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DESTINATION AND DATES

West Central Mexico. February 15-25, 2018. Jalisco, Nayarit and Sinaloa.

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PURPOSE

An escape from the Norwegian winter. Relaxed birding in the area in general with emphasis on photography. No target species as such other than good looks of the catchy and colorful species.

ITINERARY - ACCOMMODATION

15-17 Feb:

Rancho Primavera, El Tuito, Jalisco

18-21 Feb:

Hotel Garza Canela, San Blas, Nayarit

22-23 Feb:

Cabins in the Tufted Jay Reserve, El Palmito, Sinaloa

24 Feb:

Hotel One, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco

ITINERARY - BIRDING SITES

15 Feb:

Late arrival. No birding.

16 Feb:

Rancho Primavera + road to Sierra Paraíso + La Provincia road.

17 Feb:

Rancho Primavera + road to Mayto incl. first km of Bioto road.

18 Feb:

Rancho Primavera + Jardín Botánico de Puerto Vallarta.

19 Feb:

Humedal de las Garzas and the nearby flats + road to Chacalilla + shrimp ponds + Playa del Borrego + boat trip La Tovar.

20 Feb:

Cerro San Juan, camino a La Noria.

21 Feb:

Singayta + Playa del Borrego + San Blas Sewer Ponds + Humedal de las Garzas and nearby flats + fields below Chacalilla.

22 Feb:

Carretera 74 quick stop near highway 15D + Seawatch point in Mazatlán + road to La Noria + few stops on Durango highway on way to the Tufted Jay Reserve.

23. Feb:

Tufted Jay Reserve + km 211 + El Palmito.

24. Feb:

Parque Ecológico Metropolitano de Tepic + Úrsulo Galván near Lo de Marcos in Nayarit.

25. Feb:

Boca de Tomates, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco.

RESULT

292 species registered. 29 endemics. This may sound like a rather modest result with ten days available in a very bird rich region. But with photography as main birding activity and a vacational attitude in general, I think we can be satisfied with our result.

As a single locality Rancho Primavera stood out as the best birding experience. We had an amazing 80 species during the first morning, despite of photography being in focus. It was a first visit to Mexico for both Tormod, Roy and Steinar and many North American migrants were new too, so we spent quite a good amount of time trying to photograph 'common' species. Just to put our result in perspective.

Another highlight was the visit to Mayto on the coast west of El Tuito. The Orange-breasted Buntings there gave an incredible performance and the species being a natural super-target could not have presented itself better for the cameras. Hope Roy's photos will go further than his desktop drawer..!

The Botanical Garden south of Puerto Vallarta turned out to be a big disappointment. Admitting that midday is not the best birding hour, still there were too few birds to justify a visit. The bird table was filled up at 1 am, but this only attracted the already seen Caciques, Golden-cheeked Woodpeckers and San Blas Jays, plus a single Green Jay. Hummingbirds being the main attraction here failed out almost completely. Best one was a single Plain-capped Starthroat. My visit in last September was also rather modest in terms of hummingbirds. Now it'll be interesting to see if my next visits in late March and April will change my perception of this locality as being overrated.

The La Tovar boat trip in San Blas is always a special experience. But though we got the common target species, Northern Potoo, Boat-billed Heron, Rufous-necked Wood-rail, Bare-throated Tiger-heron and Common Pauraque I returned with a feeling of having seen very few birds. Perhaps the cloudy weather was causing less activity, and perhaps we also got up to the good birding parts too late. Leaving the dock at 15:30 every day throughout the year certainly affects the amount of light hours available for birding depending on whether you go in February or April. A beautiful Barn Owl on the way back was a nice surprise, though.

Apart from La Tovar San Blas in general gave some good birds and the long stroll down along the Borrego beach was a hit with the pale-legged vikingos.

On Cerro San Juan we did manage to find the target hummer Mexican Woodnymph, but not the Bumblebee ditto. Unlucky, or me simply not knowing where the other visitors normally see them. We tried flower beds all the way up along the road to La Noria, and beyond, but the only small hummingbirds we managed to find were Rufous. We did not stay to try for owls or nightjars.

The Tufted Jay reserve is always a good experience, but especially to new visitors since many of the attractive species like Red Warbler, Green-striped Brushfinch, Russet Nightingale-Thrush and Red-headed Tanager are pretty easy to get. And of course the jay.

However, this time the jay did not prove easy to get. A walk down the canyon Rancho Liebre from the camp and up again didn't give us anything. It was only when we ascended from below later in the afternoon that we found the birds. A large flock, 20, a few hundred meters up the canyon from the highway.

On the way back to Puerto Vallarta we didn't bird Durango Highway itself due to lack of time. But we did a lunch stop in Tepic and also went to the city park to look for Aztec Rail, which we did not get. We also stopped at a wetland near Lo de Marcos and finally found a few Cinnamon Teals which had eluded us complete during the trip. And then we had an interesting flock of Chestnut-collared Swifts foraging low in the overcast, dark and late afternoon. Not usual to see them here close to the sea.

Last morning and birding site was Boca de Tomates on the border between Jalisco and Nayarit, where the river Ameca runs into the ocean.

This gave us a good selection of shorebirds and terns. Snowy and Collared Plovers were new as were the terns: Elegant, Common and Forster's. And then we had a young Surf Scoter resting a hundred meters from shore. Semi-rare and my first in Jalisco.

The 1500 Laughing Gulls I had seen at the same spot just before picking up my clients on the 15th had vanished completely, indicating the great dynamics of birds flowing through this area, probably making it worth a daily visit.

TRIP DESCRIPTION

15 Feb - Thursday

I arrived in Puerto Vallarta in the afternoon after a 9 hours bus drive from Ciudad Guzmán via Guadalajara.

At Alamos they confirmed my reservation and repeated the check-in process which I thought I had just done last evening when I received an email from Alamos inviting me to do so. What email the assistant asked. Ah well, it's from Alamo. But we are not Alamo. We only use their name and logo, but are otherwise independent...! Confusing world?!

We continued the check-in process and though I agreed with the price and conditions, after having cleared out some misunderstandings, the assistant all of a sudden offered me a 10 percent discount on the price. Never really understood why that was, but I told him that if they were this friendly I would rather prefer a larger vehicle. I had reserved a VW Clásico, but not knowing the exact stature of my Norwegian clients, I could easily imagine them to be two meters tall and one meter wide, as all true Vikings are; having as much room available as possible sounded like the way to go. He then gave me a VW Jetta.

In hindsight it is now clear that not all true vikings are two meters tall and one meter wide and the car turned out to be sufficiently spacey inside. Luckily. Because though the trunk was pretty large, with food and all we ran out of space, and we had to store a few bags in the seat between the two sitting in the back.

This car had a very low ground clearance, which in Mexico is always a bad thing because of the many speed bumps. We, or I, did hit the bottom a few times during the trip, testing the nerves of my fellow Scandinavians, but normally it sounds worse than it is, and when returning the car there were no problems.

I had a few hours available before I should pick up the guys, and decided to go to nearby Boca de Tomates, the river mouth just north of the airport. I also planned to visit this place on the last morning, so a little scouting trip wouldn't hurt.

The beach restaurants out there were open, and instantly as I approached and parked in the shadow in front of them, a young client hijacker came closer to make sure I would choose his restaurant. When I told him I wasn't going to eat, he told me that I had to move the car because this space was only for their guests. I'm sure this is complete nonsense, but still I moved the car to the far end, as he asked me to, and gave him 10 pesos, to look out for the car.

When I got to the beach and the estuary there were many waterbirds and shorebirds spread out along the inside waterline. Stressful, worrying that I might not have time to count all the birds before I had to leave again. But with a closer examination of especially the small sandpipers it was clear that almost all were Western. And most plovers were Semipalmated. 1,2, 10 and 50. Easy counting!

Gulls are always worth an extra look around here, and a single bird standing alone on the sand turned out to be a very faded young Herring Gull. Though the heat wasn't extreme it was standing with its mouth open to ventilate. I approached step by step to get better photos, and got surprisingly close before it finally decided to take off. I wanted the flight photos as well, so squeezed it a little more than recommendable.

Last time I was here, in March 2017, we didn't have a single seabird in the bay. An El Niño year I think it was. This year it looked like things were back to normal because I soon spotted 3 Blue-footed Boobies foraging close to shore. Good news, expecting that it would be a new species to my clients.

On the outside, and far side of the river mouth, a large number of gulls and terns were roosting on the beach. As I approached it was clear that most of them were Laughing Gulls, and many, 1500, and a few Heerman's Gulls plus a hundred Royal Terns. But no Elegants. A good 40 species in all, and then it was time for shopping and picking up my clients.

16 Feb - Friday

Well arrived, installed and in bed the first bird encounter became a nightly Black-bellied Whistling-Duck calling from the pond below the cabin. Owls were apparently also active according to both Tormod, Roy and Steinar. I didn't hear anything, but could have slept through it.

New country and new birds. Always exciting to get up the first morning and start birding. It didn't get light until 7 am, however, so with focus on photos, we could take it easy preparing and eating breakfast in calm order before there was light enough to see the birds.

The plan was to bird on the property the whole morning, getting acquainted with the place and the species.

As camels in the desert smelling water, the photographers were instantly drawn toward the pond. A good variety of species can be seen here, but not all of the interesting species on the property, so after a while I started nudging my clients in the direction of the backdoor gate behind the cabins to try for the Rosy Thrush-Tanager that I knew would be in that area. It took a while, but finally I managed to push them through the gate and into the shade along the trail, where we tried to call out a bird or two. Unfortunately nothing happened, and soon the photographers were drifting back toward the light and the open spaces where whatever bird would be easier to take photos of.

When we finally decided to leave the ranch to go to El Tuito to have lunch, I was surprised that we had managed to register 80 different species. Surprised both because we weren't focusing on any species in particular, but also because my perception while walking around had been that of very few birds.

After lunch the plan was to go to La Provincia road on the east side of the Puerto Vallarta highway to try for some of the species that are easier to get up there, or only possible to get up there. Green Jay and Eared Poorwill are some of these species.

But first we would have lunch, and for that we went to the restaurant El Patio de Mario on the main square in El Tuito.

By chance I had briefly scanned through the guest book lying in the cabin, and had found an interesting, and recent, note about Plain-breasted Ground-Doves seen in the patio of the mentioned restaurant.

I admit that I have always been skeptical about the reports of this species being present in Jalisco, so far away from the ordinary distribution area in southern Mexico. But I also admit

that part of the skepticism is based on envy, not having been able to spot any of these birds myself.

The note sounded convincing, however, so I thought we should give it a try.

I imagined some kind of garden in behind buildings, and was very surprised to find out that there was only a small enclosed patio, with a few trees sticking up from the neighbor property. Would there be any birds in this place? I found it hard to believe, and quickly dismissed the note from the cabin as nonsense.

But then Roy and Steinar started moving about. Roy with his super eyes had spotted a lizard and while waiting for the food, wanted photos of it. And then after a while he came back and showed me a photo of two birds sitting up in the tree. ?? They are ground-doves I told him. And they looked very pale. And could it really be that I finally was proven wrong about these phantom plain-breasted?! Watching the photos and then the bird live through the binoculars it was difficult to conclude otherwise. They showed no hint of ruddy any of them, and very gray pale on the head. Wow I thought. A nice new species for me in Jalisco.

Born to shoot, Roy was soon off again. Mostly for the lizard I think, but soon after he came back to show me another photo, now with one of the birds from a side angle and showing a ruddy tint to wing. Hmmm. I started to observe the birds more intensely. One of them obviously had some color to it, but was it enough to rule out the plain-breasted after all?

The answer came a little while after when this bird stretched its wings up over the back. A clear black armpit revealed itself which is diagnostic of a Ruddy Ground-Dove! A very pale Ruddy Ground-Dove but still a Ruddy.

A pity to lose a state species, but also content that my skepticism was still valid.

The food was fine, but perhaps you might consider your choice of eating place since this restaurant has Orange-fronted Parakeets in a cage. Obviously trapped somewhere nearby.

Before driving up La Provincia road, I suggested that we tried another road a few more kilometers up the road toward Puerta Vallarta. The road to Sierra Paraíso. It was new to me but I had seen that others have had good numbers of Military Macaws up there which was certainly a target species.

It was a dirt road climbing up along a narrow canyon. A nice place with good vegetation, but few birds. But it was now late afternoon. Early morning would probably give better results.

We heard a few Green Jays, but never saw them, and then a warbler sized bird with yellow throated was moving through the foliage 5 meters above us. It turned out to be a Yellow-throated Vireo! Seen by all. Not common in Jalisco, it was a new state species for me. We didn't get any Macaws, but on the way back to the car a Painted Redstart came flying overhead along the road, revealing its red belly and white outer tail. In that moment a new species to the group.

My plan for La Provincia was to drive up slowly and bird along the road in daylight and then drive back from the village when it got dark to try for owls and nightjars.

As we drove up it soon became clear that here too it was pretty dead. We got Graces's Warblers and Black-headed Siskins as new species, and a single Calliope Hummingbird. 8 kilometers up the road we stopped in the ghost village La Provincia (died when the saw mill closed) and birded a while around the plaza and a bit further up the road while waiting for the darkness to appear. Chachalacas, Grayish Saltators, Stripe-headed Sparrow and a single heard-only Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl were some of the species present. And then, for personal reasons, we decided not to try for the owls and nightjars other than taking whatever we would encounter while driving down again. That gave us nothing.

We had good tacos in El Tuito before heading back to the ranch, and though owling is also possible on the ranch property the decision was to call it a day at this point. That, however, was not to my liking well knowing that Western Screech-Owl had been heard somewhere on the property recently. It would be a lifer for me, so I decided to take a round alone. But also just to try to boost the species list with the more common Pauraque and Mottled Owl which are normally found here.

Roy then decided to join me.

The first interesting thing we found was a small snake lying on the road close to the cabins. It turned out to be a Southwestern Cat-eye Snake. Non-poisonous. It was alive though not very active. Roy moved it away from the road. There it stayed motionless, what could be a survival strategy pretending to be dead and non-suitable for eating. But when we later returned it was lying in exactly the same position, and the same was the case the next morning, and we had to conclude that it was dead. Scared to death or already dying we'll never know.

But owling was the main purpose. We walked all the way back toward the main house, where Bonnie, the owner, had said the screech-owl had been seen. But nothing. Not a single sound. Not even a Mottled Owl.

We decided to give up, but while walking back we finally heard the bouncing ball call that only a screech-owl could make. It sounded weak and far away, and we needed to hear it again before we were sure. Roy went back, but I stayed to try to get a recording of it, but during the next 15 minutes that I was standing there, it didn't call out again. Tormod and Steinar had joined me, but we only got a weak Mottled Owl far away.

We returned to the cabin and then of course we heard it again, and we all decided to give it a last try. And while approaching the place where we had heard it before, it actually did call out twice, and more powerful than we had heard it until now, but it kept quiet when we started to playback it, and we never saw the bird nor got a recording of it.

Pauraques and other nightjars were completely absent.

17 Feb - Saturday

This morning was dedicated to a photo session by the feeders at the main house. Magpie-Jays and hummingbirds were on the wish list.

Until now we had only had Cinnamon Hummingbird, and I had see a Starthroat the day before while reporting our arrival to Bonnie and Pat. Hopefully it would show up again. I decided to take advantage of the situation and went up on the hill behind the ranch, where I last September had seen 3 Red-breasted Chats. I wanted to check if they would still be there, thus, having a very convenient spot for this not always easy to get species. I didn't get them, however. Perhaps they are only present in summer time, or perhaps it was a coincidence to find them, or perhaps it was a coincidence this day that I didn't find them... I'll keep trying and even more so because the road up there is very good with a variety of birds. I had Lilac-crowned Parrots, Gray-collared Becard, Blue Bunting, Tropical Parula and Black-capped Vireos for example. All new species to my clients, and on the way back, where we tried the day before, I had a loud and clear Rosy Thrush-Tanager responding to playback. We definitely had to go back there the next morning before leaving.

