

## Southern Mexico – 27 June to 11 July 2004

This report summarizes a recent trip to southern Mexico (primarily the states of Veracruz and Oaxaca) during the middle of the 2004 breeding season. Participants were Philip Barbour (Sidon, Mississippi), Bob Cecil (Des Moines, Iowa), Jim Dinsmore (Ames, Iowa), Stephen J. Dinsmore (Starkville, Mississippi), Jay Gilliam (Norwalk, Iowa), and Francisco Vilella (Starkville, Mississippi). The weather was generally pleasant with scattered showers and thunderstorms most days. We drove two vehicles into Mexico – my 2003 Subaru Impreza and Bob’s 2003 Saturn Ion. Nice cars, but we didn’t see another Saturn or Subaru in Mexico! The birding was great, and we especially enjoyed visiting the tropics when “junk” neotropical migrants like Blue-gray Gnatcatcher and Wilson’s Warbler were absent!

### 27/28 June

Three of us (me, Francisco Vilella, and Philip Barbour) left Starkville, MS at 8 a.m. We arrived in Laredo, TX a couple of hours early (940 miles) after a quick stop at Balcones Canyonlands NWR north of Austin to see Golden-cheeked Warblers. The group from Iowa (Bob Cecil, Jim Dinsmore, and Jay Gilliam) arrived in Laredo at 1:30 a.m. and we quickly headed for the border. We crossed into Mexico by 2 a.m., but weren’t on our way south until 3:45 a.m. because the line for vehicle permits was long. And, as we made the last turn to the vehicle/entry permit station, a police car stopped us and we discovered we had run a red light. After futilely arguing with the officer for a few minutes, we agreed to pay him \$20 per car to leave us alone. Nice start to the trip!

We made great time heading south on Highway 85. Near Monterrey, at 6 a.m., we glimpsed a Barn Owl in our headlights. At Monterrey we veered southeast towards the coast. We skirted Tampico and enjoyed watching soaring Magnificent Frigatebirds gliding effortlessly over the edge of the city. Hours later, Bob spotted a perched raptor along Highway 83. We stopped on a nearby dirt road and quickly discovered that the bird was an Aplomado Falcon. We took a short walk down the road and saw Zone-tailed and Roadside hawks, White-collared Seedeater, and Yellow-faced Grassquit. We spent the night at Hotel San Carlos (290 pesos for a double room) in Cerro Azul. After a few cervezas and a seafood dinner, we were in bed by 8 p.m. Temperature 77-91°F, clear to partly cloudy. (455 miles)



**White-collared Seedeater**

29 June



**Ferruginous Pygmy-Owls**

After a much-needed full night's sleep, we spent the first few minutes of the morning birding the parking lot of the hotel. We saw a cooperative family group of Ferruginous Pygmy-Owls, a Band-backed Wren, and a Blue-gray Tanager, in addition to several common species. We departed Cerro Azul at 7 a.m. and continued south through Veracruz, passing along the Emerald Coast, skirting the city of Veracruz,

and arriving in Catemaco at 5:45 p.m. We found a nice wetland on Highway 180 between Veracruz and Alvarado where we saw Bare-throated Tiger-Heron, several Pinnated Bitterns, Snail Kite, at least 4 Aplomado Falcons, and several Northern Jacanas. From Catemaco, we turned north towards the coastal "resort" of Montepio. The road passes through the Los Tuxtlas Biosphere Reserve before dropping down to the coast. This road is quite rough, but passable in a standard sedan. Light was fading, so we didn't do any birding, although one brief stop produced a calling Collared Forest-Falcon and another Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl. Unfortunately, about a mile outside Montepio, Bob's car suddenly lost all oil pressure. We soon discovered why – he had torn a large piece off the oil pan when he hit a large rock protruding from the roadbed (Mount Saturn?). A passing truck offered to tow the vehicle to town, and it was in the motel parking lot by 9 p.m. Evening in the Motel San Juan in Montepio (250 pesos per night for a double occupancy, but no AC). Temperature 76-94°F, partly cloudy. (349 miles)



