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Tinamous		
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Great Tinamou	Tinamus major	One seen in the garden area at La Selva, three more on the Figure Eight Trail in Carara
Highland Tinamou	Nothocercus bonapartei	
Little Tinamou	Crypturellus soui	
Thicket Tinamou	Crypturellus cinnamomeus	
Slaty-breasted Tinamou	Crypturellus boucardi	
Waterfowl and Screamers		
Swans, Ducks		
White-faced Whistling-Duck	Dendrocygna viduata	
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	Dendrocygna autumnalis	Seen from the overlook along the Rio Tárcoles
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	Dendrocygna bicolor	
Muscovy Duck	Cairina moschata	
American Wigeon	Anas americana	
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	
Blue-winged Teal	Anas discors	
Cinnamon Teal	Anas cyanoptera	
Northern Shoveler	Anas clypeata	
Northern Pintail	Anas acuta	
Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca	
Ring-necked Duck	Aythya collaris	
Greater Scaup	Aythya marila	
Lesser Scaup	Aythya affinis	
Masked Duck	Nomonyx dominicus	
Pheasants, Guineafowl, Cracids, etc.		
Curassows, Guans		
Plain [White-bellied] Chachalaca	Ortalis vetula	
Gray-headed Chachalaca	Ortalis cinereiceps	
Crested Guan	Penelope purpurascens	Heard somewhere along the way (DSG?)
Black Guan	Chamaepetes unicolor	Seen on the main trail at Monteverde, in the trees at Finca Miguel Lito and in Savegre Valley
Great Curassow	Crax rubra	
New World Quails		
Buffy-crowned Wood-Partridge	Dendrortyx leucophrys	
Crested [Spot-bellied] Bobwhite	Colinus cristatus	
Marbled Wood-Quail	Odontophorus gujanensis	
Black-eared [Rufous-fronted] Wood-Quail	Odontophorus melanotis	
Black-breasted Wood-Quail	Odontophorus leucolaemus	
Spotted Wood-Quail	Odontophorus guttatus	
Tawny-faced Quail	Rhynchortyx cinctus	
Grebes		
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Least Grebe	Tachybaptus dominicus	
Pied-billed Grebe	Podilymbus podiceps	
Eared Grebe	Podiceps nigricollis	
Albatrosses, Shearwaters		
Petrels, Shearwaters		
Black-capped Petrel	Pterodroma hasitata	
Dark-rumped Petrel	Pterodroma sp.	
Parkinson's Petrel	Procellaria parkinsoni	
Pink-footed Shearwater	Puffinus creatopus	
Wedge-tailed Shearwater	Puffinus pacificus	
Sooty Shearwater	Puffinus griseus	
Short-tailed Shearwater	Puffinus tenuirostris	
Audubon's Shearwater	Puffinus iherminieri	
Storm-Petrels		
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	Oceanites oceanicus	
White-faced Storm-Petrel	Pelagodroma marina	
Leach's Storm-Petrel	Oceanodroma leucorhoa	
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel	Oceanodroma castro	
Wedge-rumped Storm-Petrel	Oceanodroma lethys	
Black Storm-Petrel	Oceanodroma melania	
Markham's Storm-Petrel	Oceanodroma markhami	
Least Storm-Petrel	Oceanodroma microsoma	
Pelicans, Cormorants, Gannets, etc.		
Tropicbirds		
Red-billed Tropicbird	Phaethon aethereus	
Gannets, Boobies		
Masked Booby	Sula dactylatra	
Blue-footed Booby	Sula nebouxi	
Brown Booby	Sula leucogaster	
Red-footed Booby	Sula sula	
Pelicans		
American White Pelican	Pelecanus erythrorhynchos	
Brown Pelican	Pelecanus occidentalis	Numerous near the ocean on the mangrove boat trip on the Rio Tárcoles
Cormorants		
Neotropic [Olivaceous] Cormorant	Phalacrocorax brasilianus	
Darters, Anhingas		
Anhinga	Anhinga anhinga	Several locations along the Rio Tárcoles
Frigatebirds		
Magnificent Frigatebird	Fregata magnificens	Abundant anywhere near the Pacific Ocean, particularly near the mouth of the Rio Tárcoles
Great Frigatebird	Fregata minor	
Hérons, Egrets, Storks, etc.		
Hérons		
Pinnated Bittern	Botaurus pinnatus	
American Bittern	Botaurus lentiginosus	
Least Bittern	Ixobrychus exilis	
Rufescent Tiger-Heron	Tigrisoma lineatum	One bird seen by DSG from the bar at Selva Verde
Fasciated Tiger-Heron	Tigrisoma fasciatum	Along the Rio Tárcoles and also at Villa Lajas Lodge
Bare-throated Tiger-Heron	Tigrisoma mexicanum	At Selva Verde along the Rio Sarapiquí and also at various locations along the Rio Tárcoles
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	
Great Egret	Ardea alba	North of San Miguel, at La Selva and at various locations along the Rio Tárcoles
Snowy Egret	Egretta thula	Various locations along the Rio Tárcoles
Little Blue Heron	Egretta caerulea	Along the Rio Sarapiquí at Selva Verde and along the Rio Tárcoles
Tricolored Heron	Egretta tricolor	Along the Rio Tárcoles
Reddish Egret	Egretta rufescens	
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	Pretty much anywhere where cattle were found on both slopes
Green Heron	Butorides virescens	Along the Rio Tárcoles
Agami [Chestnut-bellied] Heron	Agamia agami	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	Along the Rio Tárcoles; less numerous than Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Nyctanassa violacea	Along the Rio Tárcoles
Boat-billed Heron	Cochlearius cochlearius	A day roost of roughly 20 birds along the Rio Tárcoles at the first overlook
Ibises, Spoonbills		
White Ibis	Eudocimus albus	Small numbers along the Rio Tárcoles
Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus	
White-faced Ibis	Plegadis chihi	
Green Ibis	Mesembrinibis cayennensis	Singles both at La Selva and at Selva Verde Lodge
Roseate Spoonbill	Platalea ajaja	Small numbers along the Rio Tárcoles
Storks		
Jabiru	Jabiru mycteria	
Wood Stork	Mycteria americana	Flying over the highway bridge over the Rio Tárcoles
New World Vultures		
Black Vulture	Coragyps atratus	Ubiquitous
Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura	Ubiquitous
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	Cathartes burrovianus	
King Vulture	Sarcorampus papa	
Hawks, Eagles, Falcons, etc.		
Hawks, Eagles, Harriers		
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	A single bird at La Selva and a few more at Carara National Park
Gray-headed Kite	Leptodon cayanensis	
Hook-billed Kite	Chondrohierax uncinatus	
[American] Swallow-tailed Kite	Elanoides forficatus	
White-tailed [Black-shouldered] Kite	Elanus leucurus	

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Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>	
Double-toothed Kite	<i>Harpagus bidentatus</i>	
Mississippi Kite	<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	
Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>	Along the River Tárcoles, both near the mouth in the mangroves and further up river
Black-collared Hawk	<i>Busarellus nigricollis</i>	
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	
Tiny Hawk	<i>Accipiter superciliosus</i>	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	
Bicolored Hawk	<i>Accipiter bicolor</i>	
Crane Hawk	<i>Geranospiza caerulescens</i>	
Barred [Black-chested] Hawk	<i>Leucopternis princeps</i>	Flying in the canyon of the Virgen de Socorro
Semiplumbeous Hawk	<i>Leucopternis semiplumbea</i>	An incredibly cooperative bird perched above the trail at La Selva
White Hawk	<i>Leucopternis albicollis</i>	
Gray Hawk	<i>Asiurina nitida</i>	San Miguel and at Carara National Park
Common Black-Hawk	<i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>	
Mangrove Black-Hawk	<i>Buteogallus subtilis</i>	Several adults and immatures during the boat trip through the mangroves. Identification based on field marks very difficult.