Back at the main house the birding had been moderate, still with few hummingbirds, but apparently they achieved good photos of the Magpie-jays. The rest of the day we were going to visit the Bioto road, and the road to Mayto on the coast west of El Tuito. Orange-breasted Bunting, Red-breasted Chat, Black-capped Gnatcatcher and Flammulated Flycatcher were some of the targets.

Just outside of El Tuito we stopped the first time to check a raptor, but it disappeared while we got out of the car. But there were other birds, and female Great-tailed Grackles had to be explained while Zone-tailed and Short-tailed Hawks flew by as did both vultures. And above a nearby hill a good handful of swifts were foraging. They looked very big, but we didn't manage to get photos for better id, so we had to leave them as wishful thinking.

At Bioto road we checked the first kilometer for the mentioned species, except the Orange-breasted Bunting, which would be easier to get closer to the coast, 30 kilometers away. Despite that it wasn't early there was good activity in the dense ground vegetation. Mostly species we had seen before, but then a Bright-rumped Attila started to call very close by, and surprisingly it came out in the open and started to forage on the ground along the road side. My camera is losing it, excusing why my photos didn't get sharp. I bet Roy has some nice shots. The species is not rare, but this was the best I've ever seen it, and I would have loved to have sharp photos of this large and attractive bird.

Black-capped Gnatcatcher never showed up, but finally Steinar found a Red-breasted Chat that had approached to check out the playback sound. A beautiful male.

We stayed a while longer to try to find another individual, since Roy didn't see it well, and to try for Flammulated Flycatcher. But without results. Never have had the Flammulated down here, but my experience from Playa de Oro in Colimas says that you have to be more patient with this species, giving it more time to show up.

But this time we were not on a target mission as such, and decided to move to the coast to see what we could find there.

On the way we made a few stops and got good views of West Mexican Chachalacas and Scrub Euphonias.

Another reason to visit the coast, other than trying to find Orange-breasted Buntings, was to scan the ocean for seabirds. Black-vented Shearwater can get very close to the shore, and I've had them there at Mayto beach, and all thought it was a good idea to try this.

Reaching Mayto we first had to deal with a flock of White-throated Magpie-jays, or the others did, while I parked the car.

Unfortunately the ocean proved to be dead. No activity out there other than a few dolphins swimming by. The beach is a long curve of beautiful golden sand, but there didn't seem to be many birds here either. Just a few shorebirds, American Oystercatcher being new for the trip. The plan after this stop was to drive slowly back while stopping at suited places to look for the Orange-breasted Bunting. But we took it easy and birded casually around the small estuary and the beach hotel closest to it. We also had our lunch here. Horrible (you have to admit it, Steinar!) cinnamon buns bought in the supermarket in El Tuito, and bananas.

Then I had the brilliant idea to suggest that we bought something to drink in the outside hotel bar, allowing us to ask if anyone around here would know exactly where to find the buntings. Such a catchy species would most likely be known even by ordinary people.

The others kept birding, now on the hotel property, while I talked to the old lady running the hotel. I don't remember why we talked so long, but we did. She seemed to know the species, but I wasn't 100 percent sure. Can't remember why I didn't show her the bird in the guide book, though. But then after having talked a while, one of the others approached to tell me that there was an Orange-breasted Bunting down by the water. And wow!!! A beautiful male was sitting on a small wooden bridge, fully exposed a few meters away. I took a photo and showed it to the lady, and she confirmed that it was the one she was thinking about. A lot of birds came to visit when they irrigated the lawn and the plants around the hotel.

It would now be impossible to get better views of this wonderful species, so we could relax and just enjoy whatever would show up.

We left the hotel, and since it was still early, I suggested that we drove down toward Ipala, further down the coast.

There wasn't much new, but a good spot along the road gave us Blue Buntings and Orchard Orioles, and on the other side of Ipala, Lark Sparrow and a young Cooper's Hawk were new, as was the only male Painted Bunting we got on the trip.

Before returning from the coast I suggested that we made a quick stop above Tehuamixtle. Overlooking the rocky shore below could give us something. Perhaps a Surfbird or Wandering Tattler.

We got a good bunch of Heerman's Gull, roosting and flying around, but nothing else over the sea. Not even a single tern. When the gulls suddenly started to fly in to roost close to the beach, Roy and Steinar got permission to walk down there to get better photos. Tormod and I then drove down to the village to bird the sea and beach from the harbor. And of course to check out how many hot babes we could scope down along the beach. That result turned out to be a non-distracting big O, and instead we enjoyed an attractive Brown Pelican fishing right in front of us.

Together again, we drove back as it started to get dark. But before returning to the ranch, we made a stop at the Taco stand from last night, the one on the highway next to the gas station. It was a hit with the Norwegians who normally prefer whole-broiled sheep-heads with brain, eyes and everything when it's time to party. The night before we had 4 tacos each, this night we spoiled ourselves and ordered 5 each. Party party party!

18 Feb - Sunday

Day to move on, north to San Blas. But as mentioned, we started the day up on the hill out the blue gate backdoor.

In the shady corridor just outside the gate we had two Rosy Thrush-tanagers responding to playback, but they would not come out, so we left that species checked off but unseen.

We hadn't had much luck with Myiarchus flycatchers either, but finally a bird was calling like a Nutting's over our heads. We saw it too and we decided to call it a Nutting's. New species to the three northerners.

More usual stuff as we reached the upper level of the hill, and then a large black bird flew up and across the road further ahead that automatically made me say Black Vulture, though it would have been unusual to see it down in between the trees like that. A few moments later it was clear that I had been wrong when a beautiful Crane Hawk suddenly was sitting in a tree over the road. Never found out if there were two of them, but I think we all managed to get good photos. Both perched and later when it was soaring overhead. First class birding indeed!

Next we found the Gray-collared Becard in the same tree where I had it the day before, and the two Lilac-crowned Parrots had multiplied but were a bit tricky to get photos of today.

Probably because we were 4 times as many intruders to disturb their privacy.

The Black-capped Vireo I had seen was not to find, nor were any Red-breasted Chats, Flammulated Flycatchers or Thicket Tinamous. Last September I had been standing a very few meters from one calling from the -- Thicket -- exactly at this spot, but without seeing it.

On this trip we didn't even hear it either. Peculiar birds. Do they move out from the area in the dry season, or do they just keep quiet? Hard to believe the latter.

Hummingbirds had been a general disappointment, and it was with much anticipation that we left the ranch heading toward our first and only stop on the way to San Blas - The Botanical Garden in Puerto Vallarta.

Last September my visit to the area had been similarly disappointing regarding hummingbirds, and the general comment had been that I should come back during the winter. Then there would be many more, I was assured.

Now with the ranch having failed, I put all my hope into the opulent flower beds in the Garden. I wanted my Mexican Hermit, and a Sparkling-tailed for my clients. As a minimum.

The entrepreneurial American owning the place had raised the entrance fee to 200 pesos each. An increase of 33 % compared to last September. A bit more than the national inflation and wage raises could count for, I imagine. But if people keep coming, who are you to care about overpricing..?!

We decided to focus on the flowerbeds, and not walk down the shady trails leading off in different directions. The hummers should have top priority.

When we got there I quickly explained what we should be looking for, and soon after Roy shouts out that here it is , the Hermit, and I speed-raised my binoculars to see the creature that has eluded me more than enough times now. But uhhh....agreed, it was a large hummingbird, but it was a simple Plain-capped Starthroat. Also a nice bird. But not today.

Pulse down again, a few Blue and Varied Buntings were eating in between the flowers, and two

Scrub Euphonias were high up in a palm tree. And that was practically it! Not even a Golden-crowned Emerald were we able to find.

I asked an American who seemed to work there, the owner it turned out to be, and he showed me in exactly which cactus flowers we should be looking for the hermit. But we had already been spending a lot of time in that area, and his comment then was that they were rare now. They would probably be down at Yelapa now..! On the coast.

I started to see a pattern of eternal avoidance materializing. I'm sure, if we had gone to Yelapa, the message would have been that they probably would now be further elsewhere.

Unfortunate for all my clients that they'll never have this species while traveling with me!

At 1 am each day the garden puts out food for the birds. The owner promised that the Green Jays would come in, allowing for good photos. Since we hadn't seen this species yet, only heard it, we decided to give it a try. Bought a drink and sat down on the balcony waiting for the action to start.

The first species that arrived after the food had been put out, were Yellow-winged Caciques, Golden-cheeked Woodpeckers and San Blas Jays. But then for a long time nothing else showed up, and I decided to try a last time to find a hermit and while I was gone a single Green Jay showed up. But that was all we got. No hummingbirds at the feeders, and no Boat-billed Flycatchers both of which had been well present in September.

Others have the park rated as a good birding locality. I must sadly conclude that until strong evidence of the contrary is flying my way, the park in my opinion is a waste of time if you only come for the birds!

The long drive from there to San Blas was only interrupted by a single stop. A 2-minutes peeing stop was announced, but unavoidably this was converted into a half an hour birding expedition down a nearby dirt road. I know it's near impossible to have foreign birders visiting new territory and not wanting to explore every moment they can. And it was a nice place to bird, but finally I had to say that we should move on, because I wanted to get to San Blas as soon as possible because I had not been able to make a reservation for the Tovarà boat trip beforehand. And not knowing how difficult it would be with so short notice, I wanted to have as much time available as possible.

Common Black Hawk was added as a new species, and so was a Red-tailed Hawk. The Short-tailed Hawk we had already seen on the Mayto road. Northern Mockingbird and Vermilion Flycatcher were still photo targets, and especially the Vermilion which never fail to attract attention.

We arrived at San Blas as it got dark, and drove straight to the hotel.

We got our rooms and I explained the situation about not being able to get in contact with the captain via phone. The receptionist, who had previously given me his number, confirmed the number, but also told me that he could be difficult to catch. Best in the evening. She then gave it a try, and he answered! We agreed on next day 15:30 at the dock by the bridge. Nice and simple. (During the trip the next day I tried to arrange my next boat trip in April with him, but

he just said that I should call him when we showed up. So, apparently there is no pressure on this service).

Before dinner, we tried briefly for the Vermiculated Screech-Owl along the outer river, but without success.

Filet Mignon and Negra Modelo near la plaza central then concluded this long driving day where the morning Crane Hawk stood out as a natural highlight.

19 Feb - Monday

We were only going to spend three days in the San Blas area. Everybody familiar with the area knows it is impossible to cover all the good birding spots here in such a short time.

Even though specific species requirements had not been expressed earlier, it was clear now that water and shorebirds were high on the list. We would therefore focus on wetland localities and the coast for a big part. While preparing for the trip, I had seen on ebird that a locality that I didn't know, Chacalilla, looked very promising, in respect of almost all types of birds. The list contained more than 300 species. I thought we should give it a try if possible.

But this first morning, before breakfast, we would visit the wetlands along the highway just before entering San Blas.

The water level seemed pretty high at the mirador, but still we got a good variety of water birds. Only two duck species, though, Blue-winged and Northern Shoveler. Anhingas were there and 7 different heron species with Reddish being the most popular one. Soras and Purple Gallinules were running around just below us, but behind the fence challenging the photographers a bit.

Shorebirds were added to the list with notoriously tricky Stilt Sandpipers needing to be explained before the dowitchers could be ruled out. There were Short-billed Dowitchers present as well. The Black-necked Stilt and American Avocets dominated the flats and almost all the small sandpipers turned out to be Western, and the plovers were Semipalmated only. Willet and both Yellowlegs added to a nice but moderate selection.

Roseate Spoonbills of course always attract attention, especially when they fly close by.

A single male Yellow [Mangrove] Warbler was popular, and a Green Kingfisher had the photographers work hard but in vain since it was partly hidden by the foliage.

Many Sinaloa Crows were laughing overhead from the wires, but gulls and terns were only represented by a single Caspian Tern.

With 48 species on the list we headed back to the hotel to have our breakfast-included.

We shouldn't be back at the dock until 15:30 which gave us good time to explore some of the other nearby places. I suggested we drove out to the shrimp ponds, which we did. But there seemed to be very few birds, and many of the ponds were behind vegetation, complicating a good view.

A few unproductive stops and we eventually reached the Chacalilla road (the one I wanted to visit). Unconsciously manipulating my clients? Possibly! But the three hours we spent there, gave us 54 species and several photo opportunities.

Northern Jacana, Common and Ruddy Ground-Doves, White-tipped and White-winged Doves. A Squirrel Cuckoo that, as it often has me, tricked my clients to believe it was a woodpecker (the resemblance with the call of Great Spotted Woodpecker from Europe is big). Gila Woodpecker, Pacific-slope and Willow Flycatchers were added to the list as were 3 Blue-black Grassquits. Happy and Sinaloa Wren were also both there, though they never wanted to play nice, and mostly stayed out of sight. A Peregrine Falcon on the way back was spotted by Roy. A good birder always knows his Peregrine!

Though our 54 species was an ok result from a leisurely birding outing at midday, I still had a feeling that we hadn't found the right places to bird around Chacalilla. Though we did bird along different channels, we should have seen more water birds compared to the numbers and species I had seen on ebird. A future visit was needed.

In this moment we still had some hours left before we should be at the dock. The Pacific being a first timer, Tormod had a big desire to take a swim, and we all thought it was a good idea. But before returning to San Blas and Playa del Borrego, we swung by some other shrimp ponds to see if we could dig up more water birds, especially ducks, and especially Cinnamon Teal which was a wanted lifer for Tormod.

The ponds didn't give any ducks, but a few already seen shorebirds and an overhead Common Black Hawk.

Another set of ponds in behind the first ones had absolutely no birds in them at all. Rare, but they probably didn't contain any kind of food, or perhaps the owners were scaring the birds away. We drove along the one side to check out the back ponds and a large raptor that was sitting in a tree behind the far pond. We reached the end, where we had to return, but the long red legs of the raptor revealed it as another Crane Hawk. Wonderful bird.

As we drove back toward the entrance a motorcycle stopped us, and the man on it told us it was private property. Ok, sorry, we didn't know that, and we leave now. But for some reason they had locked the gate, and we had to wait until a girl finally decided to unlock it, so that we could get out. Bad atmosphere and definitely not a place to visit again.

The water was nice, I was told. I stayed on land while the Nordic delegation splashed in. A few Ring-billed and Laughing Gulls were on the beach, and a distant Blue-footed Booby only became a lifer for Tormod, because Roy and Steinar were already away with their long lenses!

Back to the hotel to prepare for the river adventure, and then a restaurant visit to fill up the stomachs. Tormod chose a breaded fish filet and the rest of us chose ceviche, at an eating place close to the bridge.

The ceviche was very good, though it would have been good to know in advance that they also served a free complementary plate with the same ceviche. If knowing this, we might have decided to try something else to broaden our horizons.

We were at the dock 15:30 sharp. No time was wasted with chit-chatting. Just into the boat, pesos handed over, and off we were. 200 pesos per person.

It was same procedure as last time. First a short trip up the San Cristóbal river to try for the wood-rail and other birds roosting and foraging on the exposed mud flats.

We heard three wood-rails and saw one. No photos, though. A heard Ridgway's Rail and several id'ed Northern Waterthrushes were new from this end of the trip.

With a good selection of the other waterbirds that we had already seen, we then sailed up toward La Tovará.

The passage of another cold front had been forecasted for these days, and as a result it was completely overcast. This was good for our skin complexion, but apparently not so good for the birding. As we sailed up la Tovará I was sitting with a feeling of seeing and hearing very few birds. Especially compared to last March when I did the trip with another group.

Being earlier in the year, but starting the trip at the same time, it clearly got dark sooner, and with the gray and dark sky it simply was not a good moment for birding.

