

The Status and Abundance of Birds in Trinidad and Tobago

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INTRODUCTION

This report presents a revised list of the birds recorded in Trinidad and Tobago as of June 2007 and an assessment of their abundance based on our own observations and documented sightings. Information on status has been gleaned mainly from guides to the birds of Trinidad and Tobago (ffrench 1991), the West Indies (Raffaele *et al.* 1998), and Venezuela (Hilty *et al.* 2003), as well as from recent studies. Pigeonholing of species into status and abundance categories often is unsatisfactory as not all species fit into neat groupings. Nevertheless, a list provides a concise format for presenting information and characterizing the country's avifauna. Previously available lists (ffrench 1996 a, b; Murphy 1988, 2004; NBC 2001) are dated in terms of number of species and systematic order. The most recent lists compiled by the Trinidad and Tobago Rare Bird Committee (TTRBC) (TTRBC 2005) do not present status or abundance.

Taxonomic revisions often lead to changes in species names or relationships and result in changes in the systematic order. ffrench (1996 a, b) and NBC (2000) follow the Wetmore sequence. Murphy (1996, 2004) followed the systematic order of the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU 1998). TTRBC (2005) and this report follow the nomenclature and species order of the AOU Checklist of Birds of South America (Remsen *et al.* 2007). Scientific names of species mentioned are listed in Table 1. Species listed as *incertae sedis* by Remsen *et al.* (2007); are indicated with an asterisk but listed in the family in which they had been placed previously. The names Bare-eyed Thrush, White-necked Thrush, and Moriche Oriole have been used on the basis of proposals pending before the South American Classification Committee (SACC) of the American Ornithologists' Union.

With a few notable exceptions, the status of a species does not change. However, our knowledge of the status of a species and the categories we use to describe status itself may change. Increased observation may make the true status of a species more apparent. For example, increased observation may allow a species considered to be an occasional migrant to be more accurately described

as a regular migrant.

Other changes are more substantial. The regularity of Ruff and Lesser Black-backed Gull sightings over the past 10 years suggests that these birds are more likely to be migrants from a North American population than vagrants from the Palearctic. Recent studies leading to further understanding of species status include Lesser Black-backed Gull (Hayes *et al.* 2002), gulls (Hayes *et al.* 2004), Little Egret (Murphy 1992; Hayes and White 2001), Dickcissel (White and Temple 2002), Green and Striated Herons (Hayes 2006), Scarlet Ibis (ffrench and Haverschmidt 1970), caprimulgids (ffrench 1998b), Palearctic vagrants (Kenefick and Hayes 2006), shorebirds (Morrison and Ross 1989), and pelagic seabirds (Murphy 2002). ffrench (2000) discusses the possible local migration of several species. Finally, advances in the knowledge of the status of species in neighbouring countries (Hilty *et al.* 2003; Raffaele *et al.* 1998; Restall *et al.* 2006) contributes to our understanding of the status of these species in Trinidad and Tobago.

The initiation of the TTRBC in 1996 (Hayes and White 2000) provided a forum for capturing and evaluating the observations of many resident and visiting birdwatchers. This has added to our knowledge of the status of many rare or previously unrecorded species in Trinidad and Tobago. Advances in electronic communication have facilitated an increased awareness of the TTRBC, the noteworthiness of certain species, and the reporting of sightings of rare species. From the initiation of the TTRBC to the end of 2006, 512 records have been submitted, and 25 species have been added to the Trinidad and Tobago checklist (Hayes and White 2000; White and Hayes 2002; Kenefick 2005, 2007). This process has been fuelled by a growing number of birdwatchers who, in addition to resources such as local guides and readily available ornithological literature, are now equipped with audio guides (Boesman 1999; Hammick and ffrench 2004; Murphy 1997) and location lists (Murphy 1996, 2004).

The Status categories for this list have been adapted from ffrench (1996 a, b). Categories have been added to distinguish between species that breed locally and migrate

or disperse to the mainland in the non-breeding period, and species which are resident and regularly breeding but whose numbers are augmented during certain seasons by migrants from North or continental South America. The distinction is also made between species which overwinter in the tropics and transient species whose overwintering range does not extend north of the equator. The few exceptions to this general scheme include non-breeding birds, especially immature birds that may spend their first summer in the wintering grounds, or birds which are primarily passage migrants that may overwinter occasionally in Trinidad or Tobago.

Many species are represented by very few observations. Those species for which Trinidad and Tobago is well outside of their normal range have been categorised as *Vagrants*. Species that exhibit regular seasonal migration which may extend occasionally to Trinidad and Tobago are treated as *Migrants* from the *north or south*, albeit very rare ones. It is assumed that these birds will return to their place of origin at the onset of the appropriate season. Species that are generally sedentary, or species that wander; and for which Trinidad and Tobago is at the edge of their range, have been categorised as *Wandering*. These species, generally from South America, occasionally may breed in Trinidad or Tobago, and may eventually wander back to South America. Typical examples include Black-collared Hawk, Pied Lapwing, and Crested Doradito. The term *Resident* has been restricted to species (or populations) that do not show significant movements and which we believe maintain a viable breeding population in Trinidad or Tobago.

Pelagic seabirds have been categorized as *Oceanic*. Those which have bred within the country are categorized as *Oceanic Breeding*. Coastal species are categorised into the same categories used for land birds but a few uncertainties occur. Royal, Roseate, and Common Terns are distributed both north and south of Trinidad and Tobago, and Royal and Roseate Terns occasionally breed on Trinidad or Tobago. There is evidence, however, that those individuals visiting Trinidad and Tobago originate along the Atlantic seaboard of the USA (ffrench 1991), so they have been categorised as visitors from the north.

