



Caroni Marsh in the late afternoon/early evening. Maybe this was the highlight of the trip, to see almost 3000 Scarlet Ibis come to night roost.

Introduction

This trip was made in three legs, the first week was spent on Trinidad, the second on Tobago and the third on the small island of St. Lucia. Note that this trip report is only about T&T. St Lucia is treated in a separate report.

This was not a hard core bird watching trip, this was a family vacation and keep that in mind when reading the species list section.

The Trinidad week was mostly bird watching, but at a moderate speed, especially at Asa Wright, from where we only participated in the introduction walk and the oilbird walk.

On Tobago we used Newton George services for the Main Ridge, including the Gilpin Trace and also his excellent guiding on Little Tobago. The rest of our stay were relaxing, some bird watching and some look around.

The whole trip was set up by Sarah Jane Thompson at Wildwings in UK from an idea we had. She kindly replied to all our questions and gave us

some excellent changes to our program. Her services included transfers to the lodges/hotels, domestic flights, booking hotels and guides and so on. Her experience of all three islands is invaluable. We can, as so many others, really recommend her services.

Litterature and Birdsounds

As field guide I used Birds of Trinidad&Tobago, Kenefick, Restall and Hayes, second edition.

Bird calls was downloaded from Zeno-canto and transferred to my Sony Walkman. Mainly used as a library though we was taken care of so knowledge birders on both islands.

Accommodation

Pax Guesthouse.

We started our trip here. It's a 20 minute car transfer from Piarco airport and is situated very convenient on the hillside of St Benedict Mountains.

We stayed here four nights and were really looked after by our hosts Gerard and Uda.

This old converted monastery is no luxury place, it's simple but charming. It has a very familiar attitude with good food and personal service. From here it's a not too long driving to reach the important birding hot spots, even though others may have an opposite opinion.

Asa Wright

This old former cocoa/coffee plantation is since long ago one of the planet's most well-known and sought after bird watching lodges. The veranda and the trails around the lodge, as well as the oilbird cave is a must for every keen birder someone wrote in a trip report.

They also set up excursions outside the lodge that one can order from the time of booking the accommodation or simply book after arrival.

Food is OK, both lunch and dinner is of buffet style.

Blue Waters Inn

This beach front hotel on the northern part of Tobago is well used by birders as it is close to the Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace and also Little Tobago. The well-used guide Newton George lives in the nearby village of Speyside, and that is convenient.

We stayed here four nights, the rooms were clean and with an absolutely amazing view over the ocean, just 20 meters away.

From the winter 2013/14 it's also an option for Swedish charter tourists, we met a few during our four-night stay.

Grafton Beach Hotel

We choose this hotel for the short drive to the airport, maximum 30 minutes. This was also a place where one fell asleep to the close waves from the sea. It is also situated closer to some really good birding areas on the south of Tobago. This is also one of the hotels in the south that was chosen as an option for Swedish charter tourists from December 2013.

Visited sites & places

As so many birding sites are covered in so many previous trip reports I find very little value of repeating what others already has written. I will put focus of those less visited sites we were taken to and some others that we visited by ourselves.

Mount Benedict/Pax Guesthouse

Pax Guesthouse is a monastery converted to a guesthouse, run by Gerard and Uda Ramsawak. The veranda of the guesthouse got some feeders and fruit tables, goods views over the valley. Just outside the doors is the main road that goes further up the hillside. I walked parts of it every morning before breakfast and all the way up to the end with Gerard as a guide. Up there he has his birding area and a walk with Gerard is rewarding, he knows his birds and where they are to be found. Without his knowledge we would not have found the White-bellied Antbird or the Trinidad Euphonia. The track inside "his" rainforest was an easy walk.

Blue Waters Inn

There are a few feeders for "hummers" around the accommodations, a small park, but the main birding takes place along a walkable track starting just opposite the security guard. The track ends up on a small beach after around 2 km, birding here is easy and pleasant, for example it's almost impossible not to find the endemic White-fringed Antwren among the more common Barred Antshrike.

Flagstaff Hill

This lookout is situated on the northern end of Tobago, just a short drive from Blue Waters Inn. If driving all the way to the antennas there is a good place to look at the breeding cliffs for a colony of Magnificent Frigatebird, as well as visible Red-billed Tropicbirds and Red-footed Boobies. A scope is needed here.

We got the tip from Newton George, though the nightjars do not come to breed on Little Tobago until March, and this is a very reliable road to see them.

Grafton Bird Sanctuary

Situated less than a 15 minute walk along main road outside Grafton Beach Resort (walk to the right). The entrance road (on the left) is well signed. Walk a couple of hundred meters and one comes to an old factory house with a small box for the small entrance fee. Some feeders are still refilled twice a day (at least that was the advertising). The trails are unfortunately not maintained that well. We walked some parts but because of a lot of raining we had to go back when the grass became too dense and high (read wet). It was easy to see White-fringed Antwren in the area as well as many other species. Well worth an early morning visit under better conditions that we had.

