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Trinidad & Tobago Tour March 7 - 16, 2015

Tour Species List

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Sites visited: **Trinidad:** Asa Wright Nature Center (AWNC), Blanchisseuse Road of the Northern Range, Brasso Seco, Aripo Savannah, Nariva Swamp, Caroni Marsh, Yerette Hummingbird Garden; **Tobago:** Blue Waters Inn (BWI), Little Tobago Island, Gilpin Trace on the Main Ridge Preserve, pond near airport

(H) = Species heard only

Number of days encountered in parentheses

BIRDS

Little Tinamou (2) (H) In the valley at Asa Wright Nature Center (ASNC)
Blue-winged Teal (1) Pair on a pond near the Tobago airport
White-cheeked Pintail (1) Pair on a pond near the Tobago airport
Rufous-vented Chachalaca (3) Seen daily around Blue Waters Inn (BWI)
Leach's Storm-Petrel (1) Seen at the Atlantic Ocean beach on the trip to the Nariva Swamp
Red-billed Tropicbird (3) Seen on the nest and flying at Little Tobago Island
Brown Booby (3) Seen on the nest and flying at Little Tobago Island
Red-footed Booby (1) Seen on the nest on Little Tobago Island
Brown Pelican (5) Seen at the beach on the Atlantic Ocean and trip to BWI
Neotropic Cormorant (1) Seen at the Caroni Marsh
Anhinga (1) Seen over a pond on trip to Caroni Marsh
Magnificent Frigatebird (5) Seen at ocean on Navira Swamp trip and in Tobago

Great Blue Heron (1) Along the edge of a pond near the Tobago airport
Cocoi Heron (1) On a pond near the Caroni Marsh
Great Egret (4) Seen on each trip to the Aripo Savannah
Snowy Egret (1) Flew in to roost near the Scarlet Ibis on Caroni Marsh
Little Blue Heron (3) Roosting with the Scarlet Ibis and on Tobago ponds
Tricolored Heron (2) At the Scarlet Ibis roost and pond near the Tobago airport
Green Heron (1) On the pond near the Tobago airport
Striated Heron (3) Seen on each visit to the Aripo Savannah
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (3) At the Caroni Marsh and around ponds on Tobago
Boat-billed Heron (1) Flew over the group at the Caroni Marsh
Scarlet Ibis (1) Target trip bird, thousands came in to roost at the Caroni Marsh
Black Vulture (6) Daily sightings at all locations on Trinidad & Tobago
Turkey Vulture (6) Daily sightings at all locations on Trinidad & Tobago
Osprey (5) Seen on the Caroni Marsh and over the bay at BWI, Tobago
Pearl Kite (1) Loudly vocalizing from a treetop at the entrance to the Aripo Savannah
Double-toothed Kite (1) Seen at the Aripo Savannah
Plumbeous Kite (1) Found perched in a tree on the Blanchisseuse Road
White Hawk (2) Soaring in the AWNC valley and near Brasso Seco
Common Black Hawk (5) Seen daily perched along the road, soaring, and in the AWNC valley
Great Black Hawk (1) Three seen soaring low over the visitor's center at the Ridge Forest Reserve in Tobago
Savanna Hawk (1) Nice scope looks on the Caroni Marsh trip
Broad-winged Hawk (5) Seen on the forest edges and soaring in valleys on Trinidad and twice at Tobago
Short-tailed Hawk (4) Seen daily on trips on Trinidad
Zone-tailed Hawk (2) Seen in a valley on a van stop and at the Aripo Savannah
Black Hawk-Eagle (2) Soaring over the AWNC valley and along the Blanchisseuse Road
Crested Caracara (1) Scope views of pair on the ground in the coconut palm grove on drive to Nariva Swamp
Yellow-headed Caracara (1) Perched in the coconut palms on the drive to Nariva Swamp
Merlin (1) Close to the road in a tree on the Aripo Savannah
Peregrine Falcon (2) One flew over the roosting Scarlet Ibis at the Caroni Marsh and one seen over Little Tobago Island
Gray-necked Wood-Rail (1) Pair found roosting along the water on the Caroni Marsh
Purple Gallinule (1) Found in a pond on the Nariva Swamp
Limpkin (1) Seen by Barb in a ditch on the drive to the Trinidad airport
Southern Lapwing (6) Seen near water on both islands
Semipalmated Plover (1) On the edges of a pond with Scarlet Ibis at the Caroni Marsh
Wattled Jacana (2) On the Aripo Savannah and the Nariva Swamp ponds
Greater Yellowlegs (2) On the Caroni Swamp and pond near Tobago airport
Lesser Yellowlegs (1) On the pond near the Tobago airport
Solitary Sandpiper (2) On the Aripo Savannah and the pond near the Tobago airport
Spotted Sandpiper (4) At the Nariva Swamp, along the Caroni Marsh, and from BWI
Ruddy Turnstone (3) Residents on the beach at the BWI, Tobago
Semipalmated Sandpiper (1) Flock seen flying near the Caroni Marsh
Laughing Gull (2) Seen on drive to BWI and in the bay near Goat Island

