

Bird list for La Gamba

The following checklist contains all the species of bird reliably recorded in La Gamba until the end of April 2007. It essentially covers the following areas:-

- the gardens of the Tropical Research Station La Gamba and the Esquinas Rainforest Lodge;
- the primary and secondary forests adjacent to the Tropical Research Station La Gamba and the Esquinas Rainforest Lodge, including the Esquinas forest between the Lodge and the Playa Josecito beach;
- the banks of the Rio Bonito;
- the agriculturally cultivated areas around the village of La Gamba and along the road between the Panamerican Highway and the Esquinas Rainforest Lodge; and
- the coast (by the Playa Josecito beach and by Golfito) with the mangroves of Golfito and Rio Coto.

Birds, especially migrants, naturally move between these different areas but many species nevertheless have particular habitat preferences. The checklist thus gives indications of the habitats in which the various species are most likely to be seen. The following major habitat types are distinguished:-

- forest: either primary or secondary forest and either within the forest interior or at the forest edge.
- cleared areas: the gardens of Tropical Research Station La Gamba and the Esquinas Rainforest Lodge and the agricultural areas by La Gamba and along the roadside.
- streams: the Rio Bonito and the smaller streams within the forest.
- coast / mangroves: including wintering waders feeding on the mudflats.

The table also indicates whether birds are resident (r) or migrants / winter visitors (w); this column is left blank for particularly rare species that could in principle be encountered at any time of the year.

Three species are included on the list although they are of captive origin or their identification is not fully certain. They are printed in *italics* and a note is given below the table.

Some attempt has been made to indicate the likelihood of seeing (or at least hearing) particular species in the appropriate habitat. The classification is necessarily crude but we hope that it will help visitors both to know what species might be “expected” in a brief stay at La Gamba and possibly also to identify the birds they may see in the area. The symbols used are:-

c – common (can be expected daily or nearly so in suitable habitat)

fc – fairly common (can be expected at least once a week in suitable habitat)

r – rare (seen less often than once a week in suitable habitat)

v – vagrant (generally fewer than five records)

The taxonomy of birds is currently a matter of much debate and no single taxonomic list of birds is accepted by all. For reasons of simplicity we have decided to adhere to the most recent release of the list of the late Jim Clements (Clements, J.F. 2000. *Birds of the World: a Checklist. Fifth Edition.* Ibis Publishing.) together with all updates released until the end of 2006 (see <http://www.ibispub.com/updates.html>). If the standard field guide to Costa

Rica (Stiles & Skutch 1989) refers to a species by a different name, this is generally given in parentheses.

Finally, it should be noted that the vast majority of ornithological work in the La Gamba area has been performed in the “winter” months, from November to about April. This is the time when most species are encountered but the possibility that some birds regularly occur in La Gamba during the late summer, for example as a result of post-breeding dispersion, cannot be discounted. Any such species are likely to be underrecorded.

No		Resident / migrant / winter visitor	Forest	Cleared / semi- open areas	Streams	Coast / mangroves
	Tinamidae Tinamous					
1	Great Tinamou <i>Tinamus major</i>	r	fc			
2	Little Tinamou <i>Crypturellus soui</i>	r	c			
	Anatidae Swans, Ducks					
3	White-faced Whistling-Duck <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	w		v		
4	Black-bellied Whistling-Duck <i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>	w		fc		
	Cracidae Curassows, Guans					
5	Gray-headed Chachalaca <i>Oryzopsis cinereiceps</i>	r		fc		
6	Crested Guan <i>Penelope purpurascens</i>	r	fc			
7	Great Curassow <i>Crax rubra</i>	r	fc			
	Odontophoridae New World Quails					
8	Marbled Wood-Quail <i>Odontophorus gujanensis</i>	r	r			
	Sulidae Gannets, Boobies					
9	Brown Booby <i>Sula leucogaster</i>	r				c
	Pelecanidae Pelicans					
10	Brown Pelican <i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	r				c
	Phalacrocoracidae Cormorants					
11	Neotropic Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	r			c	c
	Anhingidae Darters/Anhingas					
12	Anhinga <i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	r				fc
	Fregatidae Frigatebirds					
13	Magnificent Frigatebird <i>Fregata magnificens</i>	r				c
	Ardeidae Herons					
14	Bare-throated Tiger-Heron <i>Tigrisoma mexicanum</i>	r			r	r
15	Great Blue Heron <i>Ardea herodias</i>	w				fc
16	Great Egret <i>Ardea alba</i>	r		fc	c	c
17	Snowy Egret <i>Egretta thula</i>	r		fc	c	c
18	Little Blue Heron <i>Egretta caerulea</i>	w		c	c	c
19	Tricolored Heron <i>Egretta tricolor</i>	w				fc
20	Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	r		c	fc	
21	Green Heron <i>Butorides virescens</i>	r		c	c	c
22	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron <i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	r				fc
23	Boat-billed Heron <i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>	r				r
	Threskiornithidae Ibises, Spoonbills					
24	White Ibis <i>Eudocimus albus</i>	r		fc	c	fc
25	Roseate Spoonbill <i>Platalea ajaja</i>	w		r		r
	Ciconiidae Storks					
26	Wood Stork <i>Mycteria americana</i>	r		fc	fc	
	Cathartidae New World Vultures					

