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Tinamidae: Tinamous (1)

Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui*—heard at abandoned Waller Field

Anatidae: Ducks, Geese and Swans (2)

Black-bellied Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*—A few seen en route to Nariva Swamp

White-cheeked Pintail *Ana bahamensis*—two at sewage ponds in Tobago

Cracidae: Guans and Chachalacas (1)

Rufous-vented Chachalaca *Ortalis ruficauda*—Abundant at Cuffie River Retreat, Tobago

Podicipedidae: Grebes (1)

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus*—two at sewage ponds in Tobago

Procellariidae: Shearwaters and Petrels (1)

Audubon's Shearwater *Puffinus lherminieri*—An individual bird was partially visible in burrow on Little Tobago Island

Phaethontidae: Tropicbirds (1)

Red-billed Tropicbird *Phaethon aethereus*—Hundreds on cliffs of Little Tobago Island

Sulidae: Boobies (2)

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*—Abundant breeder at Little Tobago Island

Red-footed Booby *Sula sula*—A few nesting on cliffs of Little Tobago Island

Pelecanidae: Pelicans (1)

Brown Pelican *Pelicanus occidentalis*—Seen on coastal Trinidad and Tobago

Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants (1)

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*—Seen at Tobago ponds

Anhingidae: Anhinga (1)

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*—Seen at Caroni Swamp and Tobago ponds

Fregatidae: Frigatebirds (1)

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*—Coastal locations in Trinidad and Tobago, especially in vicinity of Little Tobago Island

Ardeidae: Herons (11)

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*—Seen at Caroni Swamp and Tobago ponds

Great Egret *Ardea alba*—Several seen in wetland areas on Trinidad

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Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*—one observed en route to Caroni Swamp

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*—a few observed in wetland location in Trinidad and Tobago

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*—On both islands, abundant at Caroni Swamp

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*—Hundreds heading to roost with Scarlet Ibis at Caroni Swamp

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*—Common in agricultural areas

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*—a few at Tobago ponds, nest at Cuffie River

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*—seen at abandoned rice field, Trinidad

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa nycticorax*—few at Caroni Swamp and Tobago ponds

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*—seen by some at Caroni Swamp

Cochleariidae: Boat-billed Heron (1)

Boat-billed Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*—seen at Caroni Swamp

Threskiornithidae: Ibises and Spoonbills (1)

Scarlet Ibis *Eudocimus ruber*—Thousands in spectacular roosting display at Caroni Swamp

Carthartidae: New World Vultures (2)

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

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*—Common on Trinidad

Pandionidae: Osprey (1)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*—Seen several times along the road and at Caroni Swamp

Accipitridae: Hawks, Kites, and Eagles (11)

Gray-headed Kite *Leptodon cayanensis*—two on Blanchisseuse Road

Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii*—one near Nariva Swamp

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea*—one on Blanchisseuse Road

White Hawk *Pseudastur albicollis*—Blanchisseuse Road and near AWNC

Gray-lined (Gray) Hawk *Buteo nitida*—Sightings at AWNC, Blanchisseuse Road, and Aripo savanna

Common Black Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus*—Sightings at Blanchisseuse Road, AWNC, and en route to Caroni Swamp

Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga*—Sightings at Cuffie and Main Ridge Forest, Tobago

Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis*—Sightings from Aripo savanna and en-route to Nariva Swamp

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*—Sightings at Cuffie and Main Ridge Forest, Tobago

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus*—Sighting from AWNC and Caroni Swamp

Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus*—One seen near Nariva Swamp

Falconidae: Falcons and Caracaras (2)

Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway*—One seen en-route to Nariva Swamp

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Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima*—Observed at several locations in Trinidad and Tobago

Merlin *Falco columbarius*—One at Cuffie by a few participants

Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis*—One seen perched at AWNC.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*—Sightings at Aripo savanna and on Tobago at Cuffie Retreat

Rallidae: Rails, Crakes, and Gallinules (2)

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus*—One sighting at golf course ponds, Tobago

