



## Trinidad and Tobago, Caligo Ventures

### Ten-day Classic Two-Island Tour

Dates February 16-25

**Local Guides: Roodal Ramlal (first day), David Ramlal, Asa Wright Nature Centre Staff, Desmond Wright at Cuffie River Preserve, Gladwyn James**

**Caligo Host: Jackie Lewis,**

**Participants: Kathy & Frank, Linda & Ron, Jane & Walker, Rhoda & Marty, Les & Wayne**

### Annotated Bird Species List

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

Day 1, Tuesday, February 16 – arrivals, Asa Wright Nature Centre (AWNC)

Day 2, Wednesday, February 17 – Asa Wright Nature Centre, Waller Field, Aripo Agricultural Station

Day 3, Thursday, February 18 – Blanchisseuse Road, Brasso Seco, Moirne la Croix

Day 4, Friday, February 19 – Aripo Agricultural Station, Nariva Swamp, Bush Bush

Day 5, Saturday, February 20 – Aripo Savannah, Arena Forest

Day 6, Sunday, February 21 – Arima, Yerette Hummingbird Sanctuary (YHS), Caroni Swamp

Day 7, Monday, February 22 – Oilbird Cave at AWNC, Tobago

Day 8, Tuesday, February 23 - Gilpin Trace, Tobago's Main Ridge Forest Preserve, Little Tobago Island

Day 9, Wednesday, February 24 – Cuffie River Nature Retreat (CRNR), (Water Birds – not on original itinerary)

Day 10, Thursday, February 25 – departures, Cuffie River Nature Retreat

Little Tinamou *Crypturelius soul-* **heard at Day 6**

Black-bellied Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* –Nariva Swamp

(Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* – Bon Accord, Tobago)

(White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis* – Bon Accord, Tobago)

Rufous-vented Chachalaca *Ortalis ruficauda* – Abundant at CRNR, Tobago

Trinidad Piping-Guan *Pipile pipile* - One seen near the Scatter station on the Blanchisseuse road  
*Audubon's Shearwater (nest only) Puffinus iherminieri* - 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* – Little Tobago Island  
Red-footed Booby *Sula sula* – Brown and White morphs on Little Tobago Island  
Brown Pelican *Pelicanus occidentalis* – Manzilla Beach and coastal Tobago  
Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* – Tobago Plantation  
Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens* – first seen at Aripo Agricultural Station, seen throughout Trinidad and Tobago, and on Little Tobago  
Pinnated Bittern *Botaurus pinnatus* – Nariva Swamp  
Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias* – Tobago Plantation  
Great Egret *Ardea alba* – Several seen in wetland areas on Trinidad and Tobago  
(Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* – Bon Accord Sewage Pond)  
Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* – Common in Caroni Swamp  
Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* – On both islands  
Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor* – Hundreds heading to roost with Scarlet Ibis at Caroni Swamp  
Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* – Common roadside bird and denizen of agricultural areas  
Green Heron *Butorides virescens* – first seen at Tobago plantation, seen each day on Tobago  
Striated Heron *Butorides striata* - One hunting at just before Nariva Swamp area  
(Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea* – Black Rock shore pond)  
Boat-billed Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* – One difficult to see in Caroni Swamp  
Scarlet Ibis *Eudocimus ruber* – Thousands in spectacular roosting display at Caroni Swamp  
(Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* – Bon Accord sewage pond)  
Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* – Common on Trinidad  
Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* – Common on Trinidad  
Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* – At Caroni National Park and at Little Tobago Island  
Gray-headed Kite *Leptodon cayanensis* – Waller Field  
Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii* – Waller Field  
Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* – Bush Bush  
White Hawk *Pseudastur (Leucopternis) albicollis* – AWNC, Blanchisuesse Road,  
Gray-lined (Gray) Hawk *Buteo nitida* – First seen on Cocoanut Alley  
Common Black Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus* – AWNC  
Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga* – One seen from AWNC verandah, pair on Tobago near CRNR  
Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* – Aripo Agricultural Station, Nariva Swamp  
Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus* – Waller Field, Blanchisuesse road  
Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus* – Aripo Savannah  
Black Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus* - AWNC  
Ornate Hawk Eagle *Spizaetus ornatus* – AWNC  
Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway* – Cocoanut Alley – a rare visitor  
Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima* –Cocoanut Alley, near Arena Forest  
Merlin *Falco columbarius* – One at Aripo Agricultural Station  
Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis* - One at Aripo Agricultural Station  
Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* – One at Aripo Agricultural Station, one on Tobago  
Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus* – Nariva Swamp, (Bon Accord)  
Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* – Nariva Swamp, Tobago Plantation (Black Rock shore pond)  
**50 Species** - American Coot *Fulica americana* – Bon Accord sewage pond)