But still we managed to get the important species like Boat-billed Heron, the Northern Potoo and the Pauraque. A tiger-heron was spotted in the dark on the way back, as was the best bird of the trip, in my opinion, a beautiful dark-golden Barn Owl that came out to forage along the river.

Despite the fewer than usual birds, I'm sure all three visitors were content with the trip and the quality species that we actually managed to see.

We celebrated back at the same plaza-close restaurant as the day before. For Roy, Steinar and me, however, the Stuffed Chicken Breast that we all ordered was a waste of money. It's very rare that I don't eat up in a restaurant, but this time I didn't. Absolutely tasteless and rubber-like. Rubber Duck calling. Over and way out!

Very strange that the same restaurant could produce such different results. Speculating whether the big eat-out day, Sunday the day before, had guaranteed that the real chef had been at work, and today, Monday, the assistant was allowed to practice on the poor tourists not having other choices.

20 Feb - Tuesday

Today's program included one of the major localities around San Blas: Cerro San Juan, near Tepic. Owls, hummingbirds and general mountain forest species were on the menu.

Originally, my plan was to go there in the morning and try for the hummingbirds and the other daytime species until lunch time where we would then take a break and drive to Tepic to have lunch and try for the Aztec Rail in the Metropolitan park. And then later return to La Noria to try for owls in the darkness.

But the group, not being very keen on nightly and non-photographic encounters, were more inclined toward just birding along during the day and then see how motivated or tired we would be later on. So that we did.

Hummingbirds were definitely on the wish list. On mine as well I have to admit. As with the Mexican Hermit I'm having a problem with the Bumblebee Hummingbird! Simply can't find it. However, it looks like most visitors to this locality get both this species and the Mexican Woodnymph, so this time, again, I crossed my fingers that my luck would change.

The night before the captain had actually told me that at the beginning of the road, there would be many flowers, and this is where all the hummingbirds can be found.

When we entered the road we therefore looked carefully around to try to spot these flowers. But we couldn't seem to find them, why we just continued up the road to the first stoppable spot. Lost in imprecise descriptions again, as it happens all the time in Mexico if you're not careful enough to double-check the information you receive.

We started to bird along the road where I knew there would be flowers, and also managed to find the more common species like Berylline and White-eared Hummingbirds. And then the first Woodnymph showed up! How nice to find it here early on the trip, giving bigger hope for a Bumblebee success as well. Not very logical, but so I reasoned.

Other new species at this early spot were Fan-tailed Warbler, Tufted Flycatcher, Crescent-chested Warbler and Red-headed Tanager. A very skulking Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrow finally came out of the understory and gave good looks. Solitaires, Happy Wren and finally two seen Green Jays showed up too before we drove further up the road.

Next stop was practically the whole La Noria area. We parked at the entrance to the camp and birded in different directions, also inside the camp.

Eastern Bluebird, Arizona and Acorn Woodpeckers, Spotted Wren, Gray Silky-Flycatcher, a well-seen Painted Redstart plus several Rufous Hummingbirds we found around here. But no Bumblebee Hummingbirds.

We continued further up the road to a place that in ebird looked like a precise location for the small hummer, but we couldn't find anything except a pair of beautiful Flame-colored Tanagers.

We returned to the camp area, now in the afternoon, and spent more time at a good spot for hummingbirds just in front of the entrance to the camp, but it still only gave Rufous Hummingbird.

Later, inside the camp property, in the good afternoon light, the photographers had a good time taking pictures of Eastern Bluebirds and Chipping Sparrows. A few Bullock's Orioles were also present, and so was the only visible House Wren of the trip, also a first Hammond's Flycatcher plus a good handful of the beautiful Black-headed Siskin. But no sign of the Bumblebee Hummingbird at all!

A worrying fact and a dark shadow on an otherwise wonderful birding day here in the highland. Am I simply unlucky with this one too, or do I have a problem not knowing how to identify them..?

The group was now tired, and we decided to drive back to San Blas to relax early and let owls and nightjars be owls and nightjars.

For some illogical reason we ended up in the same restaurant as the two other evenings. But of course the three of us all ordered differently than the day before. Roy and Steinar returned to the menu of the first day, while I moved in another direction with a burrito and a hamburger. The burrito was very good but the hamburger less so. Indeed a difficult menu card to navigate through. Can't remember the name of the place, but it is down the road at the southwest corner of the main plaza. In front of McDonalds restaurant.

21 Feb - Wednesday

Today we would visit Singayta before breakfast. This is another of the famous multi-species localities worth visiting. The walk out behind the village is very pleasant along a dirt road following the river at some distance. Pleasant especially when there are no mosquitoes. Less so when they arrive.

Soon after arriving we had a Collared Forest-Falcon calling and Laughing Falcons too. One of the latter later perched in a tall tree fully exposed, but too far away for good photos. The Forest-Falcon, as almost always, never revealed itself.

After having passed an isolated small farm house inhabited by a strange old couple, her throwing stones after the animals, and him babbling about Donald Trump as if we were his best friends, we heard a Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl from behind the property, and had to go back. For unknown reasons the pygmy-owls were impossible to find on this trip. This time we wanted to see it.

It responded well and clearly came closer, but to have it take the last step and fly out toward us, was impossible. It stayed put.

While standing there Roy suddenly shouted something that I didn't understand, but when looking in the direction where his camera was pointing, I got the message. A small covey of Elegant Quails had come out in the open just in front of us. Great. Beautiful birds, and it would save us a stop when we later would go to Mazatlán.

A Louisiana Waterthrush down on the ground in front of us was not identified until examining the photos later, but an also present Yellow-breasted Chat was indeed id'ed and photographed in that moment. Beautiful bird.

We continued and had some good Rufous-bellied Chachalacas in a large tree close by. I heard some White-fronted Parrots in the distance that never got to the others attention.

But a flock of Mexican Parrotlets perching shortly in a tree certainly did. And while looking at them Tormod found three Lucy's Warblers right in front of us. All in the same bush.

Two Tiger-herons then flew by and a Lineated Woodpecker started to call as in duet with a Common Black Hawk.

A really nice morning indeed. I had my eye and ears out for other species that we still hadn't seen or heard. Like Boat-billed Flycatcher, Red-crowned Ant-tanager and Lesser Ground-cuckoo, but I failed to find or hear any.

We could easily have continued the walk, but breakfast-included was calling back at the hotel, so after two hours we decided to leave with 50 species on the list.

After breakfast there were various options we could have chosen, but the feeling of not having seen enough gulls and terns made us decide to go back to the Borrego beach to try our luck. Perhaps more of these would be roosting at the far end at the river outlet.

Actually I did have these birds in mind for the last day at Boca de Tomates in Puerto Vallarta, but of course it's difficult to be patient if you have been fantasizing about seeing these birds for a long time. Gulls and Terns are becoming more and more popular back home in Northern Europe, and each year various individuals of different species, mostly gulls, cross the Atlantic causing excitement among birders. It's natural that when you finally get to visit their home grounds you want to see them. The only thing is that you have to go further north in Mexico

to be sure to experience them in good numbers, except for the ever-present Laughing Gull and the also wide-spread Ring-billed Gull.

So we gave it a try even though I'm not sure if they ever congregate at the end of beach. If they do, it was not this day. The water stood high and a good wind was forcing the waves into the river mouth. There were no gulls or terns present at all.

But while looking long after the gulls, we could enjoy relatively close looks of the Blue-footed Boobies that were roosting on a small rock close to the beach. And then we found our first Wilson's Plover standing alone in the sand up along the beach. But when looking carefully, a thorough scan revealed no less than 220 of them! Lying moveless in the sand they were difficult to spot. Nowadays few people get all the way out here, I imagine, leaving a free space for them to rest and perhaps breed.

Encouraged by the birds and the whole scenery my three friends wanted more of it, and decided to walk back along the beach. I drove back to the first beach restaurants to wait for them.

Steinar was shinning like the sun above his head when they finally arrived. A strong dose of warmth, sand, sun and salt water was the perfect treatment for someone who in 5 days time would be back with 10 degrees minus and a meter of snow in front of his garage. Snow is wonderful, but as the years pass by, it becomes more so on postcards or in television programs!

A cold drink in one of the restaurants was next on the program. While sitting there it was obvious that on Peso Island on the other side of the harbor entrance a lot of birds were roosting or foraging as they constantly came up in the wind behind the stone piers in the distance. Gulls too, and we could have decided to take the short boat trip over there to get closer, but instead we decided to try to find a Cinnamon Teal!

A pretty modest target species you might say, knowing how common it is. But that is of course irrelevant if you never saw one. And from a European perspective the American ducks, like the gulls, have long been very popular among birders since they visit on a regular basis. We grow up as birders with these birds present in our imagination, and they become natural objects of desire when we continuously flip through our guide books in search of knowledge or simply to dream ourselves away...

We returned to the mangrove wetlands just outside San Blas hoping that a single of these duck would have shown up. But no. We could only find Blue-winged Teals and Northern Shovelers, as the last time.

Checking out ebird it was certain that other birders did see good numbers of ducks, also Cinnamons, at Chacalilla, the place we visited the other day. Being sure that we overlooked the right spot, I suggested we tried it again, but this time asking in the village to get directions.

When we had been visiting the last time, we had seen that below the village there was an enormous plain stretching as far as the eye could reach. I was sure it was down there somewhere.

We stopped to ask at the first house with adults present. But the women there didn't know much about this, and couldn't help. But then one of the boys who was sitting in a chair said that he knew a place. But it was far away. Like two kilometers..! Two kilometers is no problem I guaranteed him. Can you tell me where it is or show it to me? The women and him thinking for a while. Ok. We waited, while he picked up a motorcycle from somewhere. A real motorcycle, and the boy being perhaps 11 or 12 years old. Too young, most will say, but a practical solution of course in a rural daily life.

We left with him leading the way, but we only got around the first corner before his machine went cold! No gasoline, sorry...I had him explain how to go there and gave him a bill for his willingness rather than his effort.

We bumbled down the hill and entered a wonderful savannah like area, albeit, mostly converted to farmland. The road was a bit rough on the Jetta but nevertheless we continued in the direct that the boy had said. But not very far before Roy announced a raptor sitting in a tree a few hundred meters away. It turned out to be a Swainson's Hawk. Roy and Steinar tried to approach it while I tried to get more information out of a by-passing motorbike. The man on it gave me directions that were not quite the same as the ones the boy had given me, but good to know if we needed an alternative.

We continued, but only a few hundred meters before Roy now was talking about a white raptor sitting in another tree. A nice White-tailed Kite it was. A new species for all three I think, and then a few more Swainson's. And a while later we had both Mourning Doves and Eastern Meadowlarks close to the car. Especially the Mourning Dove had been requested a few times by Tormod and I was glad that we found them. Apparently they were common in this area.

We finally passed by a smaller water hole that actually did hold several water birds, including ducks, a good number of Black-bellied Whistling-ducks and a single female type blue-winged / cinnamon. But still it didn't look right for the high numbers of ducks I had read about from the area. There had to be another and larger pond somewhere. So we continued a while but only until the road narrowed too much in next to a sugar cane field. It was a dead end. No miracle ponds to show up at this place. The pond the boy had been talking about was probably the small one we had just passed. And fair enough. There were ducks in it.

It was now getting dark and we would not have time to explore much further, so we returned to the pond to at least watch birds in the final light of the day.

This gave a number of species that we had already seen, and a Solitary Sandpiper. A very welcomed new species. Also from a European perspective, being interesting as a sister species to Green Sandpiper.

Driving up the hill again toward the village we stopped to overlook another pond just below the hill. We had seen it when we drove down the slope, but somehow it didn't look like the right place for our duck, so we didn't check it out. But now, still without a Cinnamon Teal on the list, we had nothing to lose and though it was practically dark we could still recognize

birds lying on the water, and decided to give it a last shot. Tomorrow we would be leaving early and this would probably be our last chance for the teal.

We drove down again and walked as fast as we could out toward the lake. But as we had already suspected from the distance the water body was not accessible. A thick wall of trees and bushes made it impossible to overlook the surface. Thus, No teal!

As a compensation we had a few Lesser Nighthawks foraging low above our heads, and then a Pauraque or two started to call. It was a beautiful evening, calm and quiet, with fading colors on the sky slowly being replaced by the lights from the tiny part of the Milky Way that we could see above our heads. Somehow a fine way to end our birding in San Blas.

Back in San Blas, we wanted to celebrate the fine birding day and last night in San Blas by eating somewhere else. Pizza was the suggestion gaining most votes and we started to look for a Pizzeria. Worryingly we only managed to find one, almost on the corner of the plaza central. The place was open but empty. Not exactly the best sign, and the place was a bit noisy but mostly because of the traffic and a Zumba class giving it all they could from the first floor across the street.

The waiter seemed a bit slow, but we finally placed our orders. And then we waited. The waiter didn't show any sign of asking us if we wanted to drink something, so we finally interrupted him, busy with his phone, to ask for it. No problem. Certainly not a restaurant that was nursing its customers. But then it occurred to us that they probably mostly prepared take-away orders, and the seats and the few tables were mainly for guests waiting for their orders.

Well, we wanted to eat there and it was fine with him. He just recommended that we put two tables together because we had all ordered big pizzas. Nothing like leftover pizza for a long road travel...

When the pizzas finally came we were surprised that they came almost at the same time. It was hard to imagine that a small place like this could handle 4 large pizzas at the same time and we had speculated in 15 minutes or worse between each of them, making it a very long dinner. Very positive, but the best thing was: They were DAMN good them pizzas!!! Taste, consistence and ingredients. All perfect.

Here in Mexico the normal, and boring, concept is that you can buy a pizza, normally expensive, choosing only one ingredient. If you want to add more ingredients most people have to mortgage their house to be able to finance this extra pleasure.

Here, for a very reasonable price, you could chose a pizza that already included 5 ingredients. And miraculously they were all my favorite ingredients, pepperoni, champignon, green pepper, olives and xxxx? Can't remember if they were really 5 ingredients or if I'm just making it up. But the point is that I was in Pizza Heaven that evening, and you could go there too if you visit Arturo's Pizza. Maybe I'm also just making that name up too?! But it was something like that, and if you go on a Thursday evening you can just listen for the Zumba dancers, then you know you're on your way.

22 Feb - Thursday

Driving day going to the Tufted Jay Reserve in Sinaloa with a few stops around Mazatlán on the way.

We left early with a breakfast/lunch box prepared by the hotel restaurant, El Delfín. Definitely a plus having this opportunity while staying at Garza Canela. You just have to make sure that all your Norwegian clients eat Tuna fish, because both days we had the boxes, one of the sandwiches was a Tuna fish Sandwich. I had a lot of Tuna fish Sandwich this day.

We only had a single stop on the way to Mazatlán. Somewhere I can't remember the name of. But it was close to the first gasoline station we could find after leaving San Blas. The one there had been closed due to technical problems. While there, we stopped to eat breakfast as well, and enjoyed a small water hole along the road with many grassing Jacanas. But nothing new.

Since we didn't have to look for Elegant Quail in Mazatlán we drove directly to the coast and the rocky overlook along the southern part of town.

Here you can look for boobies, tropicbirds at the nearby rocks and hopefully a Surfbird or Tattler down on the rocky beach.

Chilly and overcast, we had a pretty good visibility when scanning the ocean, and soon found both Blue-footed and Brown Boobies. I also managed to find a far-away tropicbird flying away from us. Tormod saw the bird too, but it was not a memorable observation.

Later Tormod found some grebes, almost below us. After a little discussion, one looking more Horned like to me, we concluded that all three birds seen were Eared.

No Surfbirds or Tattlers here either.

Next stop was at La Noria road just north of Mazatlán, a place where to look for Purplish-backed Jay if you haven't got it elsewhere.

But first a short stop at Sorianas to buy supplies for the two nights up at the reserve. There are a few highway restaurants up there, but you need to bring everything else with you, including water (perhaps the tap water in the cabins is drinkable but I'm not sure).

