

# Trinidad & Tobago

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## Itinerary

October 2 Tobago: Lowlands, Cuffie River Nature Retreat  
 October 3 Tobago: Cuffie River Nature Retreat  
 October 4 Tobago: Little Tobago Island  
 October 5 Tobago: Main Ridge  
 October 6 Tobago: Airport area; Trinidad: AWNC  
 October 7 Trinidad: Blanchisseuse Road, AWNC  
 October 8 Trinidad: West  
 October 9 Trinidad: East, Waller Field  
 October 10 Trinidad: AWNC, Caroni Swamp

Species	10/2	10/3	10/4	10/5	10/6	10/7	10/8	10/9	10/10
<b>TINAMOUS</b>									
Little Tinamou ( <i>Crypturellus soui</i> )						h	h	h	h
<b>DUCKS &amp; GEESE</b>									
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck ( <i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i> )	•						•		
Blue-winged Teal ( <i>Anas discors</i> )	•				•				
White-cheeked Pintail ( <i>Anas bahamensis</i> )	•				•				
<b>GUANS &amp; CHACHALACAS</b>									
Rufous-vented Chachalaca ( <i>Ortalis ruficauda</i> )	•	•	•	•	•				
<b>GREBES</b>									
Least Grebe ( <i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i> )	•				•				
<b>TROPICBIRDS</b>									
Red-billed Tropicbird ( <i>Phaethon aetherus</i> )			•						
<b>PELICANS</b>									
Brown Pelican ( <i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i> )	•		•	•	•		•	•	
<b>BOOBIES</b>									
Red-footed Booby ( <i>Sula sula</i> )			•						
Brown Booby ( <i>Sula leucogaster</i> )			•	•					
<b>ANHINGAS</b>									
Anhinga ( <i>Anhinga anhinga</i> )	•				•				
<b>FRIGATEBIRDS</b>									
Magnificent Frigatebird ( <i>Fregata magnificens</i> )	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	
<b>HERONS</b>									
Pinnated Bittern ( <i>Botaurus pinnatus</i> )							•	•	
Least Bittern ( <i>Ixobrychus exilis</i> )							•		
Black-crowned Night-Heron ( <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> )					•		•		
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron ( <i>Nyctanassa violacea</i> )			•	•			•	•	
Green Heron ( <i>Butorides virescens</i> )	•				•				
Striated Heron ( <i>Butorides striatus</i> )							•	•	•
Cattle Egret ( <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> )	•		•	•	•		•	•	•
Great Egret ( <i>Ardea alba</i> )	•				•		•		•





