

Trinidad & Tobago

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Collared Trogon, Blanchisseuse Road

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General

Me and my wife were both quite busy during the autumn of 2014 and it was not until the beginning of December that we started to really discuss possible destinations for a winter holiday. Trinidad & Tobago had been on our radar for a few years but considering the short time that was left for planning and setting up a trip on our own, we hesitated. However, inspired by the trip report of Swedish birder Lars Olausson who visited the area in 2014 on a trip where the logistics were organized by the British tour operator WildWings, we decided to have a go.

We contacted Sarah Thompson at WildWings with a rough idea of an itinerary, and we soon received a proposal which we, after some adaptations mainly due to the availability at the Asa Wright Lodge, could agree upon. The package included flights from London-Gatwick to Trinidad with return from Tobago, the domestic flight between Trinidad and Tobago, all accommodations including full board on eight out of the 15 days and B & B on the rest, transfers between the airport and the hotels on Trinidad. To be arranged on our own were the flights between Sweden and London as well as car hire and other transports on Tobago.

During our discussions with WildWings, we also asked them to organize birding guides for a few specified day-trips during our stay at the Pax Guesthouse on Trinidad. We agreed upon that the guides should be booked by Wild Wings/Pax but that we should sort out the details including payment directly with the guides on site. Due to some kind of misunderstanding, however, the bookings were not done, and well in place it came as no surprise that it proved to be very difficult to find available guides with short notice. This was quite frustrating as we had looked forward to visit a number of interesting localities together with a guide. Instead we went to the Caroni Swamp on a general tourist boat trip and by taxi to the Yerette Hummingbird Garden. This worked out quite ok and on the evening before our last day at Pax, we were finally informed that they had found a guide for a full day trip to the east coast the next morning. So in the end, it all went quite well and, except for this, all other arrangements made by WildWings were without any remarks.

Flights

We flew with British Airways from London-Gatwick to Port of Spain on Trinidad and back from Tobago to Gatwick, with connecting flights between Copenhagen and Gatwick with Easyjet on the outbound leg and with SAS from Heathrow on the return.

Originally we had booked the connecting flight between Copenhagen and Gatwick with Norwegian but about a week or so before our departure, a pilot strike broke out, initially mainly affecting Norwegian flights within Scandinavia. But, as the days went by, the risk increased for the conflict also to include international routes and it was impossible to get any clear information. We therefore booked a second set of tickets with SAS to Heathrow, to be on the safe side, just to find out that a strike of the SAS ground staff in Copenhagen was likely to occur as well, however for a completely different reason. Now we started to get a bit nervous and as the situation was completely unpredictable, we booked a third set of tickets, this time with Easyjet. Fortunately, no unexpected problems turned up with them and we got to Gatwick as planned. After our return to Sweden we got our SAS tickets refunded in full while Norwegian, who actually carried out the flight that we had originally booked, only paid back the tax part of our tickets (c.50 %). The logic in this, we haven't been able to fully understand but as the tickets were quite cheap and paid with frequent flyer points, we did not bother to dig deeper into it.

Between Trinidad and Tobago, we flew with Caribbean Airlines who operate several flights daily. The flying time is only about 20 minutes and everything went without any problems.

Car rental, roads and traffic

On Trinidad, all transports were either included in our package or made by pre-booked taxis. Traffic in the Port of Spain area is rather dense and driving on your own is possible but in general not recommended.

On Tobago, conditions are better and we rented a Nissan Versa from Holiday Autos for three days, which was paid in advance from Sweden. The rental cost including unlimited mileage, theft protection and collision damage, airport fee and local taxes was 1.926 SEK (c.200 €). The car was provided by Sixt and in decent condition. As the island is small, we only drove 167 km's in total. The roads on Tobago are of fair standard but generally very winding. Potholes are numerous but driving was not difficult and we experienced no problems.

Hotels

We stayed in the following places:

Pax Guesthouse, Mt St. Benedict, Tunapuna, Trinidad, phone +1 868 663 4084, mail stay@paxguesthouse.com, web www.paxguesthouse.com

A very nice place, conveniently located only about 30 minutes from the airport. The guesthouse, which is situated on the slopes of the Northern Range, overlooking the eastern parts of Port of Spain, is part of a Benedict Monastery. Food was excellent and the staff was very friendly. The manager is a birder himself, and he is normally helpful in providing information about the local birds. Unfortunately, he was travelling and not present during our visit.



Asa Wright Nature Center, 7 ¼ Blanchisseuse Road, Arima, Trinidad, phone +1 868 667 4655, mail asawright@tstt.net.tt, web www.asawright.org

World famous lodge that provides excellent birding in the surroundings. The lodge is a former cocoa, coffee and citrus plantation surrounded by rainforest. Accommodation is mainly in small, quite basic cottages around the main building, where also a number of rooms are located. All-inclusive buffet meals, tasty and of good standard and from the famous veranda you can overlook the Arima valley as well as a large number of feeders in the garden.

Grafton Beach Resort, Stonehaven Bay, Black Rock, Scarborough, Tobago, phone +1 868 6390191, mail info@graftontobago.com, web www.graftonbeachresorttobago.com

A large, fairly modern beach resort located 20 minutes' drive from the airport. Strange enough, the place was more or less empty, which felt a bit odd. The restaurant was of decent quality but unfortunately overpriced.

Much better value for the money was given by the **Seahorse Inn Restaurant** next doors. Excellent food - especially the seafood, very good service and great atmosphere. Prices still on the same level as in the Grafton Beach Resort. Strongly recommended! Reservations necessary.

<http://seahorseinntobago.com>

Blue Waters Inn, Batteaux Bay, Speyside, Tobago, phone +1 868 660 4341, mail bwi@bluwatersinn.com, web www.bluewatersinn.com

A high class beach resort with generally good standard. The restaurant was ok, but quality did unfortunately not really match the prices. A nice private beach and from the jetty, various trips for diving, snorkeling can be made, as well as visits to Little Tobago.

On the outbound leg, we stayed overnight at Gatwick airport in London, using the **Premier Inn Hotel** which was conveniently located just outside the departure hall of the North Terminal. A double room cost 51 GBP - an affordable option if you have an early flight. Good standard including a decent restaurant.

Birds

Trinidad is by far the most varied of the two island, both when it comes to habitats as when it comes to diversity of bird species. Several species occur only on Trinidad, including one of the two endemic species, the Trinidad Piping Guan. Tobago in its turn however holds a number of species which are not present on Trinidad, making a visit there still worthwhile.