Great Black-Hawk	<i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>	
Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	
Harris's [Bay-winged] Hawk	<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>	
Solitary Eagle	<i>Harpophalix solitarius</i>	
Roadside Hawk	<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	La Selva and the El Mirador lookout
Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>	
Swainson's Hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	La Selva, the El Mirador lookout and at Carara National Park
White-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albicaudatus</i>	
Zone-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albonotatus</i>	Carara National Park
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	
Crested Eagle	<i>Morphnus guianensis</i>	
Harpy Eagle	<i>Harpia harpyja</i>	
Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizastur melanoleucus</i>	
Black Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>	A distant bird sighted almost directly over La Paz Falls
Ornate Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus ornatus</i>	
Falcons, Caracaras		
Barred Forest-Falcon	<i>Micrastur ruficollis</i>	
Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon	<i>Micrastur mirandollei</i>	
Collared Forest-Falcon	<i>Micrastur semitorquatus</i>	A single bird at Carara National Park
Red-throated Caracara	<i>Ibtycter americanus</i>	
Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	Fairly easy to see at Carara National Park
Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>	Somewhat less common at Carara National Park than the previous species
Laughing Falcon	<i>Herpeltotheres cachinmans</i>	Carara National Park
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	
Aplomado Falcon	<i>Falco femoralis</i>	
Bat Falcon	<i>Falco rufigularis</i>	
Orange-breasted Falcon	<i>Falco deiroleucus</i>	
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	
Rails, Cranes, Bustards, etc.		
Rails, Crakes		
Ocellated Crake	<i>Micropygia schomburgkii</i>	
Ruddy Crake	<i>Laterallus ruber</i>	
White-throated Crake	<i>Laterallus albigularis</i>	
Gray-breasted Crake	<i>Laterallus exilis</i>	
Black Rail	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis</i>	
Rufous-necked Wood-Rail	<i>Aramides axillaris</i>	Incredibly, a single bird well-seen by virtually everyone on the mangrove boat tour
Gray-necked Wood-Rail	<i>Aramides cajaneus</i>	Heard daily along the river trail at Carara National Park
Uniform Crake	<i>Amaurolimnas concolor</i>	
Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	
Yellow-breasted Crake	<i>Porzana flaviventer</i>	
Paint-billed Crake	<i>Neocrex erythrops</i>	
Spotted Rail	<i>Pardirallus maculatus</i>	
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>	Along the River Tárcoles
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	
Sungrebes		
Sungrebe	<i>Helornis fulica</i>	
Sunbittern		
Sunbittern	<i>Eurypyga helias</i>	Two stunningly-cooperative birds easily seen from the bar at Selva Verde. Incredible!
Limpkin		
Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	
Gulls, Terns, Alcids, Sandpipers, etc.		
Stone-curlews		
Double-striped Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus bistriatus</i>	
Plovers, Lapwings		
Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Small numbers along the Rio Tárcoles, both near the mangroves and further up river
American [Lesser] Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	
Collared Plover	<i>Charadrius collaris</i>	A single bird (finally!) from the highway bridge over the River Tárcoles. Easier to separate in the field than from plates in field guides
Snowy Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	
Wilson's Plover	<i>Charadrius wilsonia</i>	
Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	The only other <i>Charadrius</i> plover seen and little confusion with the much less common Collared Plover
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	
Oystercatchers		
American Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus palliatus</i>	
Avocets, Stilts		
Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	Along the River Tárcoles
American Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	
Jacanas		
Northern Jacana	<i>Jacana spinosa</i>	Along the River Tárcoles; more common than Black-necked Stilts
Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>	
Waders		
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	Small numbers along the River Tárcoles
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	
Willet	<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>	
Wandering Tattler	<i>Heteroscelus incanus</i>	
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	Small numbers at Selva Verde and the Villa Lapas lodge as well as up river on the Rio Tárcoles, but very large numbers of birds, including a flocks of 20+ in the mangroves at the Rio Tárcoles mouth
Upland Sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Small numbers along the River Tárcoles
Long-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>	
Hudsonian Godwit	<i>Limosa haemastica</i>	
Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>	
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Small numbers near the mouth of the River Tárcoles
Surfbird	<i>Aphriza virgata</i>	
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	
Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>	On the mudflats near the Tárcoles Lodge. Less common than Least Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	On the mudflats near the Tárcoles Lodge.
White-rumped Sandpiper	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	
Baird's Sandpiper	<i>Calidris bairdi</i>	
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	
Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	<i>Tryngites subruficollis</i>	
Ruff	<i>Philmachus pugnax</i>	
Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	
Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	

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Dowitcher sp.	Limnodromus sp.	
Wilson's [Common] Snipe	Gallinago delicata	
Wilson's Phalarope	Phalaropus tricolor	
Red-necked Phalarope	Phalaropus lobatus	
Red Phalarope	Phalaropus fulicarius	
Jaegers, Skuas		
South Polar Skua	Stercorarius maccoomicki	
Pomarine Jaeger	Stercorarius pomarinus	
Parasitic Jaeger	Stercorarius parasiticus	
Long-tailed Jaeger	Stercorarius longicaudus	
Gulls		
Laughing Gull	Larus atricilla	
Franklin's Gull	Larus pipixcan	
Bonaparte's Gull	Larus philadelphia	
Heermann's Gull	Larus heermanni	
Gray Gull	Larus modestus	
Ring-billed Gull	Larus delawarensis	
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	
Sabine's Gull	Xema sabini	
Terns		
Gull-billed Tern	Sterna nitotica	
Caspian Tern	Sterna caspia	
Royal Tern	Sterna maxima	
Elegant Tern	Sterna elegans	
Sandwich Tern	Sterna sandvicensis	
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	
Forster's Tern	Sterna forsteri	
Least Tern	Sterna antillarum	
Bridled Tern	Sterna anaethetus	
Sooty Tern	Sterna fuscata	
Black Tern	Chlidonias niger	
Brown Noddy	Anous stolidus	
Black Noddy	Anous minutus	
White Tern	Gygis alba	
Skimmers		
Black Skimmer	Rynchops niger	
Pigeons, Doves, Solitaires, and Dodo		
Pigeons, Doves		
Rock Pigeon	Columba livia	Small numbers in highly disturbed areas
Pale-vented Pigeon	Patagioenas cayennensis	Flying over with Red-billed Pigeons at La Selva
Scaled Pigeon	Patagioenas speciosa	
White-crowned Pigeon	Patagioenas leucocephala	
Red-billed Pigeon	Patagioenas flavirostris	Ubiquitous
Band-tailed Pigeon	Patagioenas fasciata	Singles flying over at the Volcan de Poas; also seen at Carara National Park
Ruddy Pigeon	Patagioenas subvinacea	Replaces Short-billed Pigeon at higher altitudes, not uncommon in the Savegre Valley
Short-billed Pigeon	Patagioenas nigrirostris	Heard daily in the lowlands on both slopes; a few seen as well
White-winged Dove	Zenaida asiatica	Some fly-bys during drives; also seen at Carara National Park
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	
Inca Dove	Columbina inca	At Finca Miguel Lito, near Orotina, in the Caribbean foothills up from La Selva, Carara National Park and various fly-bys while driving on the Pacific slope
Common Ground-Dove	Columbina passerina	
Plain-breasted Ground-Dove	Columbina minuta	
Ruddy Ground-Dove	Columbina talpacoti	La Selva, Selva Verde Lodge, Orotina and Carara National Park. Easier to see from the car than while birding :-)
Blue Ground-Dove	Claravis pretiosa	One particularly well seen near the bungalows at Selva Verde, others at La Selva and at Carara National Park
Maroon-chested Ground-Dove	Claravis mondetoura	
White-tipped Dove	Leptotila verreauxi	San Luis area, Carara National Park
Gray-fronted Dove	Leptotila rufaxilla	
Gray-chested Dove	Leptotila cassini	One well seen at Carara National Park
Olive-backed Quail-Dove	Geotrygon veraguensis	
Chiriqui Quail-Dove	Geotrygon chiriquensis	
Purplish-backed Quail-Dove	Geotrygon lawrencii	
Buff-fronted Quail-Dove	Geotrygon costaricensis	
Violaceous Quail-Dove	Geotrygon violacea	
Ruddy Quail-Dove	Geotrygon montana	Well-seen at Carara National Park
Parrots, Cockatoos, Lories, etc.		