**Pinnated Bittern**

30 June

After a few early morning thunderstorms, we awoke at 6:30 a.m. and birded from the motel veranda for a couple of hours while decided how to best repair Bob's car. Birding around the hotel was fair and we saw Gray Hawk, Yellow-throated Euphonia, Blue-black Grassquit, and Blue-gray and Yellow-winged tanagers. At 11 a.m. we left Bob and Francisco, who, fortunately, speaks perfect Spanish, to attend to the car and retraced our way 5 miles towards the Biosphere reserve. The birding was very slow, except for a couple of displaying Common Black-Hawks. At 1 p.m. we decided to take a swim in the Bay of Campeche. After cooling off for almost an hour, we ate a late seafood lunch on

the beach. It was a good thing we weren't in a hurry – it took almost an hour and a half to get served! That afternoon we crossed the river and drove west to a small coastal town where we located a large Cattle Egret colony in some Australian Pines. We spent nearly an hour here, watching and photographing the egrets and several Brown Pelicans and Magnificent Frigatebirds. Temperature 73-89°F, mostly clear, thunderstorms and rain showers ending by early morning. (17 miles)



**Magnificent Frigatebird**

1 July



**View from Montepio**

This morning we hired a local guide, Juan Mendoza Murillo (Grupo Cerro Borrego, cost was 20 pesos per person), to take us into the hills east of Montepio. We left the motel at a little after 7 a.m. The first part of the hike was through open agricultural fields, followed by a steep ascent to the top of the first ridge. The forest was dark and damp and the

trail extremely slippery, and consequently we saw few birds. After about an hour, we made it to the ridgetop and quickly located several groups of Howler Monkeys, which we had been hearing all morning. The birding here was surprisingly poor and about the only birds of note were a noisy flock of Plain Chachalacas, White-breasted Wood Wren, Crimson-collared Grosbeak, and Red-throated Ant Tanager. We made a circle east, then north, and then back northwest towards town, arriving there at 11 a.m. After a seafood lunch on the beach, followed by a short siesta, Bob and Francisco headed to Catemaco to repair the oilpan. It had been removed by an 18-year-old local mechanic, which turned out to be a large undertaking. Since it was cast aluminum, they had to drive to several shops in Catemaco and San Andreas Tuxtla before they found one that could weld it. The rest of us took another siesta and then birded the main road just south of town where we saw Lined Woodpecker, Gray-breasted Martin, Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher, and Blue-black Grassquit. At 7 p.m. we met Bob and Francisco on the road outside of town and heard the good news – Bob's oilpan had been fixed! While we were enjoying a seafood dinner that evening (I had a shrimp dinner marinated in chipotle sauce over rice), the young mechanic drove up in Bob's car and the vehicle saga was over. Temperature 73-88°F, clear, thunderstorm before 5 a.m. (13 miles)

2 July



**Collared Aracari**

This was our morning to bird the UNAM Biological Station. We got a bit of a late start at 7:45 a.m. and arrived at the reserve after about a half hour of driving. After checking in at the main office, we birded the main trail to the east of the road where we saw Short-tailed Hawk, Blue-crowned Motmot, and a small flock of Red-crowned Ant-

Tanagers. Back on the main road in the vicinity of the biological station buildings we saw Yellow-headed Parrot, Keel-billed Toucan, Collared Aracari (a flock of ~15 birds), Violaceous Trogon, Squirrel Cuckoo, Lesser Greenlet, and Red-legged Honeycreeper. We then hiked into the station and around the buildings we saw Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift, Long-billed Hermit, and Piratic Flycatcher.