This didn't take us long and 20 minutes later we were listening for the jays along the road to La Noria.

First there was nothing, but moving a bit around they finally responded to the playback and came in to check it out. The same reliable spot every time.

Tormod also found a nice Green-tailed Towhee and an Ovenbird. Black-capped Gnatcatchers were still not registered for the trip, and remained absent after this stop too.

Driving up the old Durango Highway takes longer than one thinks. I had to postpone our arrival time with the camp people when it was clear that we simply couldn't be up there in time. Of course it's worse if you want to bird your way up. If this is your intention, you should plan to start early.

We started late, like 3 pm, and we only stopped once to bird and we were not up there until 7 pm. Admitting, however, that we also stopped half an hour in Copala to try their famous Coco-Banana Pie. This was a little surprise I pulled out of the hat just as we were about to pass by the village, and the coffee and cake loving Norwegians had no problems with this.

The stop earlier had only given a single new species for the trip and only Tormod saw it. A Lucifer's Hummingbird. A good species, however, not that easy to find.

After having circled our way up to the top of Copala to the plaza, where the pie restaurant is, we finally sat down anticipating the big moment.

But, coming from a home where home-baking is a long tradition, it would need to be an exceptionally good cake or pie to convince me that it is the best of its kind, so it was with a mix of excitement and skepticism that I took the first bite.

Good mix of flavors, dense sweetness mixed with the creamy coconut cream and the crispy bottom worked fine. Indeed an overall fine cake. But after a while the banana sweetness started to lack contrast. The Jamaica juice I had to my piece of pie, certainly helped a lot to regain that balance. And also, the bottom eaten alone was a bit too dry and tasteless, almost like the rice cakes you normally only buy in health stores when you're sick or want to feel extra healthy. But definitely worth a stop on the way up to the reserve. A last luxury before leaving the civilization.

A last bonus before we had to continue our way up, was a fine pair of Bat Falcons sitting on the church sharing a small birds between them.

Beautiful as they are, it was very difficult, however, to get out the colors in the photos, because it was now heavily overcast and late afternoon. They definitely looked local, and will be interesting to see if they'll be there the next time I pass by, in the beginning of April.

We finally arrived in the darkness and had soon fixed all the practicalities with the camp people. They were new to me, and we talked a while. It appeared that Don Santos, the local guide was occupied the next day so we just got some general information from him on the phone. He didn't have any specific spots for any species. As simple as that. We had to try ourselves.

After having assured the camp people that we would be perfectly fine alone in the camp, they left us. We then had our, now, dinner boxes from Garza Canela, with all four Tuna fish Sandwiches landing on my plate.

No owls or other sounds around the camp, and we decided to go to bed early to be prepared for the big day tomorrow.

23 Feb - Friday

At 6-630 am it started to get light and we went out to bird the camp ground before having breakfast. Completely on our own, we could decide exactly how we wanted to do it.

As mentioned under the result of the trip, we soon got some good species. Green-striped Brushfinches in the same understory in between the cabins as I had them last year. And the Russet Nightingale-Thrush was there too. One that acted totally tame outside my cabin allowing us to get as near as 2 meters before it retreated. In the clearing north of the cabins we had Spotted Towhees, Blue-throated Hummingbird, Yellow-eyed Juncos and Red Warbler. A

few Rufous-capped Brushfinches also showed up and from all around, it seemed, Mountain Trogons were greeting us with their 5-tone trogon call. No jays yet, but we were just starting. We returned to the main cabin to have breakfast, and after that the plan was to walk some of the way down toward the canyons, San Pedro and Rancho Liebre before lunch.

Last June I had the jay in several places and I was sure it was just a question of time before we would find it. We walked slowly along the ridge, and added new species to the list, Olive Warbler, Mexican Chickadee, Townsend's and Red-faced Warblers as well as Ruby-crowned Kinglet and Brown Creeper. Slate-throated Redstart was pretty common.

At one point Tormod found a raptor high above us. A Black Vulture was the likely candidate, but a closer look had me run for my camera to try to get a photo of it. It looked very much like a Golden Eagle, and certainly, the photo confirmed this! An adult type, and being a species under threat it is always a joy to see one. It soared above us for a short while and then started gliding in an easterly direction.

We continued and when we had walked a good while down slope and finally reached the top of Rancho Liebre, which is much lower than the cabin area, we could add a Scott's Oriole to the list. But strangely enough we still hadn't found any jays. Nor Military Macaws.

The parrot we had seen in the twilight at La Provincia road, but I had almost guaranteed that we would also get it here. And exactly here overlooking the San Pedro canyon. Not a single sound was heard, though. And so it remained for the rest of the visit.

Not having found the jay yet was of course a much bigger problem. My plan had been to walk back up again from this spot, and have lunch before continuing elsewhere.

But this plan had to be changed now to give the jay top priority. I decided we should walk further down through the Rancho Liebre canyon.

It later turned out that this decision was the only viable one for the group since Tormod, with asthma in outbreak, wasn't able to walk up again.

Rancho Liebre is the best place to find the jay, in the world of course that is, so when it an hour later was an undeniable fact that we had not found, seen or heard any sign of the jay, Disappointment and Defeat, were the only words to describe my feelings.

I contacted Don Santos again, but he could only confirm that this canyon was the best place to find it. Then what do you do?

No matter what, I had to walk up again to get the car. That would be first step, then we could decide how to attack the jay later.

Roy would stay below with Tormod, and Steinar decided to join me on my uphill tour de force. No more talking and we were off. But it wasn't long before Steinar announced that he had to give up, realizing that he could not keep up with my pace. Being a younger mountain goat and accustomed to the hiking, it was a simple fact. Rather than slowing down I concurred that it was the best solution. Of course he would have had an extra chance with the jays while walking up through the canyon again, but at this point the practicalities about getting the car was more important, and the sooner I could be back the better. We would all start to get hungry soon as well.

I didn't get the jay, but did stop now and then scanning around while catching my breath.

But eventually I got back to the camp without anything new, and just grabbed a bag of Doritos and an apple before driving down.

It was about two hours later when I finally found the guys. They were walking nice and relaxed up the road. This content?! How is that possible? Ah, we just had a wonderful lunch in a restaurant down here. My apple and the doritos weren't that bad either...

Everything is relative I know, but to make an effort to go all the way to the Tufted Jay reserve without actually getting to see the bird, is as meaningless as throwing a party without inviting any guests. We simply had to do something.

But it was still relatively early, and in worst case we could also try early next morning before leaving the reserve. So there was still no need to panic. I decided that we distracted ourselves from this challenge for a short while, to drive down to nearby km 211 where the Sinaloa Martins normally hang out. It wasn't very likely that they would be there but just to do something different. The reserve is at km 202, so it was a short trip anyway.

As expected it didn't give us anything, and we soon returned, but this time to bird some of the places in El Palmito where Don Santos had taken me and my client last summer. Perhaps we would be lucky with an Aztec Thrush or a Hooded Grosbeak.

But all the luck we had was a Say's Phoebe and a very high speed bump that didn't do anything good for Tormod's well-being. But as I mentioned earlier, it sounds worse than it is...

After these small detours we decided to get on with it and though walking uphill was not the best solution for the group, I couldn't think of any better solution than doing just this if we should have a realistic chance with the jay.

So we walked up. The sound recording of the jay was on loud and constant replay from the beginning. We soon passed a lower clearing near the bottom of the canyon. A lot of men were busy doing some kind of work there, and it appeared to be clearing the area for some kind of construction. Absolutely scaring, considering that this was the best place in the world to find the Tufted Jay. I have to ask about it the next time I get up there.

They had a fire of some kind going on, producing a lot of stinking smoke, and I soon imagined that this would not be to the likening of the jays. That we definitely wouldn't get them now. Bad bad bad. But while continuing uphill it crossed my mind that perhaps it would be quite the opposite. Lots of animals take advantage of forest fire to search for prey. Perhaps the smoke would have them flying in from all over!

Wishful thinking coming true or not, having ascended a good while above the clearing the cha cha cha from the recorder that we constantly had in our ears suddenly sounded out of sync. Could it be...?! Was it? For real..? Really ?? And yes. For real indeed!!

One by one they started to fly in from the other side of the canyon. Noisy and very noisy as they are. Never has a blue, white and black bird been so welcomed as in this moment. It's black crest and yellow eye never been more beautiful. And they kept coming. A large flock of around 20 birds. Some moved quickly through, but others had no rush, and jumped around high and low as if trying to figure out who the intruder was. We couldn't get them better than this, and many of them even allowed for good photos.

I was relieved. Both for myself and my clients. Being their trip of course it was most important that they got the bird. But it was also important to me that I wouldn't have to say that I had been leading a trip to the Tufted Jay reserve without seeing the bird.

We drove up to the camp to bird the last hour of sunlight. Everybody relieved, we just wandered off in each our direction birding whatever there was to bird.

I managed to find another group of jays, smaller this one, up behind the clearing we had visited in the morning. They were calling differently than the cha cha cha we heard down in the canyon.

Later we all got together to try for some owling outside the cabins.

I didn't think it would give anything. But soon a Stygian Owl was calling spontaneously. We headed in the direction of the sound and with the flashlight and a little playback we managed to see the bird, but none of us had thought about bringing binoculars, so all we got was the washed out look of a silhouette in the top of a pine tree.

Playback of other night species didn't give anything and we soon went to bed. With the mice running around both on top of the roof and along the floor panels, that was. I was too tired to bother with them and prepared myself mentally to not panic if one of them would find its way up in the bed during the night...

24 Feb - Thursday

Early bird at 5:20 am was a calling Whiskered Screech-Owl that only I could hear, from my bed and cabin.

And that was the final birding for us in the reserve. We were off early for a long drive back to Puerto Vallarta.

Ideally we would have taken the old Durango Highway again, re-visiting Copala for another piece of pie. But time was an issue today, so we decided to take the new highway to get down from the mountains faster. And the restaurant would most likely not be open anyway at this early hour of the day.

The birding would be minimal today, but still I had planned with a stop in Tepic to try for the Aztec Rail in the city park. And it would be a perfect place to have lunch, estimating the arrival to be about eating time.

And if we were lucky we could also make a stop in a small village, Úrsulo Galván, near Lo de Marcos in Nayarit. Here I have had Lazuli Bunting and Colima Pygmy-Owl, both species we were still missing. And the chance of a Boat-billed Flycatcher also existed.

A truck on the highway that had lost the trailer was the only eventful action we experienced on the way back to Tepic. However I was surprised to find out that the new Durango highway was a single lane highway, like the old one. Of course it followed a more direct line tunnel-cutting through the mountains in many places, but still it didn't seem very future oriented not to have invested the necessary money to make it at least a two lane road. As it was now, a single slow truck could cause the same delays as were a reality on the old one. Just my penny's worth...

I had never visited the Metropolitano park in Tepic before, but with GM Honey's assistance we found it without problems. It's an open park without fences concentrated around a well-vegetated stream /river running through it. I put the Aztec Rail on continuous play as we walked down along the river. It certainly looked like a suited place for the rail, but being midday it was doubtful if it would respond or come out. But what. If you don't try it you'll for sure not get it. And this we didn't. No response whatsoever. But there were other species too, new ones for the trip. The first one was a Limpkin that all but Steinar got to see before it vanished into the reeds. Later Lesser Goldfinches and House Finches closed a minor gap on the list, and though we had done well with the woodpeckers there were no complaints whatsoever when two Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers showed up in the shadow of some low trees.

We accepted that the Aztec Rail failed, and decided to focus on the continued trip. This included an eating stop at a nearby mall. A car cleaner was hired to take care of our eminently dirty vehicle, thus trying to save us a penalty fee when returning the car. Inside, we found the public eating area and scanning through the options we headed for the Chinese solution. A lot of food for a small money is what you normally get, and this wasn't bad after the moderate food intake up at the reserve. But the portions turned to be enormous, and it took us a while longer than a normal half hour lunch break to dig through to the bottom.

The road out of Tepic down to the Compostela highway was a slow nightmare leading through several small villages, and as a result it was almost dark when we finally reached Úrsulo Galván, the last place we should bird this day.

The water hole down behind the village, that I remembered, had been modified and there was now a large open reservoir. At first it didn't look like there would be any birds, but there was. And certainly, among the coots, grebes and Black-necks Stilts a few Cinnamon Teals were roosting on the far bank. Including a male. Congratulations Tormod!

A Solitary Sandpiper was also present, and if we hadn't had it already, this and another pond close by would have been where I would have suggested to look for it. Nice to know this idea had value.

In the almost darkness we continued fast down the road to where I had seen the Lazuli Buntings once. Of course it was a long shot, but sometimes you're lucky. Not this day however. At least not with the bunting, but as we walked down the road, several swifts suddenly showed up low over our heads. They were different than Vaux's for sure. Darker and bigger. I thought Black Swift, but when I checked some of the photos they turned out to be Chestnut-collared Swifts. About a hundred, and both young and adult birds. An interesting observation of so many and this close to the ocean. Worth the stop, completely.

On the way back we had a first Pied-billed Grebe for the trip, but though I continued to play the calls of the Colima Pygmy-Owl there was no response of any kind indicating its presence. Indeed a poor pygmy-owl trip, or year. Haven't had many around where I live either.

An hour later we found the entrance to our hotel, One, and soon got our rooms. But not without complaints.

I had booked with the intention of getting a 3 person room and a single room. This even showed clearly on the reservation paper the receptionist printed out in this moment. 3 and

1. But the hotel only have double rooms. Of course the hotel should have contacted me long time ago informing me about this complication, which they didn't. Instead she started blaming booking.com for having accepted such a reservation. But even to her that must have sounded illogical, so instead she started saying that the beds actually were double beds, and since there were two in each room, 3 persons could easily sleep in one room. This of course was the worst nonsense that any of us had ever listened to. Both beds were wide single beds only. To claim that two persons, and especially tall people like us should be able to sleep comfortable together in such a construction was an insult at every level. But none of us were interested in having to find another hotel at this hour, so we kept the reservations and Roy came to stay in my room.

Of course I'll never use this hotel again. One it's called. Just next to the airport. And it's not even cheap. I'm sure you can find many cheaper and better hotels in Puerto Vallarta if you don't need to stay right next to the airport. And why would you need that anyway, when you have a rented car to your disposal!?

Sopa Tlalpeño at the nearby Toks was the perfect remedy to wash away this bad experience, and after having synchronized our lists, Tormod and I, we all went to sleep to be sharp and fresh for the last birding session tomorrow, and the long trip back home.

25 Feb - Thursday

Boca de Tomates before breakfast.

The boys had to be in the airport at 11 am, more or less, so we had to return the car about 10:30. Being light around 6:30 that gave us a few hours to play with this last morning.

I hoped there would be as many birds as when I was there on the 15th, but as we walked out behind the restaurants I thought it looked a bit dead, and the water was high. There definitely weren't as many shorebirds as the other day.

But luckily there was still a large flock of birds on the far side of the river mouth, where I had the 1500 Laughing Gulls. Instinctably I started to walk in that direction down along the beach. Suddenly I spot a large black bird floating on the water. Rare and must be something special I thought - hopefully. And indeed it was. A young Surf Scoter. A bit tricky to identify because it didn't show the typical pattern of the adult birds. To me very exciting with the tricky identifications. To the photographers this day not quite so. It should have been closer and preferably an adult male.

But while I kept enjoying my find, Roy found a better photo motif with a few Snowy Plovers standing in the sand right next to us. Another new species.

Continuing out toward the river mouth it was now clear that many of the birds on the other side were Black Skimmers. New species as well, and cause to excitement.

When two joggers on the other side approached too close to the flock, and they all took flight, excitement was not the first that came to mind. But when most of the birds started to fly away from there, and in our direction, we soon forgot about their thoughtlessness and started to shoot away with the cameras. Many Royal Terns came over, and then a few Forster's Terns, and a single Common Tern landed close to us, and allowed for good photos before it continued.