Common Gallinule *Porphyrio galeata*—Sightings at sewage ponds, Tobago

Charadriidae: Plovers (1)

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*—Observed in wet and agricultural fields on Trinidad and Tobago

Recurvirostridae: Stilts and Avocets (1)

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*—Observed en route to Caroni Swamp

Jacanidae: Jacanas (1)

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana*—Common in Nariva Swamp and Tobago sewage ponds

Scolopacidae: Sandpipers and Snipe (8)

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*—Observed en route to Caroni Swamp and at Tobago sewage ponds

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*—One at Tobago sewage ponds

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

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*—Abundant at Caroni Swamp; also observed at Tobago sewage ponds

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*—Several on the beach at Blue Waters Inn, Tobago

Laridae: Gulls and Terns (1)

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla*—One seen by Karen en route to airport

Columbidae: Pigeons & Doves (9)

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

Eurasian Collard Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*—En route to Nariva Swamp

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*—Enroute to Nariva Swamp and at Cuffie Retreat

Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciose*—Seen frequently from verandah at AWNC

Scaly-naped Pigeon *Patagioenus squamosa*—One seen through scope on Little Tobago Island

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*—Several seen en route to Caroni Swamp and on Tobago

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

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Tobago

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*—Observed in forested areas of Tobago

Gray-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla*—One on nest at AWNC

Psittacidae: Parrots (2)

Green-rumped Parrotlet *Forpus passerines*—Small flocks at Aripo savanna and at Cuffie Retreat

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

Cuculidae: Cuckoos (4)

Squirrel Cuckoo *Playa cayana*—Observed on Blanchisseuse Road, at AWNC, and Caroni Swamp

Little Cuckoo *Coccyua minuta*—One seen near Narina Swamp

Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia*—Heard near Nariva Swamp

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*—Seen frequently along lowland roads on both Trinidad and Tobago

Strigidae: Owls (2)

Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba*—Heard at Aripo savanna

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum*—Observed at Morne la Croix; heard frequently at AWNC

Caprimulgidae: Nighthawks & Nightjars (3)

Short-tailed Nightjar *Lurocalis semitorquatus*—One observed from verandah at AWNC

Common Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*—Several at Waller Field

White-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus cayennensis*—Several at Waller Field, also one seen well a Cuffie River Retreat

Nyctibiidae: Potoos (1)

Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus*—Several at Waller Field, one at Caroni Swamp, and one seen very well near Cuffie River Retreat

Steatornithidae: Oilbird (1)

Oilbird *Steatornis caripensis*—Several visible in Dunston Cave at AWNC

Apodidae: Swifts (3)

Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyuran*—Flocks seen on both islands at various locations

Gray-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris*—Cuffie River Retreat

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift *Tachornis squamata*—A few seen at Waller Field and near Caroni Swamp

Trochilidae: Hummingbirds (13)

Rufous-breasted Hermit *Glaucis hirsutus*—Several from verandah at AWNC and at Cuffie River

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Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy*—Several at AWNC feeders; one pair nested on ceiling light adjacent to verandah

Little Hermit *Phaethornis longuemareus*—Seen at AWNC feeders and gardens

White-tailed Saberwing *Campylopterus ensipennis*—Observed on Gilpin Trace Trail and one seen by Tony at Cuffie River Retreat feeders

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora*—Abundant at AWNC and Cuffie River feeders

Brown Violetear *Colibri delphinae*—Uncommon at AWNC feeders

Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis*—Fairly common at AWNC and Cuffie River Retreat feeders

Ruby-topaz Hummingbird *Chrysolampis mosquitus*—A pair frequently observed between cabins 19 and 17 at AWNC; much more common at Cuffie River Retreat feeders

Tufted Coquette *Lophornis ornatus*—Common at AWNC feeders and gardens

Blue-chinned Sapphire *Chlorestes notata*—Common at AWNC feeders and gardens

White-chested Emerald *Amazilia brevirostris*—Common at AWNC feeders and gardens

Copper-rumped Hummingbird *Amazilia tobaci*—Common at AWNC feeders and gardens as well as at Cuffie River Retreat feeders