Rock Pigeon (6) Seen daily from the van at both islands

Pale-vented Pigeon (3) Heard and seen at the Caroni Marsh and drive to Gilpin Trace on Tobago

Scaled Pigeon (1) Seen in the valley at AWNC

Eared Dove (4) Close views at the Yerrete Hummingbird house and van ride to Gilpin Trace, Tobago

Common Ground Dove (1) On the ground at the outdoor airport lunch location

Ruddy Ground Dove (5) Seen on each trip to the Aripo Savannah

White-tipped Dove (5) Common on the grounds of the BWI, Tobago

Gray-fronted Dove (2) Seen at the Aripo Savannah

Red-bellied Macaw (1) This beautiful bird was seen in palm trees on the Nariva Swamp

Blue-and-yellow Macaw (1) What a surprise, three were seen flying, and then perched on a nesting stump at the Nariva Swamp, providing good scope views

Green-rumped Parrotlet (2) Picked as the “cutest” bird, good scope looks near the Nariva Swamp

Blue-headed Parrot (3) Heard and seen flying at Brasso Seco and along the Blanchisseuse Rd.

Orange-winged Parrot (9) Seen and heard daily on both islands

Squirrel Cuckoo (1) Dave worked hard and finally coaxed this large cuckoo close to us for good views along the road to AWNC

Striped Cuckoo (1) Heard by Dave and Barry while watching the macaws at Nariva Swamp

Smooth-billed Ani (8) Seen around fields almost daily at both islands

Tropical Screech-Owl (4) Seen on Aripo Savannah night drive and night walk at AWNC

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (5) Heard every morning and night at AWNC, seen in a tree along the road to AWNC, seen on the night walk at AWNC

Mottled Owl (1) Heard in the morning in the valley at AWNC

Short-tailed Nighthawk (2) Seen in the evening on the grounds of AWNC

Common Pauraque (1) Eight were seen on the night drive on the Aripo Savannah

White-tailed Nightjar (1) Nice views of 3, one of them in the middle of the road on the night drive on the Aripo Savannah

Common Potoo (3) On the Aripo Savannah night drive, from the boat on the Caroni Marsh, and in a tree at a pond near the Tobago airport

Oilbird (1) Another target species, seen near the cave entrance sitting on nests

Short-tailed Swift (3) Seen on the drive to Gilpin Trace, Tobago

Band-rumped Swift (2) Viewed from the Blanchisseuse Road from above to compare with Gray-Rumped

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Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift (1) Seen over the valley at AWNC

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift (1) Seen flying over the Caroni Marsh

Rufous-breasted Hermit (5) Seen at feeders at AWNC, Yerrete, and BWI

Green Hermit (4) Seen at feeders at AWNC

Little Hermit (2) At shrimp plants at AWNC and feeder at Yerrete

White-tailed Saberwing (1) Scope views of perched bird at Gilpin Trace

White-necked Jacobin (9) Most common hummingbird; seen on both islands

Brown Violetear (1) First found by Barb and Ellen, and then seen by the group at Yerrete

Green-throated Mango (1) Four seen on the boat ride at Caroni Marsh

Black-throated Mango (8) Seen daily at all hummingbird feeders

Ruby-topaz Hummingbird (4) What a beautiful bird, this group favorite was seen at Yerrete and the feeders at BWI, Tobago

Tufted Coquette (6) This very small hummingbird could be found daily at AWNC

Blue-chinned Sapphire (6) Found daily at the AWNC feeders

Blue-tailed Emerald (3) Seen occasionally at the AWNC feeders

White-chested Emerald (6) Seen daily at AWNC feeders

Copper-rumped Hummingbird (9) Common hummer seen daily at all feeders

Long-billed Starthroat (4) Another beautiful bird, seen occasionally at flowers near the AWNC feeders and at Yerrete

Green-backed Trogon (5) Seen daily at AWNC, pair building a nest near veranda

Guianan Trogon (2) All three trogon species seen on the AWNC trails

Collared Trogon (4) Seen on AWNC trails and on the Gilpin Trace trail, Tobago

Trinidad Motmot (6) Seen and heard on the AWNC road, on the BWI grounds, and at lunch at Gilpin Trace