27	Black Vulture <i>Coragyps atratus</i>	r	c	c	c	c
28	Turkey Vulture <i>Cathartes aura</i>	r	c	c	c	fc
29	King Vulture <i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>	r	fc	fc		
	Accipitridae Hawks, Eagles, Harriers					
30	Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	w			r	c
31	Gray-headed Kite <i>Leptodon cayanensis</i>	r	r			
32	Swallow-tailed Kite <i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	r	c			
33	Pearl Kite <i>Gampsonyx swainsonii</i>	r		r		
34	White-tailed Kite <i>Elanus leucurus</i>	r		r		
35	Northern Harrier <i>Circus cyaneus</i>	w		v		
36	Tiny Hawk <i>Accipiter superciliosus</i>	r	r			
37	Sharp-shinned Hawk <i>Accipiter striatus</i>	w	r			
38	Barred Hawk <i>Leucopternis princeps</i>		v			
39	White Hawk <i>Leucopternis albicollis</i>	r	fc			
40	Gray Hawk <i>Asturina nitida</i>	w	r			
41	Roadside Hawk <i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	r		c		
42	Broad-winged Hawk <i>Buteo platypterus</i>	w	c			
43	Short-tailed Hawk <i>Buteo brachyurus</i>	w	fc			
44	Swainson's Hawk <i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	w	r			
45	Black Hawk-Eagle <i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>	r	r			
	Falconidae Falcons, Caracaras					
46	Barred Forest-Falcon <i>Micrastur ruficollis</i>	r	fc			
47	Collared Forest-Falcon <i>Micrastur semitorquatus</i>	r	fc			
48	Crested Caracara <i>Caracara cheriway</i>	r		c		
49	Yellow-headed Caracara <i>Milvago chimachima</i>	r		c		r
50	Laughing Falcon <i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>	r		c		
51	Bat Falcon <i>Falco rufigularis</i>		v			
	Rallidae Rails, Crakes					
52	White-throated Crake <i>Laterallus albigularis</i>	r		c		
53	Gray-breasted Crake <i>Laterallus exilis</i>	r		fc		
54	Gray-necked Wood-Rail <i>Aramides cajanea</i>	r		r		
55	Paint-billed Crake <i>Neocrex erythrops</i>			v		
56	Purple Gallinule <i>Porphyrio martinica</i>	r		fc		
	Charadriidae Plovers, Lapwings					
57	Southern Lapwing <i>Vanellus chilensis</i>			v		
58	Black-bellied Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	w				fc
59	Semipalmated Plover <i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	w				c
	Haematopodidae Oystercatchers					
60	American Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus palliatus</i>	w				r
	Jacanidae Jacanas					
61	Northern Jacana <i>Jacana spinosa</i>	r		c		
62	Wattled Jacana <i>Jacana jacana</i>			v		
	Scolopacidae Waders					
63	Greater Yellowlegs <i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	w			fc	fc
64	Solitary Sandpiper <i>Tringa solitaria</i>	w		fc	fc	
65	Willet <i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>	w				c
66	Spotted Sandpiper <i>Actitis macularia</i>	w			c	c
67	Whimbrel <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	w				c
68	Marbled Godwit <i>Limosa fedoa</i>	w				r
69	Ruddy Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i>	w				fc
70	Wilson's Snipe <i>Gallinago delicata</i>	w		r		
	Laridae Gulls					
71	Laughing Gull <i>Larus atricilla</i>	r				c
	Sternidae Terns					
72	Royal Tern <i>Sterna maxima</i>	r				c
73	Sandwich Tern <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	r				fc
	Columbidae Pigeons, Doves					
74	Rock Pigeon <i>Columba livia</i>	r		fc		
75	Pale-vented Pigeon <i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	r		c		