Parrots		
Sulphur-winged Parakeet	Pyrrhura hoffmanni	
Crimson-fronted Parakeet	Aratinga finschi	
Olive-throated Parakeet	Aratinga nana	
Orange-fronted Parakeet	Aratinga canicularis	
Great Green Macaw	Ara ambiguus	
Scarlet Macaw	Ara macao	Flying over Villa Lapas, easy to see in good numbers anywhere near Rio Tárcoles
Barred Parakeet	Bolborhynchus lineola	
Orange-chinned Parakeet	Brotogeris jugularis	Carara National Park
Red-fronted Parrotlet [Parakeet]	Touit costaricensis	
Brown-hooded Parrot	Pionopsitta haematotis	Carara National Park
Blue-headed Parrot	Pionus menstruus	La Selva
White-crowned Parrot	Pionus senilis	North of San Miguel, at Selva Verde lodge and high over Trogon Lodge
White-fronted Parrot	Amazona albifrons	
Red-lored Parrot	Amazona autumnalis	La Selva
Mealy Parrot	Amazona farinosa	Small numbers at La Selva and Selva Verde; quite easy to find (and noisy!) at Carara National Park
Yellow-naped Parrot	Amazona auropalliata	Carara National Park
Cuckoos, Anis, Coucals, etc.		
New World Cuckoos		
Black-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus erythrophthalmus	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus	
Manrove Cuckoo	Coccyzus minor	From the Tárcoles River Bridge (thanks Hugh!)
Cocos Cuckoo	Coccyzus ferrugineus	
Ground-cuckoos and Allies		
Squirrel Cuckoo	Playa cayana	Fairly widespread in lowlands on both coasts; La Selva, Virgen de Socorro, Carara National Park, etc.
Striped Cuckoo	Tapera naevia	Two calling birds that were impossible to see at Carara National Park
Pheasant Cuckoo	Dromococcyx phasianellus	
Lesser Ground-Cuckoo	Morococcyx erythropygus	
Rufous-vented Ground-Cuckoo	Neomorphus geoffroyi	
Anis		
Smooth-billed Ani	Crotophaga ani	
Groove-billed Ani	Crotophaga sulcirostris	North of San Miguel, at the Villa Lapas lodge and Carara National Park
Owls		
Barn-owls		
Barn Owl	Tyto alba	
Typical Owls		
Pacific Screech-Owl	Megascops cooperi	
Tropical Screech-Owl	Megascops choliba	
Vermiculated Screech-Owl	Megascops guatemalae	Heard only during a night walk at La Selva
Bare-shanked Screech-Owl	Megascops clarkii	Buzzed by two different birds with two more calling birds high on the entry road to Savegre Valley
Crested Owl	Lophotrix cristata	Heard only both at La Selva and Selva Verde
Spectacled Owl	Pulsatrix perspicillata	
Great Horned Owl	Bubo virginianus	
Costa Rican [Andean, Least] Pygmy-Owl		
	Glaucidium costaricanum	
Central American [Least] Pygmy-Owl	Glaucidium griseiceps	
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	Glaucidium brasilianum	
Burrowing Owl	Athene cucularia	
Mottled Owl	Ciccaba virgata	One very poorly seen bird near the town of Tárcoles, others heard at Monteverde and Selva Verde
Black-and-white Owl	Ciccaba nigrolineata	Two stunningly-cooperative birds in a day roost in the town square in Orotina
Short-eared Owl	Asio flammeus	
Striped Owl	Pseudoscops clamator	
Unspotted Saw-whet Owl	Aegolius ridgwayi	
Nightjars, Potoos, Frogmouths, etc.		

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Nightjars		
Short-tailed Nighthawk	Lurocalis semitorquatus	Early morning birds at Villa Lapas seen by everyone other than me :(
Lesser Nighthawk	Chordeiles acutipennis	On the road to Monteverde and also at Carara
Common Nighthawk	Chordeiles minor	
Common Pauraque	Nyctidromus albigollis	Easy to hear in the Pacific lowlands; a day-roosting bird well-seen in Carara National Park
Ocellated Poorwill	Nyctiphrynus ocellatus	
Chuck-will's-widow	Caprimulgus carolinensis	
Rufous Nightjar	Caprimulgus rufus	
Whip-poor-will	Caprimulgus vociferus	
Dusky Nightjar	Caprimulgus saturatus	Not hard to hear in the Savegre Valley; a field with several high on the access road provided great looks at one bird
White-tailed Nightjar	Caprimulgus cayennensis	
Potoos		
Great Potoo	Nyctibius grandis	
Common Potoo	Nyctibius griseus	
Northern Potoo	Nyctibius jamaicensis	
Oilbird		
Oilbird	Steatornis caripensis	
Swifts		
Black Swift	Cypseloides niger	
White-Chinned Swift	Cypseloides cryptus	
Spot-fronted Swift	Cypseloides cherriei	
Chestnut-Collared Swift	Streptoprocne rutla	
White-Collared Swift	Streptoprocne zonaris	Identifiable looks at La Paz Falls, La Selva and Virgen de Socorro
Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	
Vaux's Swift	Chaetura vauxi	
Costa Rican [Band-rumped] Swift	Chaetura fumosa	With patience, low-flying Chaeturas near the Villa Lapas were identified to species
Gray-Rumped Swift	Chaetura cinereiventris	Gray rump well-observed at La Selva
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift	Panyptila cayennensis	Single birds both at La Selva and at the Rio Tárcoles
Great Swallow-tailed Swift	Panyptila sanctieronymi	
Hummingbirds		
Bronzy Hermit	Glaucis aenea	
Band-tailed Barbtroat	Threnetes ruckeri	One expertly found by our guide at La Selva. Very nice bird.
Green Hermit	Phaethornis guy	Great looks at El Mirador
Long-billed [Little] Hermit	Phaethornis longirostris	Relatively easy to find along the Rio Tárcoles
Stripe-throated [Little] Hermit	Phaethornis strigularis	Seen on lek at Selva Verde
White-tipped Sicklebill	Eutoxeres aquila	
Green-fronted Lancebill	Doryfera ludovicae	Nice look along the main trail at Monteverde
Scaly-breasted Hummingbird	Phaeochores cuvierii	Easier to see than identify at Carara National Park
Violet Sabrewing	Campylopterus hemileucurus	Gorgeous looks at El Mirador, also seen at Monteverde
White-necked Jacobin	Florisuga mellivora	A single bird graciously pointed out to us by a local guide at Selva Verde Lodge
Brown Violet-ear	Colibri delphinae	Well-seen at El Mirador
Green Violet-ear	Colibri thalassinus	El Mirador, Monteverde and at the Georgina Hotel
Green-breasted Mango	Anthracoceros prevostii	
Violet-headed Hummingbird	Klais guimeti	A single in the garden at La Selva
Rufous-Crested Coquette	Lophornis delattrei	
Black-Crested Coquette	Lophornis helena	
White-Crested Coquette	Lophornis adorabilis	
Green Thorntail	Discosura conversii	Both male and female-types at El Mirador and another found in the La Paz falls area
Canivet's [Fork-tailed] Emerald	Chlorostilbon canivetii	
Garden Emerald	Chlorostilbon assimilis	
Violet-crowned [Crowned] Woodnymph	Thalania colombica	Good looks at El Mirador
Fiery-throated Hummingbird	Panterpe insignis	Easier to see high on Cerro de la Muerte than to see the fiery throat, which is visible only with exactly the right light angle
Sapphire-throated Hummingbird	Lepidopygia coeruleocularis	
Blue-throated Goldentail	Hylocharis eliciae	
White-bellied Emerald	Amazilia candida	
Blue-Chested Hummingbird	Amazilia amabilis	
Charming [Berry-crowned] Hummingbird	Amazilia decora	
Mangrove Hummingbird	Amazilia boucardi	One poorly-seen bird on the mangrove boat trip
Blue-tailed Hummingbird	Amazilia cyanura	
Steely-vented Hummingbird	Amazilia saucerrottei	
Snowy-bellied Hummingbird	Amazilia edward	
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	Amazilia tzacatl	Common at El Mirador, Villa Lapas and Carara National Park
Cinnamon Hummingbird	Amazilia rutila	A single bird seen by DSg at the Villa Lapas
Stripe-tailed Hummingbird	Eupherusa eximia	A single bird at Monteverde
Black-bellied Hummingbird	Eupherusa nigriventris	
White-tailed Emerald	Elvira chionura	
Copper-headed Emerald	Elvira cupreiceps	Quite common at El Mirador; another seen at Monteverde
Snowcap	Microchera albocoronata	
Bronze-tailed [Red-footed] Plumeteer	Chalybura urochrysis	
White-bellied Mountain-gem	Lampornis hemileucus	
Purple-throated Mountain-gem	Lampornis calolaema	Monteverde feeders and on the main trail
White-throated [Gray-tailed] Mountain-gem	Lampornis castaneiventris	At the feeders at the Trogon Lodge and at the Georgina Hotel
Green-Crowned Brilliant	Heliodoxa jacula	Common at El Mirador; also seen at Monteverde in the Cerro de la Muerte area
Magnificent Hummingbird	Eugenes fulgens	Volcan de Poas and the Cerro de la Muerte area
Purple-Crowned Fairy	Heliothryx barroti	Carara National Park, both on the River and Figure Eight Trails
Long-billed Starthroat	Helioaster longirostris	
Plain-Capped Starthroat	Helioaster constantii	
Magenta-throated Woodstar	Calliphlox bryantae	El Mirador, Monteverde and in the San Luis area
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Archilochus colubris	
Volcano Hummingbird	Selasphorus flammula	Several at the Georgina Hotel feeders and a Selasphorus sp. at the Volcan de Poas was likely this species. Generally at higher elevations in the Cerro de la Muerte area than Scintillant Hummingbird, which is more common in Savegre Valley. Some confusion in separating the two due to observer inexperience. Also, a Selasphorus hummingbird at Volcan de Poas was likely this species.