We returned to the motel in Montepio by 12:30 p.m., showered, and then decided to drive the road west, which we had been told was in much better condition than the road from the south. Unfortunately, after we reached a small town and tried unsuccessfully to purchase gasoline, we learned that the road was closed for resurfacing. All we could do was turn around and take the road south, through the biosphere reserve, to Catemaco. We did this, and arrived in Catemaco on gasoline fumes. Note: fuel cannot be readily purchased anywhere near Montepio, and the west road, when completed, should offer much better access to this coastal town. We ate a quick lunch of tacos in Catemaco and then headed straight for Tuxtepec, where we arrived at 7:30 p.m. We made a quick stop at the Puros Santa Clara cigar factory in San Andreas Tuxtla to see the production process and let Francisco replenish his cigar supply. On the way we made a couple of quick stops and saw Aplomado Falcon (same wetland as on 29 June), Plumbeous Kite, and Fork-tailed Flycatcher. Evening at the Hacienda Hotel in Tuxtepec (355 pesos for a double room). Temperature 73-93°F, mostly overcast, rain showers early morning and late afternoon. (173 miles)



**Snail Kite**

3 July

We left Tuxtepec at 6:30 a.m. and headed west to look for Sumichrast's Wren and other local specialties. We first birded the gravel road north of Camelia Roja where we

saw Keel-billed Toucan, Collared Aracari, Stripe-throated Hermit, several Crimson-collared Tanagers, and Buff-throated Saltator. We then returned to town and continued west, making a couple of brief stops before reaching a large reservoir labeled Presa Miguel Aleman. About the only bird of note on this stretch of road was a small flock of Aztec Parakeets. On the limestone bluffs near the tailrace of the reservoir we searched in vain for Sumichrast's Wren. Birding here was very slow (the temperature was now in the low 90s), but we did see a few waterbirds on the lake, Mangrove Swallow, and Yellow-billed Cacique.



**Violaceous Trogon**

From here, we returned to Tuxtepec and took Highway 175 south to Valle Nacional. We arrived by 1:30 p.m., checked into a hotel, ate lunch, and checked our email at a local Internet café. By 3:30 p.m. the temperature had cooled a little, so we headed south towards the cloud forest along Highway 175. We found a couple of birdy spots where we saw Long-billed Hermit, Violaceous and Mountain trogons, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, White-

throated Robin, Lesser Greenlet, Black-throated Shrike-Tanager, and White-naped and Chestnut-capped brush-finches. Bob noted that the deforestation in the area seemed to be accelerating. It is rapidly moving up the slope towards the little shrine at kilometer marker 57, and there were many fresh example of slash and burn agriculture along the highway and on the surrounding mountains. Evening at the Hotel del Valle in Valle Nacional (150 pesos for a double room, but no AC and no water the next morning). We made the mistake of paying for 2 nights up front. However, after experiencing the extremely hot and noisy conditions, coupled with a loud domestic violence incident in a neighboring room at 12:30 a.m., we decided to forgo a second night at this spot. Dinner consisted of street tacos and beer in Valle Nacional. Partly cloudy, temperature 77-94°F. (98 miles)

4 July

This morning we left Valle Nacional at 6:30 a.m. and headed south on Highway 175 towards the cloud forest. We birded from the road between kilometer markers 50 and 100 until almost 3 p.m. The birding was very good, although regular traffic and almost no side roads made it a little hazardous. Some of the more interesting birds along this stretch included Barred Forest-



**Red-legged Honeycreeper**

Falcon, Violet Sabrewing, Emerald-chinned and Bumblebee hummingbirds, Black-faced Antthrush, Speckled Mourner, Buff-throated Foliage-Gleaner, Pale-billed Woodpecker, a cooperative flock of Unicolored Jays, Red Warbler, Black-throated Shrike-Tanager, Green Honeycreeper, and Yellow-billed Cacique. Steve also had an interesting encounter with a Gray Fox that approached in response to a pygmy-owl imitation, only to be mobbed by the other birds that were attracted. The weather here was great with intermittent sun and moderate clouds/fog, and the temperature was seldom above 70°F. At 3 p.m. we crested the summit near marker 107 (elevation approximately 9,720') at a temperature of 56 degrees, and from there it was another 2 ½ hours to Oaxaca City. This latter stretch of road followed a steep downhill grade for much of the way, and we