For some species, available data are insufficient to definitively assign a status category. For these species we have assigned a category based on the balance of evidence. Populations of the seedeaters, popular as cage birds, have been so decimated that it is likely that no viable resident populations remain. Occasional sightings are likely to be escaped cage birds or temporary visitors to Trinidad and Tobago. The term *Extirpated* has been reserved for such species, which previously were considered to have a resident sustainable breeding population on Trinidad

or Tobago but which no longer occur on either island or which are restricted to visiting birds only. ffrench (1998a) highlights the uncertain origin of several species. We have generally avoided issues of origin in this account. However, in Tobago the presence of the Greater Bird-of-Paradise and probably the Great Kiskadee and Purple Honeycreeper was a result of introduction by humans. These birds were known to have survived for some period of time, but as they have not been recorded for the past 15 years they have not been included in this list. On the other hand, the Green-rumped Parrotlet, also a likely introduction to Tobago, is listed as resident because its population remains viable there. Common Waxbills, presumably introduced to Trinidad prior to 1987 (White 1988), now appear to constitute a self-sustaining population, so we consider the species to be resident. A recently discovered population of Grassland Yellow-Finch in Trinidad however, has not persisted long enough to be deemed self-sustaining.

Once a species has been documented in the literature as having occurred in Trinidad or Tobago, it is difficult to expunge, especially from a comprehensive account like ffrench (1991). For this list, however, two species listed in ffrench (1991) have been removed from the Tobago list. We determined that the original accounts of Tropical Parula and Gray-breasted Martin, both listed without comment from Tobago, were also unsatisfactorily documented. There have been no records of either species since the original listing.

Categories have been defined as follows:

- BR** - Resident species without significant movement out of Trinidad and Tobago. Breeding is assumed even if no nest has been documented (Breed/Resident).
- BD** - Species that breed locally and migrate or disperse to the mainland (sometimes only partially) during the non-breeding period (Breed/Disperse).
- BV** - Resident, regularly breeding species whose numbers are augmented by visitors from North or continental South America (Breed/Visit).
- MN** - Non-breeding migrants from North America. Predominantly overwintering (Migrant/North).
- MS** - Migrants from South America. These species may be avoiding the Austral winter, or dispersing from breeding grounds, but generally show regular seasonal movements. May occasionally breed (Migrant/South).
- PM** - Passage migrants. Species whose overwintering range (Boreal winter) is generally south of the equator. Winter records are sparse.

- O** - Oceanic.
- OB** - Oceanic, with breeding confirmed in Trinidad or Tobago.
- W** - Wandering; generally sedentary or wandering species at the edge of their range. Reported less than once per decade.
- V** - Vagrant. Outside of the accepted range of the species.
- F** - Feral; escaped from captivity or domestication.
- Ext.** - Formerly resident but now extirpated probably due to human activity.
- Hist.** - Historically recorded but no records during the past 50 years.

While there is a high level of interest among birders in recording rare species, regular recording of common species is still not the norm for resident birdwatchers. The Southeastern Caribbean Bird Alert (SCBA, <http://www.wow.net/ttfnc/rarebird.html>) is an e-mail update/website on interesting sightings prepared by M. Kenefick. The SCBA is primarily a communication instrument, however, and sightings are not verified. Commercial bird tour-guides and their clients, increasingly familiar with the status of species in Trinidad and Tobago; thanks to resources such as the SCBA, make numerous observations of scarce species, many of which sightings are noted in a log at the Asa Wright Nature Centre in Trinidad. This log is examined at regular intervals by M. Kenefick for preparation of the SCBA. A few individuals, including the authors, keep regular records of their own sightings, not limited to rare species, and all birders, both resident and visiting, are encouraged to do so.

A few recent objective comparisons of abundance have been based on frequency of capture in mist nets (ffrench & ffrench 2000; White 2002), point counts (Hayes and Samad 1998) or frequency of observation combined with high counts (Chandool 1999; Cuffy 2002; Gochfeld 2002; Hayes *et al.* 2004; White 2000; White and Kenefick 2004). There are not enough of these studies however, to substitute for subjective assessment. Confidence in the assessment of abundance, if not objectivity, can be achieved by defining the categories such that each species can be assigned with some certainty. The abundance data for the values presented in this checklist have been derived from the combined experience of the authors, records of the TTRBC, the SCBA, and published studies.

We have tried to be consistent in applying the abundance categories used herein while acknowledging that fitting diverse data to rigid guidelines may lead to inconsistencies. For example, birds of prey may be listed as Common even though they are present in very small numbers, yet they are frequently observed. Similarly, secre-

tive species may be listed as Rare because they are easily missed, even though they may be comparatively common. We have placed emphasis on the relative abundance within each family; thus Violaceous and Trinidad Euphonias are described as common and uncommon respectively. Similarly, Blue-chinned Sapphire and Long-billed Starthroat are described as common and uncommon, respectively. We acknowledge, however, that in absolute terms Trinidad Euphonia is more abundant than Long-billed Starthroat. It is clear that creating finer divisions of abundance than those used herein likely would have suggested an unwarranted degree of confidence.

The abundance categories have been defined as follows:

- A** - Abundant; widespread and usually in some numbers in suitable habitat.
- C** - Common; usually found in suitable habitat.
- U** - Uncommon; occasionally seen in suitable habitat singly or in small numbers.
- Sc** - Scarce; very few (less than 5) records per year.
- R** - Rare; not recorded annually.
- VR** - Very rare; less than 1 record per decade.
- L** - Locally distributed in restricted habitat, where it may be not uncommon.