Grafton and Turtle Beach

These two beaches are actually possible to walk in one leg, with just a few steps in the water. Going from Grafton Beach Resort across the small back yard street one is standing on the Grafton part of these two beaches, walking to the right one soon comes to Turtle Beach. Near the Turtle Beach Resort is a part of a river approachable and another part is close to the entrance from the main road (coming by car). These parts are very good for birds when the water level is low (Newton George's comment). Turtle beach is easy access with car though there is quite a big kind of picnic area where parking the car is easy, then explore the beach by foot. Turtle Beach part towards Fort James was the best area for gulls and terns.

Tobago Plantations

This place is nowadays a huge golf resort but birders are welcome. Stop at the security house and pay a small entrance fee and one is free to drive and bird. There are several ponds as well as patches of forest and of course the golf course. Here we had pouring rain so we did not leave the car. According to Newton George this is the place to visit on the south part of Tobago.

Adventure Farm

To reach this humming bird feeding private property just turn left out on the main road from Grafton Beach Resort. Continue the road past Turtle Beach until one see a small blue sign "To Plymouth" take this road to the left, follow it for around a km then there is a big blue sign "Scarborough Medical Laboratory" in a sharp right bend. After just 200 meters take to the right onto Arnos Vale Rd and drive 1 km, keep an eye on the right hand for green text on a stone #IN# and red for #OUT#. This is the entrance for Adventure Farm. Drive up to a small parking lot, go to the main house and pay the small entrance fee of 60TT\$ per adult (appr. 60 SEK). Here is an easy way to see five species of hummingbirds, Trinidad

Motmot, Barred Antshrike, White-fringed Antwren and some more species. Definitely worth a visit even for small kids and a non-birding wife.

If one continues this road for another km the former ***Arnos Vale Hotel*** is situated. The entrance is closed but the birding along the entrance road is still good, according to Newton George.



White-tipped Dove

Guides

Dave Ramlal

Dave is a well-educated, freelancing naturalist who's also very often used by Asa Wright as a guide. He took care of our birding for two days and we felt much taken care of. Dave showed us his special spots for various species and those were areas I hadn't read about in any other trip report.

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Gerard Ramsawak

Gerard is the manager of Pax Guesthouse and as Dave was busy on our third day up here Gerard guided us. He was enthusiastic and willing to share his birds with us. He had good knowledge of where to find the specialties in his area.

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Newton George

There is no need for a presentation of Newton, one of the most competent bird guides I ever met. He had full control of every part of the Main Ridge, where and when to stop to get the wanted species. Besides the birds he knows the rest of the nature and pretty much everything one could ask about. To end the positive judgments he is a very nice person to deal with but keeps a professional but positive distance to his customers, because you are a customer in his eyes.

We used Newton to both the Main Ridge as well as Little Tobago.

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Itinerary

We started our vacation already in the evening the 23rd of January when we left home and had a short flight to Stockholm for an overnight stay. Due to few flights from home we did not have to get up early, instead we had a lazy morning, an afternoon flight the 24th and an overnight stay at a Gatwick airport hotel for the early morning flight to Port of Spain the next morning.

We flew with Norwegian from Stockholm to Gatwick, just to do not have to transfer between Heathrow and Gatwick.

Arrived an hour late, around 16.30 to Piarco airport on Trinidad, and after custom clearing we found our pre booked taxi that took us to Pax Guesthouse. The trip took around 30-35 minutes.

Looks like a rather long transportation time from home to Pax and for sure it was, but on the other hand we were not tired to death when arriving.

26/1. Woke up just before dawn and went straight out and started to bird near the guesthouse and did so until breakfast 7.30. Not more than finished with our meal we were told that our pre booked guide – Dave Ramlal had shown up. We packed our lunch and ourselves in his minibus and went out birding. During the day we visited Aripo Livestock, Manzanilla, Nariva Swamp and finally Wallerfield.

27/1. Out with Dave after breakfast, today we visited Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust, Orange Valley, Waterloo, Cacandy and ended the day with a marvelous trip in the Caroni Marsh. Back at Pax after dark.

28/1. Birding with Pax manager Gerard after breakfast. We walked from Pax up the road to the end and from there into a very nice rainforest trail. This was his spot, Gerard told us, and for sure he knew where to find the birds. Back for lunch and then we spent most of the afternoon at Yerette Hummingbird garden, a place not to miss. The owner is very

keen to show his slide show but seems to adapt birders need for looking at all these "hummers" well and long before his show. His wife made afternoon coffee with small bread and cakes, delicious!

29/1. After breakfast we were picked up by a driver from Asa Wright and after an uneventful journey we arrived to this world famous lodge for birders. Someone wrote "one have not been a keen birder if NOT visited Asa Wright". After lunch we walked some trails, and then we relaxed at and enjoyed the scenery from the famous veranda.

30/1. After breakfast we participated in the oilbird walk and the afternoon was spent walking the main road up to Morne Bleu and back again.

31/1. Morning birding from the veranda, after breakfast we finally had our guided introduction walk. The rest of the day was spent on the veranda, more or less.

1/2. Left Asa after breakfast for the transfer to the airport and then a 20-25 minute flight to Tobago. Picked up by our pre booked transfer for the 2-hour drive to the northern tip of Tobago and the hotel Blue Waters Inn where we arrived around 2 pm. After lunch we had a lazy and relaxing afternoon just looking out at the sea from our door step. Newton George came by and told us the plans for tomorrow.