Long-billed Starthroat *Heliomaster longirostris*—A number of sighting at AWNC feeders

Trogonidae: Trogons (3)

Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis*—Observed at AWNC and other forested areas on Trinidad

Guianan Trogon *Trogon violaceus*—Observed at AWNC and other forested areas on Trinidad

Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris*—Observed on Blanchisseuse Road

Momotidae: Motmots (1)

Trinidad (Blue-crowned) Motmot *Momotus (momota) bahamensis*—Observed a few times at AWNC, but seen frequently at Cuffie River Retreat. Also one sighting on Gilpin Trace Trail

Alcedinidae: Kingfishers (2)

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*—Observed near Nariva Swamp

American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea*—One observed at Caroni Swamp

Galbulidae: Jacamars (1)

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda*—Observed along Blanchisseuse Road, but more common at Cuffie River Retreat

Ramphastidae: Toucans (1)

Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus*—Observed from verandah at AWNC and Blanchisseuse Road

Picidae: Woodpeckers (4)

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Red-crowned Woodpecker *Melanerpes rubricapillus*—Common at Cuffie River Retreat
Golden-Olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus*—Observed at AWNC, Blanchisseuse Road, and Main Ridge Forest on Tobago

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*—Pair observed on Blanchisseuse Road

Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos*—One observed at Morne la Croix

Furnariidae: Ovenbirds, Woodcreepers, and Allies (6)

Stripe-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis cinnamomea*—At least one observed at Gilpin Trace Trail

Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*—Several at abandoned agricultural field in Trinidad

Gray-throated Leaf Tosser *Sclerurus albigularis*—One observed along driveway at AWNC

Plain Brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa*—Several observed at AWNC and along Blanchisseuse Road

Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex picus*—One observed at Caroni Swamp

Cocoa Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus susurrans*—Several along Blanchisseuse Road, Trinidad, and Main Ridge Forest, Tobago

Thamnophilidae: Antbirds (6)

Great Antshrike *Taraba major*—Two sightings at AWNC

Black-crested Antshrike *Sakesphorus canadensis*—Several sightings near Nariva Swamp

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus*—Common at AWNC and most other locations. Seen and/or heard daily

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris*—Pair observed along Blanchisseuse Road

White-fringed Antwren *Formicivora grisea*—One sighting at Cuffie River Retreat but heard frequently in the area

White-bellied Antbird *Myrmeciza longpipes*—One sighting along Blanchisseuse Road

Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers (15)

Forest Elaenia *Myiopagis gaimardii*—Observed several times from veranda at AWNC

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*—Observed en route to Nariva Swamp and at Cuffie River Retreat

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleaginous*—One sighting near Cuffie River Retreat

Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus*—One observed along Blanchisseuse Road

Pied Water-Tyrant *Fluvicola pica*—Observed near Nariva Swamp

White-headed Swamp Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala*—At least one observed at abandoned agricultural field en route to Nariva Swamp

Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus*—Heard frequently at AWNC and other forest locations

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus*—Observed en-route to Nariva Swamp, at Cuffie River Retreat, and Little Tobago Island

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*—Observed at numerous locations in Trinidad

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*—Observed at AWNC and near Waller Field

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Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus*—One flew across the road briefly at Main Ridge Forest, Tobago

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus*—Observed at AWNC and Cuffie River Retreat

Sulphury Flycatcher *Tyrannopus sulphurea*—One at Waller Field on Trinidad

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*—Seen most days on both islands

Gray Kingbird *Tyrannus dominicensis*—Observed on both islands but seemed more common on Tobago

Tityridae: Tityras (1)

Black-tailed Tityra *Tityra cayana*—One observed from verandah at AWNC

Cotingidae: Cotingas (1)

Bearded Bellbird *Procnia averano*—Seen and heard daily at AWNC

Pipridae: Manakins (3)

White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus*—Common at AWNC

Blue-backed Manakin *Chiroxiphia pareola*—One sighting in Main Ridge Forest, Tobago; heard at Cuffie River Retreat