The status and abundance of the 467 species of birds recorded in Trinidad and Tobago is shown in table 1. On the basis of this assessment, the avifauna of Trinidad is comprised of 443 species of which roughly half (227) are resident (BR + BV) and a further 17 regularly breed. Regular seasonal migration is exhibited by 168 species, and 49 species are wanderers or vagrants. Although a few of the latter species may have bred occasionally, they contribute little to the avian ecology. The resident populations of eight species have been extirpated.

The avifauna of Tobago comprises 240 species of which 92 are resident (BR + BV) and a further 17 species regularly breed. Regular seasonal migration is exhibited by 122 species, and 26 species are listed as vagrants or wanderers. The resident populations of three species have been extirpated.

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Table 1. Status and Abundance of Birds in Trinidad and Tobago. (see text for definition of categories)

Species	Status Abundance			Status Abundance		
	Tri. Tob.	Tob.	Tri.	Tri. Tob.	Tri.	Tob.
Tinamidae				White-tailed Tropicbird, <i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	-	O - R
Little Tinamou, <i>Crypturellus soui</i>	BR	-	C	Brown Pelican, <i>Pelicanus occidentalis</i>	BR	BR A C
Anhimidae				Pelicanidae	O O	VR L
Horned Screamer, <i>Anhima cornuta</i>	Ext	-	-	Masked Booby, <i>Sula dactylatra</i>	O O	R L
Anatidae				Red-footed Booby, <i>Sula sula</i>	OB OB	U C
Fulvous Whistling-Duck, <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>	MS	MS	U	Brown Booby, <i>Sula leucogaster</i>	OB OB	U -
White-faced Whistling-Duck, <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	MS	-	Sc	Northern Gannet, <i>Morus bassanus</i>	- V	-
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, <i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>	BV	BR	C	Phalacrocoracidae		
Snow Goose, <i>Chen caerulescens</i>	V	-	-	Neotropic Cormorant, <i>Phalacrocorax brasiliensis</i>	MS	MS C R
Muscovy Duck, <i>Cairina moschata</i>	W	-	-	Anhingidae	MS	MS U C
Comb Duck, <i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	MS	-	R	Anhinga, <i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	MS	MS U C
American Wigeon, <i>Anas americana</i>	MN	MN	R	Fregatidae		
Green-winged Teal, <i>Anas crecca</i>	-	MN	-	Magnificent Frigatebird, <i>Fregata magnificens</i>	BR	BR C A
Northern Pintail, <i>Anas acuta</i>	MN	MN	R	Ardeidae		
White-cheeked Pintail, <i>Anas bahamensis</i>	MS	BR	U	Rufescent Tiger-Heron, <i>Tigrisoma lineatum</i>	BR	- R -
Blue-winged Teal, <i>Anas discors</i>	MN	MN	C	Agami Heron, <i>Agamia agami</i>	W	- R -
Northern Shoveler, <i>Anas clypeata</i>	MN	MN	R	Boat-billed Heron, <i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>	BR	- U -
Southern Pochard, <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>	V	-	-	Pinnated Bittern, <i>Botaurus pinnatus</i>	BR	- U -
Ring-necked Duck, <i>Aythya collaris</i>	MN	MN	R	Least Bittern, <i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	BR	- U -
Lesser Scaup, <i>Aythya affinis</i>	MN	MN	R	Stripe-backed Bittern, <i>Ixobrychus involucris</i>	BR	- U -
Masked Duck, <i>Nomonyx dominicus</i>	BR	BR	R	Black-crowned Night-Heron, <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	BR	C C
Cracidae				Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, <i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	BR	C C
Rufous-necked Chachalaca, <i>Ortalis ruficollis</i>	-	BR	-	Green Heron, <i>Buteorides virescens</i>	MN	R C
Trinidad Piping-Guan, <i>Pipile pipile</i>	BR	-	R	Striated Heron, <i>Buteorides striatus</i>	BR	- C -
Podicipedidae				Cattle Egret, <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	BR	A A
Least Grebe, <i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i>	BR	BR	U	Grey Heron, <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	V	- V -
Pied-billed Grebe, <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	BR	BR	Sc	Purple Heron, <i>Ardea purpurea</i>	V	- U -
Procellariidae				Great Blue Heron, <i>Ardea herodias</i>	MN	U U
Bulwer's Petrel, <i>Bulweria bulwerii</i>	V	-	-	Coco I Heron, <i>Ardea cocoi</i>	MS	Sc R
Cory's Shearwater, <i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	O	O	R	Great Egret, <i>Ardea alba</i>	BV	C C
Sooty Shearwater, <i>Puffinus griseus</i>	O	-	VR	Tricolored Heron, <i>Egretta tricolor</i>	BV	C C
Greater Shearwater, <i>Puffinus gravis</i>	O	O	R	Reddish Egret, <i>Egretta rufescens</i>	W	- -
Manx Shearwater, <i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	O	-	R	Western Reef-Heron, <i>Egretta garzetta</i>	BR	R R
Audubon's Shearwater, <i>Puffinus lherminieri</i>	O	OB	R	Little Egret, <i>Egretta garzetta</i>	BV	A C
Wilson's Storm-Petrel, <i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	O	O	VR	Snowy Egret, <i>Egretta thula</i>	BV	A C
Leach's Storm-Petrel, <i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>	O	O	Sc	Little Blue Heron, <i>Egretta caerulea</i>	V	- -
Phaethontidae				Threskiornithidae		
Red-billed Tropicbird, <i>Phaethon aethereus</i>	O	OB	R	White Ibis, <i>Eudocimus albus</i>	V	- -