Ringed Kingfisher (1) Seen at the Caroni Marsh

Belted Kingfisher (2) Flew across the bay at BWI, Tobago

Green Kingfisher (2) Seen at the Caroni Marsh

American Pygmy Kingfisher (2) Heard twice, once at the Nariva Swamp and once at Caroni Marsh

Rufous-tailed Jacamar (2) Found along the Blanchisseuse Road and four seen at Gilpin Trace in Tobago

Channel-billed Toucan (3) Seen perched at the top of trees in the valley at AWNC

Red-crowned Woodpecker (2) Found excavating a hole on the grounds at BWI, Tobago

Red-rumped Woodpecker (2) Busy cleaning out a nesting cavity near the Blanchisseuse Road

Golden-olive Woodpecker (2) Seen off the Blanchisseuse Road in Trinidad and at Gilpin Trace on Tobago

Lineated Woodpecker (4) Scope views on the grounds of AWNC

Stripe-breasted Spinetail (3) On the trail to the manakins at AWNC and at Gilpin Trace on Tobago

Yellow-chinned Spinetail (2) Seen on both trips to Aripo savannah

Plain-brown Woodcreeper (1) With a mixed flock along the Blanchisseuse Road

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (1) Three seen on the walk at Gilpin Trace, Tobago

Straight-billed Woodcreeper (1) Heard and then seen in the mangroves at Caroni Marsh

Cocoa Woodcreeper (6) Common bird seen and heard on both islands

Great Antshrike (3) Striking bird, both males and females seen on the grounds at AWNC and at Gilpin Trace, Tobago

Black-crested Antshrike (2) Seen on the Nariva Swamp trip and at the Caroni Marsh

Barred Antshrike (7) A group favorite, male and females seen and heard often around the AWNC feeders, at the Nariva Swamp, and the grounds at BWI, Tobago

Plain Antwren (1) Found near an ant swarm with a mixed flock on the Blanchisseuse Road

White-flanked Antwren (1) Pair seen along the road to AWNC

White-fringed Antwren (2) Male and female seen on the grounds of BWI, Tobago

Silvered Antbird (1) Good looks at one vocalizing on the road to Nariva Swamp

White-bellied Antbird (1) In the mixed feeding flock around an ant swarm on the Blanchisseuse Road

Black-faced Antthrush (2) Followed by the group of birders until seen clearly near the Blanchisseuse Road

Yellow-bellied Elaenia (3) Seen on the Aripo Savannah and one found on a nest at BWI, Tobago

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher (2) Seen on the Aripo Savannah and at Gilpin Trace, Tobago

Northern Scrub-Flycatcher (1) Found by David at the Caroni Marsh

White-throated Spadebill (1) Two seen at Gilpin Trace, Tobago

Fuscous Flycatcher (1) Heard by Gladwyn and then seen Gilpin Trace

Bran-colored Flycatcher (1) Pair seen along the road to AWNC

Euler's Flycatcher (1) Two were heard and seen along the Blanchisseuse Road

Tropical Pewee (3) Single birds seen on the Blanchisseuse Road, at the Nariva Swamp, and at the Arena Forest

Pied Water-Tyrant (2) Striking little bird seen at the Aripo Savannah and the Caroni Marsh

White-headed Marsh Tyrant (1) Another striking bird at the Aripo Savannah

Brown-crested Flycatcher (2) Pair on the grounds at BWI, Tobago

Venezuelan Flycatcher (1) Good looks for the group at the Gilpin Trace Visitor's Center

Great Kiskadee (6) Heard early and seen often around the feeders at AWNC

Boat-billed Flycatcher (3) Seen clearly at the Aripo Savannah

Streaked Flycatcher (1) Found by David along the road to AWNC

Piratic Flycatcher (3) Vocalizing on the grounds of AWNC near the parking area

Tropical Kingbird (9) Seen daily at all locations on both islands

Gray Kingbird (1) Seen on an electric wire at the Nariva Swamp

Bearded Bellbird (3) Morning walk on AWNC grounds where 4 birds were heard and seen

White-bearded Manakin (5) Lek on the AWNC grounds where birds were seen and heard displaying; one was seen at the AWNC feeders

Blue-backed Manakin (1) Males and females seen at Gilpin Trace, Tobago

Golden-headed Manakin (3) Lek on the AWNC grounds where birds were seen displaying

Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo (2) Seen on Little Tobago Island and at Gilpin Trace

Scrub Greenlet (2) Found on the grounds of BWI and at Gilpin Trace, Tobago

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (1) Small flock seen in trees on the road to Aripo Savannah

Caribbean Martin (1) Seen during drive to Gilpin Trace, Tobago

Gray-breasted Martin (5) Common in the sky on trips around Trinidad

White-winged Swallow (2) Scope views; perched on fences at Aripo Savannah

Southern Rough-winged Swallow (4) Seen on visits to the Aripo Savannah, Nariva Swamp, and Caroni Marsh