**Mountain flower**

seldom exceeded a speed of 30 mph. The south side of the mountain range was noticeably drier and we did not make any extended stops to look for birds. We had pizza and beer for dinner in Oaxaca City. Partly cloudy to overcast, temperature 54-84°F. Evening at the Hotel del Bosque in Oaxaca City (410 pesos for a double room). This hotel is conveniently located (for birding) about 2 miles west of the intersection of highways 175 and 190. To get downtown, you only have to walk across the street and catch a taxi for about 30 pesos. (104 miles)

5 July

Today was spent exploring Parque La Cumbre – Ixtepeji, sometimes simply referred to as La Cumbre. The park charges an entry fee of 50 pesos per person, the proceeds going to the local community to manage this fantastic park and sustainable forestry reserve. We spent most of our time on the first 10 km of road to the west of Highway 175, but did bird for about an hour on the first 3 km to the east of the highway. This is a moderately high elevation area, and the temperature hovered between 43 and



**Brown-backed Solitaire**

48 °F the entire time we were there! Birds seen in this area included Blue-throated, White-eared, and Amethyst-throated hummingbirds, Dwarf Vireo, Brown Creeper, Bushtit, Gray-barred Wren, Russet and Ruddy-capped nightingale-thrushes, Olive and Red warblers, Collared Towhee, and Yellow-eyed Junco. The plants were also spectacular – many varieties of native salvias and orchids, plus old growth humid pine forest and blooming century plants. Variably clear to overcast, temperature 43-65°F, light showers after 4 p.m. Evening at the Hotel del Bosque in Oaxaca City (410 pesos for a double room). (50 miles)

6 July



**Bridled Sparrow**

We had a late start this morning and didn't leave the hotel until 7:45 a.m. In the hotel parking lot, we awoke to a singing White-throated Towhee, a local specialty. Our first stop was at the Teotitlan de Valle area, where we birded around the now dry reservoir and up the road towards the mountains for several kilometers. It was quite warm, even at 9 a.m., but thankfully the birding was good. Below the dam of the lake we saw Pileated Flycatcher, Rufous-backed

Robin, and Curve-billed Thrasher (alas, no Ocellated). Farther up along the lakeshore we found a couple of cooperative Bridled Sparrows. At the lake's upper end we spent about an hour walking along the stream and neighboring scrub and saw lots of birds – loads of Berylline Hummingbirds, a pair of Greenish Elaenia at a nest with 2 young, a pair of Hepatic Tanagers at a nest with 2 tanager and 2 cowbird eggs, Blue-hooded Euphonia, and Black-vented Oriole. But the most surprising sight was a bat foraging with several Mangrove Swallows at 11 a.m. By now it was quite warm and we continued upward, but found few birds in the late morning heat. About all we saw of note were a Blue Mockingbird and several Western Scrub-Jays.

We then retraced our way to Teotitlan de Valle and spent the lunch



**Viewing *the* giant tree**

hour shopping for famous Oaxaca rugs. Everyone but Bob made at least one purchase. While there, we were astonished to see a van with Iowa license plates, the first vehicle with U.S. tags we had seen in several days! From here, we started back towards Oaxaca City and stopped in the small town of Tule to see the world's largest tree. The tree was

indeed impressive – a circumference of 42 meters and an estimated age of more than 2,000 years! We had a traditional lunch in one of the small restaurants off the square. Philip stopped at one of the small street stands to buy a t-shirt, and we all enjoyed watching him unsuccessfully try to bargain the lady down a few pesos. He left, but returned a few minutes later, only to discover that she had raised the price! After a little more haggling, he got the shirt for the original asking price. By 2:30 p.m. we were on the road again.