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Snowy Plover, <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	-	MN	-	VIR	Pectoral Sandpiper, <i>Calidris melanotos</i>	MN	MN	U	U	U
Collared Plover, <i>Charadrius collaris</i>	BD	BD	C	Sc	Curlew Sandpiper, <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	V	-	-	-	-
Common Ringed Plover, <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	V	-	R	-	Stilt Sandpiper, <i>Calidris himantopus</i>	MN	MN	C	U	U
Haematopodidae					Buff-breasted Sandpiper, <i>Tryngites subruficollis</i>	MN	MN	Sc	Sc	Sc
American Oystercatcher, <i>Haematopus palliatus</i>	MN	MN	R	R	Ruff, <i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	MN	MN	R	R	R
Recurvirostridae					Wilson's Phalarope, <i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	PM	PM	R	R	R
Black-necked Stilt, <i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	BD	MS	C	R	Jacanidae	BR	BR	A	C	C
American Avocet, <i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	-	V	-	-	Wattled Jacana, <i>Jacana jacana</i>	BR	BR	A	C	C
Burhinidae					South Polar Skua, <i>Stercorarius maccormicki</i>	O	-	VR	-	-
Double-striped Thick-knee, <i>Burhinus bistriatus</i>	W	W	-	-	Pomarine Jaeger, <i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	O	O	R	R	R
Scolopacidae					Parasitic Jaeger, <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	O	O	Sc	R	R
Wilson's Snipe, <i>Gallinago delicata</i>	MN	MN	U	-	Laridae	South Polar Skua, <i>Stercorarius maccormicki</i>	MN	MN	R	R
South American Snipe, <i>Gallinago paraguaiae</i>	BD	-	U	-	Ring-billed Gull, <i>Larus delawarensis</i>	V	-	-	-	-
Short-billed Dowitcher, <i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	MN	MN	C	U	Kelp Gull, <i>Larus dominicanus</i>	MN	MN	R	R	R
Black-tailed Godwit, <i>Limosa limosa</i>	V	-	-	-	Herring Gull, <i>Larus argentatus</i>	V	-	-	-	-
Hudsonian Godwit, <i>Limosa haemastica</i>	MN	MN	Sc	R	Lesser Black-backed Gull, <i>Larus fuscus</i>	MN	MN	U	R	R
Marbled Godwit, <i>Limosa fedoa</i>	MN	MN	R	-	Laughing Gull, <i>Larus atricilla</i>	BV	BV	A	A	A
Eskimo Curlew, <i>Numerius borealis</i>	Hist	-	-	-	Franklin's Gull, <i>Larus pipixcan</i>	MN	-	R	-	-
Whimbrel, <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	MN	MN	C	U	Black-headed Gull, <i>Larus ridibundus</i>	MN	MN	R	R	R
Long-billed Curlew, <i>Numenius americanus</i>	-	MN	-	R	Black-legged Kittiwake, <i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	V	-	R	-	-
Upland Sandpiper, <i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	MN	MN	R	R	Sabine's Gull, <i>Xema sabini</i>	W	-	-	-	-
Terek Sandpiper, <i>Xenus cinereus</i>	V	-	-	-	Brown Noddy, <i>Anous stolidus</i>	OB	OB	L	C	C
Spotted Sandpiper, <i>Actitis macularia</i>	MN	MN	C	C	White Tern, <i>Cygis alba</i>	O	OB	R	U	U
Greater Yellowlegs, <i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	MN	MN	C	C	Sooty Tern, <i>Onychoprion fuscatus</i>	MN	MN	Sc	Sc	Sc
Lesser Yellowlegs, <i>Tringa flavipes</i>	MN	MN	A	C	Bridled Tern, <i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	MS	-	C	-	-
Spotted Redshank, <i>Tringa erythropus</i>	-	V	-	-	Least Tern, <i>Sternula antillarum</i>	MS	-	C	-	-
Wood Sandpiper, <i>Tringa glareola</i>	MN	MN	V	-	Yellow-billed Tern, <i>Sternula superciliaris</i>	Large-billed Tern, <i>Phaetusa simplex</i>	MS	-	U	-
Common Greenshank, <i>Tringa nebularia</i>	MN	MN	C	U	Gull-billed Tern, <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Gull-billed Tern, <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	MN	-	VR	-
Solitary Sandpiper, <i>Tringa solitaria</i>	MN	MN	U	Sc	Caspian Tern, <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Caspian Tern, <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	MN	-	Sc	-
Willet, <i>Tringa semipalmata</i>	MN	MN	C	U	Black Tern, <i>Chlidonias niger</i>	Black Tern, <i>Chlidonias niger</i>	PM	-	C	C
Ruddy Turnstone, <i>Arenaria interpres</i>	MN	MN	U	Sc	Common Tern, <i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Common Tern, <i>Sterna hirundo</i>	MN	C	C	C
Red Knot, <i>Calidris canutus</i>	MN	MN	U	U	Roseate Tern, <i>Sterna dougallii</i>	Roseate Tern, <i>Sterna dougallii</i>	MN(B)	C	C	C
Sanderling, <i>Calidris alba</i>	MN	MN	A	C	Sandwich Tern, <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	Sandwich Tern, <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	MN/S	U	U	U
Semipalmated Sandpiper, <i>Calidris pusilla</i>	MN	MN	A	U	Royal Tern, <i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	Royal Tern, <i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	MN(B)	C	C	C
Western Sandpiper, <i>Calidris mauri</i>	MN	MN	A	U	Rynchopidae	Black Skimmer, <i>Rynchops niger</i>	MS	MS	C	Sc
Least Sandpiper, <i>Calidris minutilla</i>	MN	MN	A	U						
White-rumped Sandpiper, <i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	MN	MN	U	R						
Baird's Sandpiper, <i>Calidris bairdii</i>	PM	-	-	-						