Band-rumped Swift ( <i>Chaetura spinicaudus</i> )							•		•
Gray-rumped Swift ( <i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i> )		•		•		•	•	•	•
Short-tailed Swift ( <i>Chaetura brachyura</i> )	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•
Fork-tailed Palm-Swift ( <i>Tachornis squamata</i> )								•	•
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>									
Rufous-breasted Hermit ( <i>Glaucis hirsuta</i> )	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Little Hermit ( <i>Phaethornis longuemareus</i> )					•	•	•	•	•
Green Hermit ( <i>Phaethornis guy</i> )						•	•	•	•
White-tailed Sabrewing ( <i>Campylopterus ensipennis</i> )				•					
White-necked Jacobin ( <i>Florisuga mellivora</i> )	•	•	•	•		•		•	•
Green-throated Mango ( <i>Anthracothorax viridigula</i> )									•
Black-throated Mango ( <i>Anthracothorax nigricollis</i> )				•	•	•	•		
Tufted Coquette ( <i>Lophornis ornata</i> )					•	•	•	•	•
Blue-chinned Sapphire ( <i>Chlorestes notata</i> )					•	•	•	•	•
White-chested Emerald ( <i>Amazilia brevirostris</i> )					•	•	•	•	•
Copper-rumped Hummingbird ( <i>Amazilia tobaci</i> )	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Long-billed Starthroat ( <i>Helimaster longirostris</i> )					•		•		•
<b>TROGONS</b>									
White-tailed Trogon ( <i>Trogon viridis</i> )					•			h	
Violaceous Trogon ( <i>Trogon violaceus</i> )							•	h	•
Collared Trogon ( <i>Trogon collaris</i> )				•		•			
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>									
Ringed Kingfisher ( <i>Megaceryle torquata</i> )							•		
Belted Kingfisher ( <i>Megaceryle alcyon</i> )	•		•						
Green Kingfisher ( <i>Chloroceryle americana</i> )		•							
<b>MOTMOT</b>									
Blue-crowned Motmot ( <i>Momotus momota</i> )	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>JACAMARS</b>									
Rufous-tailed Jacamar ( <i>Galbula ruficauda</i> )	•	•	•	•				•	
<b>TOUCANS</b>									
Channel-billed Toucan ( <i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i> )					•	•	•		•
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>									
Red-crowned Woodpecker ( <i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i> )	•	•	•						
Red-rumped Woodpecker ( <i>Veniliornis kirkii</i> )				h		h			h
Golden-olive Woodpecker ( <i>Piculus rubiginosus</i> )				•		•	h		•
Lined Woodpecker ( <i>Dryocopus lineatus</i> )					•	•	h	h	•
<b>OVENBIRDS</b>									
Stripe-breasted Spinetail ( <i>Synallaxis cinnamomea</i> )	•			•		h			
Yellow-chinned Spinetail ( <i>Certhiaxis cinnamomea</i> )							•	•	
Gray-throated Leaf-tosser ( <i>Sclerurus albigularis</i> )								•	
Streaked Xenops ( <i>Xenops rutilans</i> )						•			
<b>WOODCREEPERS</b>									
Plain-brown Woodcreeper ( <i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i> )		•		•	•	•			•
Olivaceous Woodcreeper ( <i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i> )	•			h					
Cocoa Woodcreeper ( <i>Xiphorhynchus susurrans</i> )	•			•					•
<b>ANTBIRDS</b>									
Great Antshrike ( <i>Taraba major</i> )					•	•	•	•	
Black-crested Antshrike ( <i>Sakesphorus canadensis</i> )							•	h	

Barred Antshrike ( <i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i> )	•	h	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Plain Antvireo ( <i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i> )					•				
White-flanked Antwren ( <i>Myrmotherula axillaris</i> )							•		
White-fringed Antwren ( <i>Formicivora grisea</i> )	•	•	•						
White-bellied Antbird ( <i>Myrmeciza longipes</i> )							h		
<b>ANTTHRUSHES</b>									
Black-faced Antthrush ( <i>Formicarius analis</i> )						h	•		h
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>									
Forest Elaenia ( <i>Myiopagis gaimardii</i> )							•	•	h
Yellow-bellied Elaenia ( <i>Elaenia flavogaster</i> )	•	•	•					•	•
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet ( <i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i> )								•	
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher ( <i>Mionectes oleagineus</i> )			•		•		•		•
Slaty-capped Flycatcher ( <i>Leptopogon superciliaris</i> )							•		
Spotted Tody-Flycatcher ( <i>Todirostrum maculatum</i> )							•		
Yellow-breasted Flycatcher ( <i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i> )	•	•	•	•			•	•	•
Euler's Flycatcher ( <i>Lathrotriccus eulerei</i> )							•		
Fuscous Flycatcher ( <i>Cnemotriccus fuscatus</i> )			•	h	•				
Olive-sided Flycatcher ( <i>Contopus cooperi</i> )						•			
Tropical Pewee ( <i>Contopus cinereus</i> )							•		•
Pied Water-Tyrant ( <i>Fluvicola pica</i> )								•	•
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant ( <i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i> )								•	•
Great Kiskadee ( <i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i> )						•	•	•	•
Streaked Flycatcher ( <i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i> )				•					
Boat-billed Flycatcher ( <i>Megarynchus pitangua</i> )							•		•
Sulphury Flycatcher ( <i>Tyrannopsis sulphurea</i> )									•
Tropical Kingbird ( <i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i> )	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Fork-tailed Flycatcher ( <i>Tyrannus savana</i> )								•	
Gray Kingbird ( <i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i> )	•	•	•	•	•				•
Dusky-capped Flycatcher ( <i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i> )							•		
Venezuelan Flycatcher ( <i>Myiarchus venezuelensis</i> )					h				
Brown-crested Flycatcher ( <i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i> )			•	•	h				
White-winged Becard ( <i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i> )			•						
<b>BELLBIRDS</b>									
Bearded Bellbird ( <i>Procnias averano</i> )						h	h	h	h
<b>MANAKINS</b>									
White-bearded Manakin ( <i>Manacus manacus</i> )						•	•		•
Blue-backed Manakin ( <i>Chiroxiphia lanceolata</i> )	•	h	h	•					
Golden-headed Manakin ( <i>Pipra erythrocephala</i> )						•	•	•	•
<b>VIREOS</b>									
Rufous-browed Peppershrike ( <i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i> )							h	•	•
Red-eyed "Chivi" Vireo ( <i>Vireo olivaceus chivi</i> )	•	•	•						•
Black-whiskered Vireo ( <i>Vireo altiloquus</i> )							•		
Golden-fronted Greenlet ( <i>Hylophilus aurantiifrons</i> )							•		•
Scrub Greenlet ( <i>Hylophilus flavipes</i> )	•	•	•						
<b>SWALLOWS &amp; MARTINS</b>									
White-winged Swallow ( <i>Tachycineta albiventer</i> )								•	•
Caribbean Martin ( <i>Progne caribbaeus</i> )	•	•	•	•	•				
Gray-breasted Martin ( <i>Progne chalybea</i> )						•	•	•	•

