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Trinidad and Tobago Caligo Ventures Ten-day Classic Two-Island Tour Bird Species List

February 20 - March 1

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 Desmond Wright (Cuffie River Nature Retreat),**

**With Caligo Ventures escort Dodie Logue, and 13 participants: Fred, Margie, Sharon, David,
 Lorinda, Edmund, Steven, Linda, Joe, Linda, Dora, George, and Linda**

Annotated Bird Species List

Sites visited on Trinidad included: Asa Wright Nature Centre, Blanchisseuse Road of the Northern Range, Brasso Seco, the Aripo Agricultural Station, Arena Forest, Nariva Swamp, the abandoned Waller Field airstrip, Caroni National Park, and Yurette Hummingbird Garden. On Tobago, three sites were featured: Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Gilpin Trace on the Main Ridge Preserve, and Little Tobago Island.

- Black-bellied Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis* – A few seen en-route to Nariva Swamp
- Rufous-vented Chachalaca** *Ortalis ruficauda* – Abundant at Cuffie River Retreat, Tobago
- Trinidad Piping-Guan** *Pipile pipile* - One seen near the Scatter station on the Blanchisseuse road
- Audubon's Shearwater (nest only)** *Puffinus lherminieri* - Our guide "Z" pointed out the nest-hole in a bank on Little Tobago Island
- Red-billed Tropicbird** *Phaethon aethereus* – Hundreds on cliffs of Little Tobago Island
- Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster* – Abundant all around Little Tobago Island
- Red-footed Booby** *Sula sula* – A few nesting on cliffs of Little Tobago Island
- Brown Pelican** *Pelicanus occidentalis* – Seen in coastal Tobago
- Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* – Seen at the Caroni Swamp
- Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga* - Seen on the way to Nariva Swamp
- Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens* – First one seen at the Aripo Livestock Station; many over Tobago - especially on Little Tobago Island harassing Red-billed Tropic Birds
- Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias* – Seen on the wetlands before Caroni Swamp
- Great Egret** *Ardea alba* – Several seen in wetland areas on Trinidad
- Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* – Common in Caroni National park
- Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea* – On both islands
- Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor* – Hundreds heading to roost with Scarlet Ibis at Caroni National Park
- Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* – Common roadside bird and denizen of agricultural areas
- Striated Heron** *Butorides striata* - One hunting at just before Nariva Swamp area

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea* – Caroni National Park

Boat-billed Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* – Two flew over just as we got off the boat at Caroni National Park

Scarlet Ibis *Eudocimus ruber* – Thousands in spectacular roosting display at Caroni N.P.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* – Many seen most days on Trinidad

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* – Common on Trinidad

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* – At Caroni National Park and at Little Tobago Island

Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus bidentatus* – One in the scope at AWNC in the morning of second day

Long-winged Harrier *Circus buffoni* – At Caroni rice project

Gray-lined (Gray) Hawk *Buteo nitida* – Several seen on Trinidad

Common Black Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus* – Seen most days on Trinidad – even on verandah at AWNC

Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* – Several on Trinidad , especially at Aripo Livestock Station

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus* – One seen at the Tropicbird overlook on Little Tobago

Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus* – One seen at close range on savannah over Trinidad

Ornate Hawk Eagle *Spizaetus ornatus* – Soaring over Northern Range, Trinidad

Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima* –A few seen at Aripo Livestock Station, also on Cocanut Alley on the way to Nariva Swamp

Merlin *Falco columbarius* – One at Aripo Livestock Station

Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis* - One at Aripo Livestock Station

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* – One seen roosting at Aripo Livestock Station at night

Gray-necked Wood-Rail *Aramides cajaneus* - Two seen in the dark roosting at Caroni

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* – Common in wet agricultural fields on Trinidad

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* – Common in wetlands on Trinidad, Especially at Aripo Livestock Station

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* – Several in moist agricultural fields, Trinidad

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* – Common in wetlands and along shorelines - both islands

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* - On the beach at Blue Waters Inn, Tobago

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* – On sandbar at Caroni Swamp

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla* - At a coastal pullover on Tobago

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus* – Several dozen seen off dock in Atlantic Ocean, Tobago

Rock (Feral) Pigeon *Columba livia* – Urban areas on Trinidad

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* - Many seen on Tobago

Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa* - Seen at the Scatter Station on Trinidad's Northern Range

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* - Several seen on Tobago

Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* – Common in urban and rural areas of Trinidad

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* – Common in forested areas of Tobago

Gray-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla* –Under feeders at AWNC the first day, Trinidad

Red-bellied Macaw *Orthopsittaca manilata* - Two seen roosting at the abandoned airstrip, Trinidad

Green-rumped Parrolet *Forpus passerines* – Several in tree top at agricultural station, also in metal pole on Savannah

Orange-winged Parrot *Amazona amazonica* – Seen and heard daily on both islands

Squirrel Cuckoo *Playa cayana* – One seen at the Scatter Station off the Blanchisseuse Road

Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia*- At Nariva Swamp

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* – Common road and trailside bird on both islands

Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* – One in a tree at the Aripo Livestock Station, Trinidad

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum* – Calling at AWNC and on the Blanchisseuse Road

Striped Owl *Pseudoscops clamator* - One heard then seen by a few as it flew over Cuffie R. R. at dusk

Common Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* – Along road at night at Aripo Livestock Station, Trinidad

White-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus cayennensis* – Livestock station on Trinidad; Cuffie River Retreat

Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus* –Livestock Station, Caroni National Park, and Cuffie River Retreat

Oilbird *Steatornis caripensis* – in Dunston Cave behind AWNC

Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyuran* – Flocks seen on both islands over wetlands and streams

Band-rumped Swift *Chaetura spinicaudus* – Seen off the verandah at AWNC

Gray-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris* – Common, seen on both islands

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift *Tachornis squamata* - A few seen at the abandoned airstrip on Trinidad

Rufous-breasted Hermit *Glaucis hirsutus* – Seen at feeders at AWNC

Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy* – On feeders and in Trinidad forests

Little Hermit *Phaethornis longuemareus* - Seen at AWNC feeders

White-tailed Saberwing *Campylopterus ensipennis* – Cuffie R.R. feeders and on Gilpen Trace Trail

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora* – Ever-present on feeders on both islands

Green-throated Mango *Anthracothorax viridigula* – At Caroni Swamp

Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* – On feeders and countryside of Trinidad

Ruby-topaz Hummingbird *Chrysolampis mosquitus* - At AWNC and at Yurette Hummingbird Sanctuary

Tufted Coquette *Lophornis ornatus* – AWNC feeders and flowers; Yurette Hummingbird Sanctuary

Blue-chinned Sapphire *Chlorestes notata* – Common at AWNC and Yurette feeders

White-chested Emerald *Amazilia brevirostris* – Most common hummingbird seen on Trinidad

Copper-rumped Hummingbird *Amazilia tobaci* – Most common hummingbird on Tobago, also common on Trinidad

Long-billed Starthroat *Heliomaster longirostris* –Visitor to AWNC feeders and surrounds

Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* – One seen along the Blanchisseuse Road in Trinidad

Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris* – On the way up the Northern Range, Trinidad

Trinidad (Blue-crowned) Motmot *Momotus (momota) bahamensis* – Common around both lodges: AWNC and Cuffie River, plus in rainforest areas on both islands

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* – Roadside bird seen on way to Caroni Swamp

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* - Brief view at river near Nariva Swamp; some saw at Cuffie River NR

American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea* – Low in Mangroves, Caroni N.P. Also by Nariva at river

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda* – At Brasso Seco; more at Cuffie River Retreat

Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus* – In tree tops behind AWNC

Red-crowned Woodpecker *Melanerpes rubricapillus* – On hummingbird feeders at Cuffie River NR

Red-rumped Woodpecker *Verniliornis kirkii* - Along Blanchisseuse Rd. and at Gilpen Trace, Tobago

Golden-Olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus* –On AWNC grounds

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* – On AWNC grounds

Stripe-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis cinnamomea* – AWNC Discovery trail

Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* – Arima Agriculture Station, Trinidad

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* – Along the Blanchisseuse Rd, Trinidad

Gray-throated Leaf-tosser *Sclerurus albigularis* – On hike up hill at Cuffie R.R., Tobago, nest

Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex picus* –Caroni Swamp, Trinidad

Cocoa Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus susurrans* - Along the Blanchisseuse Rd, Trinidad

Great Antshrike *Taraba major* - One at the Scatter Station and one right at AWNC along driveway

Black-crested Antshrike *Sakesphorus canadensis* – near Nariva Swamp, Trinidad

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* – Common at AWNC and other places