In total, we recorded 181 species, a figure that could have been boosted further if we had decided to spend some more time in wetland localities to get some more shorebirds.

Localities

Most localities mentioned in the list of species are well described in other trip reports, see below, but a few deserve some explanation:

Pax Guesthouse refers to the surroundings of the guesthouse itself as well as the trails on Mount St. Benedict close by. The latter provide very good forest birding including many interesting species. A trail map showing e.g. manakin leks is available at the guesthouse. The trails are not well maintained but in general not too difficult to follow, with the exception for the need of making small detours in order to avoid fallen trees etc. Nice birds recorded in the area included **White Hawk**, **Green-backed Trogon**, **Rufous Nightjar**, **Squirrel Cuckoo**, **Gray-Throated Leaf-tosser**, **Streaked Xenops**, **Red-crowned Ant-Tanager** and **White-shouldered Tanager**.

Asa Wright Nature Center

Around the lodge, a network of trail take you through various types of forest. **Bearded Bellbirds** are heard continuously and are also quite easy to see. Leks of both **Golden-headed** and **White-bearded Manakins** are situated close to the lodge and well signposted. A special attraction is the colony of **Oilbirds**, breeding in the Dunston Cave, only about 20 minutes' walk from the main buildings and maybe the most accessible colony of these otherwise tricky birds.

Also the entrance road provides good birding, passing through nice forest. During our visit, we could move without restrictions in the area but according to other trip reports, one-day visitors are limited to guided walks as well as to only visit the Oilbird cave after paying a hefty fee.

Yerette Hummingbirds

This is the private garden of the Ferguson family which they have turned into a hummingbird paradise. Thirteen species are possible to see and some of them occur in large numbers. Don't miss! Visits by appointment only. Mail hello@yerette.com, phone +1 868 663 26232, www.yerette.com

Speyside Lookout, refers to a site that was recommended to me by Newton George for some easy access birding close to Speyside, Tobago. Coming from Speyside, just past the Speyside lookout (park here), a gravel road is found on the left hand side. This takes you up through some open forest areas with a good variety of birds. **Rufous-tailed Jacamars** were common and other birds recorded included **Trinidad Motmot**, **Blue-backed Manakin**, **Fuscous Flycatcher** and **Red-legged Honeycreeper**.



Trinidad Motmot, Speyside Lookout

Birding guides

As mentioned earlier, we went on a guided full day trip to the east coast of Trinidad, visiting among other locations the Aripo Livestock Station and the Nariva Swamp. Our guide was Barry, normally working as a guide at the Asa Wright Nature Center, who brought us in his own, a bit run down car. Barry was a very nice guy with a large knowledge of where to find the important species and we had a very enjoyable day together with him.

From Asa Wright it is possible to join a variety of guided half- or full day trips to other locations on the island. Prices varied from 45-90 USD per person and you book at the reception. The guides seemed in general to be very skilled and professional but there were also some less experienced birdwatchers among them.

Also on Tobago there are a number of birding guides available. The most well-known is Newton George, located in Speyside on the northern part of the island. I joined one of his half-day trips to the Main Ridge Rainforest Reserve which was very successful. Newton George has a superb knowledge of where to find the specialties and was very professional in every respect. Newton can be contacted on newton@newtongeorge.com, phone +1 868 754 7881, web www.newtongeorge.com.

Literature, trip reports and preparations

We used the "*Birds of Trinidad & Tobago*", second edition by Kenefick, Restall and Hayes as our field guide. Both the text and illustrations are ok as the number of similar species in the region is limited.

Various birding Trip Reports searchable database at http://avibase.bsc-eoc.org/links/links.jsp?page=g_reports and at <http://www.cloudbirders.com/tripreport>

Thanks to Lars Olausson for providing inspiration and also for sharing some useful information about his trip in 2014.

Day by day account

Thursday, March 5th

Left home at 07:00 and flew from Copenhagen at 10:20 to London-Gatwick where we checked in at the Premier Inn Hotel. The afternoon was spent relaxing in the hotel where we also had dinner in the evening.

Friday, March 6th

Most of the day was spent on the flight from Gatwick to Port of Spain, with a short stop on St. Lucia en-route. Landed on time at 17:00 and after surprisingly quick baggage and immigration procedures, we were picked up and brought to the Pax Guesthouse. There we spent the last hour of daylight on the balcony watching seven species of hummingbirds visiting the feeders. After dark, a **Tropical Screech-owl** was heard calling from the valley next to the guesthouse.

Saturday, March 7th

The two first morning hours were spent walking along the road above the guesthouse, getting familiarized with the commoner birds of the area. New acquaintances were **White Hawk**, **Orange-winged Parrot**, **Spectacled Thrush**, **Crested Oropendola** and **Yellow Oriole**. The afternoon was mainly spent relaxing as well as with some birding in the vicinities. A second walk to the hills above the monastery added among other species **Turquoise Tanager** and **Blue Dacnis** to the list.

Sunday, March 8th

Morning was spent walking the trails on Mont St. Benedict. Nice, old forest and several new birds: **Green-backed Trogon**, **Golden-fronted Greenlet**, **Golden-crowned Warbler**, **White-shouldered** and **Bay-headed Tanagers**. Back at the guesthouse, Karin found a female **Tufted Coquette** among the other hummers at the feeders, cute!



Scarlet Ibises, Caroni Swamp

In the afternoon, we went by taxi to the Caroni Swamp where we joined a tourist boat trip. The trip cost 15 USD per person and was made together with nine other, non-birding, people. The first half was spent cruising different channels through the mangroves without seeing many birds. Two **Tropical Screech-owls** were seen on their day roost, a **Pied Water-tyrant** flew by and **Straight-billed Woodcreepers** were heard in two locations but unfortunately not seen. Finally, the boatman however found three **Green-throated Mangos** sitting on a dead branch, and one of them stayed long enough to give quite good views. The second half of the trip was spent in a big lagoon, next to an island where good numbers of herons and egrets flew in to roost together with hundreds of **Scarlet Ibises**. A very entertaining spectacle and very charismatic birds! Got back to the guesthouse just in time for the “mandatory” Rum Punch before dinner. Later in the evening, a **Rufous Nightjar** was heard calling from the balcony.