Not so bad. California Gulls and a single Herring and Ring-billed were found among the more numerous Laughing, 100 and Heermann's, 150. A fine selection and a little boost to the gull and tern account.

Most of the terns had landed on the beach where we had to pass by when returning, and I knew that we had to check them again, knowing how easily you can miss a single rare bird among many common ones.

We got closer, but then Roy was suddenly down on all four shooting at something very close by, it looked. I couldn't see anything, until Steinar pointed. And there I saw the finest adult Collared Plover that I had ever seen in Mexico standing right in front of us. Perfect. My first at Boca de Tomates, but this was exactly how I had just seen them when I was in Chile. The other times I have seen it here in Mexico have mostly be at inland lakes, a different experience.

I got my photos and then circled around the bird to start concentrating on the terns before they would take off again. I only needed a quick scan to be sure that there were several Elegant Terns among the many Royals! I told my team, but I think they didn't believe me in the beginning having difficulties plucking them out. But as we got closer the rose-colored breasts and the long pointed bills became obvious, and I'm sure they all got good photos to study back home in the long winter nights. One bird showed the aberrant yellowish bill with black markings that some say is indication of hybridism, but I still prefer to call a variation within the pure Elegant bird.

And so the trip was about to end. Gulls and terns had been among the many species that both Tormod, Roy and Steinar wanted to experience. Today they got them and even with the beautiful Elegant Tern in fresh breeding plumage as the final show. Save the best for last!

Thank you, guys, for an excellent trip!

SPECIES LISTS

Species total: 292, endemics 29 (taxonomy ebird/Clements 2017)

SPECIES DATE LOCALITY

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (60). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (15). **2018-02-21:** Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (18). **2018-02-22:** Carretera 74 a San Blas (800).

Blue-winged Teal (*Spatula discors*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (8). **2018-02-19:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (30). **2018-02-21:** Sewer Pond Trail (4) Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (35) Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (1). **2018-02-24:** Úrsulo Galván, nay (10).

Cinnamon Teal (*Spatula cyanoptera*)

2018-02-24: Úrsulo Galván, nay (7).

Blue-winged/Cinnamon Teal (*Spatula discors/cyanoptera*)

2018-02-21: Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (1).

Northern Shoveler (*Spatula clypeata*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-19:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (3) Shrimp Ponds (1). **2018-02-21:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (13).

Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca*)

2018-02-21: Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (3).

Surf Scoter (*Melanitta perspicillata*)

2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (1).

Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-24:** Úrsulo Galván, nay (1).

Rufous-bellied Chachalaca (*Ortalis wagleri*)

2018-02-21: Singayta (5) Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (9). **2018-02-24:** Úrsulo Galván, nay (2).

West Mexican Chachalaca (*Ortalis poliocephala*)

2018-02-16: Provincia rd - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Mayto - El Tuito (6). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (4).

Elegant Quail (*Callipepla douglasii*)

2018-02-21: Singayta (8) Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (1).

Least Grebe (*Tachybaptus dominicus*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (5). **2018-02-17:** Mayto - El Tuito (3). **2018-02-24:** Úrsulo Galván, nay (20).

Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*)

2018-02-24: Úrsulo Galván, nay (1).

Eared Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*)

2018-02-22: Mazatlán Seawatch (3).

Red-billed Tropicbird (*Phaethon aethereus*)

2018-02-22: Mazatlán Seawatch (1).

Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-19:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1) Chacalilla - San Blas (50) River Tovarà (5). **2018-02-21:** Sewer Pond Trail (1) Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (23). **2018-02-24:** Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (1).

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-19:** Playa Borrego (10) River Tovarà (10). **2018-02-21:** Playa Borrego (100). **2018-02-22:** Mazatlán Seawatch (50). **2018-02-25:** Boca de Tomates (1).

Blue-footed Booby (*Sula nebouxii*)

2018-02-19: Playa Borrego (1). **2018-02-21:** Playa Borrego (40). **2018-02-22:** Mazatlán Seawatch (10).

Brown Booby (*Sula leucogaster*)

2018-02-22: Mazatlán Seawatch (40).

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (32). **2018-02-19:** Chacalilla - San Blas (1) River Tovarà (3). **2018-02-21:** Playa Borrego (1) Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (10). **2018-02-22:** Carretera 74 a San Blas (1). **2018-02-24:** Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (1). **2018-02-25:** Boca de Tomates (6).

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (3) Chacalilla - San Blas (1) River Tovarà (5). **2018-02-21:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (3).

American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (37). **2018-02-19:** Chacalilla - San Blas (50). **2018-02-21:** Playa Borrego (1) Sewer Pond Trail (1) Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (2).

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (10). **2018-02-19:** Playa Borrego (25). **2018-02-21:** Playa Borrego (40). **2018-02-25:** Boca de Tomates (10).

Bare-throated Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma mexicanum*)

2018-02-19: River Tovarà (1). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (2) Sewer Pond Trail (1).

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-19:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (5) Chacalilla - San Blas (1) River Tovarà (3). **2018-02-21:** Playa Borrego (1) Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (2).

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-19:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (30) River Tovarà (3). **2018-02-21:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (4). **2018-02-24:** Úrsulo Galván, nay (1). **2018-02-25:** Boca de Tomates (10).

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (6). **2018-02-17:** Mayto - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-19:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (100) River Tovarà (4). **2018-02-21:** Playa Borrego (1) Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (4). **2018-02-24:** Úrsulo Galván, nay (1). **2018-02-25:** Boca de Tomates (40).

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-19: River Tovar (10). 2018-02-24: Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (1). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (1).

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (9) Chacalilla - San Blas (1) River Tovar (6). 2018-02-21: Playa Borrego (1) Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (10).

Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1). 2018-02-21: Playa Borrego (1) Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (2).

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3). 2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (50). 2018-02-24: Úrsulo Galván, nay (40).

Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (3). 2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (2) Chacalilla - San Blas (1) Shrimp Ponds (1) River Tovar (7). 2018-02-21: Singayta (2). 2018-02-22: Carretera 74 a San Blas (2). 2018-02-24: Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (1) Úrsulo Galván, nay (2).

Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (2).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*)

2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (1) River Tovar (2).

Boat-billed Heron (*Cochlearius cochlearius*)

2018-02-19: River Tovar (2).

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (50) River Tovar (8). 2018-02-21: Singayta (10). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (15).

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*)

2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (30). 2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (20) Chacalilla - San Blas (1). 2018-02-21: Singayta (15) Sewer Pond Trail (2) Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (2). 2018-02-24: Úrsulo Galván, nay (2).

Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (5) River Tovar (4).

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (40) Provincia rd - El Tuito (5). 2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (40). 2018-02-18: Jardín Botánico - Puerto Vallarta (10) Otates y Cantarranas - nay (5). 2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (15) Shrimp Ponds (10). 2018-02-21: Playa Borrego (10) Sewer Pond Trail (5). 2018-02-22: Mazatlán Seawatch (20) La Noria Road - sin (4) Copala - sin (2). 2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (3) Carretera 40 (Durango Highway) - sin (1). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (50).

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3). 2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (6). 2018-02-18: Otates y Cantarranas - nay (2). 2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (20) Shrimp Ponds (10). 2018-02-21: Playa Borrego (2) Sewer Pond Trail (2). 2018-02-22: Mazatlán Seawatch (10) La Noria Road - sin (1). 2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (1). 2018-02-24: Úrsulo Galván, nay (1).

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (1). 2018-02-21: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1).

White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*)

2018-02-21: Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (1).

Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (1).

Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)

2018-02-19: River Tovar (1).

Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-23: El Palmito - sin (1).

Crane Hawk (*Geranospiza caerulescens*)

2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-19: Shrimp Ponds (1).

Common Black Hawk (*Buteogallus anthracinus*)

2018-02-18: Otates y Cantarranas - nay (1). 2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (2) Chacalilla - San Blas (1). 2018-02-21: Singayta (1).

Buteogallus Hawk sp. (*Buteogallus* sp.)

2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (1).

Roadside Hawk (*Rupornis magnirostris*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-17:** Mayto - El Tuito (1).

Gray Hawk (*Buteo plagiatus*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-17:** Mayto - El Tuito (4). **2018-02-21:** Playa Borrego (1). **2018-02-24:** Úrsulo Galván, nay (1).

Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-18:** Otates y Cantarranas - nay (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). **2018-02-21:** Sewer Pond Trail (1).

Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*)

2018-02-21: Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (3).

Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*)

2018-02-16: El Tuito (pueblo) (1). **2018-02-17:** Mayto - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-19:** River Tovarà (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). **2018-02-21:** Sewer Pond Trail (1).

Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)

2018-02-18: Otates y Cantarranas - nay (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). **2018-02-22:** La Noria Road - sin (1) Carretera 40 (Durango Highway) - sin (2). **2018-02-23:** Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (1).

Ridgway's Rail (*Rallus obsoletus*)

2018-02-19: River Tovarà (1).

Rufous-necked Wood-Rail (*Aramides axillaris*)

2018-02-19: River Tovarà (3).

Sora (*Porzana carolina*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (2) River Tovarà (2). **2018-02-21:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1).

Spotted Rail (*Pardirallus maculatus*)

2018-02-19: River Tovarà (1).

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinica*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1). **2018-02-21:** Sewer Pond Trail (4). **2018-02-24:** Úrsulo Galván, nay (2).

Common Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*)

2018-02-21: Sewer Pond Trail (4).

American Coot (*Fulica americana*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3). **2018-02-19:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (3) Chacalilla - San Blas (200). **2018-02-21:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (2). **2018-02-24:** Úrsulo Galván, nay (50).

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*)

2018-02-24: Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (1).

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (200) Chacalilla - San Blas (1). **2018-02-21:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (420) Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (8). **2018-02-22:** Carretera 74 a San Blas (5). **2018-02-25:** Boca de Tomates (30).

American Avocet (*Recurvirostra americana*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (150). **2018-02-21:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (152).

American Oystercatcher (*Haematopus palliatus*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (2).

Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)

2018-02-21: Playa Borrego (1).

Collared Plover (*Charadrius collaris*)

2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (1).

Snowy Plover (*Charadrius nivosus*)

2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (5).

Wilson's Plover (*Charadrius wilsonia*)

2018-02-21: Playa Borrego (220).

Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (17) River Tovarà (5). **2018-02-25:** Boca de Tomates (30).

Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (3). **2018-02-24:** Úrsulo Galván, nay (2).

Northern Jacana (*Jacana spinosa*)

2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (5). **2018-02-21:** Sewer Pond Trail (8). **2018-02-24:** Úrsulo Galván, nay (6).

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (2) Playa Borrego (1). 2018-02-21: Playa Borrego (1) Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (3). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (4).

Long-billed Curlew (*Numenius americanus*)

2018-02-19: Shrimp Ponds (1). 2018-02-21: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1).

Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)

2018-02-21: Playa Borrego (1).

Stilt Sandpiper (*Calidris himantopus*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (100). 2018-02-21: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (100).

Sanderling (*Calidris alba*)

2018-02-21: Playa Borrego (4). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (70).

Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*)

2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (1).

Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (200) River Tovara (2). 2018-02-21: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (150). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (150).

Short-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (20). 2018-02-21: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (501). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (2).

Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus/scolopaceus*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (50). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (40).

Wilson's Snipe (*Gallinago delicata*)

2018-02-24: Úrsulo Galván, nay (2).

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (3) Chacalilla - San Blas (1) River Tovara (6). 2018-02-21: Sewer Pond Trail (2). 2018-02-22: Carretera 74 a San Blas (2). 2018-02-24: Úrsulo Galván, nay (7).

Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*)

2018-02-21: Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (1). 2018-02-24: Úrsulo Galván, nay (1).

Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (2) Shrimp Ponds (2) River Tovara (1). 2018-02-21: Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (1).

Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (3) Playa Borrego (2) River Tovara (2). 2018-02-21: Playa Borrego (4). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (10).

Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1) Shrimp Ponds (8) River Tovara (3). 2018-02-21: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1).

Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*)

2018-02-19: Playa Borrego (5). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (100).

Heermann's Gull (*Larus heermanni*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (80). 2018-02-21: Playa Borrego (3). 2018-02-22: Mazatlán Seawatch (15). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (150).

Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*)

2018-02-19: Playa Borrego (7). 2018-02-21: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (2). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (1).

California Gull (*Larus californicus*)

2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (3).

Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*)

2018-02-19: Playa Borrego (1). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (1).

Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1) River Tovara (3). 2018-02-21: Playa Borrego (1) Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (2). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (1).

Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*)

2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (1).

Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsteri*)

2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (3).

Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*)

2018-02-21: Playa Borrego (1). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (110).

Elegant Tern (*Thalasseus elegans*)

2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (10).

Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger*)

2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (150).

Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) (*Columba livia* (Feral Pigeon))

2018-02-16: El Tuito (pueblo) (5).

Red-billed Pigeon (*Patagioenas flavirostris*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (7) Provincia rd - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). 2018-02-21: Singayta (2).

Band-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (2).

Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*)

2018-02-16: El Tuito (pueblo) (2). 2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (30). 2018-02-24: Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (1).

Inca Dove (*Columbina inca*) 2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (15). 2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Mayto - El Tuito (10). 2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Otates y Cantarranas - nay (1). 2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (5) Shrimp Ponds (1). 2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (2). 2018-02-21: Singayta (2). 2018-02-24: Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (3).**Common Ground-Dove** (*Columbina passerina*)

2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (1). 2018-02-22: La Noria Road - sin (10).

Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (4) El Tuito (pueblo) (3). 2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (3). 2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Otates y Cantarranas - nay (1). 2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (1). 2018-02-21: Singayta (4) Sewer Pond Trail (10) Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (10). 2018-02-22: La Noria Road - sin (2).

White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (4). 2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (5) Mayto - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (1). 2018-02-21: Singayta (6). 2018-02-22: La Noria Road - sin (1).

White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (15) Provincia rd - El Tuito (5). 2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2) Mayto - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2) Otates y Cantarranas - nay (1). 2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1) Chacalilla - San Blas (4) River Tovar (3). 2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (7). 2018-02-21: Singayta (10) Sewer Pond Trail (1). 2018-02-24: Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (1) Úrsulo Galván, nay (1).

Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*)

2018-02-21: Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (20).

Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*)

2018-02-16: El Tuito (pueblo) (4). 2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (10). 2018-02-18: Otates y Cantarranas - nay (1). 2018-02-21: Singayta (3) Sewer Pond Trail (1).

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2) Mayto - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3). 2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (1).

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*)

2018-02-19: River Tovar (1).

Western Screech-Owl (*Megascops kennicottii*) heard only

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1).

Whiskered Screech-Owl (*Megascops trichopsis*) heard only (jbj)

2018-02-24: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (1).

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) heard only

2018-02-16: Provincia rd - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-21: Singayta (3).

Mottled Owl (*Ciccaba virgata*) heard only

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1).

Stygian Owl (*Asio stygius*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (1).

Lesser Nighthawk (*Chordeiles acutipennis*)

2018-02-19: River Tovar (3). 2018-02-21: Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (10).

Common Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

2018-02-19: River Tovar (4). 2018-02-21: Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (3).

Northern Potoo (*Nyctibius jamaicensis*)

2018-02-19: River Tovar (4).

Chestnut-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne rutila*)

2018-02-24: Úrsulo Galván, nay (100).

Vaux's Swift (*Chaetura vauxi*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (10). 2018-02-21: Playa Borrego (10).

Swift sp. (*Apodidae* sp.)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (6).

Plain-capped Starthroat (*Heliomaster constantii*)

2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). 2018-02-18: Jardín Botánico - Puerto Vallarta (1).

Blue-throated Hummingbird (*Lampornis clemenciae*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (5).

Lucifer Hummingbird (*Calothorax lucifer*) (tor)

2018-02-22: Carretera 40 (Durango Highway) - sin (1).

Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*) (jbj)

2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1).

Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (3).

Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus/sasin*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (3).