76	Red-billed Pigeon <i>Patagioenas flavirostris</i>	r		c		
77	Short-billed Pigeon <i>Patagioenas nigrirostris</i>	r	c			
78	Ruddy Ground-Dove <i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	r		c		
79	Blue Ground-Dove <i>Claravis pretiosa</i>	r		fc	fc	
80	White-tipped Dove <i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	r		c	c	
81	Gray-fronted Dove <i>Leptotila rufaxilla</i>	r	fc			
82	Gray-chested Dove <i>Leptotila cassini</i>	r	c			
83	Ruddy Quail-Dove <i>Geotrygon montana</i>	r	fc			
	Psittacidae Parrots					
84	Scarlet Macaw <i>Ara macao</i>	r			c	
85	Crimson-fronted Parakeet <i>Aratinga finschi</i>	r		fc		
86	Brown-throated Parakeet <i>Aratinga pertinax</i>	r		fc		
87	Orange-chinned Parakeet <i>Brotogeris jugularis</i>	r		c		
88	Brown-hooded Parrot <i>Pionopsitta haematotis</i>	r	r	r		
89	Blue-headed Parrot <i>Pionus menstruus</i>	r	fc	c		
90	White-crowned Parrot <i>Pionus senilis</i>	r	fc	fc		
91	Red-lored Parrot <i>Amazona autumnalis</i>	r	r	c		
92	Mealy Parrot <i>Amazona farinosa</i>	r	fc	fc		
	Coccyzidae New World Cuckoos					
93	Yellow-billed Cuckoo <i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	w			v	
94	Mangrove Cuckoo <i>Coccyzus minor</i>	r				r
95	Squirrel Cuckoo <i>Piaya cayana</i>	r	c	c		
	Neomorphidae Ground-cuckoos and Allies					
96	Striped Cuckoo <i>Tapera naevia</i>	r		c		
	Crotophagidae Anis					
97	Smooth-billed Ani <i>Crotophaga ani</i>	r		c		
	Strigidae Typical Owls					
98	Spectacled Owl <i>Pulsatrix perspicillata</i>	r	fc			
	Caprimulgidae Nightjars					
99	Short-tailed Nighthawk <i>Lurocalis semitorquatus</i>	r		fc		
100	Lesser Nighthawk <i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>	r		c		
101	Common Pauraque <i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>	r		c		
	Nyctibiidae Potoos					
102	Common Potoo <i>Nyctibius griseus</i>	r		r		
	Apodidae Swifts					
103	White-collared Swift <i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	r	fc	fc		
104	Costa Rican Swift <i>Chaetura fumosa</i>	r	c	c	c	
105	Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift <i>Panyptila cayennensis</i>	r	r	r		
	Trochilidae Hummingbirds					
106	Bronzy Hermit <i>Glaucis aenea</i>	r	c	fc		
107	Band-tailed Barbthroat <i>Threnetes ruckeri</i>	r	fc			
108	Long-billed Hermit <i>Phaethornis longirostris</i>	r	c	fc		
109	Stripe-throated Hermit <i>Phaethornis strigularis</i>	r	fc	fc		
110	White-tipped Sicklebill <i>Eutoxeres aquila</i>	r	fc			
111	Scaly-breasted Hummingbird <i>Phaeochroa cuvierii</i>	r	fc			
112	Violet Sabrewing <i>Campylopterus hemileucurus</i>	w	r	r		
113	White-necked Jacobin <i>Florisuga mellivora</i>	r	c	fc	c	
114	Violet-headed Hummingbird <i>Klais guimeti</i>	r	r	r		
115	White-crested Coquette <i>Lophornis adorabilis</i>			v		
116	Garden Emerald <i>Chlorostilbon assimilis</i>	r	fc	r		
117	Violet-crowned Woodnymph <i>Thalurania colombica</i>	r	c			
118	Blue-throated Goldentail <i>Hylocharis eliciae</i>	r	r	r		
119	Charming Hummingbird <i>Amazilia decora</i>	r	c	c		
120	Snowy-bellied Hummingbird <i>Amazilia edward</i>	r	r			
121	Rufous-tailed Hummingbird <i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>	r		c		
122	Purple-crowned Fairy <i>Heliostyris barroti</i>	r		fc		
123	Long-billed Starthroat <i>Heliomaster longirostris</i>	r		r		
124	Ruby-throated Hummingbird <i>Archilochus colubris</i>	w		r		
	Trogonidae Trogons, Quetzals					
125	Baird's Trogon <i>Trogon bairdii</i>	r	c	fc		