Monday, March 9th

Still no guide available so the morning was again spent birding along the trails of Mont St. Benedict. Strong winds made birding very difficult and only **Squirrel Cuckoo** and **Red-crowned Ant-tanager** were added to the list. During the afternoon, we went by taxi to the Yurette Hummingbirds, which was a very nice experience. The place is a private garden, which the resident Fergusson family has arranged to attract as many hummingbirds as possible. At least 50 feeders attract hundreds of hummingbirds of 13 possible species. We recorded eleven of them and the most numerous species were **Copper-rumped Hummingbird** (>100), **White-necked Jacobin** (c.25) as well as good numbers of **Black-throated Mango** and **Blue-chinned Sapphire** (c.15 each). New species for us were one each of **Green Hermit** and **Little Hermit**. Entrance fee was 25 USD per person including a lecture and slide show about hummingbirds by Mr. Fergusson, coffee & snacks as well as excellent photo opportunities. Do not miss this!



Ruby Topaz Hummingbird, Copper-rumped Hummingbird and White-chested Emerald, Yurette

Back at the guesthouse, we received the good news that a guide had been found to take us on a full day trip to the east coast the following day – very nice!

Tuesday, March 10th

We were picked up at nine by Barry, a guide normally working for the Asa Wright Nature Centre. First stop was made at the Aripo Livestock Station, about an hour’s drive east of Port of Spain, where we birded along the road through open fields, pastures and marshy areas. Many good birds, including **Savanna Hawk**, lots of **Wattled Jacanas**, **White-winged Swallow**, **Pied Water-Tyrant**, **White-headed Marsh-Tyrant**, **Yellow-chinned Spinetail**, **Red-breasted Blackbird** and **Grassland Yellow-finch**.

After a while we continued southeast and a short roadside stop in an area with low forest not far from Aripo was very productive with among others **Gray-lined Hawk**, **Green-rumped Parrotlet**, **Brown-crested** and **Yellow-breasted Flycatchers**. After this, we continued and reached the east coast just south of the town of Manzanilla where we had a packed lunch on the beach.



Barry and Karin at Manzanilla Beach

After a few more roadside stops, including a stakeout for **Black-crested Ant-shrike**, we continued to the Nariva Swamp. This is a large area of grassy marshes and swamps, which have been partly drained and cultivated. A **Striped Cuckoo** was heard calling and after a while also seen well in flight. A party of **Yellow-crowned Parrots** flew by and a **Masked Yellowthroat** was found in a small marsh. We looked hard for Pinnated Bittern, which at least earlier in the season is reasonably easy to see here, but without any success as the grass now had grown too tall. During the afternoon, we waited close to a grove of Moriche palms, where Macaws sometimes come in to roost. After a while, a party of eight **Red-bellied Macaws** flew in and landed and shortly after, three magnificent **Blue-and-Yellow Macaws** followed.

After this, we started the return drive to the Pax Guesthouse where we arrived just in time for dinner.

Wednesday, March 11th

Last morning at Pax, again spent on the trails of Mont St. Benedict. Finally, the wind had ceased and several good birds suddenly appeared: **Streaked Xenops**, **Long-billed Gnatwren** and especially a **Grey-throated Leaf-tosser**, which was both heard and seen very well, demonstrating its leaf-tossing feeding behavior. After a late breakfast, we said goodbye to the staff of Pax and were picked-up by a driver who brought us to the Asa Wright Nature Centre, about an hour's drive away.

After check in and lunch, we started to explore the area around the lodge, mainly along the Discovery Trail, where **Bearded Bellbirds** were constantly heard and also quite easily seen. Along the track, a number of **White-bearded Manakins** were displaying and a pair of **Guianan Trogons** seemed to be territorial.

After dinner, one of the guides conducted a short but very nice night walk along the entrance road. The only bird of interest was a **Ferruginous Pygmy-owl**, which was heard calling and finally also seen well in the flashlight, but a variety of crabs, frogs, insects as well as a few large tarantula spiders were also found.

Thursday, March 12th

During the night, it started to rain and this continued for most part of the day. The hours from dawn until breakfast were spent on the veranda, overlooking the numerous feeders as well as the Arima

Valley below. Among the birds, **Channel-billed Toucan**, **Blue-headed Parrots**, a male **Tufted Coquette** and **Piratic Flycatcher** were the highlights.



Black-throated Mango

After breakfast, we were scheduled for our visit to the famous Dunston Cave and its colony of **Oilbirds**. The cave is located about 20 minutes' walk from the lodge and is actually more a narrow canyon than a cave. Nevertheless, the Oilbirds obviously like the place and about 15 individuals were seen, sitting on the rock walls, giving good views.

As the rain continued, we stayed around the lodge. Birding was a bit difficult but we managed at least to find an **Euler's Flycatcher**. In the afternoon, the rain finally ceased and we walked along the entrance road, finding **White-necked Thrush**, **Red-crowned Ant-tanager**, several **Cocoa Woodcreepers** and a **Great Antshrike**.

The last hour of daylight was spent on the veranda where two **Short-tailed Nighthawks** turned up just before darkness, hunting over the garden and the valley below.

Friday, March 13th

Morning was again spent on the veranda, mainly seeing the same species as yesterday. After breakfast, we went on a guided full day trip along the Blanchisseuse Road, bringing us up on higher elevations than at the lodge. We mainly birded along the main road and here several new birds turned up, among others **Scaled Pigeon**, **Collared Trogon**, **Red-rumped Woodpecker**, **White-flanked Antwren**, **White-bellied Antbird**, **Black-faced Antthrush**, **Tropical Pewee** and **Stripe-breasted Spinetail**.

Just past the ridge, a pair of **Swallow Tanagers** were found, probably the first record in the area for the season for this migratory species. In addition, the only **Trinidad Euphonia** of the trip was found close by. After descending on the north side of the ridge, we had a nice packed lunch in the small village of Brasso Seco, before we started the return, mainly the same way as we came. One target species was however still missing and we therefore carefully scrutinized all tanagers moving by. Finally, our guide found a suspect bird in some high fruiting trees and soon we could identify it as a **Speckled Tanager**.

After this, a heavy rain started and after waiting in the car for almost an hour for it to stop we decided to return to the lodge a bit earlier than planned.

In the evening, it cleared up again and we walked along the entrance road where a **Trinidad Motmot** showed very well.

Saturday, March 14th

A short pre-breakfast walk around the lodge gave excellent views of a **Black-faced Antthrush** sneaking around on the forest floor only a few meters away. In addition, I finally got good view of a **Rufous-browed Peppershrike**, a bird quite frequently heard but often a bit tricky to see.