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Columbidae						
Common Ground-Dove, <i>Columbina passerina</i>	BR	-	C	-	U	-
Plain-breasted Ground-Dove, <i>Columbina minuta</i>	BR	-	U	-	U	-
Ruddy Ground-Dove, <i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	BR	-	A	-	R	-
Scaled Dove, <i>Columbina squammata</i>	W	-	R	-	C	-
Blue Ground-Dove, <i>Claravis pretiosa</i>	BR	-	A	C	-	-
Rock Pigeon, <i>Columba livia</i>	F	F	A	C	-	-
Scaled Pigeon, <i>Patagioenas speciosa</i>	BR	-	C	-	Sc	-
Scaly-naped Pigeon, <i>Patagioenas squamosa</i>	-	W	-	-	-	-
Band-tailed Pigeon, <i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>	MS	-	VR	-	BR	-
Pale-vented Pigeon, <i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	BR	BR	U	C	BR	V
Eared Dove, <i>Zenaidura auriculata</i>	BD	BD	C	C	BR	BR
White-tipped Dove, <i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	BR	BR	C	C	BR	U
Gray-fronted Dove, <i>Lepidoptila rufaxilla</i>	BR	-	U	-	BR	L
Lined Quail-Dove, <i>Geotrygon linearis</i>	BR	Hist	R	-	BR	U
Ruddy Quail-Dove, <i>Geotrygon montana</i>	BR	-	Sc	-	BR	U
Psittacidae						
Blue-and-yellow Macaw, <i>Ara ararauna</i>	Ext+Int	R	-	-	BR	-
Scarlet Macaw, <i>Ara macao</i>	W	-	L	-	BR	-
Red-bellied Macaw, <i>Orthopsittaca manilata</i>	BR	-	R	-	BR	-
Brown-throated Parakeet, <i>Aratinga pertinax</i>	MS	-	BR	C	MS	U
Green-rumped Parrotlet, <i>Forpus passerinus</i>	BR	-	U	-	BR	-
Lilac-tailed Parrotlet, <i>Touit batavica</i>	BR	-	U	-	BR	C
Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet, <i>Touit huetii</i>	W	-	U	-	BR	C
Blue-headed Parrot, <i>Pionus menstruus</i>	BR	-	C	-	BR	R
Yellow-crowned Parrot, <i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>	BR	-	A	A	BR	A
Orange-winged Parrot, <i>Amazona amazonica</i>	BR	BR	-	-	BR	C
Cuculidae						
Black-billed Cuckoo, <i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	MN	-	VR	-	BR	C
Yellow-billed Cuckoo, <i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	PM	PM	Sc	Sc	BR	C
Mangrove Cuckoo, <i>Coccyzus minor</i>	BR	BR	Sc	Sc	BR	-
Dark-billed Cuckoo, <i>Coccyzus melacoryphus</i>	W	-	-	-	BR	C
Squirrel Cuckoo, <i>Piaya cayana</i>	BR	-	C	-	BR	-
Little Cuckoo, <i>Piaya minuta</i>	BR	-	U	-	BD	C
Greater Ani, <i>Crotophaga major</i>	BR	-	U	-	BD	C
Smooth-billed Ani, <i>Crotophaga ani</i>	BR	A	C	-	BD	C
Striped Cuckoo, <i>Tapera naevia</i>	BR	-	C	-	BD	C
Tytonidae						
Barn Owl, <i>Tyto alba</i>	BR	BR	U	U	BR	U