126	Violaceous Trogon <i>Trogon violaceus</i>	r	fc		
127	Black-throated Trogon <i>Trogon rufus</i>	r	fc		
128	Slaty-tailed Trogon <i>Trogon massena</i>	r	c	r	
	Motmotidae Motmots				
129	Blue-crowned Motmot <i>Momotus momota</i>	r	c	r	
	Cerylidae Green, Giant Kingfishers				
130	Ringed Kingfisher <i>Ceryle torquata</i>	r		fc	c
131	Belted Kingfisher <i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	w		r	fc
132	Amazon Kingfisher <i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	r		fc	r
133	Green Kingfisher <i>Chloroceryle americana</i>	r		c	c
134	American Pygmy-Kingfisher <i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>	r		r	r
	Bucconidae Puffbirds				
135	White-necked Puffbird <i>Notharchus macrorhynchos</i>		v		
136	White-whiskered Puffbird <i>Malacoptila panamensis</i>	r	fc		
	Galbulidae Jacamars				
137	Rufous-tailed Jacamar <i>Galbula ruficauda</i>	r	c		
	Ramphastidae Toucans				
138	Fiery-billed Araçari <i>Pteroglossus frantzii</i>	r	c	r	
139	Chestnut-mandibled Toucan <i>Ramphastos swainsonii</i>	r	c	fc	
	Picidae Woodpeckers				
140	Olivaceous Piculet <i>Picumnus olivaceus</i>	r		c	
141	Golden-naped Woodpecker <i>Melanerpes chrysauchen</i>	r	c	fc	
142	Red-crowned Woodpecker <i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>	r	c	c	
143	Red-rumped Woodpecker <i>Veniliornis kirkii</i>	r	r	r	
144	Rufous-winged Woodpecker <i>Piculus simplex</i>	r	c	r	
145	Lineated Woodpecker <i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	r	c	c	
146	Pale-billed Woodpecker <i>Campephilus guatemalensis</i>	r	fc	r	
	Furnariidae Ovenbirds				
147	Pale-breasted Spinetail <i>Synallaxis albescens</i>	r		c	
148	Slaty Spinetail <i>Synallaxis brachyura</i>	r		r	
149	Striped Woodhaunter <i>Hyloctistes subulatus</i>	r	fc		
150	Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner <i>Automolus ochrolaemus</i>	r	c		
151	Plain Xenops <i>Xenops minutus</i>	r	fc		
	Dendrocolaptidae Woodcreepers				
152	Tawny-winged Woodcreeper <i>Dendrocincla anabatina</i>	r	c		
153	Long-tailed Woodcreeper <i>Deconychura longicauda</i>	r	r		
154	Wedge-billed Woodcreeper <i>Glyphorhynchus spirurus</i>	r	c	fc	
155	Northern Barred-Woodcreeper <i>Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae</i>	r	fc		
156	Cocoa Woodcreeper <i>Xiphorhynchus susurrans</i>	r	c	fc	
157	Black-striped Woodcreeper <i>Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus</i>	r	c	r	
158	Streak-headed Woodcreeper <i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>	r	fc	fc	
159	Brown-billed Scythebill <i>Campylorhamphus pusillus</i>	r	r		
	Thamnophilidae Antbirds				
160	Great Antshrike <i>Taraba major</i>	r		r	
161	Barred Antshrike <i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>	r		fc	
162	Black-hooded Antshrike <i>Thamnophilus bridgesi</i>	r	c		
163	Russet Antshrike <i>Thamnistes anabatinus</i>	r	fc		
164	Plain Antwren <i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i>	r	r		
165	Dot-winged Antwren <i>Microrhophias quixensis</i>	r	c		
166	Chestnut-backed Antbird <i>Myrmeciza exsul</i>	r	c		
167	Bicolored Antbird <i>Gymnophrys leucaspis</i>	r	c		
168	Ocellated Antbird <i>Phaenostictus mcleannani</i>	r	r		
	Formicariidae Antthrushes, Antpittas				
169	Black-faced Antthrush <i>Formicarius analis</i>	r	c		
170	Rufous-breasted Antthrush <i>Formicarius rufipectus</i>		v?		
	Tyrannidae Tyrant Flycatchers				
171	Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet <i>Ornithion semiflavum</i>	r	fc		