At 08:30 we left for the airport, about an hour's drive away, and just before the terminal buildings, four **Limpkins** were feeding on the shoulder of the road.

Airport procedures were quick and uncomplicated and after a short flight we landed at Crown Point on Tobago. At the airport, we took a taxi to the Grafton Beach Resort, which cost 13 USD. From the airport there are fixed taxi fees to all hotels - very convenient.

Afternoon was spent on the beach, in the company of **Magnificent Frigatebirds**, **Laughing Gulls** and **Royal Terns**. In the evening, we had a very nice dinner at the Seahorse Inn Restaurant just next to the hotel.

Sunday, March 15th

Mainly a beach day. A morning walk around the hotel showed the differences in the avifauna between Trinidad and Tobago. Noisy **Rufous-vented Chachalacas** were common. So were **Pale-vented Pigeons**, **Eared Doves** and **White-tipped Doves**. The latter, which was a quite shy bird on Trinidad, here fed on sidewalks and in gardens. Other new birds were **Red-crowned Woodpecker** and **Scrub Greenlet**. Dinner at the hotel.



Grafton Beach

Monday, March 16th

Morning was spent at the Grafton Birdlife Sanctuary, an area of mainly secondary forest with a number of different trails, located only 10 minutes walking from the hotel. The signs at the entrance said that the area was open from 7 AM but there are no gates and I encountered no people during my visit. Several **Trinidad Motmots** were seen along the entrance road and **White-fringed Antwrens** were common. Overhead, numerous **Short-tailed Swifts** and **Caribbean Martins** hawked for insects.

Most part of the day was again spent on the beach, with the exception of an afternoon walk to Turtle Beach, where a small creek and the surrounding areas held a number of herons and shorebirds, e.g. **Green-, Tricolored-, Yellow-crowned- and Black-crowned Night-herons** as well as numerous **Southern Lapwings** and some Holarctic waders including a few **Solitary Sandpipers**.

Dinner again at The Seahorse Inn.

Tuesday, March 17th

Another morning walk along the Grafton Beach and Turtle Beach, without any additions to the list. After lunch, we took a taxi back to the airport where we picked up a rental car and drove north towards Speyside. The drive took an hour and 45 minutes on beautiful but very winding roads along the east coast. Checked in at the Blue Waters Inn, where we connected with Newton George in the evening and agreed upon details for the tour to the Main Ridge Reserve. Dinner at the hotel.

Wednesday, March 18th

Early morning was spent in the area around the Speyside Lookout, mainly walking a gravel road through open forest, which Newton George had recommended as an easy-access and safe area. Birds seen included several **Rufous-tailed Jacamars**, **Brown-crested-** and **Fuscous Flycatchers**, **White-fringed Antwrens** and a **Red-legged Honeycreeper**.

After spending a few hours on the beach, I joined a boat trip to Little Tobago in the afternoon. On the island large numbers of seabirds breed, such as numerous **Red-billed Tropicbirds**, **Brown** and **Red-footed Boobies**. Other birds seen included a roosting **White-tailed Nightjar** and **Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo**. A very nice experience in general, decent price (30 USD), generous of time, nice guides and very good photo opportunities.



Magnificent Frigatebird, Little Tobago

Thursday, March 19th

Got picked up at the hotel by Newton Georges wife who brought me down to Roxborough where I teamed up with Newton and a party of six other birders staying on the southern part of the island.

After a quick coffee, we went down to the Argyle River, just outside Roxborough to a stakeout for two roosting **Greater Potoos** - what a start! After this, we continued birding along the road up on the main ridge. Birds here included **White-tailed Sabrewing**, **Fuscous-** and **Venezuelan Flycatchers** and several **Giant Cowbirds**. A **Collared Trogon** was heard but did not show itself.

Up on the ridge, several cars and buses were parked at the entrance of the Gilpin Trace so instead Newton took us to the Spring Trail. This was an excellent decision as we here could walk on our own through very nice mature forest. Target birds showed up well. We encountered several **Blue-backed Manakins** as well as a pair of nest building **Golden-olive Woodpeckers**, **Plain Antvireo**, **Olivaceous Woodcreeper** and finally a male **Yellow-legged Thrush**, which perched shortly on a branch completely out in the open.

At 12:30, I was dropped off in Roxborough again from where Newton's wife brought me back to Speyside. There I rejoined with Karin and we drove to Charlotteville for a late lunch at Sharon and Phebe's Restaurant, a very nice place. The rest of the day was spent on the beach.

Friday, March 20th

Last morning and I returned to the area around the Speyside lookout. No additional species but still several good birds. After a last swim, we checked out at 11:00 and drove back to Crown Point. Made a short stop at the Tobago Plantations, where we drove up to the entrance gate. In the ponds close to the gate, a **Great Blue Heron** brought the trip list up to a total of 181 species.

After lunch in Crown Point, we went to the airport, returned the car and checked in. The light left on time and the night was spent on the aircraft.

Saturday, March 21st

Landed on Gatwick from where we continued by bus to Heathrow and our flight back to Copenhagen. Upon arrival in Malmö in the evening, temperature was below zero, quite a contrast to the climate in the Caribbean! Back in our flat at 21:20, tired but very satisfied with the trip.

List of Species

1. **Rufous-vented Chachalaca** *Ortalis ruficauda*
Common on Tobago. Recorded daily 15-20.3.
2. **Red-billed Tropicbird** *Phaethon aethereus*
c.300 on Little Tobago 18.3.



3. **Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens*
c.25 Manzanilla, Trinidad 10.3, common on Tobago, 10-100 recorded daily 14-20.3.
4. **Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster*
1 Grafton Beach, Tobago 15.3 and 16.3, c.20 Little Tobago 18.3, 3 Blue Waters Inn 19.3.
5. **Red-footed Booby** *Sula sula*
c.30 Little Tobago 18.3.
6. **Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*
4 Caroni Swamp 8.3, 5 Tobago Plantations 20.3.
7. **Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga*
2 Turtle Beach, Tobago 16-17.3, c.10 Tobago Plantations 20.3.
8. **Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis*
4 Manzanilla, Trinidad 10.3, 3-20 recorded during five days on Tobago 14-20.3.
9. **Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias*
1 Tobago Plantations 20.3.
10. **Great Egret** *Ardea alba*
4 Caroni Swamp 8.3, 3 Aripo Livestock Station 10.3, 1 Turtle Beach, Tobago 16-17.3.
11. **Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*
c.75 Caroni Swamp 8.3.
12. **Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea*
8 Caroni Swamp 8.3, 3 Turtle Beach 16.3, 5 Turtle Beach 17.3, 1 Roxborough 19.3.
13. **Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor*
c.30 Caroni Swamp 8.3, 1 Turtle Beach, Tobago 16-17.3, 1 Tobago Plantations 20.3.
14. **Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*
Rather common in open agricultural areas. Totally c.110 birds recorded during six days 8-20.3.
15. **Green Heron** *Butorides virescens*
2 Turtle Beach 16.3, 3 Turtle Beach 17.3, 1 Roxborough 19.3, 3 Tobago Plantations 20.3.