Scintillant Hummingbird	Selasphorus scintilla	Generally more common in the Savegre Valley; also seen outside of Bavra
Trogons		
Trogons, Quetzals		
Black-headed Trogon	Trogon melanocephalus	In the garden area and elsewhere at La Selva
Baird's Trogon	Trogon bairdii	Heard calling at Carara
Violaceous Trogon	Trogon violaceus	Not hard to find at Carara National Park
Elegant Trogon	Trogon elegans	
Collared Trogon	Trogon collaris	Virgen de Socorro
Orange-bellied Trogon	Trogon aurantiventris	Heard only at Monteverde
Black-throated Trogon	Trogon rufus	La Selva and Selva Verde
Slaty-tailed Trogon	Trogon massena	Pair excavating a nest hole in a termite nest at La Selva; also at Carara National Park
Lattice-tailed Trogon	Trogon clathratus	
Resplendent Quetzal	Pharomachrus mocinno	Two pairs seen at Monteverde; one each along the main trail and the river trail; another pair in the Savegre Valley and a poorly-seen individual above the Savegre Valley Lodge
Kingfishers, Bee-Eaters, Rollers, etc.		
Motmots		
Tody Motmot	Hylomanes momotula	
Blue-Crowned Motmot	Momotus momota	Monteverde, San Luis area, en route to Orotina, calling both at Carara National Park and at Villa Lapas
Rufous Motmot	Barythengus martii	La Selva
Keel-billed Motmot	Electron carinatum	La Selva
Broad-billed Motmot	Electron platyrhynchum	
Turquoise-browed Motmot	Eumomota superciliosa	In the mangroves near Tárcoles Lodge from the boat. Stunning!
Green, Giant Kingfishers		
Ringed Kingfisher	Ceryle torquata	Villa Lapas, Carara National Park
Belted Kingfisher	Ceryle alcyon	Carara National Park
Amazon Kingfisher	Chloroceryle amazona	Selva Verde Lodge, Carara National Park

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Green Kingfisher	Chloroceryle americana	Carara National Park
Green-and-Rufous Kingfisher	Chloroceryle inda	
American Pygmy Kingfisher	Chloroceryle aenea	Walk-away looks at one perched not 20 feet away at Carara National Park
Woodpeckers, Toucans, Honeyguides, etc.		
Puffbirds		
White-necked Puffbird	Notharchus macrorhynchos	
Pied Puffbird	Notharchus tectus	
White-whiskered Puffbird	Malacoptila panamensis	Figure Eight Trail in Carara National Park
Lanceolated Monklet	Micromonacha lanceolata	
White-fronted Nunbird	Monasa morphoeus	
Jacamars		
Rufous-tailed Jacamar	Galbula ruficauda	Pair nesting in the root ball of a fallen tree on the river trail at Carara National Park
Great Jacamar	Jacamerops aereus	
Toucans		
Red-headed Barbet	Eubucco bourcierii	
Pronk-billed Barbet	Sennonius frontalis	Several at Monteverde
Emerald Toucanet	Avicorhynchus prasinus	Monteverde and San Luis area
Collared Aracari	Pteroglossus torquatus	Seen by DSG at La Selva
Fiery-billed Aracari	Pteroglossus frontalis	Nice look at Carara National Park
Yellow-eared Toucanet	Selenidera spectabilis	
Keel-billed Toucan	Ramphastos sulfuratus	Much more easily heard than seen at San Miguel, La Selva and Selva Verde
Chestnut-mandibled Toucan	Ramphastos swainsonii	By far more common than Keel-billed Toucan. La Selva and Carara National Park
Woodpeckers		
Olivaceous Piculet	Picumnus olivaceus	
Acorn Woodpecker	Melanerpes formicivorus	Savegre Valley and high on Cerro de la Muerte
Golden-naped Woodpecker	Melanerpes chrysauchen	Nice look at Carara National Park; no evidence of hybridization
Black-cheeked Woodpecker	Melanerpes pucherani	Not hard to find at La Selva
Red-crowned Woodpecker	Melanerpes rubricapillus	
Hoffmann's Woodpecker	Melanerpes hoffmannii	Very common to ubiquitous; La Selva, El Mirador, Selva Verde, Villa Lapas, etc.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus varius	
Hairy Woodpecker	Picoides villosus	One bird poorly seen at Monteverde
Smoky-brown Woodpecker	Veniliornis fumigatus	Nice looks along the entrance road to La Selva; also at Selva Verde
Red-rumped Woodpecker	Veniliornis kirkii	
Rufous-winged Woodpecker	Piculus simplex	
Golden-olive Woodpecker	Piculus rubiginosus	
Cinnamon Woodpecker	Ceuleus torquatus	
Chestnut-colored Woodpecker	Ceuleus castaneus	
Lineated Woodpecker	Dryocopus lineatus	
Pale-billed Woodpecker	Campephilus guatemalensis	La Selva and Carara National Park
Parching Birds		
Ovenbirds		
Pale-breasted Spinetail	Synalaxis albescens	
Slaty Spinetail	Synalaxis brachyura	
Red-faced Spinetail	Cranioleuca erythropis	A few at Monteverde
Spotted Barbtail	Premnoplex brunescens	A single bird at Monteverde
Ruddy Treerunner	Margarornis rubiginosus	River trail at Monteverde and below the Hotel Georgina
Buffy Tuftedcheek	Pseudocolaptes lawrencii	
Striped Woodhaunter [Foliage-gleaner]	Hylocistis subulatus	
Lineated Foliage-gleaner	Syndactyla subularis	Deep in the shadows along the river trail at Monteverde
Scaly-throated [Spectacled] Foliage-gleaner	Anabacerthia variegaticeps	
Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner	Philydor rufus	
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner	Automolus ochrolaemus	
Ruddy Foliage-gleaner	Automolus rubiginosus	
Streak-breasted Treerunner	Thripadectes rufobrunneus	
Plain Xenops	Xenops minutus	La Selva and Carara National Park
Streaked Xenops	Xenops rutilans	
Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser	Sclerurus mexicanus	
Gray-throated Leaf-tosser	Sclerurus albicularis	
Scaly-throated Leaf-tosser	Sclerurus guatemalensis	
Woodcreepers		
Plain-brown Woodcreeper	Dendrocincla fuliginosa	
Tawny-winged Woodcreeper	Dendrocincla anabatina	
Ruddy Woodcreeper	Dendrocincla homochroa	
Olivaceous Woodcreeper	Sittasomus griseicapillus	Monteverde and Carara National Park
Long-tailed Woodcreeper	Deconychura longicauda	Carara National Park
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper	Glyphorhynchus spirurus	Widespread; La Selva, Virgen de Socorro and Carara National Park
Strong-billed Woodcreeper	Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus	One well-seen bird along the river trail at Monteverde
Northern Barred-Woodcreeper [Barred Woodcreeper]	Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae	
Black-banded Woodcreeper	Dendrocolaptes picumnus	
Cocoa [Buff-throated] Woodcreeper	Xiphorhynchus susurrans	La Selva and Carara National Park
Ivory-billed Woodcreeper	Xiphorhynchus flavigaster	
Black-striped Woodcreeper	Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus	A single bird in a mixed-species flock at La Selva
Spotted Woodcreeper	Xiphorhynchus erythropygius	
Streak-headed Woodcreeper	Lepidocolaptes souleyetii	Fairly common at La Selva and Carara National Park
Spot-crowned Woodcreeper	Lepidocolaptes affinis	Much higher elevations than Streak-headed Woodcreeper. Savegre Valley and Cerro de la Muerte
Brown-billed Scythebill	Campylorhamphus pusillus	
Antbirds		