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	Tri.	Tob.	Tri.	BR	C	R	BR	BR	-	BR	BR	-	L	-	C
Blue-chinned Sapphire, <i>Chlorestes notata</i>	BR	BR	-	BR	-	-	Straight-billed Woodcreeper, <i>Xiphorhynchus pictus</i>	BR	-	BR	BR	-	L	-	C
Blue-tailed Emerald, <i>Chlorostilbon mellisugus</i>	BR	BR	-	L	-	-	Cocoa Woodcreeper, <i>Xiphorhynchus susurra</i>	BR	-	BR	BR	-	C	C	-
White-tailed Goldenthroat, <i>Polytmus guainumbi</i>	BD	-	U	-	-	-	Streak-headed Woodcreeper, <i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>	BR	-	BR	BR	-	U	-	-
White-chested Emerald, <i>Amazilia brevirostris</i>	BR	-	C	-	-	Thamnophilidae									
Copper-rumped Hummingbird, <i>Amazilia tobaci</i>	BR	BR	A	C	-	Great Antshrike, <i>Taraba major</i>	BR	-	C	-	C	-	C	-	-
Long-billed Starthroat, <i>Heliodoxa longirostris</i>	BR	-	Sc	-	-	Black-crested Antshrike, <i>Sakesphorus canadensis</i>	BR	-	C	-	C	-	C	C	-
Rufous-shafted Woodstar, <i>Chaetocercus jourdanii</i>	MS	-	VR	-	-	Barred Antshrike, <i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>	BR	-	C	-	C	-	C	C	-
Trogonidae						Plain Antvireo, <i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i>	BR	-	BR	BR	BR	-	U	U	-
White-tailed Trogon, <i>Trogon violaceus</i>	BR	-	C	-	-	White-flanked Antvireo, <i>Myrmotherula axillaris</i>	BR	-	C	-	C	-	C	C	-
Violaceous Trogon, <i>Trogon violaceus</i>	BR	-	C	U	-	White-fringed Antbird, <i>Formicivora grisea</i>	BR	-	BR	BR	BR	-	L	C	-
Collared Tropic, <i>Tropic collaris</i>	BR	BR	C	U	-	Silvered Antbird, <i>Sclateria naevia</i>	BR	-	U	-	U	-	U	-	-
Alcedinidae						White-bellied Antbird, <i>Myrmeciza longipes</i>	BR	-	C	-	C	-	C	-	-
Ringed Kingfisher, <i>Ceryle torquata</i>	BR	-	U	-	-	Formicariidae									
Belted Kingfisher, <i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	MN	MN	Sc	U	-	Black-faced Antthrush, <i>Formicarius analis</i>	BR	-	U	-	U	-	U	-	-
Amazon Kingfisher, <i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	W	-	-	-	-	Grallariidae									
Green Kingfisher, <i>Chloroceryle americana</i>	BR	BR	C	U	-	Scaled Antpitta, <i>Grallaria guatimalensis</i>	BR	-	R	-	R	-	C	-	-
American Pygmy Kingfisher, <i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>	BR	-	U	-	-	Tyrannidae									
Momotidae						Forest Elaenia, <i>Myiopagis gaimardi</i>	BR	-	C	-	C	-	C	C	-
Blue-crowned Motmot, <i>Momotus momota</i>	BR	BR	U	C	-	Yellow-bellied Elaenia, <i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	BR	-	BR	BR	BR	-	C	C	-
Galbulidae						Small-billed Elaenia, <i>Elaenia parvirostris</i>	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rufous-tailed Jacamar, <i>Galbulia ruficauda</i>	BR	BR	C	C	-	Slaty Elaenia, <i>Elaenia strepera</i>	MS	-	VR	-	VR	-	VR	-	-
Ramphastidae						Lesser Elaenia, <i>Elaenia chiriquensis</i>	BR	-	R	-	R	-	R	-	-
Channel-billed Toucan, <i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i>	BR	-	C	-	-	Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet, <i>Campylostoma obsoletum</i>	BR	-	C	-	C	-	C	-	-
Picidae						Spotted Tody-Flycatcher, <i>Todirostrum maculatum</i>	BR	-	L	-	L	-	Sc	-	-
Red-crowned Woodpecker, <i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>	-	BR	-	C	-	Mouse-colored Flycatcher, <i>Phaeomyias murina</i>	BR	-	W	-	-	-	Sc	-	-
Red-rumped Woodpecker, <i>Veniliornis kirkii</i>	BR	BR	U	U	-	Crested Doradito, <i>Pseudocolopteryx sclateri</i>	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	BR	C	C
Golden-olive Woodpecker, <i>Piculus rubiginosus</i>	BR	BR	C	C	-	Olive-striped Flycatcher, <i>Miocichla olivacea</i>	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	BR	U	U
Chestnut Woodpecker, <i>Celeus elegans</i>	BR	-	U	-	-	Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, <i>Miocichla oleagineus</i>	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	BR	C	C
Lineated Woodpecker, <i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	BR	-	C	-	-	Slaty-capped Flycatcher, <i>Leptopogon superciliosus</i>	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	-
Crimson-crested Woodpecker, <i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>	BR	-	U	-	-	Northern Scrub-Flycatcher, <i>Sublegatus arenarium</i>	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	-
Furnariidae						Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant, <i>Myiornis ecaudatus</i>	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	-
Pale-breasted Spinetail, <i>Synallaxis albescens</i>	BR	-	U	-	-	Spotted Tody-Flycatcher, <i>Todirostrum maculatum</i>	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	BR	C	C
Stripe-breasted Spinetail, <i>Synallaxis cinnamomea</i>	BR	BR	C	U	-	Yellow-olive Flycatcher, <i>Tolmomyias sulphureus</i>	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	BR	U	U
Yellow-chinned Spinetail, <i>Certhiaxis cinnamomea</i>	BR	-	C	-	-	Yellow-breasted Flycatcher, <i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	BR	U	-
Gray-throated Leafflosser, <i>Sclerurus albifasciatus</i>	BR	BR	U	Sc	-	White-throated Spadebill, <i>Platyrinchus mystaceus</i>	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	-
Streaked Xenops, <i>Xenops rutilans</i>	BR	-	U	-	-	Bran-colored Flycatcher, <i>Myiophobus fasciatus</i>	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	-
Plain-brown Woodcreeper, <i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i>	BR	BR	C	U	-	Euler's Flycatcher, <i>Lathrotriccus euleri</i>	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	BR	L	U
Olivaceous Woodcreeper, <i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i>	-	BR	-	U	-	Fuscous Flycatcher, <i>Cnemotriccus fuscatus</i>	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	BR	U	-
						Olive-sided Flycatcher, <i>Contopus cooperi</i>	BR	-	BR	-	BR	-	BR	U	-