Calliope Hummingbird (*Selasphorus calliope*)

2018-02-16: Provincia rd - El Tuito (1).

Broad-billed Hummingbird (*Cynanthus latirostris*)

2018-02-22: Carretera 40 (Durango Highway) - sin (1).

Mexican Woodnymph (*Thalurania ridgwayi*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (2).

Berylline Hummingbird (*Amazilia beryllina*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (3).

Cinnamon Hummingbird (*Amazilia rutila*)

2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-21: Singayta (1). 2018-02-22: Carretera 40 (Durango Highway) - sin (1).

White-eared Hummingbird (*Hylocharis leucotis*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (7). 2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (7).

Citreoline Trogon (*Trogon citreolus*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (3).

Elegant Trogon (*Trogon elegans*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Provincia rd - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). 2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (2). 2018-02-21: Singayta (1).

Mountain Trogon (*Trogon mexicanus*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (8).

Russet-crowned Motmot (*Momotus mexicanus*)

2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3) Mayto - El Tuito (1).

Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquata*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). 2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3).

Belted Kingfisher (*Megaceryle alcyon*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-17:** Mayto - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-19:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (3) River Tovarà (6). **2018-02-25:** Boca de Tomates (2).

Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (2) Chacalilla - San Blas (1) River Tovarà (4). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (2). **2018-02-25:** Boca de Tomates (1).

Acorn Woodpecker (*Melanerpes formicivorus*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (2).

Golden-cheeked Woodpecker (*Melanerpes chrysogenys*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2) Mayto - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2) Jardín Botánico - Puerto Vallarta (2). **2018-02-19:** Chacalilla - San Blas (1). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (3).

Gila Woodpecker (*Melanerpes uropygialis*)

2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (1). **2018-02-21:** Sewer Pond Trail (3).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*)

2018-02-24: Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (2).

Ladder-backed Woodpecker (*Picoides scalaris*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (4) Provincia rd - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2) Otates y Cantarranas - nay (1). **2018-02-19:** Chacalilla - San Blas (2).

Arizona Woodpecker (*Picoides arizonae*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (2). **2018-02-23:** Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (3).

Gray-crowned Woodpecker (*Colaptes auricularis*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (3).

Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*)

2018-02-16: Provincia rd - El Tuito (3).

Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-19:** River Tovarà (1). **2018-02-21:** Singayta(3).

Pale-billed Woodpecker (*Campephilus guatemalensis*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (1).

Collared Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur semitorquatus*) heard only

2018-02-21: Singayta (1). **2018-02-24:** Úrsulo Galván, nay (2).

Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (10). **2018-02-19:** Chacalilla - San Blas (1). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (1). **2018-02-22:** La Noria Road - sin (1) Carretera 40 (Durango Highway) - sin (1). **2018-02-24:** Úrsulo Galván, nay (1).

Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)

2018-02-21: Singayta (2).

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)

2018-02-18: Otates y Cantarranas - nay (1). **2018-02-21:** Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (1).

Merlin (*Falco columbarius*) (roy)

2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1).

Bat Falcon (*Falco rufigularis*)

2018-02-22: Copala - sin (2).

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)

2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (1). **2018-02-22:** Mazatlán Seawatch (1).

Lilac-crowned Parrot (*Amazona finschi*)

2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (6).

White-fronted Parrot (*Amazona albifrons*) (jbj)

2018-02-21: Singayta (5).

Mexican Parrotlet (*Forpus cyanopygius*)

2018-02-21: Singayta (16).

Orange-fronted Parakeet (*Eupsittula canicularis*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2) Mayto - El Tuito (5). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (10). **2018-02-19:** River Tovar (6). **2018-02-21:** Sewer Pond Trail (15).

Military Macaw (*Ara militaris*)

2018-02-16: Provincia rd - El Tuito (3). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2).

Ivory-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1).

White-striped Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes leucogaster*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). **2018-02-23:** Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (3).

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma imberbe*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1).

Greenish Elaenia (*Myiopagis viridicata*)

2018-02-16: Sierra Paraíso - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2) Mayto - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1).

Tufted Flycatcher (*Mitrephanes phaeocercus*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (3). **2018-02-23:** Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (8).

Greater Pewee (*Contopus pertinax*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (5) Provincia rd - El Tuito (3). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Mayto - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (3). **2018-02-23:** Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (4).

Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*)

2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (1). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (1). **2018-02-24:** Úrsulo Galván, nay (1).

Least Flycatcher (*Empidonax minimus*)

2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1).

Hammond's Flycatcher (*Empidonax hammondi*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). **2018-02-23:** Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (1).

Pacific-slope Flycatcher (*Empidonax difficilis*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-19:** Chacalilla - San Blas (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (1). **2018-02-22:** La Noria Road - sin (2).

Cordilleran Flycatcher (*Empidonax occidentalis*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (1).

Empidonax sp. (*Empidonax sp.*)

2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (1).

Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-24:** Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (1).

Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*)

2018-02-23: El Palmito - sin (1).

Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3). **2018-02-17:** Mayto - El Tuito (3). **2018-02-18:** Otates y Cantarranas - nay (4). **2018-02-19:** Chacalilla - San Blas (2). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). **2018-02-21:** Sewer Pond Trail (3). **2018-02-24:** Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (2) Úrsulo Galván, nay (2).

Bright-rumped Attila (*Attila spadiceus*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (1). **2018-02-24:** Úrsulo Galván, nay (2).

Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Provincia rd - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (4) Mayto - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (2). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (2). **2018-02-22:** La Noria Road - sin (1).

Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*)

2018-02-22: La Noria Road - sin (1).

Nutting's Flycatcher (*Myiarchus nuttingi*)

2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1).

Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2).

Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (5) Provincia rd - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (6) Mayto - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3). **2018-02-19:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1) Chacalilla - San Blas (4) River Tovar (6). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (2) Playa Borrego (1) Sewer Pond Trail (1). **2018-02-24:** Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (10) Úrsulo Galván, nay (2). **2018-02-25:** Boca de Tomates (5).

Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (4) Provincia rd - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Mayto - El Tuito (4). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Otates y Cantarranas - nay (2). **2018-02-19:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (2) Chacalilla - San Blas (1) River Tovar (4). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (2) Sewer Pond Trail (2). **2018-02-24:** Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (3) Úrsulo Galván, nay (1).

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Mayto - El Tuito (3). **2018-02-18:** Otates y Cantarranas - nay (3). **2018-02-19:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1) Chacalilla - San Blas (3) River Tovar (40). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (3) Playa Borrego (1). **2018-02-24:** Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (7) Úrsulo Galván, nay (1). **2018-02-25:** Boca de Tomates (1).

Thick-billed Kingbird (*Tyrannus crassirostris*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2) Provincia rd - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (4) Mayto - El Tuito (3). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (5) Otates y Cantarranas - nay (2). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (2). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (3). **2018-02-22:** La Noria Road - sin (2). **2018-02-24:** Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (1) Úrsulo Galván, nay (7).

Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3) Mayto - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-18:** Jardín Botánico - Puerto Vallarta (2). **2018-02-19:** Chacalilla - San Blas (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (4).

Gray-collared Becard (*Pachyramphus major*)

2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1).

Rose-throated Becard (*Pachyramphus aglaiae*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (2).

Golden Vireo (*Vireo hypochryseus*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-17:** Mayto - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1).

Black-capped Vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*) (jbj)

2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1).

Bell's Vireo (*Vireo bellii*)

2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (2).

Hutton's Vireo (*Vireo huttoni*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (2).

Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*)

2018-02-16: Sierra Paraíso - El Tuito (1).

Cassin's Vireo (*Vireo cassinii*)

2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (1). **2018-02-23:** Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (1).

Plumbeous Vireo (*Vireo plumbeus*)

2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1).

Warbling Vireo (*Vireo gilvus*)

2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (1). **2018-02-23:** Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (1).

Black-throated Magpie-Jay (*Calocitta colliei*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (6).

White-throated Magpie-Jay (*Calocitta formosa*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (5).

Tufted Jay (*Cyanocorax dickeyi*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (27).

Green Jay (*Cyanocorax yncas*)

2018-02-16: Sierra Paraíso - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-18:** Jardín Botánico - Puerto Vallarta (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (2).

San Blas Jay (*Cyanocorax sanblasianus*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (5). 2018-02-18: Jardín Botánico - Puerto Vallarta (5).

Purplish-backed Jay (*Cyanocorax beecheii*)

2018-02-22: La Noria Road - sin (5).

Sinaloa Crow (*Corvus sinaloae*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (130) River Tovar (50). 2018-02-21: Singayta (10). 2018-02-22: Carretera 74 a San Blas (10).

Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Provincia rd - El Tuito (2). 2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan-- Camino a La Noria (2). 2018-02-22: Carretera 40 (Durango Highway) - sin (1). 2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (4).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (6). 2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). 2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). 2018-02-21: Playa Borrego (20) Sewer Pond Trail (100) Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (100).

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*)

2018-02-16: Provincia rd - El Tuito (1).

Mangrove Swallow (*Tachycineta albilinea*)

2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1) Chacalilla - San Blas (2) Shrimp Ponds (10) River Tovar (20). 2018-02-21: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1).

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (20). 2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (10) Chacalilla - San Blas (10). 2018-02-21: Sewer Pond Trail (10) Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (50).

Mexican Chickadee (*Poecile sclateri*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (4).

Brown Creeper (*Certhia americana*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (2).

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). 2018-02-21: Sewer Pond Trail (1). 2018-02-22: La Noria Road - sin (1).

Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*) heard only

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1).

Spotted Wren (*Campylorhynchus gularis*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (5).

Happy Wren (*Pheugopedius felix*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3). 2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (2). 2018-02-18: Otates y Cantarranas - nay (1). 2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (1). 2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). 2018-02-21: Singayta (1). 2018-02-22: La Noria Road - sin (1).

Sinaloa Wren (*Thryophilus sinaloa*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Provincia rd - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3). 2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (2).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila caerulea*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (6). 2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (4) Mayto - El Tuito (4). 2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3). 2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (3). 2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (5). 2018-02-22: La Noria Road - sin (2) Carretera 40 (Durango Highway) - sin (5). 2018-02-24: Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (1).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (4).

Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (4).

Brown-backed Solitaire (*Myadestes occidentalis*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (4). 2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (1) Carretera 40 (Durango Highway) - sin (1).

Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush (*Catharus aurantiirostris*)

2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1).

Russet Nightingale-Thrush (*Catharus occidentalis*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (4).

Catharus sp. (*Catharus sp.*)

2018-02-21: Singayta (1).

White-throated Thrush (*Turdus assimilis*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Provincia rd - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). 2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (3).

Rufous-backed Robin (*Turdus rufopalliatu*s)

2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-21: Singayta (5).

Blue Mockingbird (*Melanotis caerulescens*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Provincia rd - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan-- Camino a La Noria (1). 2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (5).

Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (2). 2018-02-18: Otates y Cantarranas - nay (1).

Gray Silky-flycatcher (*Ptiliogonys cinereus*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (2).

Olive Warbler (*Peucedramus taeniatus*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (3).

Rosy Thrush-Tanager (*Rhodinocichla rosea*)

2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2).

Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*)

2018-02-22: La Noria Road - sin (1).

Louisiana Waterthrush (*Parkesia motacilla*)2018-02-19: River Tovara (1).**Northern Waterthrush** (*Parkesia noveboracensis*)2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1) River Tovara (2). 2018-02-21: Singayta (1).**Louisiana/Northern Waterthrush** (*Parkesia motacilla/noveboracensis*)2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (2) River Tovara (5). 2018-02-21: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1).**Black-and-white Warbler** (*Mniotilta varia*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Sierra Paraiso - El Tuito (1) Provincia rd - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). 2018-02-24: Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (1).

Crescent-chested Warbler (*Oreothlypis superciliosa*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). 2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (3).

Orange-crowned Warbler (*Oreothlypis celata*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (1). 2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (3). 2018-02-21: Sewer Pond Trail (1). 2018-02-22: Carretera 40 (Durango Highway) - sin (2). 2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (3).

Lucy's Warbler (*Oreothlypis luciae*)

2018-02-21: Singayta (3). 2018-02-22: Carretera 40 (Durango Highway) - sin (1).

Nashville Warbler (*Oreothlypis ruficapilla*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (11) Sierra Paraiso - El Tuito (10). 2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (5) Mayto - El Tuito (8). 2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). 2018-02-22: Carretera 40 (Durango Highway) - sin (1).

MacGillivray's Warbler (*Geothlypis tolmiei*)

2018-02-16: Provincia rd - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (2). 2018-02-21: Sewer Pond Trail (1). 2018-02-22: La Noria Road - sin (1). 2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (2).

Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*)

2018-02-21: Sewer Pond Trail (1).

American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*)2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3). 2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1) Chacalilla - San Blas (1) River Tovara (1). 2018-02-21: Singayta (4).**Tropical Parula** (*Setophaga pitiayumi*)

2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2).

Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (3). 2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (2) Chacalilla - San Blas (2). 2018-02-21: Singayta (2). 2018-02-24: Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (2).

Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Setophaga coronata*)

2018-02-16: Provincia rd - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (4). **2018-02-22:** Carretera 40 (Durango Highway) - sin (1). **2018-02-23:** Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (15) El Palmito - sin (1). **2018-02-24:** Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (10).

Grace's Warbler (*Setophaga graciae*)

2018-02-16: Provincia rd - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (5). **2018-02-23:** Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (3).

Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Setophaga nigrescens*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (2). **2018-02-22:** Carretera 40 (Durango Highway) - sin (1).

Townsend's Warbler (*Setophaga townsendi*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (3). **2018-02-23:** Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (3).

Hermit Warbler (*Setophaga occidentalis*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1).

Fan-tailed Warbler (*Basileuterus lachrymosus*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (2).

Rufous-capped Warbler (*Basileuterus rufifrons*)

2018-02-16: Provincia rd - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (3).

Wilson's Warbler (*Cardellina pusilla*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2) Provincia rd - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-17:** Mayto - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-19:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (3). **2018-02-23:** Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (1) El Palmito - sin (1). **2018-02-24:** Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (1).

Red-faced Warbler (*Cardellina rubrifrons*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (3).

Red Warbler (*Cardellina rubra*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (3).

Painted Redstart (*Myioborus pictus*)

2018-02-16: Sierra Paraíso - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (3).

Slate-throated Redstart (*Myioborus miniatus*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (11).

Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*)

2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (3).

White-collared Seedeater (*Sporophila torqueola*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-19:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (2). **2018-02-21:** Sewer Pond Trail (1) Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (5). **2018-02-24:** Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (1).

Grayish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Provincia rd - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2) Mayto - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-19:** Chacalilla - San Blas (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (2). **2018-02-24:** Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (2).

Stripe-headed Sparrow (*Peucaea ruficauda*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (5) Provincia rd - El Tuito (3). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-18:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1).

Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (10). **2018-02-23:** Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (20) El Palmito - sin (1).

Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (4). **2018-02-18:** Otates y Cantarranas - nay (5).

Green-striped Brushfinch (*Arremon virenticeps*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (2).

Yellow-eyed Junco (*Junco phaeonotus*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (7).

Lincoln's Sparrow (*Melospiza lincolni*)

2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (2). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1). **2018-02-21:** Sewer Pond Trail (1) Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (2).

Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrow (*Melospiza kieneri*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (1).

Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*)

2018-02-22: La Noria Road - sin (1).

Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (5).

Rufous-capped Brushfinch (*Atlapetes pileatus*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (3).

Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-21: Singayta (2).

Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga flava*)

2018-02-16: Provincia rd - El Tuito (2). 2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (3). 2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (4).

Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). 2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (2). 2018-02-21: Singayta (2). 2018-02-24: Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (1).

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3).

Flame-colored Tanager (*Piranga bidentata*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (4).

Red-headed Tanager (*Piranga erythrocephala*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (2). 2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (4).

Yellow Grosbeak (*Pheucticus chrysopheplus*)

2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3) Mayto - El Tuito (1).

Red-breasted Chat (*Granatellus venustus*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (1).