2/2. Full day with Newton on various locations in the Main Ridge together with a Danish couple. We also followed him to the south when he drove back the other couple to their hotel. In the late afternoon I had a short walk along the track above the hotel.

3/2. Before breakfast I walked yesterday afternoons track again. Pre-lunch we had a walk in to Speyside and back again, joined a lunch before going to Little Tobago together with Newton and 5 other participants. Newton told us the history of the island, his father was the warden out there from the beginning, later it become Newton's job.

4/2. Had a lazy morning and after breakfast our pre booked rental car turned up. Signed the papers packed a few things and went for a sightseeing tour. Visited the nearby Argyle Waterfall that included a guided tour. Nice forest with motmot, jacamar and White-fringed Antwren, to name a few. Drove through Charlottville and up to Flagstaff Hill to have seen the road before going back there after dark.

5/2. Another lazy morning though we should leave Blue Waters Inn and go to the south end of the island, to Grafton Beach Resort. Drove slowly along the narrow and winding roads to Scarboough and made a touristy drive to Crown Point before checking in. Visited Grafton Bird Sanctuary in the early afternoon, a 10 minute walk from the resort. During the rest of



Red-billed Tropicbird on nest, Little Tobago

the afternoon we went to the abandoned Arnos Vale Hotel and looked for the entrance road to Adventure Farm.

6/2. This turned out to be the rainy day. Walked to Grafton Bird Sanctuary, drove to Tobago Plantations and during the afternoon we spent a couple of hours watching hummingbirds at Adventure Farm.

7/2. After breakfast we walked along Grafton and Turtle beaches, looked at some birds, fishermen and just had vacation.

8/2. Check out day from Grafton, drove to the airport for a domestic flight back to Trinidad and the further on to the island of St. Lucia where we should spend our third week of the holiday. BA flight from Gatwick more than two hours late so got plenty of time at the airport.

Our week at St. Lucia is in a separate trip report.

Species list

Little Tinamou (*Crypturellus soui*)

1 heard Pax Guesthouse 26-28/1, 1 heard Yerette 28/1, 1 heard Asa Wright 30/1 and 1 heard Morne Bleu 30/1.

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

At least 100 Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust 27/1.

Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*)

15 Cacandy 27/1 and around 200 near the boats at Caroni Marsh 27/1.

White-cheeked Pintail (*Anas bahamensis*)

3 Cacandy 27/1 was a nice surprice.

Rufous-vented Chachalaca (*Ortalis ruficauda*)

Common on Tobago.



Rufous-vented Chachalaca

Audubon's Shearwater (*Puffinus lherminieri*)

1 in the nesting burrows Little Tobago 3/2.

White-tailed Tropicbird (*Phaethon lepturus*)

1 adult Little Tobago 3/2.

2 pairs are breeding on Little Tobago according to Newton George, he was very excited though this was his first sighting for this year.

Red-billed Tropicbird (*Phaethon aethereus*)

25 flying around Goat Island, seen from Blue Waters Inn 1/2, +200 Little Tobago 3/2 and 20 seen from Flagstaff Hill 4/2.

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*)

A few seen on Trinidad, common around northern Tobago and small numbers seen in the south of Tobago.

Brown Booby (*Sula leucogaster*)

10 Little Tobago 3/2 and 1 Grafton Beach 5-6/2.

Red-footed Booby (*Sula sula*)

40 Little Tobago 3/2 and 10 Flagstaff Hill 4/2.

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

50 Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust 27/1 and 2 Caroni Marsh 27/1.

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*)

5 Tobago Plantations 6/2.

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)

1 Manzanilla Beach 26/1, 10 Orange Valley 27/1, 5 Blue Waters Inn 1/2, 20 roadside 2/2, 2 Speyside 3/2, 2 Little Tobago 3/2 and up to 20 Grafton and Turtle Beach 5-7/2.

Pinnated Bittern (*Botaurus pinnatus*)

1 seen Aripo Livestock 26/1.

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)

1 Orange Valley 27/1 and 1 Turtle Beach 7/2.

Cocoi Heron (*Ardea cocoi*)

1 Caroni Marsh 27/1.

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)

1 Aripo Livestock 26/1, 1 Manzanilla Beach 26/1, 10 Nariva Swamp 26/1, 2 Orange Valley 27/1 and 5 Caroni Marsh 27/1.

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)

10 Orange Valley 27/1 and 300 Caroni Marsh 27/1.

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*)

2 Orange Valley 27/1, 2 Waterloo 27/1, 2 Cacandy 27/1, 25 Caroni Marsh 27/1, 1 Speyside 3/2, 1 Grafton Beach 6/2, 3 Turtle Beach 7/2

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*)

1 Orange Valley 27/1, 50 Caroni Marsh 27/1, 7 Tobago Plantations 6/2 and 2 Turtle Beach 7/2.

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

Common.

Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*)

1 Tobago Plantations 6/2 and 1 Turtle Beach, Tobago 7/2.

Striated Heron (*Butorides striata*)

2 Aripo Livestock 26/1 and 1 Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust, Trinidad 27/1.

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

1 adult Tobago Plantations 6/2.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*)

1 Caroni Marsh 27/1, 1 adult Blue Waters Inn 2-3/2 and 2 1 ad + 1 juv Turtle Beach 7/2.



Yellow-crowned Night-heron

Scarlet Ibis (*Eudocimus ruber*)

1 Orange Valley 27/1 and around 2800 coming for night roost Caroni Marsh 27/1.

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)

Common.

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)

Fairly common.

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

3 Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust 27/1, 3 Orange Valley 27/1, 2 Cacandy 27/1, 2 Caroni Marsh 27/1, 1 Blue Waters Inn 1/2, 3 Blue Waters Inn 3/2 and 1 Turtle Beach 7/2.

Gray-headed Kite (*Leptodon cayanensis*)

1 younger bird Nariva Swamp 26/1.

Double-toothed Kite (*Harpagus bidentatus*)

1 Asa Wright 31/1.

Long-winged Harrier (*Circus buffoni*)

1 Cacandy 27/1.

White Hawk (*Leucopternis albicollis*)

2 adult Asa Wright 29-30/1.

Common Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus anthracinus*)

2 Nariva Swamp 26/1, 1 Caroni Marsh 27/1, 2 Pax Guesthouse 28-29/1 and 2 Asa Wright 31/1.

Great Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)

1 Blue Waters Inn, Tobago 4/2.

Savanna Hawk (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)

3 Aripo Livestock 26/1 and 2 Nariva Swamp 26/1.

Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*)

1 Aripo Livestock 30/1, 1 Asa Wright 31/1, 1 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2, 1 Blue Waters Inn 3/2 and 2 Flagstaff Hill 4/2.

Gray Hawk (*Buteo nitidus*)

1 adult Pax Guesthouse 28/1.

Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*)

1 Asa Wright 31/1.

Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*)

1 Nariva Swamp 26/1, 1 Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust 27/1 and 1 Pax Guesthouse 28/1.

Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*)

5 Aripo Livestock 26/1, 15 Nariva Swamp 26/1, 2 Wallerfield 26/1, 1 Pax Guesthouse 27/1 and 1 Cacandy 27/1.

Merlin (*Falco columbarius*)

1 Nariva Swamp 26/1, 1 Wallerfield 26/1 and 1 Pax Guesthouse 29/1.

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)

1 Aripo Livestock 26/1 and 1 Caroni Marsh 27/1.

Clapper Rail (*Rallus longirostris*)

2 seen Cacandy 27/1.

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinica*)

5 Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust 27/1.

Common Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*)

3 Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust 27/1 and 3 Tobago Plantations 6/2.

Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*)

Common.

Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)

2 juvenile Turtle Beach, Tobago 7/2.

Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*)

5 Orange Valley 27/1, 3 Waterloo 27/1 and 10 Turtle Beach, Tobago 7/2.

Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*)

10 Aripo Livestock 26/1, 10 Nariva Swamp 26/1, 10 Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust 27/1 and 2 Tobago Plantations 6/2.

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)

1 Aripo Livestock 26/1, 1 Orange Valley 27/1, 4 Caroni Marsh 27/1, 1 Speyside 3/2 and 3 Turtle Beach, Tobago 7/2.

Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*)

2 Aripo Livestock 26/1 and 1 Turtle Beach, Tobago 7/2.

Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)

2 Waterloo 27/1.

Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*)

1 Waterloo 27/1.

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*)

5 Orange Valley 27/1, 2 Waterloo 27/1, 2 Caroni Marsh 27/1, 1 Grafton Beach 6/2 and 2 Turtle Beach 7/2.

Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)

25 Waterloo 27/1 and 10 Blue Waters Inn 1/2.

Sanderling (*Calidris alba*)

25 Orange Valley 27/1.

Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*)

3 Aripo Livestock 26/1 and 2 Caroni Marsh 27/1.

Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*)

500 Orange Valley 27/1 and 150 Turtle Beach 7/2.

Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*)

3 imm Orange Valley 27/1.

Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*)

1 Orange Valley 27/1, up to 5 Grafton Beach 5-7/2 and 5 Turtle Beach 7/2.

Sandwich Tern (*Thalasseus sandvicensis*)

1 Grafton Beach 6/2 and 4 (of which 1 was of the yellow-billed Cayenne Tern subspecies) Turtle Beach 7/2.

Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger*)

50 Orange Valley 27/1.

Domestic Dove (*Columba livia domestica*)

Common on Trinidad, just a few seen on Tobago.

Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

1 Blue Waters Inn 2/2, 1 herad Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2, 2 Speyside 3/2, up to 5 Grafton Beach 5-6/2 and 2 Adventure Farm 6/2.



Pale-vented Pigeon

Scaled Pigeon (*Patagioenas speciosa*)

1 seen flying by Pax Guesthouse 28/1.

Eared Dove (*Zenaida auriculata*)

2 Caroni Marsh 27/1, 1 Pax Guesthouse 28/1, 2 roadside birds 2/2 and 1-2 Grafton Beach 5-6/2.

Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*)

20 Nariva Swamp 26/1.

Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*)

Common.

White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

Common.