Fasciated Antshrike	Cymbilaimus lineatus	In the garden area at La Selva
Great Antshrike	Taraba major	
Barred Antshrike	Thamnophilus doliatus	Less common than Black-headed Antshrike at Carara National Park
Black-hooded Antshrike	Thamnophilus bridgesi	Very common at Carara National Park
Antshrike	Thamnophilus atrinucha	
Russet Antshrike	Thamnistes anabatina	
Plain Antvireo	Dysithamnus mentalis	
Streak-crowned Antvireo	Dysithamnus striaticeps	
Spot-crowned Antvireo	Dysithamnus puncticeps	
Checker-throated Antwren	Myrmotherula fulviventris	
White-flanked Antwren	Myrmotherula axillaris	
Slaty Antwren	Myrmotherula schisticolor	
Dot-winged Antwren	Microhopias quixensis	Hard to find at La Selva; much more common at Carara National Park
Rufous-rumped Antwren	Terenera callinota	
Dusky Antbird	Cercomacra tyrannina	Better seen at Carara National Park than at La Selva
Bare-crowned Antbird	Gymnocichla nudiceps	
Chestnut-backed Antbird	Myrmeciza exsul	Amazingly common (and calling continuously) at Carara National Park and Villa Lapas
Dull-mantled Antbird	Myrmeciza laemosticta	
Immaculate Antbird	Myrmeciza immaculata	
Spotted Antbird	Hylophylax naevioides	
Wing-banded Antbird	Myrmomnis torquata	
Bicolored Antbird	Gymnophis leucaspis	
Ocellated Antbird	Phaenostictus mcleannani	
Antthrushes, Antpittas		
Black-faced Antthrush	Formicarius analis	One heard at the bungalows at Selva Verde, one seen and others heard at Carara National Park
Black-headed Antthrush	Formicarius nigricapillus	
Rufous-breasted Antthrush	Formicarius rufipectus	
Black-crowned Antpitta	Pittasoma michleri	
Scaled Antpitta	Grallaria guatemalensis	
Streak-chested [Spectacled] Antpitta	Hylopezus perspicillatus	A bird called very similar to the recording we had, but only once. Not likely to be anything else, frankly...
Thicket [Fulvous-bellied] Antpitta	Hylopezus dives	
Ochre-breasted Antpitta	Grallaricula flavirostris	
Tapaculos		
Silvery-fronted Tapaculo	Scytalopus argentifrons	At least four heard at Monteverde
Tyrant Flycatchers		
Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet	Ornithion semiflavum	
Brown-capped Tyrannulet	Ornithion brunneicapillus	
Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet	Camptostoma imberbe	

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Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet	Camptostoma obsoletum	Carara National Park
Cocos Flycatcher	Nesotriccus ridgwayi	
Yellow Tyrannulet	Capsiempis flaveola	
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	Tyrannulus elatus	
Greenish Elaenia	Myiopagis viridicata	Carara National Park
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	Elaenia flavogaster	El Mirador and La Selva
Lesser Elaenia	Elaenia chiriquensis	
Mountain Elaenia	Elaenia frantzii	Volcan de Poas, Savegre Valley and Cerro de la Muerte
Torrent Tyrannulet	Serpophaga cinerea	Virgen de Socorro and near La Paz falls
Olive-striped Flycatcher	Mionectes olivaceus	La Selva
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	Mionectes oleagineus	Carara National Park
Sepia-capped Flycatcher	Leptopogon amaurocephalus	
Slaty-capped Flycatcher	Leptopogon superciliosus	
Rufous-browed Tyrannulet	Phylloscartes superciliosus	
Rough-legged [Zeledon's] Tyrannulet	Phyllomyias burmeisteri	
Paiety [Mistletoe] Tyrannulet	Zimmerius villosimus	In the garden at La Selva
Northern Scrub-Flycatcher [Scrub Flycatcher]	Sublegatus arenarum	
Black-Capped Pygmy-Tyrant	Myiornis atricapillus	
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant	Lophotriccus pileatus	Virgen de Socorro
Northern Bentbill	Oncostoma cinereigulare	Carara National Park
Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher	Poecilatriccus sylvia	Carara National Park
Common Tody-Flycatcher	Todirostrum cinereum	La Selva and numerous at Carara National Park
Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher	Todirostrum nigriceps	La Selva
Eye-ringed Flatbill	Rhynchocyclus brevirostris	
Yellow-olive Flycatcher	Tolmomyias sulphurescens	La Selva and Carara National Park
Yellow-margined Flycatcher	Tolmomyias assimilis	Virgen de Socorro. Innermost tertial broadly-edged yellow
Stub-tailed Spadebill	Platyrinchus cancrinus	
White-throated Spadebill	Platyrinchus mystaceus	Monteverde, along the river trail
Golden-crowned Spadebill	Platyrinchus coronatus	Carara National Park. Broader than depicted in Stiles and Skutch
Royal Flycatcher	Onychorhynchus coronatus	A pair with crests expanded at Carara National Park!
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher	Terenotriccus erythrurus	Carara National Park
Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher	Myiobius sulphureipygus	
Black-tailed Flycatcher	Myiobius atricaudus	
Bran-colored Flycatcher	Myiophobus fasciatus	
Tawny-chested Flycatcher	Aphanotriccus capitalis	
Tufted Flycatcher	Mitrephanes phaeocercus	Virgen de Socorro; Monteverde and Savegre Valley
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	Virgen de Socorro
Dark Pewee	Contopus lugubris	Savegre Valley
Ochraceous Pewee	Contopus ochraceus	
Western Wood-Pewee	Contopus sordidulus	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Contopus virens	
Tropical Pewee	Contopus cinereus	
Pewee sp.	Contopus sp.	A pewee was seen at Virgen de Socorro. Range eliminates Dark Pewee, the only other pewee identified on the trip.
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Empidonax flaviventris	Carara National Park
Acadian Flycatcher	Empidonax virens	
Alder Flycatcher	Empidonax alnorum	
Willow Flycatcher	Empidonax traillii	
Traill's Flycatcher	Empidonax sp.	
White-throated Flycatcher	Empidonax albigularis	
Least Flycatcher	Empidonax minimus	
Yellowish Flycatcher	Empidonax flavescens	Monteverde, Savegre Valley. Eye ring very useful
Black-Capped Flycatcher	Empidonax atriceps	Savegre Valley and high on Cerro de la Muerte
Black Phoebe	Sayornis nigricans	Virgen de Socorro. Note that the lower belly (and undertail coverts?) are black on the Costa Rican subspecies
Long-tailed Tyrant	Colonia colonus	
Bright-rumped Attila	Attila spadiceus	Much more easily heard than seen at La Selva, Selva Verde, El Mirador and Carara National Park
Rufous Mourner	Rhytipterna holerythra	La Selva
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	Myiarchus tuberculifer	Very common; found in most lowlands. Costa Rican subspecies surprisingly easy to confuse with Great-crested Flycatcher due to darker gray throat and sooty gray cap
Panama Flycatcher	Myiarchus panamensis	
Ash-throated Flycatcher	Myiarchus cinerascens	
Nutting's Flycatcher	Myiarchus nuttingi	
Great Crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus crinitus	Carara National Park.