Blue Bunting (*Cyanocompsa parellina*)

2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Mayto - El Tuito (2). 2018-02-18: Jardín Botánico - Puerto Vallarta (2).

Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (2). 2018-02-18: Otates y Cantarranas - nay (7). 2018-02-21: Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (4).

Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (1).

Orange-breasted Bunting (*Passerina leclancherii*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (12).

Varied Bunting (*Passerina versicolor*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1).

2018-02-18: Jardín Botánico - Puerto Vallarta (1).

Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (1). 2018-02-21: Sewer Pond Trail (1).

Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*)

2018-02-21: Campos de Chacalilla - San Blas (2).

Yellow-winged Cacique (*Cassiculus melanicterus*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) El Tuito (pueblo) (1). 2018-02-17: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (5) Mayto - El Tuito (8). 2018-02-18: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (5) Jardín Botánico - Puerto Vallarta (20). 2018-02-19: Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (1) Chacalilla - San Blas (2) River Tovar (3). 2018-02-21: Singayta (10) Sewer Pond Trail (2). 2018-02-25: Boca de Tomates (5).

Black-vented Oriole (*Icterus wagleri*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1).

Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (20). 2018-02-18: Otates y Cantarranas - nay (2). 2018-02-19: Chacalilla - San Blas (2).

Hooded Oriole (*Icterus cucullatus*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1).

Streak-backed Oriole (*Icterus pustulatus*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-17:** Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (5) Mayto - El Tuito (7). **2018-02-19:** Chacalilla - San Blas (3). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (2). **2018-02-22:** La Noria Road - sin (1) Carretera 40 (Durango Highway) - sin (1).

Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (1) Provincia rd - El Tuito (1). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (2). **2018-02-22:** La Noria Road - sin (1). **2018-02-23:** Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (2).

Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (1).

Scott's Oriole (*Icterus parisorum*)

2018-02-23: Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (2).

Bronzed Cowbird (*Molothrus aeneus*)

2018-02-20: Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (50). **2018-02-25:** Boca de Tomates (5).

Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)

2018-02-16: Rancho Primavera - El Tuito (3). **2018-02-17:** Mayto - El Tuito (10). **2018-02-19:** Humedal de las Garzas - San Blas (500) River Tovar (50). **2018-02-21:** Singayta (30). **2018-02-22:** Carretera 74 a San Blas (30). **2018-02-24:** Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (11).

Scrub Euphonia (*Euphonia affinis*)

2018-02-17: Mayto - El Tuito (2). **2018-02-18:** Jardín Botánico - Puerto Vallarta (2). **2018-02-19:** Chacalilla - San Blas (2).

House Finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*)

2018-02-24: Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (5).

Black-headed Siskin (*Spinus notatus*)

2018-02-16: Provincia rd - El Tuito (5). **2018-02-20:** Cerro San Juan--Camino a La Noria (10). **2018-02-23:** Reserva de la Chara Pinta (Tufted Jay Preserve) (3).

Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*)

2018-02-24: Parque Ecológico Metropolitano - Tepic (15).

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)

2018-02-16: El Tuito (pueblo) (5). **2018-02-23:** El Palmito - sin (10).

DATE LOCALITY SPECIES

February 16, 2018

RANCHO PRIMAVERA - EL TUITO 07:20:00 - 13:24:00

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (60) **Northern Shoveler** (2) **Ruddy Duck** (1) **Least Grebe** (5) **Wood Stork** (1) **Great Blue Heron** (1) **Great Egret** (1) **Snowy Egret** (6) **Little Blue Heron** (1) **Cattle Egret** (3) **Green Heron** (1) **Black-crowned Night-Heron** (1) **White Ibis** (1) **Black Vulture** (40) **Turkey Vulture** (3) **Roadside Hawk** (1) **Gray Hawk** (1) **American Coot** (3) **Red-billed Pigeon** (7) **Inca Dove** (15) **Ruddy Ground-Dove** (4) **White-tipped Dove** (4) **White-winged Dove** (15) **Squirrel Cuckoo** (1) **Vaux's Swift** (1) **Elegant Trogon** (1) **Ringed Kingfisher** (1) **Belted Kingfisher** (1) **Goldencheeked Woodpecker** (3) **Ladder-backed Woodpecker** (4) **Gray-crowned Woodpecker** (2) **Lineated Woodpecker** (2) **Pale-billed Woodpecker** (1) **Orange-fronted Parakeet** (1) **Ivory-billed Woodcreeper** (1) **Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet** (1) **Greater Pewee** (5) **Pacific-slope Flycatcher** (1) **Black Phoebe** (1) **Vermilion Flycatcher** (3) **Dusky-capped Flycatcher** (1) **Brown-crested Flycatcher** (2) **Great Kiskadee** (5) **Social Flycatcher** (4) **Tropical Kingbird** (3) **Thick-billed Kingbird** (2) **Masked Tityra** (2) **Rose-throated Becard** (1) **Golden Vireo** (1) **Black-throated Magpie-Jay** (6) **San Blas Jay** (5) **Common Raven** (1) **Northern Rough-winged Swallow** (6) **Marsh Wren** (1) **Happy Wren** (3) **Sinaloa Wren** (1) **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** (6) **White-throated Thrush** (1) **Blue Mockingbird** (1) **Black-and-white Warbler** (1) **Orange-crowned Warbler** (1) **Nashville Warbler** (11) **American Redstart** (3) **Yellow Warbler** (1) **Black-throated Gray Warbler** (2) **Wilson's Warbler** (2) **White-collared Seedeater** (2) **Grayish Saltator** (1) **Stripe-headed Sparrow** (5) **Yellow-breasted Chat** (1) **Summer Tanager** (2) **Western Tanager** (3) **Indigo Bunting** (1) **Varied Bunting** (1) **Yellow-winged Cacique** (1) **Black-vented Oriole** (1) **Hooded Oriole** (1) **Streak-backed Oriole** (1) **Bullock's Oriole** (1) **Great-tailed Grackle** (3).

EL TUITO (PUEBLO) 13:41:00 - 14:51:00

Zone-tailed Hawk (1) **Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)** (5) **Eurasian Collared-Dove** (2) **Ruddy Ground-Dove** (3) **Groove-billed Ani** (4) **Yellow-winged Cacique** (1) **House Sparrow** (5).

SIERRA PARAÍSO - EL TUITO 15:05:00 - 15:40:00

Greenish Elaenia (1) **Yellow-throated Vireo** (1) **Green Jay** (2) **Black-and-white Warbler** (1) **Nashville Warbler** (10) **Painted Redstart** (1).

PROVINCIA RD - EL TUITO 15:45:00 - 19:15:00

West Mexican Chachalaca (2) **Black Vulture** (5) **Red-billed Pigeon** (1) **White-winged Dove** (5) **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** (1) **Calliope Hummingbird** (1) **Elegant Trogon** (1) **Ladder-backed Woodpecker** (1) **Northern Flicker** (3) **Military Macaw** (3) **Greater Pewee** (3) **Dusky-capped Flycatcher** (2) **Great Kiskadee** (1) **Social Flycatcher** (2) **Thick-billed Kingbird** (1) **Common Raven** (2) **Gray-breasted Martin** (1) **Sinaloa Wren** (1) **White-throated Thrush** (1) **Blue Mockingbird** (1) **Black-and-white Warbler** (1) **MacGillivray's Warbler** (1) **Yellow-rumped Warbler** (1) **Grace's Warbler** (2) **Rufous-capped Warbler** (2) **Wilson's Warbler** (2) **Grayish Saltator** (2) **Stripe-headed Sparrow** (3) **Hepatic Tanager** (2) **Bullock's Oriole** (1) **Black-headed Siskin** (5).

RANCHO PRIMAVERA - EL TUITO 20:30:00 - 22:30:00

Western Screech-Owl (1) **Mottled Owl** (1).

February 17, 2018

RANCHO PRIMAVERA - EL TUITO 07:53:00 - 09:58:00

West Mexican Chachalaca (1) Inca Dove (1) White-tipped Dove (5) White-winged Dove (2) Squirrel Cuckoo (2) Plain-capped Starthroat (2) Black-chinned Hummingbird (1) Cinnamon Hummingbird (1) Elegant Trogon (2) Russet-crowned Motmot (3) Ringed Kingfisher (2) Goldencheeked Woodpecker (2) Ladder-backed Woodpecker (1) Lineated Woodpecker (1) Pale-billed Woodpecker (2) Lilac-crowned Parrot (2) Orange-fronted Parakeet (2) Ivory-billed Woodcreeper (3) Greenish Elaenia (2) Greater Pewee (1) Dusky-capped Flycatcher (4) Great Kiskadee (6) Social Flycatcher (1) Tropical Kingbird (1) Thick-billed Kingbird (4) Masked Tityra (3) Gray-collared Becard (1) Rose-throated Becard (1) Black-capped Vireo (1) Warbling Vireo (1) Common Raven (1) Northern Rough-winged Swallow (2) Sinaloa Wren (3) Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (4) Rufous-backed Robin (1) Rosy Thrush-Tanager (1) Black-and-white Warbler (1) Nashville Warbler (5) MacGillivray's Warbler (1) Tropical Parula (2) Black-throated Gray Warbler (1) Grayish Saltator (2) Stripe-headed Sparrow (2) Summer Tanager (2) Yellow Grosbeak (3) Blue Bunting (1) Varied Bunting (1) Yellow-winged Cacique (5) Streak-backed Oriole (5).

MAYTO - EL TUITO 10:49:00 - 17:30:00

Blue-winged Teal (8) West Mexican Chachalaca (6) Least Grebe (3) Magnificent Frigatebird (1) Neotropic Cormorant (32) American White Pelican (37) Brown Pelican (10) Snowy Egret (1) Little Blue Heron (1) Green Heron (3) Black Vulture (40) Turkey Vulture (6) Cooper's Hawk (1) Roadside Hawk (1) Gray Hawk (4) Short-tailed Hawk (1) Zone-tailed Hawk (1) American Osprey (2) Killdeer (3) Spotted Sandpiper (1) Heermann's Gull (80) Eurasian Collared-Dove (30) Inca Dove (10) Ruddy Ground-Dove (3) White-tipped Dove (1) White-winged Dove (1) Groove-billed Ani (10) Squirrel Cuckoo (1) Swift sp. (6) Citreoline Trogon (3) Russet-crowned Motmot (1) Belted Kingfisher (1) Goldencheeked Woodpecker (2) Crested Caracara (10) Orange-fronted Parakeet (5) Greenish Elaenia (1) Greater Pewee (1) Vermilion Flycatcher (3) Bright-rumped Attila (1) Dusky-capped Flycatcher (1) Great Kiskadee (2) Social Flycatcher (4) Tropical Kingbird (3) Thick-billed Kingbird (3) Masked Tityra (2) Golden Vireo (1) White-throated Magpie-Jay (5) Barn Swallow (20) Happy Wren (2) Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (4) Northern Mockingbird (2) Nashville Warbler (8) Yellow Warbler (3) Wilson's Warbler (1) Grayish Saltator (1) Lark Sparrow (4) Yellow Grosbeak (1) Redbreasted Chat (1) Blue Bunting (2) Blue Grosbeak (2) Indigo Bunting (1) Orange-breasted Bunting (12) Painted Bunting (1) Yellow-winged Cacique (8) Orchard Oriole (20) Streak-backed Oriole (7) Baltimore Oriole (1) Great-tailed Grackle (10) Scrub Euphonia (2).

February 18, 2018

RANCHO PRIMAVERA - EL TUITO 08:08:00 - 11:32:00

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (15) West Mexican Chachalaca (4) Cattle Egret (50) White-faced Ibis (30) Crane Hawk (1) Inca Dove (1) Ruddy Ground-Dove (1) White-winged Dove (2) Squirrel Cuckoo (3) Golden-cheeked Woodpecker (2) Ladder-backed Woodpecker (2) Gray-crowned Woodpecker (1) Pale-billed Woodpecker (2) Merlin (1) Lilac-crowned Parrot (6) Orange-fronted Parakeet (10) Military Macaw (2) Greenish Elaenia (1) Greater Pewee (1) Least Flycatcher (1) Bright-rumped Attila (1) Nutting's Flycatcher (1) Great Kiskadee (3) Social Flycatcher (1) Thick-billed Kingbird (5) Gray-collared Becard (1) Rose-throated Becard (1) Golden Vireo (2) Cassin's Vireo (1) Plumbeous Vireo (1) Northern Rough-winged Swallow (1) Sinaloa Wren (1) Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (3) Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush (1) Blue Mockingbird (1) Rosy Thrush-Tanager (2) MacGillivray's Warbler (1) American Redstart (1) Yellow-rumped Warbler (1) Black-throated Gray Warbler (1) Wilson's Warbler (2) Grayish Saltator (1) Stripe-headed Sparrow (1) Yellow-winged Cacique (5).

JARDÍN BOTÁNICO - PUERTO VALLARTA 12:09:00 - 13:50:00

Black Vulture (10) Plain-capped Starthroat (1) Golden-cheeked Woodpecker (2) Masked Tityra (2) Green Jay (1) San Blas Jay (5) Blue Bunting (2) Varied Bunting (1) Yellow-winged Cacique (20) Scrub Euphonia (2).

OTATES Y CANTARRANAS - NAY 16:05:00 - 16:28:00

Black Vulture (5) Turkey Vulture (2) Common Black Hawk (1) Short-tailed Hawk (1) Red-tailed Hawk (1) Inca Dove (1) Ruddy Ground-Dove (1) White-winged Dove (1) Groove-billed Ani (1) Ladder-backed Woodpecker (1) American Kestrel (1) Vermilion Flycatcher (4) Social Flycatcher (2) Tropical Kingbird (3) Thick-billed Kingbird (2) Happy Wren (1) Northern Mockingbird (1) Lark Sparrow (5) Blue Grosbeak (7) Orchard Oriole (2).

February 19, 2018

HUMEDAL DE LAS GARZAS - SAN BLAS 06:21:00 - 07:51:00

Blue-winged Teal (30) Northern Shoveler (3) Wood Stork (1) Anhinga (3) Great Blue Heron (5) Great Egret (30) Snowy Egret (100) Tricolored Heron (9) Reddish Egret (1) Green Heron (2) Black-crowned Night-Heron (2) White Ibis (50) White-faced Ibis (20) Roseate Spoonbill (5) Common Black Hawk (2) Sora (2) Purple Gallinule (1) American Coot (3) Black-necked Stilt (200) American Avocet (150) Semipalmated Plover (17) Whimbrel (2) Stilt Sandpiper (100) Western Sandpiper (200) Short-billed Dowitcher (20) Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher (50) Spotted Sandpiper (3) Greater Yellowlegs (2) Willet (3) Lesser Yellowlegs (1) Caspian Tern (1) White-winged Dove (1) Belted Kingfisher (3) Green Kingfisher (2) Great Kiskadee (1) Social Flycatcher (2) Tropical Kingbird (1) Sinaloa Crow (130) Mangrove Swallow (1) Barn Swallow (10) Northern Waterthrush (1) Louisiana/Northern Waterthrush (2) American Redstart (1) Yellow Warbler (2) Wilson's Warbler (1) White-collared Seedeater (2) Yellow-winged Cacique (1) Great-tailed Grackle (500).