Rufous-breasted Wren (4) Seen along the Blanchisseuse Road in Trinidad, walks around AWNC, and at Gilpin Trace, Tobago

House Wren (8) Seen and heard daily at both lodges on both islands

Long-billed Gnatwren (1) Heard singing and quick looks on the Blanchisseuse Road

Yellow-legged Thrush (1) Number of birds seen at Gilpin Trace, Tobago

Cocoa Thrush (5) Frequent visitor to the AWNC feeders

Spectacled Thrush (8) Frequently seen at AWNC feeders and on grounds of BWI, Tobago

White-necked Thrush (2) Heard and seen at Gilpin Trace, Tobago

Tropical Mockingbird (8) At AWNC feeders and seen daily on trips on both islands

Tropical Parula (2) In flowering trees with mixed flocks along the road to AWNC

Yellow Warbler (2) In trees at Aripo Savannah

American Redstart (3) Males and females seen in mixed feeding flocks

Northern Waterthrush (5) Seen along water on both islands

Masked Yellowthroat (1) Good looks at one along a road at Aripo Savannah

Golden-crowned Warbler (1) Pair seen carrying nesting material along the Blanchisseuse Road

Bananaquit (9) Very common at AWNC feeders and both islands

Bicolored Conebill (2) Seen on a stop on the road to AWNC

White-lined Tanager (9) Common tanager seen daily at AWNC feeders

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (2) On the grounds of the AWNC

Hepatic Tanager (1) Seen along the Blanchisseuse Road

Silver-beaked Tanager (8) Strikingly attractive bird seen at AWNC feeders

Blue-gray Tanager (9) Seen daily at AWNC feeders and on both islands
Palm Tanager (9) Common tanager seen on both islands
Turquoise Tanager (5) Males and females found along the Blanchisseuse Road
Speckled Tanager (1) Seen once at same location as the Turquoise Tanagers
Bay-headed Tanager (3) Seen occasionally around AWNC feeders and with mixed feeding flocks
Blue Dacnis (4) Scope views daily of males and females in the valley at AWNC
Green Honeycreeper (9) Seen daily at the AWNC feeders
Purple Honeycreeper (9) Seen daily at the AWNC feeders
Red-legged Honeycreeper (3) Seen in a flowering tree along the road to AWNC
Swallow Tanager (1) Found on the Blanchisseuse Road
Blue-black Grassquit (3) Seen on each visit to the Aripo Savannah
Black-faced Grassquit (1) Found on the Grounds at BWI, Tobago
Grassland Yellow-Finch (1) Seen in a field at Aripo Savannah
Masked Cardinal (1) Found on the road at the Caroni Marsh
Grayish Saltator (2) (H) Heard twice near the Aripo Savannah
Yellow-hooded Blackbird (2) In a field at the Nariva Swamp and at the Caroni Marsh
Red-breasted Blackbird (2) This striking bird was seen on both trips to the Aripo Savannah
Carib Grackle (9) Seen daily on both islands
Shiny Cowbird (3) Seen at the Aripo Savannah and near cows on the road to Gilpin Trace
Giant Cowbird (3) Seen at the Aripo Savannah and along the road to Gilpin Trace
Yellow Oriole (5) Nice looks at AWNC, Aripo Savannah, and Nariva Swamp
Yellow-rumped Cacique (3) Nests found at Brasso Seco and near Arena Forest
Crested Oropendola (8) Tending to nests at AWNC and other locations on both islands
Trinidad Euphonia (1) Heard by David and then found in the bamboo along the Blanchisseuse Road
Violaceous Euphonia (6) Seen daily at the AWNC feeders and in flowering trees

TOTAL BIRD SPECIES SEEN: 201

MAMMALS, REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

Agouti Under the AWNC feeders
Mongoose Night drive at Aripo Savannah
Silky Anteater Seen from boat at the Caroni Marsh
Spectacled Cayman Two seen on Aripo Savannah
Trinidad Rat Under AWNC feeders
Tegu Lizard Under AWNC feeders
White-lined Sac-Winged Bat Early morning visitor to AWNC feeders
Common Ground Lizard (Zandolie Lizard) Around the AWNC grounds
Red-tailed Squirrel Grounds at BWI, Tobago
Varigated Gecko On a tree on Little Tobago Island
Forest Gecko Night walk at AWNC
Tree Frog Night walk at AWNC
Trinidad Frog Night walk at AWNC
Cook's Tree Boa Found by David in a tree over the road on the night drive at Aripo Savannah
Fer-de-Lance Sadly, a road kill
Boreal Tarantula Night walk at AWNC