Gray-fronted Dove (*Leptotila rufaxilla*)

3 heard Asa Wright 30/1 and 1 seen Asa Wright 1/2.

Red-bellied Macaw (*Orthopsittaca manilata*)

4 Wallerfield 26/1.

Green-rumped Parrotlet (*Forpus passerinus*)

6 Aripo Livestock 26/1, 1 male Pax Guesthouse 28/1, 20 Turtle Beach 7/2

Orange-winged Parrot (*Amazona amazonica*)

Common.

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*)

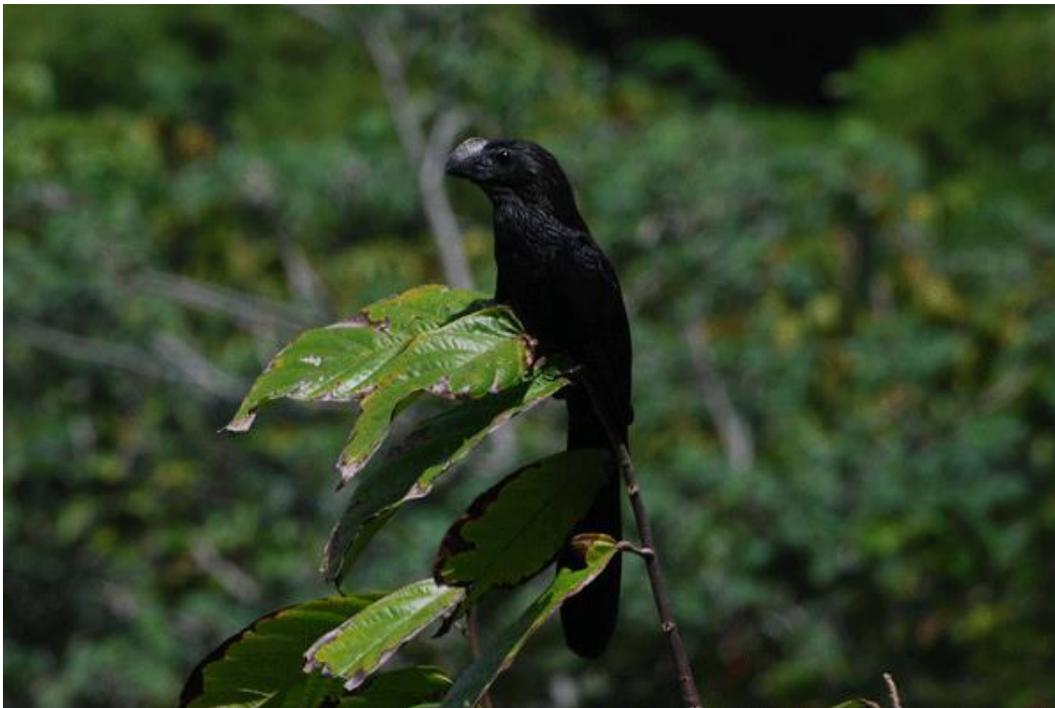
2 Asa Wright 1/2.

Striped Cuckoo (*Tapera naevia*)

1 heard and at last seen Nariva Swamp 26/1.

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*)

Fairly common.



Smooth-billed Ani

Tropical Screech-Owl (*Megascops choliba*)

1 on day roost Caroni Marsh 27/1.

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)

1 seen and heard Pax Guesthouse 26-28/1, 1 heard Yerette 28/1, 2 heard Asa Wright 30/1 and 1 heard (probably not any of the birds from previous day) Asa Wright 31/1.

Rufous Nightjar (*Caprimulgus rufus*)

1 heard Pax Guesthouse 26/1.

White-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus cayennensis*)

4 seen (one of them also calling) on the road up to Flagstaff Hill 4/2.

Common Potoo (*Nyctibius griseus*)

1 Caroni Marsh 27/1 and 1 Asa Wright 31/1, both seen on day roost.

Oilbird (*Steatornis caripensis*)

Around 20 seen in the famous Dunstan Cave, Asa Wright 30/1.

Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura*)

3 Manzanilla 26/1, 2 Wallerfield 26/1, 2 Pax Guesthouse 28/1, 10 Speyside 3/2, 20 Flagstaff Hill 4/2, 50 Grafton Bird Sanctuary 5/2 and 20 ther 5/2.

Band-rumped Swift (*Chaetura spinicaudus*)

10 Asa Wright 29/1-1/2.

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift (*Tachornis squamata*)

2 Wallerfield 26/1 and 20 Orange Valley 27/1.

White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*)

25 Yerette 28/1, at least 20 daily Asa Wright 29-1/2 and 10 Adventure Farm, Tobago 6/2.



White-necked Jacobin

Rufous-breasted Hermit (*Glaucis hirsutus*)

1 Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust 27/1, 1 Pax Guesthouse 28/1, 10 Yerette 28/1, 2 Asa Wright 29/1-1/2, 2 Blue Waters Inn 1-3/2, 3 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2, 1 Little Tobago 3/2, 3 Argyle Waterfall 4/2, 1 Grafton Bird Sanctuary 5/2 and 3 Adventure Farm 6/2.