16. **Striated Heron** *Butorides striata*
2 Nariva Swamp 10.3.

17. **Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*
2 Turtle Beach 16.3, 3 Turtle Beach 17.3, 3 Tobago Plantations 20.3.
18. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea*
1 Grafton Beach, Tobago 15.3, 3 Turtle Beach, Tobago 16.3 and 17.3.
19. **Scarlet Ibis** *Eudocimus ruber*
Several hundred flying in to roost, Caroni Swamp 8.3.
20. **Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*
Abundant in Trinidad. Daily figures of 5-100 6-14.3. Absent on Tobago.
21. **Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*
Abundant in Trinidad. Daily figures of 5-40 6-14.3. Absent on Tobago.
22. **Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*
2 Caroni Swamp 8.3, 1 Grafton Beach, Tobago 17.3.
23. **Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea*
2 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 2 nesting Brasso Seco 13.3.
24. **Common Black Hawk** *Buteogallus anthracinus*
Rather common on Trinidad, Totally 21 birds recorded 7-13.3.
25. **Savanna Hawk** *Buteogallus meridionalis*
2 Aripo Livestock Station 10.3, 2 Nariva Swamp 10.3.
26. **White Hawk** *Pseudastur albicollis*
2 Pax Guesthouse 7.3, 1 Asa Wright NC 12.3, 1 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.
27. **Broad-winged Hawk** *Buteo platypterus*
1 Pax Guesthouse 8.3, 1 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 1 Speyside Lookout 18.3, 2 Blue Waters Inn, Speyside 18.3, 1 Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3.



28. **Gray-lined Hawk** *Buteo nitidus*
1 Aripo 10.3, 1 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.
29. **Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus*
1 Pax Guesthouse 7.3, 1 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.

30. **Zone-tailed Hawk** *Buteo albonotatus*
1 Aripo Livestock Station 10.3, 1 Asa Wright NC 12.3.
31. **Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata*
2 Turtle Beach, Tobago 16-17.3, 1 Tobago Plantations 20.3.
32. **Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna*
4 roadside birds close to the Piarco Airport, Port of Spain 14.3.
33. **Black-bellied Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*
3 Turtle Beach, Tobago 16-17.3.
34. **Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis*
c.15 Aripo Livestock Station 10.3, c.40 Turtle Beach, Tobago 16-17.3, 2 Speyside 19-20.3.



35. **Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus*
6 Turtle Beach, Tobago 15.3.



36. **Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana*
c.20 Aripo Livestock Station 10.3, c.10 Nariva Swamp 10.3.



37. **Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius*
1 Caroni Swamp 10.3, 1 Grafton Beach 15.3, 2 Turtle Beach 15.3, 3 Turtle Beach 16.3, c.5 Turtle Beach 17.3, 1 Argyle River, Roxborough 19.3.
38. **Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria*
3 Turtle Beach, Tobago 16-17.3.
39. **Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*
1-3 Turtle Beach, Tobago 15-17.3.
40. **Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*
2 Turtle Beach, Tobago 15.3, up to 9 very tame birds on the beach at Blue Waters Inn, Speyside 18-20.3.
41. **Laughing Gull** *Leucophaeus atricilla*
Common along the coasts of Tobago. Highest number: c.300 Charlotteville 19.3.



42. **Royal Tern** *Thalasseus maximus*
c.5 at Grafton Beach-Turtle Beach 14-17.3



43. **Cabot's Tern** *Thalasseus (sandvicensis) acufavidus*
3-5 daily at Grafton Beach 15-17.3

Cayenne Tern *Thalasseus (sandvicensis) acufavidus eurygnatha*
1-2 daily at Grafton Beach 15-17.3.

44. **Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia*
Rather common

45. **Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis*
Only recorded on Tobago with 5-10 birds daily 15-20.3.

46. **Scaled Pigeon** *Patagioenas speciosa*
1 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 2 Asa Wright NC Entrance Road 13.3.

47. **Ruddy Ground-Dove** *Columbina talpacoti*
Common on both islands with daily figures up to 25 birds 6-20.3.

48. **White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*
4 Pax Guesthouse 7.3, 1 Pax Guesthouse 9.3, 1 Asa Wright NC 13.3. Rather common and much less shy on Tobago, c.5 individuals recorded daily 14-20.3.



White-tipped and Eared Doves

49. **Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata*
Common on southern Tobago, c.10 birds recorded daily 14-17.3.

50. **Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana*
1 Pax Guesthouse 9.3, 1 heard Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.

51. **Striped Cuckoo** *Tapera naevia*
1 Nariva Swamp 10.3.
52. **Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani*
4 roadside close to Yerette 9.3, c.60 Aripo-Nariva Swamp 10.3, 1 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3,
2 roadside Speyside-Roxborough 18.3, c.5 Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3.
53. **Tropical Screech-Owl** *Megascops choliba*
1 heard Pax Guesthouse 6.3, 2 roosting Caroni Swamp 8.3.
54. **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum*
2 heard whereof one also seen Asa Wright NC 11.3, 1 heard Asa Wright NC 12-13.3, 1 heard
Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.
55. **Short-tailed Nighthawk** *Lurocalis semitorquatus*
2 seen from the veranda at Asa Wright NC at dusk 12.3, 1 in the same place 13.3.
56. **White-tailed Nightjar** *Hydropsalis cayennensis*
1 roosting Little Tobago 18.3.
57. **Rufous Nightjar** *Antrostomus rufus*
1 heard Pax Guesthouse 8.3.
58. **Common Potoo** *Nyctibius griseus*
2 roosting along Argyle River, Roxborough 19.3, 1 roosting along the road to the Main Ridge
Forest Reserve 19.3.