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* – Common in wet agricultural fields on Trinidad and Tobago  
 Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* – First seen at Nariva Swamp (also on Tobago)  
 Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* – Caroni Swamp (and Tobago)  
 (Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* – Tobago)  
 Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* – Several in moist agricultural fields, Trinidad (and Tobago)  
 Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* – Common in wetlands and along shorelines - both islands  
 Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* – Black Rock shore pond  
 Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus (Larus) atricilla* – Tobago coastline  
 Royal Tern *Thalasseus (Sterna) maximus* – Atlantic side of Tobago  
 Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus (Sterna) sandvicensis* – Atlantic side of Tobago  
 Rock (Feral) Pigeon *Columba livia* – Urban areas on Trinidad and Tobago  
 Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* - Many seen on Tobago  
 Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa* – AWNC  
 Scaly-naped Pigeon *Patagioenus squamosa* – One on Tobago  
 (Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* – Black Rock shore pond Tobago)  
 Plain-breasted Ground Dove *Columbina minuta* – Day 4  
 Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* – Common in urban and rural areas of Trinidad and Tobago  
 White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* – Common in forested areas of Tobago  
 Gray-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla* – Common below feeders at AWNC  
 Red-bellied Macaw *Orthopsittaca manilata* – Small flock at Bush Bush  
 Blue and Yellow Macaw *Ara ararauna* – One in tree hole seen on the way to Bush Bush  
 Green-rumped Parrotlet *Forpus passerines* – Pair at Aripo Agricultural Station, also on Tobago  
 Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* – Moirne la Croix  
 Yellow-crowned Parrot *Amazona ochrocephala* – Bush Bush  
 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, AWNC  
 Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* – Common road and trailside bird on both islands, seen daily  
 Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* – One at Aripo Agricultural Station  
 Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum* – AWNC mobbed one morning, Moirne la Croix  
 Common Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* –Aripo Agricultural Station  
 Rufous Nightjar *Antrostomus rufus* – heard at Aripo Agricultural Station  
 White-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus cayennensis* – Agricultural station on Trinidad; CRNR  
 Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus* –Agricultural Station, and CRNR  
 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 Waller Field  
 Rufous-breasted Hermit *Glaucis hirsutus* – Seen at feeders at AWNC, YHS and CRNR  
 Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy* – AWNC Trinidad forests  
 Little Hermit *Phaethornis longuemareus* - Seen at AWNC feeders and YHS  
 White-tailed Saberwing *Campylopterus ensipennis* –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, YHS & CRNR  
 Tufted Coquette *Lophornis ornatus* – AWNC feeders and flowers; YHS  
 Blue-chinned Sapphire *Chlorestes notate* – Common at AWNC and YHS

White-chested Emerald *Amazilia brevirostris* – Most common hummingbird seen on Trinidad  
**100 species** - Copper-rumped Hummingbird *Amazilia tobaci* – Most common hummingbird on Tobago, also common on Trinidad