Green Hermit (*Phaethornis guy*)

2 Pax Guesthouse 28/1, 1 Yerette 28/1 and 1 Asa Wright 29/1-1/2.

Little Hermit (*Phaethornis longuemareus*)

1 Yerette 28/1 and 2 Asa Wright 29/1-1/2.

Brown Violetear (*Colibri delphinae*)

1 Yerette 28/1.

Ruby-topaz Hummingbird (*Chrysolampis mosquitus*)

10 Yerette 28/1, 1 Asa Wright 30/1-1/2, 1 Blue Waters Inn 1/2, 1 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2, 1 female Little Tobago 3/2 and 15 Adventure Farm 6/2.



Ruby-topaz Hummingbird

Green-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax viridigula*)

1 male Cacandy 27/1 and 1 male Yerette 28/1.

Black-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)

Common.

Tufted Coquette (*Lophornis ornatus*)

1 male Yerette 28/1, 1 female Pax Guesthouse 29/1 and up to 2 pairs Asa Wright 29/1-1/2.

Long-billed Starthroat (*Heliomaster longirostris*)

1 Aripo Livestock 28/1 and 2 in pair Yerette 28/1.

Blue-chinned Sapphire (*Chlorestes notata*)

1 male Nariva Swamp 26/1, 1 female Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust 27/1, 20 Yerette 28/1, 1 Pax Guesthouse 29/1, 2 Asa Wright 29/1-1/2.

White-tailed Sabrewing (*Campylopterus ensipennis*)

5 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2.

White-chested Emerald (*Amazilia brevirostris*)

1 Pax Guesthouse 26/1, 35 Yerette 28/1 and at least 20 Asa Wright 29/1-1/2.

Copper-rumped Hummingbird (*Amazilia tobaci*)

Common.



Female of Tufted Coquette and Copper-rumped Hummingbird

Green-backed Trogon (*Trogon viridis*)

1 female Asa Wright 29/1, 1 calling male Asa Wright 30/1, 2 (1 + 1 heard) Asa Wright 31/1.

Guianan Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*)

2 calling Asa Wright 30/1 and 1 male seen Asa Wright 31/1.

Collared Trogon (*Trogon collaris*)

1 male Morne Bleu 30/1.

Trinidad Motmot (*Momotus bahamensis*)

1 Asa Wright 30/1-1/2, 1 heard Morne Bleu 30/1, 1 Blue Waters Inn 1/2, 5 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2, 2 Little Tobago 3/2, 2 Argyle Waterfall 4/2, 1 roadside bird 5/2, 4 Adventure Farm 6/2 and 1 roadside bird 7/2.



Trinidad Motmot

Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquata*)

1 Nariva Swamp 26/1.

Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*)

1 Argyle Waterfall 4/2.

American Pygmy Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle aenea*)

1 Nariva Swamp 26/1.

Rufous-tailed Jacamar (*Galbula ruficauda*)

1 Wallerfield 26/1, 1 Blue Waters Inn 2/2, 3 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2, 1 Argyle Waterfall 4/2, up to 3 Grafton Bird Sanctuary 5-6/2.

Channel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus*)

1 Pax Guesthouse 28/1, 2 Asa Wright 29/1-1/2, 1 heard Morne Bleu 30/1.

Red-crowned Woodpecker (*Melanerpes rubricapillus*)

1 male Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2, 1 pair Argyle Waterfall 4/2, 1 pair Grafton Bird Sanctuary 6/2, 1 pair Adventure Farm 6/2, 1 roadside pair 7/2 and 1 young bird in nest + adult bird calling Turtle Beach 7/2.

Red-rumped Woodpecker (*Veniliornis kirkii*)

1 male Nariva Swamp 26/1 and 3 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2.

Golden-olive Woodpecker (*Colaptes rubiginosus*)

2 Asa Wright 30-31/1 and 2 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2.

Chestnut Woodpecker (*Celeus elegans*)

2 heard Asa Wright 1/2.

Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

1 pair Asa Wright 31/1.

Gray-throated Leaf-tosser (*Sclerurus albigularis*)

2 Asa Wright 30/1.

Stripe-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis cinnamomea*)

2 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2.

Yellow-chinned Spinetail (*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*)

2 Aripo Livestock 26/1, 3 Nariva Swamp 26/1 and 2 Cacandy 27/1.

Streaked Xenops (*Xenops rutilans*)

1 Nariva Swamp 26/1, 2 Pax Guesthouse 28/1 and 1 Asa Wright 31/1.

Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)

1 Pax Guesthouse 28/1.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)

1 heard Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2.

Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*Dendroplex picus*)

3 heard, of which one was briefly seen Caroni Marsh 27/1.

Cocoa Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*)

Common.

Great Antshrike (*Taraba major*)

1 heard Pax Guesthouse 29/1, 1 female Asa Wright 29/1 and 1 pair Asa Wright 1/2.

Black-crested Antshrike (*Sakesphorus canadensis*)

1 heard Manzanilla 26/1, 3 (1 pair + 1 heard) Cacandy 27/1.



male Black-crested Antshrike

Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)

Common.