59. **Oilbird** *Steatornis caripensis*
c.10 Dunston Cave, Asa Wright NC 12.3.
60. **Short-tailed Swift** *Chaetura brachyura*
5 Pax Guesthouse 9.3, c.20 Grafton Birdlife Sanctuary 16.3, 5 Grafton Beach 17.3, c.15
Speyside Lookout 18.3, c.20 Blue Waters Inn, Speyside 18.3, c.30 Main Ridge Forest Reserve
19.3, c.20 Speyside Lookout 20.3.

61. **Band-rumped Swift** *Chaetura spinicaudus*
1 Pax Guesthouse 9.3, 1 Asa Wright NC 11.3.
62. **Gray-rumped Swift** *Chaetura cinereiventris*
2 Nariva Swamp 10.3, c.10 Asa Wright NC 11.3, c.5 Asa Wright NC 12.3, c.30 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.
63. **White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora*
Common on Trinidad, often visiting feeders. Totally c.70 individuals recorded 7-14.3 with highest count c.25 Yerette 9.3.
64. **Rufous-breasted Hermit** *Glaucis hirsutus*
1 Pax Guesthouse 7.3 and 8.3, 2 Yerette 9.3, 1 Speyside Lookout 18.3, 3 Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3.
65. **Green Hermit** *Phaethornis guy*
1 Yerette 9.3, 1 Asa Wright NC 11.3, 2 Asa Wright NC 12.3.
66. **Little Hermit** *Phaethornis longuemareus*
1 Yerette 9.3. Showed no interest in the feeders, instead feeding on flowers following a certain route.
67. **Ruby-topaz Hummingbird** *Chrysolampis mosquitus*
Rather common on Trinidad, often visiting feeders. Totally 22 birds recorded 6-11.3 with highest count 8 Yerette 9.3. Less common on Tobago, where 7 birds recorded 15-19.3.
68. **Green-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax viridigula*
1 male Caroni Swamp 8.3.
69. **Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis*
Common on Trinidad, often visiting feeders. Totally 50 birds recorded 5-11.3 with highest count 8 Yerette 9.3. Only one observation on Tobago: 1 female Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3.



70. **Tufted Coquette** *Lophornis ornatus*
1 female Pax Guesthouse 8.3, 1 male Yerette 9.3, 1 female Pax Guesthouse 11.3, 1 male and 1 female Asa Wright NC 11-14.3.



71. **Long-billed Starthroat** *Heliomaster longirostris*
1 Pax Guesthouse 6-8.3, 8 Yerette 9.3, 1 Asa Wright NC 11.3.
72. **Blue-chinned Sapphire** *Chlorestes notata*
c.15 Yerette 9.3, up to 5 daily Asa Wright NC 11-13.3.
73. **White-tailed Sabrewing** *Campylopterus ensipennis*
5 Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3.
74. **White-chested Emerald** *Amazilia brevirostris*
Up to 5 daily Pax Guesthouse 6-10.3, c.25 Yerette 9.3, up to 5 daily Asa Wright NC 11-14.3.
75. **Copper-rumped Hummingbird** *Amazilia tobaci*
The commonest hummingbird: up to 25 birds recorded daily 6-19.3. More than 100 Yerette 9.3.
76. **Green-backed Trogon** *Trogon viridis*
1 male Pax Guesthouse 8.3, 1 heard Pax Guesthouse 9.3, 2 heard Asa Wright NC 11.3, 1 male Asa Wright NC 12.3, 1 male Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.
77. **Guianan Trogon** *Trogon violaceus*
1 male and 1 female Asa Wright NC 11.3.



- 78. Collared Trogon** *Trogon collaris*
1 male + 1 heard Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 1 heard Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3
- 79. Trinidad Motmot** *Momotus bahamensis*
1 Asa Wright NC 13.3, 3-4 Grafton Birdlife Sanctuary 16.3, 3 Speyside Lookout 18.3, 2 Little Tobago 18.3, 4 Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3, 3 Speyside Lookout 20.3.
- 80. Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata*
2 roadside south of Manzanilla 10.3
- 81. Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon*
1 Blue Waters Inn Hotel, Speyside 19.3.
- 82. Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana*
3 Nariva Swamp 10.3, 2 Argyle River, Roxborough 19.3.
- 83. Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda*
1 roadside south of Manzanilla 10.3, 1 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 4 Speyside Lookout 18.3, 7 Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3, c.5 Speyside Lookout 20.3.



- 84. Channel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos vitellinus*
2 Asa Wright NC 12.3 and 13.3, 1 Asa Wright NC Entrance Road 13.3.
- 85. Red-crowned Woodpecker** *Melanerpes rubricapillus*
Common on Tobago, totally 17 birds recorded 15-20.3.
- 86. Red-rumped Woodpecker** *Veniliornis kirkii*
1 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3
- 87. Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus*
5 Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3.
- 88. Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus*
1 heard calling and drumming Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.

89. **Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima*
2 roadside south of Manzanilla 10.3, 2 Nariva Swamp 10.3, 1 Grafton Beach 15.3.
90. **Merlin** *Falco columbarius*
2 Pax Guesthouse 7.3, 1 Pax Guesthouse 8.3, 1 Arima 10.3, 1 Grafton Beach 17.3,
2 Roxborough 19.3.
91. **Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*
1 imm. Caroni Swamp 8.3, 1 Blue Waters Inn Hotel, Speyside 18.3.
92. **Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus*
2 Asa Wright NC 12.3.
93. **Yellow-crowned Parrot** *Amazona ochrocephala*
c.10 Nariva Swamp 10.3.
94. **Orange-winged Parrot** *Amazona amazonica*
Common on both islands. Totally c.180 birds recorded 7-20.3.
95. **Green-rumped Parrotlet** *Forpus passerinus*
2 Aripo 10.3, 4 Grafton Beach 15.3, 2 Grafton Birdlife Sanctuary 16.3, 2 Turtle Beach 17.3.
96. **Red-bellied Macaw** *Orthopsittaca manilatus*
8 coming in to roost Nariva Swamp 10.3.
97. **Blue-and-yellow Macaw** *Ara ararauna*
3 flying in to roost Nariva Swamp 10.3. After extirpation of the original population in the
1960s, 31 birds originating from Guyana were reintroduced in the Nariva Swamp area in 1999-
2003.
98. **Great Antshrike** *Taraba major*
1 heard Asa Wright NC 12.3, 1 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, Asa Wright NC 13.3.
99. **Black-crested Antshrike** *Sakesphorus canadensis*
2 roadside just north of Nariva Swamp 10.3.
100. **Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus*
Common on both islands. Totally 34 birds recorded 7-20.3.
101. **Plain Antvireo** *Dysithamnus mentalis*
2 Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3.
102. **White-flanked Antwren** *Myrmotherula axillaris*
2 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.
103. **White-fringed Antwren** *Formicivora grisea*
c.10 Grafton Bird Sanctuary 16.3, 1 Speyside Lookout 18.3, 2 Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3,
2 Speyside Lookout 20.3.
104. **White-bellied Antbird** *Myrmeciza longipes*
1 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.
105. **Black-faced Antthrush** *Formicarius analis*
1 seen + 1 heard Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 1 seen + 1 heard Asa Wright NC 14.3.
106. **Gray-throated Leaf-tosser** *Sclerurus albigularis*
1 Pax Guesthouse 11.3.
107. **Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus*
3 Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3.