Long-billed Starthroat *Helioaster longirostris* –AWNC feeders and surrounds  
Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* – Seen or heard daily at AWNC, Blanchisuesse Road  
Guianan Trogon *Trogon violaceus* – Seen or heard daily at AWNC, Blanchisuesse Road  
Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris* – Seen and heard at AWNC, Blanchisuesse road  
Trinidad (Blue-crowned) Motmot *Momotus (momota) bahamensis* – Common around both lodges:  
AWNC and CRNR, plus in rainforest areas on both islands

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon* – seen on Tobago  
Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* – Nariva Swamp, Caroni Swamp  
American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea* – Caroni Swamp  
Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda* – Blanchissuese Road, Brasso Seco; Moirne la Croix, Arena Forest, CRNR

Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus* – AWNC, Blanchissuese Road, Brasso Seco  
Red-crowned Woodpecker *Melanerpes rubricapillus* – CRNR  
Golden-Olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus* –AWNC, Gilpin Trace  
Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* – AWNC  
Pale-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albescens* – **DAY 3**  
Stripe-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis cinnamomea* – AWNC, **Day 7 & 8**  
Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* – Arima Agriculture Station  
Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* – AWNC, Blanchisseuse Road  
Gray-throated Leaf Tosser *Sclerurus albigularis* – **Day 5**, Gilpin Trace  
Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincia fuliginosa* – AWNC, Caroni Swamp, Gilpin Trace  
Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus* – Main Ridge Forest, Gilpin Trace  
Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex picus* –Caroni Swamp  
Cocoa Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus susurrans* – Bush Bush, Oilbird Trail **& 9**  
Great Antshrike *Taraba major* - AWNC  
Black-crested Antshrike *Sakesphorus canadensis* – Nariva Swamp, Aripo Savannah  
Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* – Common at AWNC and other places  
Plain Antwren *Dysithamnus mentalis* – Gilpin Trace  
White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* – Aripo Savannah, **Day 7**  
White-fringed Antwren *Formicivora grisea* – CRNR  
White-bellied Antbird *Myrmeciza longpipes* – AWNC  
Black-faced Antthrush *Formicarius analis* – Seen by Les, Linda and Frank on AWNC  
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum* – Aripo Savannah  
Forest Elaenia *Myiopagis gaimardii* - AWNC  
Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* –Aripo Agricultural Station, Aripo Savannah, Day 8 & 9  
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleaginous* – AWNC, **Day 5**, Gilpin Trace  
Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris* – One seen AWNC on Oilbird Trail  
Northern Scrub-Flycatcher *Sublegatus arenarum* – unusual, seen at Nariva Swamp  
Yellow-breasted Flycatcher *Empidonax flaviventris* – Nariva Swamp, Aripo Savannah, CRNR  
Fuscou Flycatcher *Cnemotriccus fuscatus* – CRNR  
Euler’s Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus euleri* – AWNC  
Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi* – Brasso Seco Road  
Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus* – **Day 2**, Brasso Seco Road  
Pied Water-Tyrant *Fluvicola pica* – Arima Agricultural Station, Caroni Swamp  
White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala* – Arima Agricultural Station, Trinidad