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Tropical Pewee, <i>Contopus cinereus</i>	BR	-	C	-	Blue-and-white Swallow, <i>Ptychochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	MS
Pied Water-Tyrant, <i>Fluvicola pica</i>	BR	-	C	-	Southern Rough-winged Swallow, <i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	BR
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant, <i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>	BR	-	C	-	Bank Swallow, <i>Riparia riparia</i>	MN
Piratic Flycatcher, <i>Legatus leucophaius</i>	BD	BD	C	U	Barn Swallow, <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	MN
Great Kiskadee, <i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	BR	-	A	-	Cliff Swallow, <i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	MN
Streaked Flycatcher, <i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	BR	BR	C	C	Troglodytidae	MN
Boat-billed Flycatcher, <i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>	BR	-	C	-	House Wren, <i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	MN
Sulphur Flycatcher, <i>Tyrannopsis sulphurea</i>	BR	-	L	-	Rufous-breasted Wren, <i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	BR
Variegated Flycatcher, <i>Empidonax varius</i>	MS	-	R	-	Polioptilidae	BR
Tropical Kingbird, <i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	BR	BR	A	C	Long-billed Gnatwren, <i>Ramphocelus melanurus</i>	BR
Fork-tailed Flycatcher, <i>Tyrannus savana</i>	MS	MS	A	C	Turdidae	-
Gray Kingbird, <i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>	BV	U	C	C	Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush, <i>Catharus aurantiirostris</i>	BR
Dusky-capped Flycatcher, <i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>	BR	-	U	-	Veery, <i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	MN
Swainson's Flycatcher, <i>Myiarchus swainsoni</i>	MS	-	VR	-	Gray-cheeked Thrush, <i>Catharus minimus</i>	MN
Venezuelan Flycatcher, <i>Myiarchus venezuelensis</i>	-	BR	-	U	Yellow-legged Thrush, <i>Turdus flavipes</i>	BR
Brown-crested Flycatcher, <i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>	BR	BR	U	C	Cocoa Thrush, <i>Turdus fumigatus</i>	BR
Bright-rumped Attila, <i>Attila spadiceus</i> *	BR	-	U	-	Bare-eyed Thrush, <i>Turdus nudigenis</i>	BR
Black-tailed Tityra, <i>Tityra cayana</i> *	BR	-	U	-	White-necked Thrush, <i>Turdus albicollis</i>	BR
White-winged Becard, <i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i> *	BR	BR	U	U	Mimidae	BR
Cotingidae					Tropical Mockingbird, <i>Mimus gilvus</i>	BR
White Bellbird, <i>Procnias albifrons</i>	W	-	-	-	Motacillidae	BR
Bearded Bellbird, <i>Procnias averano</i>	BR	-	U	-	White Wagtail, <i>Motacilla alba</i>	V
Pipridae					Coerebidae	-
White-bearded Manakin, <i>Manacus manacus</i>	BR	-	BR	-	Bananaquit, <i>Coereba flaveola</i>	BR
Blue-backed Manakin, <i>Chiroxiphia pareola</i>	-	BR	-	C	Thraupidae	BR
Golden-headed Manakin, <i>Pipra erythrocephala</i>	BR	-	C	-	White-shouldered Tanager, <i>Tachyphonus lucidus</i>	BR
Vireonidae					White-lined Tanager, <i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	BR
Rufous-browed Peppershrike, <i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	BR	-	C	-	Silver-beaked Tanager, <i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>	BR
Yellow-throated Vireo, <i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	MN	MN	VR	VR	Blue-gray Tanager, <i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	BR
White-eyed Vireo, <i>Vireo griseus</i>	-	MN	-	VR	Palm Tanager, <i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	BR
Red-eyed Vireo, <i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	BV	BV	C	C	Blue-capped Tanager, <i>Thraupis cyanochlatha</i>	BR
Black-whiskered Vireo, <i>Vireo altiloquus</i>	MN	MN	R	VR	Turquoise Tanager, <i>Tangara mexicana</i>	BR
Golden-fronted Greenlet, <i>Hylophilus aurantiirostris</i>	BR	-	C	-	Speckled Tanager, <i>Tangara guttata</i>	BR
Scrub Greenlet, <i>Hylophilus flavipes</i>	-	BR	-	C	Bay-headed Tanager, <i>Tangara gyrola</i>	BR
Hirundinidae					Swallow Tanager, <i>Tersina viridis</i>	BD
White-winged Swallow, <i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>	BR	BR	C	U	Blue Dacnis, <i>Dacnis cayana</i>	BR
Caribbean Martin, <i>Progne dominicensis</i>	MS	BD	R	C	Purple Honeycreeper, <i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i>	BR
Gray-breasted Martin, <i>Progne chalybea</i>	BR	-	A	-	C	-