Southern Rough-winged Swallow ( <i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i> )							•	•	•
Barn Swallow ( <i>Hirundo rustica</i> )	•						•	•	
Bank Swallow ( <i>Riparia riparia</i> )							•		
<b>WRENS</b>									
House Wren ( <i>Troglodytes aedon</i> )	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Rufous-breasted Wren ( <i>Thryothorus rutilus</i> )				•	h	•	•	•	•
<b>GNATWRENS</b>									
Long-billed Gnatwren ( <i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i> )						h		h	h
<b>THRUSHES</b>									
Yellow-legged Thrush ( <i>Platycichla flavipes</i> )				•					
Cocoa Thrush ( <i>Turdus fumigatus</i> )					h	•	•	•	•
Bare-eyed Thrush ( <i>Turdus nudigenis</i> )	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
White-necked Thrush ( <i>Turdus albicollis</i> )				•		•	•		•
<b>MOCKINGBIRDS</b>									
Tropical Mockingbird ( <i>Mimus gilvus</i> )	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>BANANAQUITS</b>									
Bananaquit ( <i>Coereba flaveola</i> )	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>TANAGERS</b>									
White-lined Tanager ( <i>Thraupis rufus</i> )	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
Silver-beaked Tanager ( <i>Ramphocelus carbo</i> )					•	•	•	•	•
Blue-gray Tanager ( <i>Thraupis episcopus</i> )	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Palm Tanager ( <i>Thraupis palmarum</i> )	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Turquoise Tanager ( <i>Tangara mexicana</i> )					•	•	•	•	•
Speckled Tanager ( <i>Tangara guttata</i> )						•			
Bay-headed Tanager ( <i>Tangara gyrola</i> )					•	•			
Blue Dacnis ( <i>Dacnis cayana</i> )						•		•	
Purple Honeycreeper ( <i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i> )					•	•	•	•	•
Red-legged Honeycreeper ( <i>Cyanerpes nitidens</i> )			•					•	
Green Honeycreeper ( <i>Chlorophanes spiza</i> )					•	•	•	•	•
Bicolored Conebill ( <i>Conirostrum bicolor</i> )							•		•
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager ( <i>Habia rubica</i> )									•
<b>GRASSQUITS, SEEDEATERS &amp; FINCHES</b>									
Grassland Yellow-Finch ( <i>Sicalis luteola</i> )								•	
Blue-black Grassquit ( <i>Volatinia jacarina</i> )	•						•	•	•
Black-faced Grassquit ( <i>Tiaris bicolor</i> )	•	•	•		•				
Red-capped Cardinal ( <i>Paroaria gularis</i> )							•		•
Grayish Saltator ( <i>Saltator coerulescens</i> )							h	•	
<b>WOOD WARBLERS</b>									
Tropical Parula ( <i>Parula pitiayumi</i> )						•			h
Yellow Warbler ( <i>Dendroica petechia</i> )	•						•	•	•
American Redstart ( <i>Setophaga ruticilla</i> )				•		•			
Northern Waterthrush ( <i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i> )						•	•	•	•
Masked Yellowthroat ( <i>Geothlypis aequinoctialis</i> )							•		
Golden-crowned Warbler ( <i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i> )									•
<b>NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS</b>									
Crested Oropendola ( <i>Psarocolius decumanus</i> )		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Epaulet (Moriche) Oriole ( <i>Icterus chryscephalus</i> )								•	
Yellow Oriole ( <i>Icterus nigrogularis</i> )						•	•	•	•