172	Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet <i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>	r		c		
173	Yellow Tyrannulet <i>Capsiempis flaveola</i>	r		c		
174	Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet <i>Tyrannulus elatus</i>	r	fc	fc		
175	Greenish Elaenia <i>Myiopagis viridicata</i>	r		r		
176	Yellow-bellied Elaenia <i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	r		c		
177	Lesser Elaenia <i>Elaenia chiriquensis</i>	r		fc		
178	Ochre-bellied Flycatcher <i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>	r	c	r		
179	Sepia-capped Flycatcher <i>Leptopogon amaurocephalus</i>	r	fc			
180	Paltry Tyrannulet <i>Zimmerius vilissimus</i>	r		c		
181	Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant <i>Lophotriccus pileatus</i>	r	fc			
182	Northern Bentbill <i>Oncostoma cinereigulare</i>	r	c			
183	Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher <i>Poecilotriccus sylvia</i>	r	fc	r		
184	Common Tody-Flycatcher <i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>	r		c		
185	Eye-ringed Flatbill <i>Rhynchocyclus brevirostris</i>	r	fc			
186	Yellow-olive Flycatcher <i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>	r		c		
187	Yellow-margined Flycatcher <i>Tolmomyias assimilis</i>		v			
188	Golden-crowned Spadebill <i>Platyrinchus coronatus</i>	r	c			
189	Royal Flycatcher <i>Onychorhynchus coronatus</i>	r	r			
190	Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher <i>Terentriacus erythrus</i>	r	r			
191	Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher <i>Myiobius sulphureipygius</i>	r	fc			
192	Eastern Wood-Pewee <i>Contopus virens</i>	w	v			
193	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher <i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>	w	fc			
194	Willow Flycatcher <i>Empidonax traillii</i>	w	v			
195	Least Flycatcher <i>Empidonax minimus</i>	w	v	v		
196	Bright-rumped Attila <i>Attila spadiceus</i>	r	c			
197	Rufous Mourner <i>Rhytipterna holerythra</i>	r	fc			
198	Dusky-capped Flycatcher <i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>	r	c	fc		
199	Great Crested Flycatcher <i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	r	fc	fc		
200	Great Kiskadee <i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	r		c	c	c
201	Boat-billed Flycatcher <i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>	r		c		
202	Rusty-margined Flycatcher <i>Myiozetes cayanensis</i>			v		
203	Social Flycatcher <i>Myiozetetes similis</i>	r		c	c	
204	Gray-capped Flycatcher <i>Myiozetetes granadensis</i>	r		c	c	
205	Streaked Flycatcher <i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	r		fc		
206	Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher <i>Myiodynastes luteiventris</i>	r	r			
207	Piratic Flycatcher <i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>	r		c		
208	Tropical Kingbird <i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	r		c	c	
209	Fork-tailed Flycatcher <i>Tyrannus savana</i>	r		r		
210	Thrush-like Schiffornis <i>Schiffornis turdinus</i>	r	fc			
211	Rufous Piha <i>Lipaugus unirufus</i>	r	c			
212	Speckled Mourner <i>Laniocera rufescens</i>	r	r			
213	Cinnamon Becard <i>Pachyramphus cinnamomeus</i>	r	r	r		
214	White-winged Becard <i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>	r	fc	fc		
215	Black-and-white Becard <i>Pachyramphus albogriseus</i>	r	r			
216	Rose-throated Becard <i>Pachyramphus aglaiae</i>	r	r	fc		c
217	Masked Tityra <i>Tityra semifasciata</i>	r	c	c		
218	Black-crowned Tityra <i>Tityra inquisitor</i>	r	fc	fc		
	Cotingidae Cotingas					
219	Turquoise Cotinga <i>Cotinga ridgwayi</i>	r	r			
220	Yellow-billed Cotinga <i>Carpodectes antoniae</i>	r	v			
221	Three-wattled Bellbird <i>Procnias tricarunculata</i>	w	v			
	Pipridae Manakins					
222	Orange-collared Manakin <i>Manacus aurantiacus</i>	r	c	fc		
223	Blue-crowned Manakin <i>Pipra coronata</i>	r	c			
224	Red-capped Manakin <i>Pipra mentalis</i>	r	c	r		
	Vireonidae Vireos					
225	Yellow-throated Vireo <i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	w		c		
226	Red-eyed Vireo <i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	w	c			
227	Scrub Greenlet <i>Hylophilus flavipes</i>	r		c		
228	Tawny-crowned Greenlet <i>Hylophilus ochraceiceps</i>	r	fc			
229	Lesser Greenlet <i>Hylophilus decurtatus</i>	r	c			
230	Green Shrike-Vireo <i>Vireolanius pulchellus</i>	r	c			
	Corvidae Crows, Jays, Magpies					
231	White-throated Magpie-Jay <i>Calocitta formosa</i>			v		
232	Brown Jay <i>Cyanocorax morio</i>			v		