**Monte Alban ruins**

Our last stop of the day was the Monte Alban ruins on the outskirts of Oaxaca City, where we arrived at 3 p.m. The ruins were packed with tourists and almost devoid of birds, although it was interesting to view these impressive structures. Mid-afternoon birding along the nature trail produced Ocellated Thrasher and Oaxaca Sparrow, plus a few other species like Gray Silky-

flycatcher and Pileated Flycatcher. We left when the road to the ruins closed at 6 p.m. We were tired when we got back to the hotel and didn't feel like taking a taxi into town for dinner, so we settled for chicken and pizza at a restaurant near the hotel. Clear to partly cloudy, temperature 60-89°F. Evening at the Hotel del Bosque in Oaxaca City (410 pesos for a double room). (58 miles)

7 July

Today the group split up. Jim and I spent the morning birding while the others took in some of downtown Oaxaca. We began by driving up Highway 175 north of Oaxaca and stopping at several of the roadside pullouts to look for birds of the scrub forest. We almost ran over a Oaxaca Sparrow on the highway, and in this general area saw Great Swallow-tailed Swift, Gray-breasted Woodpecker,



**Boucard's Wren**

Pileated Flycatcher, Greater Pewee, Dwarf Vireo, and Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush. At 9 a.m. we decided to return to Oaxaca and drive east to the ruins at Yagul, where we arrived at 9:30 a.m. Along the road below the ruins we saw Gray-breasted Woodpecker, Boucard's Wren, and Bridled Sparrow. By 11 a.m. we were done birding and headed back to the hotel. The rest of the group had spent the morning visiting a chocolate factory and seeing some of the sights of the town center. We met them at the town center, "Zocolo", at 2 p.m. and spent the next couple of hours visiting the market. But we

first ate lunch (shrimp in garlic sauce for me, ceviche for most of the others) at a nice restaurant near the market. The array of items for sale at the market was amazing, although we were surprised to discover that there were no birds for sale. We later learned



**Group in Oaxaca City**

that the bird pet trade has been outlawed, at least in Oaxaca City. By 4:30 p.m. we were back at the hotel for a late afternoon siesta before we ordered pizza and ate it in our rooms. Clear to partly cloudy, temperature 63-89°F. Evening at the Hotel del Bosque in Oaxaca City (410 pesos for a double room). (56 miles)

8 July

We said good-bye to Oaxaca this morning as we left at 6:15 a.m. and headed north. We passed through Puebla in good time, but hit some roadwork and delays due to slow moving vehicles and didn't arrive in Pachuca until almost 2 p.m. In Hidalgo, the roadside scenery was almost surreal with huge snow-capped volcanoes dotting the skyline. We made a short stop at a new biosphere reserve where we saw Greater Pewee and Blue Mockingbird before



**Flowering *Heliconia***

continuing north towards Tlanchinol, arriving there at 5:45 p.m. After a nice dinner at Los Poyillos off the square, we checked email at the local Internet café and returned to the motel. A half hour of birding the motel grounds produced Pine Flycatcher and Rusty Sparrow, plus a caged Crested Guan being kept by the owners. Clear to partly cloudy, temperature 52-87°F. Evening at the Los Temascales cabañas in Tlanchinol, located at the south edge of town on the east side of the road. This was a pretty nice place with birding on the grounds, friendly management, and hot water. (300 pesos for a double room). (415 miles)

9 July

Today we were off to an early start at 6:30 a.m. We headed north from Tlanchinol to bird the cloud forest along Highway 105 a few kilometers north of town. We soon arrived at the parking area of a birding spot, but almost immediately some youths from town pulled in beside us and began drinking. Francisco recognized them as the same youths that had followed us around town the evening before, and suggested we make a hasty departure to avoid a robbery or worse. This was the only time during any of our travels in Mexico that any of us had felt the slightest bit threatened. Sadly, this was

probably one of the better birding areas of the entire trip, and we were disappointed to have to skip it.



**Bat Falcon**

From the cloud forest, we made a beeline for Las Pozas, the weird jungle sculpture garden near Xilitla. I say beeline, but this long stretch of road must certainly be the tope capital of Mexico – I counted 108 from Huejutla to Tamuzunchale and another 48 from Tamuzunchale to the turnoff for Xilitla! We birded Las Pozas from noon until 1:15 p.m. in the midday heat and saw few birds – Wedge-tailed Sabrewing, Cordilleran Flycatcher, and Tropical Parula. Along Highway 85, we made a quick detour west along a dirt road