Brown-crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus tyrannulus	
Great Kiskadee	Pitangus sulphuratus	Everywhere except mountains and highlands
Boat-billed Flycatcher	Megarynchus pitangua	La Selva and Villa Lapas
Social Flycatcher	Myiozetetes similis	La Selva and Villa Lapas
Gray-capped Flycatcher	Myiozetetes granadensis	La Selva, Villa Lapas, Carara National Park
White-ringed Flycatcher	Conopias albivittata	La Selva. Surprisingly hard to separate in bright contrasty light
Golden-bellied Flycatcher	Myiodynastes hemichrysus	
Streaked Flycatcher	Myiodynastes maculatus	Replaces Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher in Pacific lowlands; Carara National Park and Villa Lapas
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher	Myiodynastes luteiventris	Bavra area, El Mirador
Piratic Flycatcher	Legatus leucophaeus	Exceedingly common and rarely seen; El Mirador, Villa Lapas and Carara National Park
Tropical Kingbird	Tyrannus melancholicus	Ubiquitous as high as the Savegre Valley
Western Kingbird	Tyrannus verticalis	
Eastern Kingbird	Tyrannus tyrannus	
Gray Kingbird	Tyrannus dominicensis	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Tyrannus forficatus	In the mangroves near Tarcoles Lodge from the boat
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	Tyrannus savana	
Thrush-like Schiffornis [Manakin]	Schiffornis turdinus	
Gray-headed Piprites [Manakin]	Piprites griseiceps	
Rufous Piha	Lipaugus unirufus	Heard only at Carara National Park
Speckled Mourner	Laniocera rufescens	
Barred Becard	Pachyramphus versicolor	
Cinnamon Becard	Pachyramphus cinnamomeus	La Selva
White-winged Becard	Pachyramphus polychopterus	La Selva
Black-and-white Becard	Pachyramphus albogriseus	
Rose-throated Becard	Pachyramphus aglaiae	Villa Lapas, Carara National Park. Costa Rican males do not have any rose on the throat
Masked Tityra	Tityra semifasciata	La Selva
Black-crowned Tityra	Tityra inquisitor	La Selva
Cotingas		
Lovely Cotinga	Cotinga amabilis	
Turquoise Cotinga	Cotinga ridgwayi	
Yellow-billed Cotinga	Carpodectes antoniae	
Snowy Cotinga	Carpodectes nitidus	
Purple-throated Fruitcrow	Querula purpurata	
Bare-necked Umbrellabird	Cephalopterus glabricollis	
Three-wattled Bellbird	Procnias tricarunculata	Two seen at Finca Miguel Lito with many more heard in the San Luis area
Manakins		
White-collared Manakin	Manacus candei	La Selva, Selva Verde
Orange-collared Manakin	Manacus aurantiacus	Several leks at Carara National Park
White-ruffed Manakin	Corapipo altera	
Lance-tailed Manakin	Chiroxiphia lanceolata	
Long-tailed Manakin	Chiroxiphia linearis	Two males in full song in the San Luis area
White-crowned Manakin	Pipra pipra	
Blue-crowned Manakin	Pipra coronata	On the Figure Eight Trail at Carara National Park
Red-capped Manakin	Pipra mentalis	
Sharpbill		
Sharpbill	Oxyruncus cristatus	
Vireos		
White-eyed Vireo	Vireo griseus	
Mangrove Vireo	Vireo pallens	
Yellow-throated Vireo	Vireo flavifrons	
Blue-headed [Solitary] Vireo	Vireo solitarius	
Yellow-winged Vireo	Vireo carmioli	Savegre Valley and high on Cerro de la Muerte. Much yellower than any species in the Solitary Vireo complex.
Warbling Vireo	Vireo gilvus	

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Brown-capped Vireo	Vireo leucophrys	Surprisingly hard to identify in the Savegre Valley. Very similar in harsh light to the much rarer Warbling Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo	Vireo philadelphicus	Well-seen in the Savegre Valley
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus	
Yellow-green Vireo	Vireo flavoviridis	
Black-Whiskered Vireo	Vireo altiloquus	
Scrub Greenlet	Hylophilus flavipes	
Tawny-crowned Greenlet	Hylophilus ochraceiceps	Carara National Park
Lesser Greenlet	Hylophilus decurtatus	Very common to ubiquitous; La Selva, Virgen de Socorro, Monteverde, etc.
Green Shrike-Vireo	Vireolanus pulchellus	
Rufous-browed Peppershrike	Cyclarhis gujanensis	
Crows, Jays, Magpies		
White-throated Magpie-Jay	Calocitta formosa	
Black-chested Jay	Cyanocorax affinis	
Brown Jay	Cyanocorax morio	Monteverde, San Luis area, Villa Lapas Lodge
Azure-hooded [Magpie-] Jay	Cyanolyca cucullata	Virgen de Socorro and Monteverde
Silvery-throated Jay	Cyanolyca argentigula	
Swallows, Martins		
Purple Martin	Progne subis	
Gray-breasted Martin	Progne chalybea	
Brown-chested Martin	Progne tapera	
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	
Mangrove Swallow	Tachycineta albilinea	Widespread; certainly not confined to Mangroves. Virgen de Socorro, Carara National Park
Violet-green Swallow	Tachycineta thalassina	
Blue-and-white Swallow	Pygochelidon cyanoleuca	Ubiquitous. Barva, Savegre Valley, Cerro de la Muerte. The most common swallow in Costa Rica.
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx serripennis	Mixed in with Blue-and-white Swallows near the lodge at Monte Verde
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx ruficollis	Carara National Park; breast and undertail coverts well-seen
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	
Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	
Cave Swallow	Petrochelidon fulva	
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Carara National Park
Wrens		
Band-backed Wren	Campylorhynchus zonatus	La Selva
Rufous-naped Wren	Campylorhynchus rufinucha	Replaces Band-backed Wren on the Pacific Slope. Orotina, Carara National Park
Rock Wren	Salpinctes obsoletus	
Black-throated Wren	Thryothorus atrogularis	La Selva
Black-bellied Wren	Thryothorus fasciatoventris	Carara National Park
Bay Wren	Thryothorus nigricapillus	La Selva, Virgen de Socorro
River-side Wren	Thryothorus semibadius	Carara National Park. Hard to get a look at.