- 108. Cocoa Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus susurrans*
1 Asa Wright NC 11.3, 4 heard Asa Wright NC 12.3, 2 heard Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 1 heard Asa Wright NC Entrance Road 13.3, 1 Grafton Birdlife Sanctuary 16.3, 2 + 1 heard Speyside Lookout 18.3, 1 heard Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3, 1 heard Speyside Lookout 20.3.
- 109. Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus*
2 heard Caroni Swamp 8.3.
- 110. Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans*
1 Pax Guesthouse 11.3.
- 111. Yellow-chinned Spinetail** *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*
At least 2 Aripo Livestock Station 10.3.
- 112. Stripe-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis cinnamomea*
1 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 2 Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3.
- 113. Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum*
1 Pax Guesthouse 9.3, 1 Aripo 10.3, 1 Asa Wright NC 12.3, 1 Asa Wright NC Entrance Road 13.3.
- 114. Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster*
1 Pax Guesthouse 7-8.3, 1 Grafton Beach 15.3, 1 Turtle Beach 17.3, 5 Speyside Lookout 18.3, 4 Speyside Lookout 20.3.
- 115. Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus*
1 Pax Guesthouse 9.3, 1 Asa Wright NC 12.3, 1 Speyside Lookout 18.3, 1 heard Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3.
- 116. Yellow-breasted Flycatcher** *Tolmomyias flaviventris*
1 Aripo 10.3.
- 117. Euler's Flycatcher** *Lathrotriccus euleri*
1 Asa Wright NC 12.3, 1 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.
- 118. Tropical Pewee** *Contopus cinereus*
2 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.
- 119. Fuscous Flycatcher** *Cnemotriccus fuscatus*
1 Speyside Lookout 18.3, 1 Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3.
- 120. Pied Water-Tyrant** *Fluvicola pica*
1 Caroni Swamp 8.3, 3 Aripo Livestock Station 10.3, 2 Nariva Swamp 10.3
- 121. White-headed Marsh Tyrant** *Arundinicola leucocephala*
2 Aripo Livestock Station 10.3, 3 Nariva Swamp 10.3



122. Venezuelan Flycatcher *Myiarchus venezuelensis*
1 seen + 1 heard Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3.

123. Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*
1 Aripo 10.3, 1 Speyside Lookout 18.3, 1 Little Tobago 18.3, 1 Argyle River, Roxborough 19.3.



124. Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*
Common on Trinidad. Between 5-20 birds daily 7-14.3. Absent on Tobago.

125. Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*
2 Asa Wright NC 11.3.

126. Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus*
1 Brasso Seco 13.3, 2 Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3, 1 Speyside Lookout 20.3.

127. Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus*
1 Asa Wright NC 12.3.

128. Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*
Common on both islands. Up to 10 birds daily 6-20.3.

129. Gray Kingbird *Tyrannus dominicensis*
8 Nariva Swamp 10.3, 1 Grafton Birdlife Sanctuary 16.3, 1 Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3,
1 Speyside Lookout 20.3.



- 130. Bearded Bellbird** *Procnias averano*
2 seen and another c.5 heard Asa Wright NC 11.3 and 12.3, 3 heard Asa Wright NC 13.3, 1 heard Brasso Seco 13.3
- 131. Blue-backed Manakin** *Chiroxiphia pareola*
c.10 Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3, 2 heard Speyside Lookout 20.3.
- 132. White-bearded Manakin** *Manacus manacus*
4 males Asa Wright NC 11.3, 5 males, 1 female Asa Wright NC 12.3, 1 female Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.
- 133. Golden-headed Manakin** *Ceratopipra erythrocephala*
1 female Asa Wright NC 11.3, 1 female Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 1 female Asa Wright NC 13.3.
- 134. Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus tobagensis* ("Chivi Vireo")
2 Little Tobago 18.3, 1 heard Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3, 1 heard Speyside Lookout 20.3.
The mainly resident subspecies of South America are sometimes considered as a separate species, "Chivi Vireo".
- 135. Scrub Greenlet** *Hylophilus flavipes*
3 Grafton Beach 15.3, 3 Grafton Birdlife Sanctuary 16.3, 2 Speyside Lookout 18.3 and 20.3.
- 136. Golden-fronted Greenlet** *Hylophilus aurantiifrons*
2 Pax Guesthouse each 8.3, 9.3 and 11.3, 2 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.
- 137. Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis*
1 Pax Guesthouse 9.3, 1+1 heard just north of Nariva Swamp 10.3, 2 heard Pax Guesthouse 11.3, 1 heard Asa Wright NC 12.3, 1+4 heard Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 1 Asa Wright NC 14.3.
- 138. Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*
Up to 10 around Pax Guesthouse 7-11.3, 5 Asa Wright NC 11.3, 5 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 5 Asa Wright NC 14.3.
- 139. Caribbean Martin** *Progne dominicensis*
Common on Tobago. Up to 15 daily 15-20.3.
- 140. Gray-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea*
c.10 Aripo Livestock Station 10.3, c.100 Nariva Swamp 10.3, 5 Asa Wright NC 11.3, 1 Piarco Airport, Port of Spain 14.3.
- 141. White-winged Swallow** *Tachycineta albiventer*
5 Aripo Livestock Station 10.3, c.10 Nariva Swamp 10.3, 2 Asa Wright NC 11.3, 1 Turtle Beach 17.3, 1 Roxborough 19.3.
- 142. House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*
1 Nariva Swamp 10.3, 1 Pax Guesthouse 11.3, 1 Asa Wright Lodge 12.3, 1 Grafton Beach 15.3, 1 Grafton Birdlife Sanctuary 16.3, 3 Speyside Lookout 18.3, 1 + 1 heard Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3.
- 143. Rufous-breasted Wren** *Pheugopedius rutilus*
2 Pax Guesthouse 8.3, 4 Pax Guesthouse 9.3, 1 heard Roadside south of Manzanilla 10.3, 2 + 2 heard Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.
- 144. Long-billed Gnatwren** *Ramphocaenus melanurus*
2 Pax Guesthouse 11.3.
- 145. Yellow-legged Thrush** *Turdus flavipes*
1 male along the Spring Trail, Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3.