	Hirundinidae Swallows, Martins					
233	Gray-breasted Martin <i>Progne chalybea</i>	r		c	c	
234	Brown-chested Martin <i>Progne tapera</i>	w		v		
235	Mangrove Swallow <i>Tachycineta albilinea</i>	r		c	c	c
236	Northern Rough-winged Swallow <i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	w			v	
237	Southern Rough-winged Swallow <i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	r		c	c	
238	Bank Swallow <i>Riparia riparia</i>	w		v		
239	Cliff Swallow <i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	w		v		
240	Barn Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	w		fc		
	Troglodytidae Wrens					
241	Black-bellied Wren <i>Thryothorus fasciatoventris</i>	r	c			
242	Riverside Wren <i>Thryothorus semibadius</i>	r	c		c	
243	Plain Wren <i>Thryothorus modestus</i>	r		c		
244	House Wren <i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	r		c		
245	White-breasted Wood-Wren <i>Henicorhina leucosticta</i>	r	r			
246	Whistling Wren <i>Microcerculus luscini</i>	r	c			
	Cinclidae Dippers					
247	American Dipper <i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>	w			v	
	Sylviidae Old World Warblers					
248	Long-billed Gnatwren <i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i>	r	fc			
249	Tropical Gnatcatcher <i>Poliopitila plumbea</i>	r		c		
	Turdidae Thrushes					
250	Swainson's Thrush <i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	w	fc			
251	Clay-colored Robin <i>Turdus grayi</i>	r		c		
252	White-throated Robin <i>Turdus assimilis</i>	r	fc	r		
	Parulidae New World Warblers					
253	Golden-winged Warbler <i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	w		r		
254	Tennessee Warbler <i>Vermivora peregrina</i>	w	c	c		
255	Yellow Warbler <i>Dendroica petechia</i>	w		fc	fc	fc
256	Chestnut-sided Warbler <i>Dendroica pensylvanica</i>	w	c	c		
257	Yellow-rumped Warbler <i>Dendroica coronata</i>	w		v		
258	Bay-breasted Warbler <i>Dendroica castanea</i>	w		r		
259	Black-and-white Warbler <i>Mniotilta varia</i>	w	r	r		
260	American Redstart <i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	w	r			
261	Prothonotary Warbler <i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	w		r		r
262	Ovenbird <i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	w	v			
263	Northern Waterthrush <i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>	w		r	fc	
264	Louisiana Waterthrush <i>Seiurus motacilla</i>	w			v	
265	Kentucky Warbler <i>Oporornis formosus</i>	w		v		
266	Mourning Warbler <i>Oporornis philadelphia</i>	w	r	fc		
267	Common Yellowthroat <i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	w		v		
268	Gray-crowned Yellowthroat <i>Geothlypis poliocephala</i>	r		r		
269	Hooded Warbler <i>Wilsonia citrina</i>	w		v		
270	Wilson's Warbler <i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>	w		v		
271	Buff-rumped Warbler <i>Phaeothlypis fulvicauda</i>	r			fc	
272	Yellow-breasted Chat <i>Icteria virens</i>	w		v		
	Coerebidae Bananaquit					
273	Bananaquit <i>Coereba flaveola</i>	r	fc	c		
	Thraupidae Tanagers					
274	Gray-headed Tanager <i>Eucometis penicillata</i>	r	fc			
275	White-throated Shrike-Tanager <i>Lanio leucothorax</i>	r	fc			
276	White-shouldered Tanager <i>Tachyphonus luctuosus</i>	r	c			
277	White-lined Tanager <i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	r		c		
278	Black-cheeked Ant-Tanager <i>Habia atrimaxillaris</i>	r	c			
279	Hepatic Tanager <i>Piranga flava</i>	r	r			
280	Summer Tanager <i>Piranga rubra</i>	w	fc	fc		
281	Scarlet Tanager <i>Piranga olivacea</i>	w		r		
282	Cherrie's Tanager <i>Ramphocelus costaricensis</i>	r	r	c	c	
283	Blue-gray Tanager <i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	r	c	c	c	
284	Palm Tanager <i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	r	c	c		
285	Bay-headed Tanager <i>Tangara gyrola</i>	r	c	fc		
286	Golden-hooded Tanager <i>Tangara larvata</i>	r	c	c		