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Red-legged Honeycreeper, <i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>	BD	BD	C	C	-	-	Cerulean Warbler, <i>Dendroica cerulea</i>	MN	-	-	VR	-	-
Green Honeycreeper, <i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>	BR	-	C	-	-	-	Cape May Warbler, <i>Dendroica tigrina</i>	MN	MN	MN	VR	VR	-
Bicolored Conebill, <i>Conirostrum bicolor</i>	BR	-	C	-	-	-	Black-throated Blue Warbler, <i>Dendroica caerulescens</i>	MN	-	MN	-	-	-
Hepatic Tanager, <i>Piranga flava</i> *	BR	-	L	-	-	-	Yellow-rumped Warbler, <i>Dendroica coronata</i>	MN	-	-	VR	-	-
Summer Tanager, <i>Piranga rubra</i> *	MN	MN	R	R	-	-	Black-throated Green Warbler, <i>Dendroica virens</i>	MN	-	-	VR	-	-
Scarlet Tanager, <i>Piranga olivacea</i> *	MN	MN	R	R	-	-	Prairie Warbler, <i>Dendroica discolor</i>	MN	-	-	VR	-	-
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager, <i>Habia rubica</i> *	BR	-	U	-	-	-	American Redstart, <i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	MN	MN	C	U	-	-
Emberizidae							Black-and-white Warbler, <i>Mniotilla varia</i>	MN	MN	Sc	Sc	Sc	Sc
Orange-fronted Yellow-Finch, <i>Sicalis columbiana</i>	W	-	-	-	-	-	Prothonotary Warbler, <i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	MN	MN	Sc	Sc	Sc	Sc
Saffron Finch, <i>Sicalis flaveola</i>	BR	-	U	-	-	-	Ovenbird, <i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	MN	MN	VR	VR	VR	-
Grassland Yellow-Finch, <i>Sicalis luteola</i>	MS	-	L	-	-	-	Northern Waterthrush, <i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>	MN	MN	C	C	C	C
Blue-black Grassquit, <i>Volatinia jacarina</i>	BR	BR	A	C	-	-	Common Yellowthroat, <i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	MN	-	-	VR	-	-
Slate-colored Seedeater, <i>Sporophila schistacea</i>	W	-	-	-	-	-	Masked Yellowthroat, <i>Geothlypis aequinoctialis</i>	BR	-	-	U	-	-
Sooty Grassquit, <i>Tiaris fuliginosa</i> *	BR	-	U	-	-	-	Hooded Warbler, <i>Wilsonia citrina</i>	MN	-	-	VR	-	-
Black-faced Grassquit, <i>Tiaris bicolor</i> *	BR	BR	L	C	-	-	Canada Warbler, <i>Wilsonia canadensis</i>	MN	-	-	VR	-	-
Gray Seedeater, <i>Sporophila intermedia</i>	Ext	-	-	-	VR	-	Golden-crowned Warbler, <i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>	BR	-	C	-	-	-
Wing-barred Seedeater, <i>Sporophila americana</i>	-	BR	-	-	-	-	Icteridae						
Lesson's Seedeater, <i>Sporophila bouviersi</i>	Ext	MS	Ext	VR	-	-	Crested Oriole, <i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>	BR	BR	A	C	-	-
Yellow-bellied Seedeater, <i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>	Ext	MS	Ext	R	-	-	Yellow-rumped Cacique, <i>Cacicus cela</i>	BR	-	C	-	-	-
Ruddy-breasted Seedeater, <i>Sporophila minuta</i>	BR	Ext	Sc	-	-	-	Moriche Oriole, <i>Icterus cayanensis</i>	BR	-	L	-	-	-
Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch, <i>Oryzoborus angolensis</i>	Ext	-	-	-	-	-	Baltimore Oriole, <i>Icterus galbula</i>	MN	MN	VR	VR	-	-
Large-billed Seed-Finch, <i>Oryzoborus crassirostris</i>	Ext	W	-	VR	-	-	Orchard Oriole, <i>Icterus spurius</i>	BR	-	C	-	-	-
Red-capped Cardinal, <i>Paroaria gularis</i>	BR	-	U	-	-	-	Yellow Oriole, <i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>	BR	-	A	-	U	-
Cardinalidae							Yellow-hooded Blackbird, <i>Chrysomus icterocephalus</i>	BR	-	BR	BR	BR	-
Rose-breasted Grosbeak, <i>Phoenicurus ludovicianus</i>	MN	MN	R	R	-	-	Giant Cowbird, <i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>	BR	BR	BR	BR	BR	-
Grayish Saltator, <i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	BR	-	C	-	-	-	Shiny Cowbird, <i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	BR	BR	A	C	-	-
Streaked Saltator, <i>Saltator striaticeps</i>	BR	-	L	-	-	-	Carib Grackle, <i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>	BR	BR	A	C	-	-
Indigo Bunting, <i>Passerina cyanea</i>	MN	-	VR	-	-	-	Red-breasted Blackbird, <i>Sturnella militaris</i>	BR	W	C	-	-	-
Dickcissel, <i>Spiza americana</i>	MN	MN	C	VR	-	-	Red-winged Blackbird, <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	V	-	-	R	R	-
Paruliidae							Bobolink, <i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	MN	MN	MN	MN	MN	-
Golden-winged Warbler, <i>Vermivora chrysopera</i>	MN	MN	VR	VR	-	-	Fringillidae						
Northern Parula, <i>Parula americana</i>	MN	MN	VR	VR	-	-	Red Siskin, <i>Carduelis cucullata</i>	Ext	-	-	-	-	-
Tropical Parula, <i>Parula pitayumi</i>	BR	-	C	-	-	-	Lesser Goldfinch, <i>Carduelis psaltria</i>	W	-	-	-	-	-
Chestnut-sided Warbler, <i>Dendroica pensylvanica</i>	MN	-	VR	-	-	-	Trinidad Euphonia, <i>Euphonia trinitatis</i>	BR	-	U	-	-	-
Yellow Warbler, <i>Dendroica petechia</i>	MN	MN	C	C	-	-	Violaceous Euphonia, <i>Euphonia violacea</i>	BR	BR	C	U	-	-
Blackpoll Warbler, <i>Dendroica striata</i>	MN	MN	Sc	Sc	-	-	Golden-rumped Euphonia, <i>Euphonia cyanocephala</i>	MS	-	VR	-	-	-
Bay-breasted Warbler, <i>Dendroica castanea</i>	MN	-	R	-	-	-	Estrildidae						
Blackburnian Warbler, <i>Dendroica fusca</i>	MN	MN	VR	VR	-	-	Common Waxbill, <i>Estrilda astrild</i>	BR	-	L	-	-	-
Magnolia Warbler, <i>Dendroica magnolia</i>	MN	MN	VR	VR	-	-							