between kilometers 350 and 351 at 2:15 p.m. (no interesting birds) before arriving at Bocatoma II near Gomez Farias at 4:45 p.m. We ordered dinner (fresh fish and lagnostinos) and birded the nearby grounds while we waited. The birding was good and we saw Muscovy Duck, Sungrebe, Amazon and Green kingfishers, Ivory-billed Woodcreeper, and Black-headed Saltator. We left Bocatoma II at 7 p.m., stopped for a few minutes to enjoy the Bat Falcon perched on the usual pole on the road to Gomez, and then headed for Ciudad Victoria, where we arrived at 8:30 p.m. As we were coming into town, we spotted a couple of Lesser Nighthawks. Bob's preferred hotel had no double rooms, and we couldn't find any at a couple of nearby hotels, so we settled for 6 single rooms at the Loma Alta Motel (250 pesos for a single room with AC). This particular motel clearly catered to discrete, amorous couples, but the rooms were spacious, clean, and very reasonably priced. Clear, temperature 62-98°F. (362 miles)

10 July

Our group parted this morning to head for home. The Mississippi group left Ciudad Victoria at 5:30 a.m., made it across the border at Pharr in a little more than an hour, and birded for about 5 hours in the Rio Grande Valley before stopping for the night in Victoria, Texas. On the 11<sup>th</sup> we drove the remaining 710 miles to Starkville, where we arrived at 4:30 p.m. The Iowa group took a more direct path home, leaving Ciudad Victoria by 7 a.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> and driving straight through to Des Moines, where they arrived by 9 a.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup>. They also saw a flock of 8 Wild Turkeys in Mexico near Montemorelos.

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## Species list (244 species)

Fulvous Whistling-Duck  
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck  
Muscovy Duck  
Mallard  
Wild Turkey  
Least Grebe  
Brown Pelican  
Neotropic Cormorant  
Anhinga  
Magnificent Frigatebird  
Pinnated Bittern  
Bare-throated Tiger-Heron  
Great Egret  
Snowy Egret  
Little Blue Heron  
Tricolored Heron  
Cattle Egret  
Green Heron  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron  
White Ibis  
White-faced Ibis  
Wood Stork  
Black Vulture  
Turkey Vulture  
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture  
Osprey  
Hook-billed Kite  
White-tailed Kite  
Snail Kite  
Plumbeous Kite  
Gray Hawk  
Common Black-Hawk  
Harris' Hawk  
Roadside Hawk  
Short-tailed Hawk  
Swainson's Hawk  
White-tailed Hawk  
Zone-tailed Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
Barred Forest-Falcon  
Collared Forest-Falcon  
Crested Caracara  
Aplomado Falcon  
Bat Falcon  
Plain Chachalaca  
Common Moorhen  
Sungrebe  
Limpkin  
Killdeer  
Black-necked Stilt  
Northern Jacana  
Willet  
Laughing Gull  
Royal Tern  
Sandwich Tern  
Rock Pigeon  
Red-billed Pigeon  
Eurasian Collared-Dove  
White-winged Dove

Mourning Dove  
Inca Dove  
Common Ground-Dove  
Ruddy Ground-Dove  
White-tipped Dove  
Green Parakeet  
Aztec Parakeet  
White-fronted Parrot  
Yellow-headed Parrot  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
Squirrel Cuckoo  
Greater Roadrunner  
Groove-billed Ani  
Barn Owl  
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl  
Lesser Nighthawk  
Common Pauraque  
Chestnut-collared Swift  
White-collared Swift  
Vaux's Swift  
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift  
Great Swallow-tailed Swift  
Long-billed (Long-tailed)  
Hermit  
Stripe-throated (Little) Hermit  
Wedge-tailed Sabrewing  
Violet Sabrewing  
Green-breasted Mango  
Emerald-chinned Hummingbird  
White-eared Hummingbird  
Berylline Hummingbird  
Buff-bellied Hummingbird  
Amethyst-throated  
Hummingbird  
Blue-throated Hummingbird  
Magnificent Hummingbird  
Bumblebee Hummingbird  
Violaceous Trogon  
Mountain Trogon  
Collared Trogon  
Blue-crowned Motmot  
Ringed Kingfisher  
Amazon Kingfisher  
Green Kingfisher  
Collared Aracari  
Keel-billed Toucan  
Acorn Woodpecker  
Gray-breasted Woodpecker  
Golden-fronted Woodpecker  
Ladder-backed Woodpecker  
Hairy Woodpecker  
Smoky-brown Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Lineated Woodpecker  
Pale-billed Woodpecker  
Olivaceous Woodcreeper  
Ivory-billed Woodcreeper  
Black-faced Antthrush  
Barred Antshrike  
Buff-throated Foliage-Gleaner  
Greenish Elaenia