Plain Antvireo (*Dysithamnus mentalis*)

1 male Morne Bleu 30/1

White-flanked Antwren (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)

3 (1 pair + 1 heard) Pax Guesthouse 28/1 and 2 male Morne Bleu 30/1.

White-fringed Antwren (*Formicivora grisea*)

Common on Tobago.

Silvered Antbird (*Sclateria naevia*)

1 female Nariva Swamp 26/1.

White-bellied Antbird (*Myrmeciza longipes*)

1 pair Pax Guesthouse 28/1.



Female White-fringed Antwren

Black-faced Antthrush (*Formicarius analis*)

1 heard Asa Wright 31/1.

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

1 Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust 27/1 and 1 Pax Guesthouse 28/1.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia flavogaster*)

2 Nariva Swamp 26/1, 3 Pax Guesthouse 28/1 and 2 there 29/1, 4 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2, 2 Blue Waters Inn 3/2 and 1 Grafton Bird Sanctuary 5-6/2.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher (*Mionectes oleagineus*)

2 Pax Guesthouse 28/1, 5 Asa Wright 29/1-1/2, 1 Morne Bleu 30/1 and 2 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2.

Yellow-breasted Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*)

Fairly common.

Tropical Pewee (*Contopus cinereus*)

1 Asa Wright 30/1.

Fuscous Flycatcher (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus*)

1 Pax Guesthouse 28/1, 5 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2, 1 Blue Waters Inn 3/2 and 1 Grafton Bird Sanctuary 5-6/2.

Pied Water-Tyrant (*Fluvicola pica*)

2 Aripo Livestock 26/1, and 4 Nariva Swamp 26/1.



Pied Water-tyrant

White-headed Marsh-Tyrant (*Arundinicola leucocephala*)

2 male Aripo Livestock 26/1 and 2 male Nariva Swamp 26/1.

Bright-rumped Attila (*Attila spadiceus*)

1 seen well Pax Guesthouse 28/1 and 1 heard Asa Wright 31/1.

Venezuelan Flycatcher (*Myiarchus venezuelensis*)

4 (2+2) Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2.

Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)

2 Blue Waters Inn 3/, 2 Little Tobago 3/2 and 1 Grafton Bird Sanctuary 6/2.

Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

Common on Trinidad.

Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarynchus pitangua*)

1 Manzanilla 26/1, 4 Pax Guesthouse 28/1 and 2 there 29/1.

Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)

1 Asa Wright 30/1.

Sulphury Flycatcher (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*)

4 Wallerfield 26/1.

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Common.

Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*)

1 Aripo Livestock 26/1, 1 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2, 1 Speyside 3/2, 1 Little Tobago 3/2 and 1 Turtle Beach 7/2.

Bearded Bellbird (*Procnias averano*)

6 (1 + 5) heard Asa Wright 29/1-1/2.

White-bearded Manakin (*Manacus manacus*)

1 male Pax Guesthouse 28/1, 2 (1 pair) Asa Wright 29/1, 4 (3 male + 1 female) Asa Wright 30/1 and 5 there 31/1.



Male White-bearded Manakin

Blue-backed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia pareola*)

5 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2.

Golden-headed Manakin (*Pipra erythrocephala*)

2 heard Pax Guesthouse 28/1 and 2 Asa Wright 30-31/1.

Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*)

1 Little Tobago 3/2.

Scrub Greenlet (*Hylophilus flavipes*)

2-3 Blue Waters Inn 2-3/2, 5 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2, 5 Blue Waters Inn 3/2, 2 Grafton Bird Sanctuary 5/2 and 5 there 6/2.

Golden-fronted Greenlet (*Hylophilus aurantiifrons*)

Common on Trinidad.

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*)

1 heard Nariva Swamp 26/1, 1 heard Pax Guesthouse 27/1, 2 (1 + 1 heard) Cacandy 27/1 and 1-2 heard Asa Wright 29-31/1.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

5 Pax Guesthouse 26/1, 30 Manzanilla 26/1 and 10 Pax Guesthouse 28/1.

Caribbean Martin (*Progne dominicensis*)

4 Tobago Plantations 6/2.

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*)

10 Aripo Livestock 26/1 and 20 Nariva Swamp 26/1.

White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

10 Aripo Livestock 26/1, 20 Nariva Swamp 26/1 and 5 Orange Valley 27/1.

Rufous-breasted Wren (*Pheugopedius rutilus*)

1 Aripo Livestock 26/1, 1 Manzanilla 26/1, 3 Aripo Livestock 28/1, 1 heard Asa Wright 30/1, 1 Arima 1/2, 1 Blue Waters Inn 3/2 and 2 Grafton Bird Sanctuary 6/2.

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*)

1-2 Pax Guesthouse 26-27/1, 2 Aripo Livestock 28/1, 1 Asa Wright 29/1, 1 Arima 1/2, 1 heard Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2 and 2 Grafton Bird Sanctuary 6/2.

Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)

1 Manzanilla 26/1, 2 Aripo Livestock 28/1, 2 Asa Wright 30/1 and 3 Morne Bleu 30/1.

Yellow-legged Thrush (*Turdus flavipes*)

2 male Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2.

Cocoa Thrush (*Turdus fumigatus*)

2 Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust 27/1, 1 Yurette 28/1 and 4 Asa Wright 29/1.