Giant Cowbird ( <i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i> )		•	•					•	
Shiny Cowbird ( <i>Molothrus bonariensis</i> )	•		•		•		•	•	
Carib Grackle ( <i>Quiscalus lugubris</i> )	•		•		•		•	•	•
Red-breasted Blackbird ( <i>Sturnella militaris</i> )								•	
Yellow-hooded Blackbird ( <i>Agelaius icterocephalus</i> )							•	•	•
<b>EUPHONIAS</b>									
Trinidad Euphonia ( <i>Euphonia trinitatis</i> )									<b>h</b>
Violaceous Euphonia ( <i>Euphonia violacea</i> )					•	•	•	•	

Total Number of Species: 223, including 7 heard-only and excluding the unidentified snipe.

### Highlight species:

- **Pinnated Bittern** - full views of this reclusive species at Sudama Steps and the Aripo Livestock Station
- **Long-winged Harrier** - good views at Sudama Steps of three plumages - immature, adult male, and adult female
- **Broad-winged Hawk** - three swirling kettles totaling 160 birds at the Bon Accord ponds was an exceptional sighting
- **Short-tailed Hawk** - viewing both the light and dark morphs of this species was a treat
- **Crested Caracara** - Jeannette spotted one of this very rare species along the road to Nariva Swamp
- **Aplomado Falcon** - Martyn brought to our attention an adult of this rare species in Nariva Swamp
- **Gray-necked Wood-Rail** - heard well at dusk at Waller Field; a first on any of my tours to T&T
- **South American Snipe** - identified (by the extent by which the wings projected beyond the tail) after the tour from photographs taken by Gene and Neal at the Aripo Livestock Station, another first for any of my tours to T&T
- **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** - two individuals of this rare species photographed by Gene and Neal at the Bon Accord ponds was highly noteworthy for Tobago
- **Lesser Black-backed Gull** - any gull besides Laughing is noteworthy in the southeastern Caribbean
- **Black Skimmer** - the flock of 30 at the Bon Accord ponds was an exceptional number for Tobago
- **Gray-throated Leaftosser** - Martyn picked out an individual of this seldom-seen species along the AWCN entrance drive
- **Euler's Flycatcher** - another reclusive species seen close and at length at the Morne Le Croix lunch stop
- **White-winged Becard** - excellent views of a male at Cuffie River
- **Black-whiskered Vireo** - very rarely seen, we saw two on this tour
- **Red-capped Cardinal** - often missed, we had mouthwatering views of this species at the Caroni Swamp boat launch
- **Golden-crowned Warbler** - well seen along the trail on our return from the Bellbird hunt

### OTHER ORGANISMS IDENTIFIED

#### Butterflies

Blue Morpho (*Morpho peleides*)  
 Cattleheart (*Parides neophilus*)  
 Cloudless Sulphur (*Phoebis sennae*)  
 Cocoa Mort Bleu (*Caligo teucer*)  
 Gold Rim (*Battus polydamus*)  
 Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*)  
 Orange-barred Sulphur (*Phoebis philea*)  
 Postman (*Heliconius melpomene*)  
 Red Rim (*Biblis hyperia*)  
 White Peacock (*Anartia jatrophae*)  
 White-tailed Patch (Page)(*Papilio* sp.)

**Mammals**

Brazilian (Red-rumped) Agouti (*Dasyprocta agouti*)

Greater White-lined Bat (*Saccopteryx bilineata*)

Two-toed Silky Anteater (*Cyclopes didactylus*)

Tropical Red (Red-tailed) Squirrel (*Sciurus granatensis*)

**Reptiles**

Golden Tegu (*Tupinambis teguixin*)

Common Ameiva (*Ameiva ameiva*)

Cook's Tree Boa (*Corallus enydris cooki*)

Boa Constrictor (*Boa constrictor*)

Green Iguana (*Iguana iguana*)

House Gecko (*Hemidactylus frenatus*)

Richardson's Anole (*Anolis richardii*)

Spectacled Cayman (*Caiman crocodilus*)

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