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus* – Nariva Swamp, CRNR  
 Venezuelan Flycatcher *Myiarchus venezuelensis* – heard only at Gilpen Trace  
 Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* – daily species on Trinidad  
 Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* – AWNC  
 Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus* – Aripo Savannah  
 Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus* – AWNC, Aripo Savannah  
**150 species** - Sulphury Flycatcher *Tyrannopus sulphurea* – Waller Field, Day 3  
 Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* – seen every day both islands  
 White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus* – CRNR  
 Black-tailed Tityra *Tityra cayana* - Brasso Seco  
 Bearded Bellbird *Procnia averano* – Seen and heard at AWNC  
 White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus* – AWNC lek  
 Blue-backed Manakin *Chiroxiphia pareola* – Gilpin Trace and trail near CRNR  
 Golden-headed Manakin *Pipra erythrocephala* – AWNC lek  
 Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo *Vireo olivaceus* (chivi) – CRNR, seen daily on Tobago  
 (Scrub Greenlet *Hylophilus flavipes* – Black Rock shore Pond, Tobago)  
 Golden-fronted Greenlet *Hylophilus qurantifrons* – AWNC, Nariva Swamp, Aripo Savannah,  
 Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* – Moirne la Croix, Aripo Savannah  
 Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* – Aripo Agricultural Station, Blanchissius Road  
 White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* – Aripo Agricultural Station, Tobago  
 Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Steigodopteryx ruficollis* – Aripo Savannah, Areno Forest, Brasso  
 Seco Road  
 Rufous-breasted Wren *Pheugopedius rutilus* – AWNC  
 House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* – AWNC, CRNR  
 Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus* – Heard by Mukesh on AWNC orientation walk  
 Yellow-legged Thrush *Platycichia flavipes* – Gilpin Rainforest, trail by CRNR  
 Cocoa Thrush *Turdus fumigates* – AWNC grounds, seen most days on Trinidad  
 Spectacled Thrush *Turdus nudigenis* – seen daily at feeders on Trinidad and Tobago  
 White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* – Seen most days on Trinidad and Tobago  
 Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus* – Seen and heard daily on both islands  
 Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia* – Bush Bush  
 American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla* – AWNC  
 Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis* – Brasso Seco Road  
 Masked Yellowthroat *Geothlypis aequinoctialis* – Aripo Savannah, Trinidad  
 Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus* – AWNC seen by Les  
 Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* – they're everywhere ☺ feeders and flowers  
 Bicolored Conebill *Conirostrum bicolor* – Nariva Swamp  
 White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus* – seen daily on Trinidad and Tobago  
 Red-crowned Ant-Tanager *Habia rubica* – AWNC, Day 3, 5 & 6  
 Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* – Seen daily on Trinidad  
 Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* – Seen daily in most habitats on both islands  
 Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* – Daily birds on both islands  
 Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* – Daily at AWNC  
 Speckled Tanager *Tangara guttata* – Brasso Seco Road, Day 6 & 7  
 Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* – AWNC grounds Moirne la Croix  
 Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* – Seen almost daily on Trinidad  
 Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza* – Daily feeder bird at AWNC  
 Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* – Daily AWNC feeder visitor

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus* – AWNC, daily on Tobago  
Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* – Power station, Aripo Agricultural Station  
Black-faced Grassquit *Tiaris bicolor* – In grassy tufts and fence alongside road on Tobago  
*Saffron Finch Sicalis flaveola* - seen in Port of Spain by Frank and Kathy at their hotel  
Grassland Yellow-Finch *Sicalis luteola* – Aripo Agricultural Station  
Masked (Red-capped) Cardinal *Paroaria nigrogenis (gularis)* – Caroni Swamp  
Grayish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* – Brasso Seco Road, Aripo Savannah  
Yellow-hooded Blackbird *Chrysomus icterocephalus* – Nariva Swamp  
Red-breasted Meadowlark *Sturnella militaris* – Arima Agricultural Station  
**200 species**-Carib Grackle *Quiscalus lugubris* – Common roadside bird, Trinidad  
Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* – AWNC, Arima Agricultural Station, Tobago  
Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* – Bush Bush, & Tobago  
Yellow Oriole *Icterus nigrogularis* – AWNC  
Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* – Moirne le Croix  
Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* – Common bird, seen daily on both islands  
Trinidad Euphonia *Euphonia trinitatis* – Aripo Savanna  
**207 species**-Violaceous Euphonia *Euphonia violacea* – Seen most days at AWNC and CRNR

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List compiled by Jackie Lewis.

This ten-day Classic Two Island tour was organized by Caligo Ventures and led by expert local guides Roodal Ramlal (Day 2) and David Ramlal from the Asa Wright Nature Centre (AWNC) on Trinidad, and by Gladwyn James and Cuffie River's lead guide, Desmond Wright, on Tobago. Six nights at AWNC allowed for field trips around the island.

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