmicus</i>)	Valle Nacional
Buff-throated Saltator (<i>Saltator maximus</i>)	Toniná, Palenque
Black-headed Saltator (<i>S. atriceps</i>)	Palenque
Black-headed Grosbeak (<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Blue Bunting (E) (<i>Cyanocompsa parellina</i>)	(Possibly a female Puerto Angel), El Sumidero
Rosita's Bunting (E) (<i>Passerina rositae</i>)	Tapanatepec Foothills
Indigo Bunting (<i>P. cyanea</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca
Orange-breasted Bunting (E) (<i>P. leclancherii</i>)	Puerto Angel
Orange-billed Sparrow (<i>Arremon aurantirostris</i>)	Palenque

Olive Sparrow (<i>Arremonops rufivirgatus</i>)	El Sumidero
Collared Towhee (E) (<i>Pipilo ocai</i>)	La Cumbre
Spotted Towhee (<i>P. maculatus</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca
White-throated Towhee (E) (<i>P. albicollis</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, Teotitlán del Valle, Monte Alban, Yagul
Blue-black-grassquit (<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>)	Toniná
Variable Seedeater (<i>Sporophila aurita</i>)	Palenque
White-collared Seedeater (<i>S. [torqueola] morelleti</i>)	Palenque
Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer (E) (<i>Diglossa baritula</i>)	La Cumbre
Bridled Sparrow (E) (<i>Aimophila mystacalis</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Oaxaca Sparrow (E) (<i>A. notosticta</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Chipping Sparrow (<i>Spizella passerina</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca, Teotitlán del Valle
Lark Sparrow (<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>)	Yagul
Lincoln's Sparrow (<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>)	Route 175 North of Oaxaca
Rufous-collared Sparrow (<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>)	San Christobál
Mexican (Yellow-eyed) Junco (<i>Junco p. phaeonotus</i>)	La Cumbre
Red-winged Blackbird (<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>)	Near Villahermosa, Veracruz
Eastern Meadowlark (<i>Sturnella magna</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Melodious Blackbird (<i>Dives dives</i>)	Between Ocosingo-Agua Azul, Palenque
Great-tailed Grackle (<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>)	Oaxaca, Teotitlán del Valle, Puerto Angel, San Christobál, Toniná, Palenque
Bronzed Cowbird (<i>Molothrus aeneus</i>)	Puerto Angel, San Christobál, Toniná
Giant Cowbird (<i>Scaphidura oryzivora</i>)	Usumacinta Marshes
Orchard Oriole (<i>Icterus spurius</i>)	Usumacinta Marshes
Hooded Oriole (<i>I. cucullatus</i>)	Toniná
Yellow-backed Oriole (<i>I. chrysater</i>)	El Sumidero
Black-vented Oriole (E) (<i>I. wagleri</i>)	Monte Alban, Toniná, Yagul
Dickey's (Audobon's) Oriole (E) (<i>I. graduacauda dickeyae</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Streak-backed Oriole (<i>I. pustulatus</i>)	Puerto Angel, Tapanatepec Foothills, Tuxtla Zoo
Altamira Oriole (<i>I. gularis</i>)	Puerto Angel
Baltimore Oriole (<i>I. galbula</i>)	Teotitlán del Valle
Bullock's Oriole (<i>I. bullockii</i>)	La Cumbre
Yellow-winged Cacique (E) (<i>Cacicus melanicterus</i>)	Puerto Angel
Montezuma Oropendola (<i>Psarocolius montezuma</i>)	Near Minatitlán, Veracruz
House Finch (<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>)	Common
Red Crossbill (<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>)	La Cumbre, San Christobál
Black-headed Siskin (E) (<i>Carduelis notata</i>)	Between Ocosingo-Agua Azul
Lesser Goldfinch (<i>C. psaltria</i>)	Oaxaca, Monte Alban, Yagul
House Sparrow (<i>Passer domesticus</i>)	Widespread