Plain Antwreio *Dysithamnus mentalis* – Brief looks along Blanchisseuse Rd

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* – Savannah, Trinidad
White-fringed Antwren *Formicivora grisea* – Cuffie River Retreat, Tobago
White-bellied Antbird *Myrmeciza longpipes* – Along the Discovery trail, AWNC, Trinidad
Black-faced Antthrush *Formicarius analis* – Northern Range, Trinidad
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum* – Aripo Livestock Station, Trinidad
Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* – Seen at a few spots both on Trinidad and Tobago
Olive-striped Flycatcher *Mionectes strepera* - brief view along the Blanchisseuse Rd, Trinidad
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus* – AWNC, Northern Range, Trinidad
Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris* - One seen along the Blanchisseuse Rd.
Yellow-breasted Flycatcher *Empidonax flaviventris* – Along the road near Cuffie R. R.
Euler's Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus euleri* – AWNC, Trinidad
Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus* – Along the road down from AWNC, Trinidad
Pied Water-Tyrant *Fluvicola pica* – Arima Agriculture Station, Trinidad
White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala* – Arima Agriculture Station, Trinidad
Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus* – Cuffie River Retreat
Venezuelan Flycatcher *Myiarchus venezuelensis* - one seen just as we were leaving the Gilpen Trace, Tobago
Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* – Almost a daily species in Trinidad
Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* – At AWNC
Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus* – At AWNC
Variiegated Flycatcher *Empidonomus varius* - At the Arena Forest while we had a picnic lunch
Sulphury Flycatcher *Tyrannopus sulphurea* - At the abandoned airstrip on Trinidad
Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* – Seen most days on both islands
Gray Kingbird *Tyrannus dominicensis* – Brief view in Nariva Swamp, guide only?
White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus* – At Cuffie R. R., pair building nest
Black-tailed Tityra *Tityra cayana* - seen at Brasso Seco
Bearded Bellbird *Procnia averano* – Seen and heard at AWNC
White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus* – Seen in AWNC vicinity
Blue-backed Manakin *Chiroxiphia pareola* – Gilpin Rainforest Trail and trail near Cuffie R. R.
Golden-headed Manakin *Pipra erythrocephala* – Rainforest behind AWNC
Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo *Vireo olivaceus (chivi)* - Heard many and saw on road by Cuffie R. R.
Golden-fronted Greenlet *Hylophilus qarantifrons* – rain forest along Blanchisseuse Rd
Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* – Aripo Savannah
Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* – Northern Range, Trinidad
White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* – Seen on a few days around Savannah, Trinidad
Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Steigidopteryx ruficollis* – Aripo Savannah, Trinidad
Rufous-breasted Wren *Pheugopedius rutilus* – Common bird in AWNC rain forest
House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* – Common near both lodges on both islands
Yellow-legged Thrush *Platycichia flavipes* – Gilpin Rainforest, Tobago
Cocoa Thrush *Turdus fumigates* – AWNC grounds, Northern Range, Trinidad
Spectacled Thrush *Turdus nudigenis* – Almost daily visitor at feeders, both islands
White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* – Common rainforest bird on both islands
Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus* – Seen and heard daily on both islands
Tropical Parula *Parula pitaiayumi* – AW rainforest, Northern Range
Yellow Warbler *Dendroica petechia* - Arena Forest while we were having a picnic lunch

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla* – Northern Range, Trinidad

Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis* – Brief view in Savannah wetland, guide only?
Masked Yellowthroat *Geothlypis aequinoctialis* – Aripo Savannah, Trinidad
Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus* – AWNC rainforest, Northern Range, Trinidad
Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* – One of most common birds of trip in most habitats and always on feeders
Bicolored Conebill *Conirostrum bicolor* – by stream on way to Nariva Swamp, Trinidad
White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus* – Almost daily forest bird on both islands
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager *Habia rubica* - in Northern Range and Savanna on Trinidad
Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava* - Northern Range, Trinidad
Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* – Common forest bird on Trinidad
Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* – Seen daily in most habitats on both islands
Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* – Daily birds perching in tree tops on both islands
Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* – Northern Range forest canopy, Trinidad
Speckled Tanager *Tangara guttata* – Northern Range forest, Trinidad
Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* – AWNC grounds and Northern Range, Trinidad
Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* – Seen on Trinidad in multiple habitats
Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza* – Daily feeder bird at AWNC
Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* – Daily AWNC feeder visitor
Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus* – At AWNC and wayside stop on Tobago
Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* – Nariva Swamp on Trinidad
Sooty Grassquit *Tiaris fuliginosus* - Savannah on Trinidad
Black-faced Grassquit *Tiaris bicolor* – In grassy tufts and fence alongside road on Tobago
Grassland Yellow-Finch *Sicalis luteola* – Arima Agricultural Station, Trinidad
Grayish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* – Aripo Savannah, Trinidad
Yellow-hooded Blackbird *Chrysomus icterocephalus* – Nariva Swamp, Trinidad
Red-breasted Meadowlark *Sturnella militaris* – Arima Agricultural Station, Trinidad
Carib Grackle *Quiscalus lugubris* – Common roadside bird, Trinidad
Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* – Arima Agricultural Station, Trinidad
Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* - On trail near Cuffie R. R.
Yellow Oriole *Icterus nigrogularis* – on AWNC grounds
Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* – Brasso Secco, Trinidad
Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* – Common bird, seen daily on both islands
Trinidad Euphonia *Euphonia trinitatis* – Savanna, Trinidad
Violaceous Euphonia *Euphonia violacea* – Common bird seen near both lodges

182 species

List compiled by Dodie Logue.

This ten-day Classic Two Island tour was organized by Caligo Ventures and led by expert local guide David Ramlal from the Asa Wright Nature Centre (AWNC), on Trinidad and by Gladwyn James and Cuffie River's lead guide, Desmond, on Tobago. Six nights at AWNC allowed for field trips around the island. Tour escort Dodie Logue provides a lively narrative which can be found on caligo.com. 182 species were recorded.

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