287	Scarlet-thighed Dacnis <i>Dacnis venusta</i>	r		r		
288	Blue Dacnis <i>Dacnis cayana</i>	r	fc	fc		
289	Green Honeycreeper <i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>	r	c	c		
290	Shining Honeycreeper <i>Cyanerpes lucidus</i>	r	c	c		
291	Red-legged Honeycreeper <i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>	r	c	c		
	Emberizidae Buntings					
292	Blue-black Grassquit <i>Volatinia jacarina</i>	r		c		
293	Slate-colored Seedeater <i>Sporophila schistacea</i>	r		r	r	
294	Variable Seedeater <i>Sporophila americana</i>	r		c	c	
295	White-collared Seedeater <i>Sporophila torqueola</i>	r		r		
296	Yellow-bellied Seedeater <i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>	r		fc		
397	Ruddy-breasted Seedeater <i>Sporophila minuta</i>	r		fc		
398	Thick-billed Seed-Finch <i>Oryzoborus funereus</i>	r	r	fc		
399	Yellow-faced Grassquit <i>Tiaris olivacea</i>	r		v		
300	Orange-billed Sparrow <i>Arremon aurantirostris</i>	r	c			
301	Black-striped Sparrow <i>Arremonops conirostris</i>	r		c	fc	
	Cardinalidae Cardinals, Grosbeaks					
302	Streaked Saltator <i>Saltator striatipectus</i>	r		fc		
303	Buff-throated Saltator <i>Saltator maximus</i>	r	fc	c		
304	Blue-black Grosbeak <i>Cyanocompsa cyanoides</i>	r	fc	fc		
305	Indigo Bunting <i>Passerina cyanea</i>	w		r		
306	Painted Bunting <i>Passerina ciris</i>	w		r		
	Icteridae New World Orioles					
307	Red-breasted Blackbird <i>Sturnella militaris</i>	r		c		
308	Eastern Meadowlark <i>Sturnella magna</i>	r		r		
309	Great-tailed Grackle <i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>	r		c	c	c
310	Bronzed Cowbird <i>Molothrus aeneus</i>	r		fc		
311	Giant Cowbird <i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>	r		fc		
312	Orchard Oriole <i>Icterus spurius</i>	w		fc		
313	Baltimore Oriole <i>Icterus galbula</i>	w		fc		
314	Yellow-billed Caticue <i>Amblycercus holosericeus</i>	r		r		
315	Scarlet-rumped Caticue <i>Cacicus uropygialis</i>	r	c	r		
	Fringillidae Finches					
316	Yellow-crowned Euphonia <i>Euphonia luteicapilla</i>	r		c		
317	Thick-billed Euphonia <i>Euphonia laniirostris</i>	r		fc		
318	Yellow-throated Euphonia <i>Euphonia hirundinacea</i>	r		fc		
319	Spot-crowned Euphonia <i>Euphonia imitans</i>	r	c	r		
320	White-vented Euphonia <i>Euphonia minuta</i>	r		r		

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There is one fairly reliable sight record of Rufous-breasted Antthrush from February 2007. This species is not known to occur on the Pacific slope of Costa Rica, although there have also been (questionable) sight records from the Bosque del Río Tigre Lodge on the Osa Peninsula and the species is known to occur on the Pacific slope in Panama.

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