Spectacled Thrush (*Turdus nudigenis*)

Common.

White-necked Thrush (*Turdus albicollis*)

4 Asa Wright 29/1, 2 Morne Bleu 30/1 and 5 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2.

Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*)

4 Pax Guesthouse 26/1, 10 Aripo Livestock 26/1, 6 Aripo Livestock 28/1, 2 Asa Wright 29-31/1, 2 Grafton Beach 5-7/2 and 2 Adventure Farm 6/2.

Northern Waterthrush (*Parkesia noveboracensis*)

6 (1 + 5 heard) Caroni Marsh 27/1 and 1 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2.

American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*)

1 male Nariva Swamp 26/1, 1 female Aripo Livestock 28/1, 1 female Morne Bleu 30/1 and 2 female Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2.

Tropical Parula (*Setophaga pitaiyumi*)

1 heard Aripo Livestock 28/1.

Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*)

2 (1 + 1 heard) Aripo Livestock 28/1 and 1 Pax Guesthouse 29/1.

Golden-crowned Warbler (*Basileuterus culicivorus*)

1 heard Aripo Livestock 28/1 and 1 Asa Wright 30/1.

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*)

Common.

Bicolored Conebill (*Conirostrum bicolor*)

2 Cacandy 27/1.

White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*)

Common.

Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo*)

2 Manzanilla 26/1, 5 Asa Wright 29/1-1/2 and 5 Morne Bleu 30/1.



Bicolored Conebill

Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*)

Common.

Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*)

Common.

Turquoise Tanager (*Tangara mexicana*)

1 Aripo Livestock 28/1, 5 Asa Wright 29/1-1/2 and 5 Morne Bleu 30/1.

Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*)

2 Aripo Livestock 28/1, 3 Asa Wright 29/1-1/2 and 3 Morne Bleu 30/1.

Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*)

2 (1 pair) Manzanilla 26/1, 1 male Asa Wright 29/1, 1 pair Asa Wright 31/1 and 1 male Arima 1/2.

Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

10 Asa Wright 29/1-1/2 and 5 Morne Bleu 30/1.

Purple Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)

4 Yurette 28/1, common Asa Wright 29/1-1/2 and 5 Morne Bleu 30/1.

Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)

4 Morne Bleu 30/1 and 5 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2.



male Purple Honeycreeper

Grayish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*)

2 Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust 27/1, 5 Aripo Livestock 28/1, 1 Yerette 28/1 and 5 Pax Guesthouse 29/1.

Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*)

10 Aripo Livestock 26/1, 25 Nariva Swamp 26/1, 5 Arima 1/2, 5 Blue Waters Inn 2/2, 10 Blue Waters Inn 3/2 and 5 roadside 5/2.

Yellow-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila nigricollis*)

2 (1 pair) Pax Guesthouse 28/1.

A great surprise though this is a rarity on Trinidad.

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater (*Sporophila minuta*)

1 male + 2 heard Aripo Livestock 26/1.

Black-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris bicolor*)

1 male Blue Waters Inn 3/2, 10 Grafton Bird Sanctuary 5/2, 5 Grafton Beach 6/2 and 5 Turtle Beach 7/2

Grassland Yellow-Finch (*Sicalis luteola*)

5 Aripo Livestock 26/1.

Red-capped Cardinal (*Paroaria gularis*)

5 Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust 27/1.

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (*Habia rubica*)

1 Aripo Livestock 28/1 and 1 Asa Wright 29-30/1.

Red-breasted Blackbird (*Sturnella militaris*)

5 Aripo Livestock 26/1.

Carib Grackle (*Quiscalus lugubris*)

Common.

Yellow-hooded Blackbird (*Chrysomus icterocephalus*)

25 Nariva Swamp 26/1 and 5 Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust 27/1.



Yellow-hooded Blackbird

Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

Common.

Giant Cowbird (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)

5 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2 and 2 roadside birds 5/2.

Yellow Oriole (*Icterus nigrogularis*)

1 Pax Guesthouse 26/1, 2 Nariva Swamp 26/1, 5 Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust 27/1, 1 Aripo Livestock 28/1, 1 Yurette 28/1, 2 Pax Guesthouse 29/1, 1 Asa Wright 29/1 and 2 Asa Wright 30/1.

Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*)

2 roadside birds seen 26/1.

Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*)

Fairly common.

Trinidad Euphonia (*Euphonia trinitatis*)

1 male + 2 heard Pax Guesthouse 28/1.

Violaceous Euphonia (*Euphonia violacea*)

4 Aripo Livestock 28/1, fairly common Asa Wright 29-31/1, 5 Morne Bleu 30/1, 5 Arima 1/2 and 5 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2.

Mammals

Silky Anteater (*Cyclopes didactylus*)

1 seen Caroni Marsh 27/1.

Red-rumped Agouti (*Dasyprocta leporine*)

2-3 seen around the fruit feeders at Asa Wright 29/1-1/2.

Red-tailed Squirrel (*Sciurus granatensis*)

2 Point-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust 27/1, Morne Bleu 30/1, 1 Main Ridge/Gilpin Trace 2/2, Argyle Waterfall 4/2.

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