Stripe-breasted Wren	Thryothorus thoracicus	
Rufous-breasted Wren	Thryothorus rutilus	Carara National Park
Spot-breasted Wren	Thryothorus maculipectus	Carara National Park
Rufous-and-white Wren	Thryothorus rufalbus	San Luis area, Carara National Park
Banded Wren	Thryothorus pleurostictus	
Plain Wren	Thryothorus modestus	
House Wren	Troglodytes aedon	Cultivated fields above Virgen de Socorro and San Luis area
Ochraceous Wren	Troglodytes ochraceus	At the very top of the main trail at Monteverde
Sedge Wren	Cistothorus platensis	
Timberline Wren	Thryorchilus browni	Well seen at one stop high on the Pan American Highway; heard at several other locations
White-breasted Wood-Wren	Henicorhina leucosticta	La Selva and Carara National Park
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren	Henicorhina leucophrys	Very common at higher elevations; Virgen de Socorro, Volcan de Poas, Savegre Valley and Cerro de la Muerte
Scaly-breasted [Nightingale] Wren	Microcerculus philomela	Heard only at Virgen de Socorro
Whistling Wren	Microcerculus marginatus	Figure Eight Trail in Carara National Park
Song Wren	Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus	
Dippers		
American Dipper	Cinclus mexicanus	Virgen de Socorro
Old World Warblers		
Tawny-faced Gnatwren	Microbatas cinereiventris	Heard somewhere on the Caribbean Slope
Long-billed Gnatwren	Ramphocaenus melanurus	Carara National Park
White-lored Gnatcatcher	Poliophtila albiloris	
Tropical Gnatcatcher	Poliophtila plumbea	La Selva, Carara National Park. Very difficult to separate from White-lored Gnatcatcher from the plates in Stiles and Skutch
Thrushes		
Black-faced Solitaire	Myadestes melanops	Ubiquitous and vocal at Monteverde and in the Savegre Valley
Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush	Catharus gracilirostris	Volcan de Poas, Savegre Valley and Cerro de la Muerte
Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush	Catharus aurantirostris	San Luis area
Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush	Catharus fuscater	
Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush	Catharus frantzii	Savegre Valley
Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush	Catharus mexicanus	
Veery	Catharus fuscescens	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	Catharus minimus	
Swainson's Thrush	Catharus ustulatus	
Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	
Sooty Robin	Turdus nigrescens	Volcan de Poas, Savegre Valley and Cerro de la Muerte
Mountain Robin	Turdus plebejus	Monteverde and Cerro de La Muerte
Pale-Vented Thrush [Robin]	Turdus obsoletus	
Clay-colored Robin	Turdus grayi	Ubiquitous all the way up to the Savegre Valley
White-throated Robin	Turdus assimilis	Monteverde
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	
Mockingbirds		
Gray Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis	
Tropical Mockingbird	Mimus gilvus	
Waxwings		
Cedar Waxwing	Bombicilla cedrorum	
Silky-flycatchers		
Black-and-yellow Silky-flycatcher	Phainoptila melanoxantha	Volcan de Poas
Long-tailed Silky-flycatcher	Ptilogonys caudatus	Very common in the Savegre Valley
New World Warblers		
Blue-winged Warbler	Vermivora pinus	Monteverde
Golden-winged Warbler	Vermivora chrysoptera	San Miguel area
Tennessee Warbler	Vermivora peregrina	Very common. Bavra, La Selva, Virgen de Socorro, El Mirador, Carara National Park, etc.
Orange-crowned Warbler	Vermivora celata	
Nashville Warbler	Vermivora ruficapilla	
Flame-throated Warbler	Parula gutturalis	Savegre Valley and high on Cerro de la Muerte
Northern Parula	Parula americana	
Tropical Parula	Parula pitiayumi	Bavra, Virgen de Socorro and Savegre Valley
Yellow Warbler	Dendroica petechia	El Mirador, La Selva, Carara National Park
Yellow [Mangrove] Warbler	Dendroica petechia erithachorides	In the mangroves near Tárcoles Lodge from the boat Very common. Bavra, La Selva, Virgen de Socorro, El Mirador, Carara National Park, etc.
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Dendroica pensylvanica	
Magnolia Warbler	Dendroica magnolia	La Selva
Cape May Warbler	Dendroica tigrina	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	Dendroica caerulescens	
Yellow-rumped [Myrtle] Warbler	Dendroica coronata	
Black-throated Green Warbler	Dendroica virens	Bavra area, Volcan de Poas, Savegre Valley
Townsend's Warbler	Dendroica townsendi	
Hermit Warbler	Dendroica occidentalis	
Blackburnian Warbler	Dendroica fusca	
Yellow-throated Warbler	Dendroica dominica	
Pine Warbler	Dendroica pinus	
Prairie Warbler	Dendroica discolor	
Palm Warbler	Dendroica palmarum	
Bay-breasted Warbler	Dendroica castanea	
Blackpoll Warbler	Dendroica striata	
Cerulean Warbler	Dendroica cerulea	
Black-and-white Warbler	Mniotilta varia	La Selva, Selva Verde
American Redstart	Setophaga ruticilla	Carara National Park
Prothonotary Warbler	Protonotaria citrea	In the mangroves near Tárcoles Lodge from the boat
Worm-eating Warbler	Helmitheros vermivorus	

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Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla	Carara National Park
Northern Waterthrush	Seiurus noveboracensis	Carara National Park
Louisiana Waterthrush	Seiurus motacilla	
Kentucky Warbler	Oporornis formosus	
Connecticut Warbler	Oporornis agilis	
Mourning Warbler	Oporornis philadelphia	
MacGillivray's Warbler	Oporornis tolmiei	
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	
Olive-crowned Yellowthroat	Geothlypis semiflava	
Masked [Chiriqui] Yellowthroat	Geothlypis aequinoctialis	
Gray-crowned Yellowthroat	Geothlypis poliocephala	San Luis area
Hooded Warbler	Wilsonia citrina	
Wilson's Warbler	Wilsonia pusilla	Bavra, Virgen de Socorro and Savegre Valley
Canada Warbler	Wilsonia canadensis	
Slate-throated Redstart	Myioborus miniatus	Virgen de Socorro, Monteverde
Collared Redstart	Myioborus torquatus	Monteverde, Savegre Valley, high on Cerro de la Muerte
Golden-crowned Warbler	Basileuterus culicivorus	Finca Miguel Lito
Rufous-capped Warbler	Basileuterus rufifrons	Finca Miguel Lito
Black-cheeked Warbler	Basileuterus melanogenys	Below the Georgina Hotel in a bamboo thicket
Three-striped Warbler	Basileuterus tristriatus	Monteverde
Buff-rumped Warbler	Phaeothlypis fulvicauda	La Selva, Selva Verde, Carara National Park
Wrenthrush [Zeledonia]	Zeledonia coronata	Incredibly, one briefly seen in a bamboo thicket below the Georgina Hotel
Yellow-breasted Chat	Icteria virens	
Bananaquit		
Bananaquit	Coereba flaveola	El Mirador, Virgen de Socorro, feeders (yes feeders :-) at Monteverde
Tanagers		
Common Bush-Tanager	Chlorospingus ophthalmicus	Fairly common at middle elevations. Head appears entirely dark in poor light. Bavra, El Mirador, Virgen de Socorro and Monteverde
Sooty-capped Bush-Tanager	Chlorospingus pileatus	Higher elevations than Common Bush-Tanager. Volcan de Poas, Savegre Valley and Cerro de la Muerte
Ashy-throated Bush-Tanager	Chlorospingus canigularis	
Black-and-yellow Tanager	Chrysothlypis chrysomelas	Virgen de Socorro
Rosy Thrush-Tanager	Rhodinocichla rosea	
Dusky-faced Tanager	Mitrospingus cassini	La Selva
Olive Tanager	Chlorothraupis carmioli	Virgen de Socorro
Gray-headed Tanager	Eucometis penicillata	Carara National Park
White-throated Shrike-Tanager	Laniio leucothorax	
Sulphur-rumped Tanager	Heterospingus rubrifrons	
White-shouldered Tanager	Tachyphonus luctuosus	La Selva, Carara National Park
Tawny-crested Tanager	Tachyphonus delatrii	
White-lined Tanager	Tachyphonus rufus	El Mirador
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager	Habia rubica	
Red-throated Ant-Tanager	Habia fuscicauda	La Selva
Black-cheeked Ant-Tanager	Habia atrimaxillaris	
Hepatic Tanager	Piranga flava	
Summer Tanager	Piranga rubra	Very common. La Selva, Selva Verde, Villa Lapas, Carara National Park
Scarlet Tanager	Piranga olivacea	La Selva (DSg only)
Western Tanager	Piranga ludoviciana	
Flame-colored Tanager	Piranga bidentata	Very similar call to Western Tanager. Savegre Valley
White-winged Tanager	Piranga leucoptera	
Crimson-collared Tanager	Ramphocelus sanguinolentus	Virgen de Socorro
Passerini's [Scarlet-rumped] Tanager	Ramphocelus passerinii	Much more common than Cherrie's Tanager. El Mirador, La Selva
Cherrie's [Scarlet-rumped] Tanager	Ramphocelus costaricensis	Local at Carara National Park
Blue-gray Tanager	Thraupis episcopus	Very common. El Mirador, La Selva, Carara National Park, etc.