Pileated Flycatcher  
Greater Pewee  
Western Wood-Pewee  
Pine Flycatcher  
Cordilleran Flycatcher  
Black Phoebe  
Vermilion Flycatcher  
Great Kiskadee  
Boat-billed Flycatcher  
Social Flycatcher  
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher  
Piratic Flycatcher  
Tropical Kingbird  
Couch's Kingbird  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher  
Fork-tailed Flycatcher  
Speckled Mourner  
Masked Tityra  
Black-crowned Tityra  
Loggerhead Shrike  
European Starling  
Dwarf Vireo  
Lesser Greenlet  
Steller's Jay  
Green Jay  
Brown Jay  
Western Scrub-Jay  
Unicolored Jay  
Tamaulipas Crow  
Chihuahuan Raven  
Gray-breasted Martin  
Mangrove Swallow  
Northern Rough-winged  
Swallow  
Cave Swallow  
Barn Swallow  
Mexican Chickadee  
Bushtit  
Brown Creeper  
Band-backed Wren  
Gray-barred Wren  
Boucard's Wren  
Rock Wren  
Canyon Wren  
Spot-breasted Wren  
Bewick's Wren  
House Wren  
White-breasted Wood-Wren  
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren  
Western Bluebird  
Brown-backed Solitaire  
Slate-colored Solitaire  
Orange-billed Nightingale-  
Thrush  
Russet Nightingale-Thrush  
Ruddy-capped Nightingale-  
Thrush  
Clay-colored Robin  
White-throated Robin  
Rufous-backed Robin  
American Robin

Northern Mockingbird  
Ocellated Thrasher  
Curve-billed Thrasher  
Blue Mockingbird  
Gray Silky-flycatcher  
Phainopepla  
Olive Warbler  
Crescent-chested Warbler  
Tropical Parula  
Red Warbler  
Slate-throated Redstart  
Golden-crowned Warbler  
Rufous-capped Warbler  
Golden-browed Warbler  
Common Bush-Tanager  
Black-throated Shrike-Tanager  
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager  
Red-throated Ant-Tanager  
Hepatic Tanager  
Flame-colored Tanager  
White-winged Tanager  
Crimson-collared Tanager  
Blue-gray Tanager  
Yellow-winged Tanager  
Scrub Euphonia  
Yellow-throated Euphonia  
Elegant Euphonia  
Green Honeycreeper  
Red-legged Honeycreeper  
Blue-black Grassquit  
White-collared Seedeater  
Yellow-faced Grassquit  
White-naped Brush-Finch  
Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch  
Olive Sparrow  
Collared Towhee  
White-throated Towhee  
Canyon Towhee  
Bridled Sparrow  
Rusty Sparrow  
Oaxaca Sparrow  
Chipping Sparrow  
Yellow-eyed Junco  
Grayish Saltator  
Buff-throated Saltator  
Black-headed Saltator  
Crimson-collared Grosbeak  
Northern Cardinal  
Pyrrhuloxia  
Black-headed Grosbeak  
Blue Bunting  
Blue Grosbeak  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Eastern Meadowlark  
Melodious Blackbird  
Great-tailed Grackle  
Bronzed Cowbird  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Black-vented Oriole  
Hooded Oriole  
Yellow-tailed Oriole  
Altamira Oriole

Black-backed Oriole  
Yellow-billed Caticue  
Montezuma Oropendola  
House Finch  
Black-headed Siskin  
Lesser Goldfinch  
House Sparrow