Golden-headed Manakin *Pipra erythrocephala*—Common at AWNC

Vireonidae: Vireos & Peppershrikes (4)

Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo *Vireo olivaceus (chivi)*—Heard many with sightings at Cuffie River Retreat

Scrub Greenlet *Hylophilus flavipes*—heard at Cuffie River Retreat

Golden-fronted Greenlet *Hylophilus qurantifrons*—Several sightings along Blanchisseuse Road

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*—Heard frequently with a brief sighting by one group member

Hirundinidae: Swallows (5)

Caribbean Martin *Progne dominicensis*—Several observed at Tobago sewage ponds

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*—A few observed en route to Nariva Swamp

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer*—Sightings en route to Caroni Swamp and at Tobago sewage ponds

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Steigidopteryx ruficollis*—Sightings along road at several locations

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*—Several birds at Tobago sewage ponds

Troglodytidae: Wrens (2)

Rufous-breasted Wren *Pheugopedius rutilus*—Common in forested areas of both islands

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*—Common at AWNC and Cuffie River Retreat

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Poliptilidae: Gnatcatchers (1)

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus*—One sighting along Blanchisseuse Road

Turdidae: Thrushes (4)

Yellow-legged Thrush *Platycichia flavipes*—Several sightings along Gilpin Trace Trail

Cocoa Thrush *Turdus fumigatus*—Common at AWNC and nearby forests

Spectacled Thrush *Turdus nudigenis*—Common at AWNC and Cuffie River Retreat

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis*—Several sightings at AWNC and along Blanchisseuse Road, and at Main Ridge Forest in Tobago

Mimidae: Mockingbirds (1)

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus*—Seen and heard daily on both islands

Parulidae: Wood-Warblers (4)

Tropical Parula *Parula pitiayumi*—A sighting along Blanchisseuse Road and another at AWNC

Yellow Warbler *Dendroica petechia*—One observed en route to Caroni Swamp

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla*—Observed on Blanchisseuse Road, at AWNC, and en route to Caroni Swamp

Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus*—Several sightings along Blanchisseuse Road

Thraupidae: Tanagers & Allies (17)

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*—Abundant bird observed daily

White-shouldered Tanager *Tachyphonus luctuosus*—Observed along Blanchisseuse Road

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus*—Almost daily forest bird on both islands

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager *Habia rubica*—One sighting at AWNC

Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava*—Northern Range, Trinidad

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo*—Abundant species observed daily on Trinidad

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*—Seen daily in most habitats on both islands

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*—Observed daily on both Trinidad and Tobago

Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana*—Observed in small numbers daily at AWNC

Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola*—Observed in small numbers daily at AWNC

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza*—Common at AWNC

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus*—Common at AWNC

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus*—One sighting at AWNC, more common on Tobago

Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis*—Groups of about six observed on Blanchisseuse Road

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*—Separate sightings by Tony and Teresa at Cuffie River Retreat

Red-capped Cardinal *Paroaria nigrogenis*—at least three birds near entrance to Caroni Swamp

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Grayish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens*—Several sightings at AWNC

Icteridae: American Orioles & Blackbirds (9)

Yellow-hooded Blackbird *Chrysomus icterocephalus*—Flock observed at abandoned agricultural area en route to Nariva Swamp

Red-breasted Meadowlark *Sturnella militaris*—Observed in Aripo agricultural area

Carib Grackle *Quiscalus lugubris*—Common roadside bird in lowlands

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*—Observed near Tobago sewage ponds and at Cuffie River Retreat

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus*—Observed en route to Nariva Swamp and along the road in Tobago

Yellow Oriole *Icterus nigrogularis*—Several sightings at AWNC and lowland locations in Trinidad

Moriche (Epaulet) Oriole *Icterus chryscephalus*—One sighting at Waller Field

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela*—Colony at Morne la Croix and en route to Nariva Swamp

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus*—Common bird seen daily on both islands

Fringillidae: Cardueline Finches, Euphonias and Allies (1)

Violaceous Euphonia *Euphonia violacea*—Observed daily at AWNC