- 146. Cocoa Thrush** *Turdus fumigatus*
1 Pax Guesthouse 11.3, 4 Asa Wright NC 11.3, 5 Asa Wright NC 12.3, 5 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 3 Asa Wright NC Entrance Road 13.3.
- 147. Spectacled Thrush** *Turdus nudigenis*
Common on both islands. Totally 57 birds recorded 7-20.3.
- 148. White-necked Thrush** *Turdus albicollis*
1 Asa Wright NC Entrance Road 12.3, 3 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 1 Asa Wright NC 14.3.
- 149. Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus*
Common on both islands. 5-15 birds recorded daily 7-20.3.
- 150. Northern Waterthrush** *Parkesia noveboracensis*
2 Caroni Swamp 8.3, 1 Asa Wright NC 11.3, 12.3 and 13.3. 1 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 1 Grafton Beach 17.3.
- 151. Masked Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis aequinoctialis*
1 Nariva Swamp 10.3.
- 152. Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga petechia*
1 Pax Guesthouse 7.3, 2 Pax Guesthouse 11.3.
- 153. Golden-crowned Warbler** *Basileuterus culicivorus*
1 Pax Guesthouse 8.3, 3 Pax Guesthouse 9.3, 2 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 1 Asa Wright NC Entrance Road 13.3.
- 154. White-shouldered Tanager** *Tachyphonus luctuosus*
1 male Pax Guesthouse 8.3.
- 155. White-lined Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufus*
Common on both islands. Totally 85 birds recorded 7-20.3.
- 156. Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo*
c.5 Asa Wright NC 11.3 and 12.3.
- 157. Blue-gray Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus*
Common on both islands. Up to 20 birds daily 7-20.3.



- 158. Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum*
The most common tanager. Up to 30 birds daily 7-20.3.

- 159. Speckled Tanager** *Tangara guttata*
1 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.
- 160. Turquoise Tanager** *Tangara mexicana*
2 Pax Guesthouse 7.3, 1 Pax Guesthouse 9.3 and 11.3, 4 Asa Wright NC 12.3, 2 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.
- 161. Bay-headed Tanager** *Tangara gyrola*
1 Pax Guesthouse 8.3, 2 Asa Wright NC 11.3 and 12.3, 6 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 2 Asa Wright Entrance Road 13.3.
- 162. Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis*
1 male and 1 female Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.
- 163. Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana*
2 Pax Guesthouse 7.3, 3 Asa Wright NC 12.3 and 13.3.
- 164. Purple Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes caeruleus*
2 Pax Guesthouse 7.3, 3 Pax Guesthouse 8.3, 5 Yerette 9.3, c.15 daily Asa Wight 11-14.3.
- 165. Red-legged Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes cyaneus*
1 male Speyside Lookout 18.3, 5 Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3, 1 male Speyside Lookout 20.3.
- 166. Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza*
Up to 10 daily Asa Wright NC 11-14.3.
- 167. Grassland Yellow-Finch** *Sicalis luteola*
3 Aripo Livestock Station 10.3.
- 168. Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina*
1 Pax Guesthouse 8.3, 5 Pax Guesthouse 9.3, 5 Nariva Swamp 10.3, 5 Speyside Lookout 18.3, 1 Speyside Lookout 20.3.
- 169. Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola*
Abundant on both islands. The most common passerine with up to 30 birds daily 7-20.3.
- 170. Black-faced Grassquit** *Tiaris bicolor*
8 Fort Bennett, Grafton Beach 15.3, 1 Grafton Birdlife Sanctuary 16.3, 5 Turtle Beach 17.3, c.5 Speyside Lookout 18.3 and 20.3.
- 171. Grayish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens*
4 Pax Guesthouse 7.3, 2 Pax Guesthouse 8.3, 9.3 and 11.3.
- 172. Red-crowned Ant-Tanager** *Habia rubica*
1 Pax Guesthouse 9.3 and 11.3, 2 Asa Wright NC Entrance Road 12.3, 1 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, 2 Asa Wright NC 14.3.
- 173. Red-breasted Blackbird** *Sturnella militaris*
c.10 Aripo Livestock Station 10.3.
- 174. Carib Grackle** *Quiscalus lugubris*
Rather common on both islands. Totally 71 birds recorded 6-20.3.
- 175. Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis*
1 Pax Guesthouse 7.3, 1 Caroni Swamp 8.3, c.10 Nariva Swamp 10.3, 1 Speyside Lookout 18.3.
- 176. Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus*
1 Brasso Seco 13.3, c.15 Roxborough-Main Ridge Forest Reserve 19.3.

177. Yellow Oriole *Icterus nigrogularis*

1-2 daily Pax Guesthouse 7-9.3, 2 Nariva Swamp 10.3, 2 Asa Wright NC 11.3, 1 + 3 heard Asa Wright NC 12.3, 1 heard Blanchisseuse Road 13.3.



178. Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela*

4 Sangre Grande 10.3, 3 Brasso Seco 13.3.

179. Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus*

Common on both islands, especially Trinidad. A nesting colony in front of the veranda at Asa Wright NC.

180. Trinidad Euphonia *Euphonia trinitatis*

1 male Blanchisseuse Road 13.3

181. Violaceous Euphonia *Euphonia violacea*

1 Aripo 10.3, 3 Asa Wright NC 11.3, c.10 Asa Wright NC 12.3, c.15 Blanchisseuse Road 13.3, c.5 Asa Wright NC 14.3.

Mammals and herptiles

Proboscis Bat *Rhynchonycteris naso*

10 Caroni Swamp boat trip 8.3.

Orange-rumped Agouti *Dasyprocta leporine*

3-4 at the feeders at Asa Wright NC 11-14.3.

Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis*

1 Asa Wright NC 11.3, 2 Asa Wright NC 12.3.

Cook's Tree Boa *Corallus ruschenbergii*

1 Caroni Swamp boat trip 8.3.

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*

1 Manzanilla 8.3

Golden Tegu *Tupinambis teguixin*

1 Asa Wright NC 11.3