Palm Tanager	Thraupis palmarum	La Selva
Blue-and-gold Tanager	Bangsia arcaei	
Plain-colored Tanager	Tangara inornata	
Emerald Tanager	Tangara florida	
Silver-throated Tanager	Tangara icterocephala	Virgen de Socorro, Monteverde, Savegre Valley
Speckled Tanager	Tangara guttata	
Bay-headed Tanager	Tangara gyrola	Virgen de Socorro, Carara National Park
Rufous-winged Tanager	Tangara lavinia	
Golden-hooded [masked] Tanager	Tangara larvata	La Selva
Spangle-cheeked Tanager	Tangara dowii	
Scarlet-thighed Dacnis	Dacnis venusta	
Blue Dacnis	Dacnis cayana	La Selva
Green Honeycreeper	Chlorophanes spiza	La Selva, Volcan de Poas, Carara National Park
Shining Honeycreeper	Cyanerpes lucidus	Carara National Park. Both male (yellow legs) and female (bright blue stripes on breast) well-seen
Red-legged Honeycreeper	Cyanerpes cyaneus	La Selva, Carara National Park
Buntings		
Blue-black Grassquit	Volatinia jacarina	Carara National Park
Slate-colored Seedeater	Sporophila schistacea	
Variable Seedeater	Sporophila americana	Widespread and variable :-) San Miguel area, Carara National Park, elsewhere
White-collared Seedeater	Sporophila torqueola	
Yellow-bellied Seedeater	Sporophila nigricollis	
Ruddy-breasted Seedeater	Sporophila minuta	
Nicaraguan [Pink-billed] Seed-Finch	Oryzoborus nuttingi	
Thick-billed Seed-Finch	Oryzoborus funereus	Virgen de Socorro (DSg only)
Blue Seedeater	Amaurospiza concolor	
Yellow-faced Grassquit	Tiaris olivacea	San Luis area, Savegre Valley
Cocos Finch	Pinaroloxias inornata	
Slaty Finch	Haplospiza rustica	
Peg-billed Finch	Acanthidops bairdii	Volcan de Poas
Slaty Flowerpiercer	Diosessa plumbea	Savegre Valley and behind the Georgina Hotel
Grassland Yellow-Finch	Sicalia luteola	
Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch	Emberizoides herbicola	
Sooty-faced Finch	Lysurus crassirostris	Volcan de Poas
Yellow-thighed Finch	Psellophorus tibtalis	Savegre Valley
Large-footed Finch	Pezopetes capitalis	Volcan de Poas, Savegre Valley and Cerro de la Muerte
White-naped [Yellow-throated] Brush-Finch	Atlapetes albinucha	
Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch	Buarremon brunneinucha	
Stripe-headed [Black-headed] Brush-Finch	Buarremon torquatus	Bavra, San Miguel area
Orange-billed Sparrow	Arremon aurantiostris	La Selva, Selva Verde, Carara National Park
Olive Sparrow	Arremonops rufivirgatus	Carara National Park
Black-striped Sparrow	Arremonops conirostris	La Selva
Prevost's Ground-Sparrow	Melospiza bicarcatum	
White-eared Ground-Sparrow	Melospiza leucotis	San Luis area
Stripe-headed Sparrow	Aimophila ruficauda	Carara National Park
Botteri's Sparrow	Aimophila botteri	
Rusty Sparrow	Aimophila rufescens	
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerina	
Savannah Sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis	
Grasshopper Sparrow	Ammodramus savannarum	
Lincoln's Sparrow	Melospiza lincolni	
Rufous-collared Sparrow	Zonotrichia capensis	Everywhere from lowlands on both slopes to the top of Cerro de la Muerte
Volcano Junco	Junco vulcani	Two birds in grassy areas inbetween páramo scrub
Cardinals, Grosbeaks		
Lesser Antillean Saltator	Saltator albicollis	
Streaked Saltator	Saltator striatipectus	
Grayish Saltator	Saltator coerulescens	
Buff-throated Saltator	Saltator maximus	Widespread. San Miguel, La Selva, San Luis area, Carara National Park
Black-headed Saltator	Saltator atriceps	La Selva
Slate-colored Grosbeak	Saltator grossus	Heard only in the San Luis area
Black-faced Grosbeak	Caryothraustes polioogaster	La Selva
Black-thighed Grosbeak	Pheucticus tibialis	Savegre Valley. Very similar to Yellow Grosbeak.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Pheucticus ludovicianus	El Mirador, La Selva, Villa Lapas
Black-headed Grosbeak	Pheucticus melanocephalus	
Blue-black Grosbeak	Cyanococcyx cyanoides	La Selva, Carara National Park

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Blue Grosbeak	Passerina caerulea	
Indigo Bunting	Passerina cyanea	
Painted Bunting	Passerina ciris	Carara National Park (DSg only)
Dickcissel	Spiza americana	
New World Orioles		
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	Mangroves of the Tárcoles river. Quite different behavior from North American sub-species; are they separate species?
Red-breasted Blackbird	Sturnella militaris	
Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	Agricultural fields next to Carara National Park
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus	
Melodious Blackbird	Dives dives	
Great-tailed Grackle	Quiscalus mexicanus	Yes
Nicaraguan Grackle	Quiscalus nicaraguensis	
Bronzed Cowbird	Molothrus aeneus	San Miguel area, Selva Verde, San Luis area, etc.
Giant Cowbird	Molothrus oryzivorus	
Black-cowled Oriole	Icterus prosthemelas	La Selva
Orchard Oriole	Icterus spurius	
Yellow-tailed Oriole	Icterus mesomelas	San José area, La Selva
Streak-backed Oriole	Icterus pustulatus	
Spot-breasted Oriole	Icterus pectoralis	
Baltimore (Northern) Oriole	Icterus galbula	Common. Bavra, El Mirador, Carara National Park
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Amblycercus holosericeus	
Scarlet-rumped Cuckoo	Cacicus uropygialis	La Selva
Chestnut-headed Oropendola	Psarocolius wagleri	
Montezuma Oropendola	Psarocolius montezuma	La Selva, Selva Verde, etc.
Finches		
Scrub Euphonia	Euphonia affinis	
Yellow-crowned Euphonia	Euphonia luteicapilla	The most common Euphonia. La Selva, Carara National Park, elsewhere
Thick-billed Euphonia	Euphonia lanirostris	
Yellow-throated Euphonia	Euphonia hirundinacea	San Luis area
Elegant (Blue-hooded) Euphonia	Euphonia elegantissima	Savegre Valley
Spot-crowned Euphonia	Euphonia imitans	
Olive-backed Euphonia	Euphonia gouldi	La Selva
White-vented Euphonia	Euphonia minuta	
Tawny-capped Euphonia	Euphonia annae	
Golden-browed Chlorophonia	Chlorophonia callophrys	
Yellow-bellied Siskin	Carduelis xanthogastra	Savegre Valley
Lesser Goldfinch	Carduelis psaltria	
Old World Sparrows		
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	Only near a gas station in the La Selva area

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Mammals		
Neotropical River Otter	Sceloporus malachitilus	La Selva
Central American Agouti	Dasyprocta punctata	Monteverde
White-nosed Coati	Nasua narica	Carara National Park
Mantled Howler Monkey	Alouatta palliata	Most lowland areas
Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth	Choloepus hoffmanni	Carara National Park
Collared Peccary	Peccary anquilatus	Carara National Park
Red-tailed Squirrel	Sciurus granatensis	Carara National Park
Reptiles & Amphibians		
Pink-bellied Littersnake	Rhadinaea decorata	Virgen de Socorro
American Crocodile	Crocodylus acutus	Rio Tárcoles
Green Iguana	Iguana iguana	La Selva
Black Spiny-tailed Iguana	Ctenosaura similis	Carara National Park
Common Basilisk	Basiliscus basiliscus	Carara National Park
Striped Basilisk	Basiliscus vittatus	La Selva
Central American Whiptail	Ameiva festiva	Carara National Park
Ground Anole	Anolis humilis	Monteverde
Gecko sp.	Gecko sp.	Villa Lapas
Cane Toad	Bufo marinus	Villa Lapas
Green-and-black Poison-dart Frog	Dendrobates auratus	Selva Verde
Strawberry Poison-dart Frog	Dendrobates pumilio	La Selva, Selva Verde