CHACALILLA - SAN BLAS 09:26:00 - 12:34:00

Wood Stork (50) Neotropic Cormorant (1) Anhinga (1) American White Pelican (50) Great Blue Heron (1) Tricolored Heron (1) Green Heron (1) Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (1) White-faced Ibis (1) Black Vulture (15) Turkey Vulture (20) Osprey (1) Common Black Hawk (1) Buteogallus Hawk sp. (1) American Coot (200) Black-necked Stilt (1) Northern Jacana (5) Spotted Sandpiper (1) Inca Dove (5) Common Ground-Dove (1) Ruddy Ground-Dove (1) White-tipped Dove (1) White-winged Dove (4) Squirrel Cuckoo (1) Green Kingfisher (1) Golden-cheeked Woodpecker (1) Gila Woodpecker (1) Ladder-backed Woodpecker (2) Crested Caracara (1) Peregrine Falcon (1) Willow Flycatcher (1) Pacific-slope Flycatcher (1) Empidonax sp. (1) Vermilion Flycatcher (2) Great Kiskadee (4) Social Flycatcher (1) Tropical Kingbird (3) Masked Tityra (1) Bell's Vireo (2) Mangrove Swallow (2) Barn Swallow (10) Happy Wren (1) Sinaloa Wren (2) Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (3) Orange-crowned Warbler (1) American Redstart (1) Yellow Warbler (2) Blue-black Grassquit (3) Grayish Saltator (1) Lincoln's Sparrow (2) Yellow-winged Cacique (2) Orchard Oriole (2) Streak-backed Oriole (3) Scrub Euphonia (2).

SHRIMP PONDS 13:35:00 - 13:50:00

Northern Shoveler (1) Green Heron (1) Black Vulture (10) Turkey Vulture (10) Crane Hawk (1) Long-billed Curlew (1) Greater Yellowlegs (2) Lesser Yellowlegs (8) Inca Dove (1) Mangrove Swallow (10).

PLAYA BORREGO 13:58:00 - 14:28:00

Magnificent Frigatebird (10) Blue-footed Booby (1) Brown Pelican (25) Whimbrel (1) Willet (2) Laughing Gull (5) Ring-billed Gull (7) Herring Gull (1).

RIVER TOVARA 16:01:00 - 20:21:00

Wood Stork (5) Magnificent Frigatebird (10) Neotropic Cormorant (3) Anhinga (5) Bare-throated Tiger-Heron (1) Great Blue Heron (3) Great Egret (3) Snowy Egret (4) Little Blue Heron (10) Tricolored Heron (6) Green Heron (7) Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (2) Boat-billed Heron (2) White Ibis (8) Roseate Spoonbill (4) Snail Kite (1) Zone-tailed Hawk (1) Ridgway's Rail (1) Rufous-necked Wood-Rail (3) Sora (2) Spotted Rail (1) Semipalmated Plover (5) Western Sandpiper (2) Spotted Sandpiper (6) Greater Yellowlegs (1) Willet (2) Lesser Yellowlegs (3) Caspian Tern (3) White-winged Dove (3) Barn Owl (1) Lesser Nighthawk (3) Common Pauraque (4) Northern Potoo (4) Belted Kingfisher (6) Green Kingfisher (4) Lineated Woodpecker (1) Orange-fronted Parakeet (6) Great Kiskadee (6) Social Flycatcher (4) Tropical Kingbird (40) Sinaloa Crow (50) Mangrove Swallow (20) Louisiana Waterthrush (1) Northern Waterthrush (2) Louisiana/Northern Waterthrush (5) American Redstart (1) Yellow-winged Caticue (3) Great-tailed Grackle (50).

February 20, 2018

CERRO SAN JUAN--CAMINO A LA NORIA 07:32:00 - 16:33:00

Short-tailed Hawk (1) Zone-tailed Hawk (1) Red-tailed Hawk (1) Red-billed Pigeon (1) Inca Dove (2) White-winged Dove (7) Vaux's Swift (10) Rufous Hummingbird (3) Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird (3) Mexican Woodnymph (2) Berylline Hummingbird (3) White-eared Hummingbird (7) Elegant Trogon (2) Acorn Woodpecker (2) Arizona Woodpecker (2) Gray-crowned Woodpecker (3) Ivory-billed Woodcreeper (1) White-striped Woodcreeper (1) Greenish Elaenia (1) Tufted Flycatcher (3) Greater Pewee (3) Hammond's Flycatcher (1) Pacific-slope Flycatcher (1) Vermilion Flycatcher (1) Bright-rumped Attila (1) Dusky-capped Flycatcher (2) Tropical Kingbird (1) Thick-billed Kingbird (2) Masked Tityra (1) Golden Vireo (1) Cassin's Vireo (1) Green Jay (2) Common Raven (2) Northern Rough-winged Swallow (1) House Wren (1) Spotted Wren (5) Happy Wren (1) Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (5) Eastern Bluebird (4) Brown-backed Solitaire (4) White-throated Thrush (1) Blue Mockingbird (1) Gray Silky-flycatcher (2) Black-and-white Warbler (1) Crescent-chested Warbler (1) Orange-crowned Warbler (3) Nashville Warbler (1) MacGillivray's Warbler (2) Yellow-rumped Warbler (4) Grace's Warbler (5) Townsend's Warbler (3) Hermit Warbler (1) Fan-tailed Warbler (2) Rufous-capped Warbler (3) Wilson's Warbler (3) Painted Redstart (3) Grayish Saltator (1) Chipping Sparrow (10) Lincoln's Sparrow (1) Rustycrowned Ground-Sparrow (1) Hepatic Tanager () Flame-colored Tanager (4) Red-headed Tanager (2) Bullock's Oriole (2) Bronzed Cowbird (50) Black-headed Siskin (10).

February 21, 2018

SINGAYTA 07:18:00 - 09:15:00

Rufous-bellied Chachalaca (5) Elegant Quail (8) Bare-throated Tiger-Heron (2) Green Heron (2) White Ibis (10) White-faced Ibis (15) Common Black Hawk (1) Red-billed Pigeon (2) Inca Dove (2) Ruddy Ground-Dove (4) White-tipped Dove (6) White-winged Dove (10) Groove-billed Ani (3) Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (3) Cinnamon Hummingbird (1) Elegant Trogon (1) Green Kingfisher (2) Golden-cheeked Woodpecker (3) Lineated Woodpecker (3) Pale-billed Woodpecker (1) Collared Forest-Falcon (1) Crested Caracara (1) Laughing Falcon (2) White-fronted Parrot (5) Mexican Parrotlet (16) Willow Flycatcher (1) Pacific-slope Flycatcher (1) Bright-rumped Attila (1) Dusky-capped Flycatcher (2) Great Kiskadee (2) Social Flycatcher (2) Tropical Kingbird (3) Thick-billed Kingbird (3) Masked Tityra (4) Rose-throated Becard (2) Cassin's Vireo (1) Warbling Vireo (1) Sinaloa Crow (10) Happy Wren (1) Catharus sp. (1) Rufous-backed Robin (5) Northern Waterthrush (1) Lucy's Warbler (3) American Redstart (4) Yellow Warbler (2) Black-throated Gray Warbler (2) Grayish Saltator (2) Yellow-breasted Chat (2) Summer Tanager (2) Yellow-winged Caticue (10) Streak-backed Oriole (2) Great-tailed Grackle (30).

PLAYA BORREGO 10:38:00 - 13:40:00

Magnificent Frigatebird (100) Blue-footed Booby (40) Neotropic Cormorant (1) American White Pelican (1) Brown Pelican (40) Great Blue Heron (1) Snowy Egret (1) Tricolored Heron (1) Reddish Egret (1) Black Vulture (10) Turkey Vulture (2) Gray Hawk (1) Black-bellied Plover (1) Wilson's Plover (220) Whimbrel (1) Ruddy Turnstone (1) Sanderling (4) Willet (4) Heermann's Gull (3) Caspian Tern (1) Royal Tern (1) Vaux's Swift (10) Great Kiskadee (1) Tropical Kingbird (1) Northern Rough-winged Swallow (20).

SEWER POND TRAIL 14:18:00 - 15:23:00

Blue-winged Teal (4) Wood Stork (1) American White Pelican (1) Bare-throated Tiger-Heron (1) White-faced Ibis (2) Black Vulture (5) Turkey Vulture (2) Short-tailed Hawk (1) Zone-tailed Hawk (1) Purple Gallinule (4) Common Gallinule (4) Northern Jacana (8) Spotted Sandpiper (2) Ruddy Ground-Dove (10) White-winged Dove (1) Groove-billed Ani (1) Gila Woodpecker (3) Orange-fronted Parakeet (15) Vermilion Flycatcher (3) Great Kiskadee (1) Social Flycatcher (2) Northern Rough-winged Swallow (100) Barn Swallow (10) House Wren (1) Orange-crowned Warbler (1) MacGillivray's Warbler (1) Common Yellowthroat (1) White-collared Seedeater (1) Lincoln's Sparrow (1) Painted Bunting (1) Yellow-winged Caticue (2).

HUMEDAL DE LAS GARZAS - SAN BLAS 15:46:00 - 16:05:00

Blue-winged Teal (35) Northern Shoveler (13) Wood Stork (23) Neotropic Cormorant (10) Anhinga (3) American White Pelican (2) Great Blue Heron (2) Great Egret (4) Snowy Egret (4) Tricolored Heron (1) Reddish Egret (1) Osprey (1) Sora (1) American Coot (2) Black-necked Stilt (420) American Avocet (152) Whimbrel (3) Long-billed Curlew (1) Stilt Sandpiper (100) Western Sandpiper (150) Short-billed Dowitcher (501) Lesser Yellowlegs (1) Ring-billed Gull (2) Caspian Tern (2) Mangrove Swallow (1) Louisiana/Northern Waterthrush (1).

CAMPOS DE CHACALILLA - SAN BLAS 16:14:00 - 19:34:00

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (18) Blue-winged Teal (1) Blue-winged/Cinnamon Teal (1) Green-winged Teal (3) Rufous-bellied Chachalaca (9) Elegant Quail (1) White-faced Ibis (2) White-tailed Kite (1) Swainson's Hawk (3) Black-necked Stilt (8) Solitary Sandpiper (1) Greater Yellowlegs (1) Ruddy Ground-Dove (10) Mourning Dove (20) Lesser Nighthawk (10) Common Pauraque (3) American Kestrel (1) Northern Rough-winged Swallow (100) Barn Swallow (50) White-collared Seedeater (5) Lincoln's Sparrow (2) Blue Grosbeak (4) Eastern Meadowlark (2).

February 22, 2018

CARRETERA 74 A SAN BLAS 07:36:00 - 07:39:00

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (800) Neotropic Cormorant (1) Green Heron (2) Black-necked Stilt (5) Spotted Sandpiper (2) Sinaloa Crow (10) Great-tailed Grackle (30).

MAZATLÁN SEAWATCH 11:53:00 - 12:22:00

Eared Grebe (3) Red-billed Tropicbird (1) Magnificent Frigatebird (50) Blue-footed Booby (10) Brown Booby (40) Black Vulture (20) Turkey Vulture (10) Heermann's Gull (15) Peregrine Falcon (1).

LA NORIA ROAD - SIN 13:26:00 - 14:21:00

Black Vulture (4) Turkey Vulture (1) Red-tailed Hawk (1) Common Ground-Dove (10) Ruddy Ground-Dove (2) White-tipped Dove (1) Crested Caracara (1) Pacific-slope Flycatcher (2) Dusky-capped Flycatcher (1) Ash-throated Flycatcher (1) Thick-billed Kingbird (2) Purplish-backed Jay (5) House Wren (1) Happy Wren (1) Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (2) Ovenbird (1) MacGillivray's Warbler (1) Green-tailed Towhee (1) Streakbacked Oriole (1) Bullock's Oriole (1).

CARRETERA 40 (DURANGO HIGHWAY) - SIN 15:18:00 - 15:39:00

Red-tailed Hawk (2) Lucifer Hummingbird (1) Broad-billed Hummingbird (1) Cinnamon Hummingbird (1) Crested Caracara (1) Common Raven (1) Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (5) Orange-crowned Warbler (2) Lucy's Warbler (1) Nashville Warbler (1) Yellow-rumped Warbler (1) Blackthroated Gray Warbler (1) Streak-backed Oriole (1).

COPALA - SIN 17:01:00 - 17:30:00

Black Vulture (2) Bat Falcon (2).

February 23, 2018

RESERVA DE LA CHARA PINTA (TUFTED JAY PRESERVE) 06:24:00 - 14:11:00

Black Vulture (3) Golden Eagle (1) Red-tailed Hawk (1) Band-tailed Pigeon (2) Blue-throated Hummingbird (4) White-eared Hummingbird (6) Mountain Trogon (8) Tufted Flycatcher (5) Greater Pewee (3) Hammond's Flycatcher (1) Cordilleran Flycatcher (1) Hutton's Vireo (2) Cassin's Vireo (1) Common Raven (2) Mexican Chickadee (4) Brown Creeper (2) Ruby-crowned Kinglet (3) Brown-backed Solitaire (1) Russet Nightingale-Thrush (3) White-throated Thrush (2) Blue Mockingbird (2) Olive Warbler (2) Crescent-chested Warbler (3) Orange-crowned Warbler (3) MacGillivray's Warbler (2) Yellow-rumped Warbler (15) Grace's Warbler (3) Townsend's Warbler (1) Wilson's Warbler (1) Redfaced Warbler (1) Red Warbler (3) Slate-throated Redstart (8) Chipping Sparrow (20) Green-striped Brushfinch (2) Yellow-eyed Junco (5) Spotted Towhee (4) Rufous-capped Brushfinch (3) Hepatic Tanager (4) Red-headed Tanager (2) Bullock's Oriole (2) Scott's Oriole (2) Blackheaded Siskin (3).

CARRETERA 40 (DURANGO HIGHWAY) - SIN 14:11:00 - 14:16:00

Black Vulture (1) Brown-backed Solitaire (1).

EL PALMITO - SIN 14:42:00 - 15:01:00

Cooper's Hawk (1) Say's Phoebe (1) Yellow-rumped Warbler (1) Wilson's Warbler (1) Chipping Sparrow (1) House Sparrow (10).

RESERVA DE LA CHARA PINTA (TUFTED JAY PRESERVE) 15:18:00 - 15:50:00

Turkey Vulture (1) Arizona Woodpecker (1) Warbling Vireo (1) Tufted Jay (20) Ruby-crowned Kinglet (1) Olive Warbler (1) Townsend's Warbler (1) Red-faced Warbler (1) Slate-throated Redstart (2).

RESERVA DE LA CHARA PINTA (TUFTED JAY PRESERVE) 16:58:00 - 18:04:00 (jbj)

Blue-throated Hummingbird (1) White-eared Hummingbird (1) Arizona Woodpecker (2) White-striped Woodcreeper (3) Tufted Flycatcher (3) Greater Pewee (1) Tufted Jay (7) Common Raven (2) Russet Nightingale-Thrush (1) White-throated Thrush (1) Blue Mockingbird (3) Townsend's Warbler (1) Red-faced Warbler (1) Slate-throated Redstart (1) Yellow-eyed Junco (2) Spotted Towhee (1) Red-headed Tanager (2).

RESERVA DE LA CHARA PINTA (TUFTED JAY PRESERVE) 19:27:00 - 19:42:00

Stygian Owl (1).

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RESERVA DE LA CHARA PINTA (TUFTED JAY PRESERVE) 05:20:00 - 05:21:00 (jbj)

Whiskered Screech-Owl (1).

PARQUE ECOLÓGICO METROPOLITANO - TEPIC 11:41:00 - 12:41:00

Wood Stork (1) Neotropic Cormorant (1) Little Blue Heron (1) Green Heron (1) Limpkin (1) Eurasian Collared-Dove (1) Inca Dove (3) Whitewinged Dove (1) Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (2) Black Phoebe (1) Vermilion Flycatcher (2) Great Kiskadee (10) Social Flycatcher (3) Tropical Kingbird (7) Thick-billed Kingbird (1) Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (1) Black-and-white Warbler (1) Yellow Warbler (2) Yellow-rumped Warbler (10) Wilson's Warbler (1) White-collared Seedeater (1) Grayish Saltator (2) Summer Tanager (1) Great-tailed Grackle (11) House Finch (5) Lesser Goldfinch (15).

ÚRSULO GALVÁN, NAY 17:49:00 - 19:15:00

Blue-winged Teal (7) Cinnamon Teal (7) Ruddy Duck (1) Rufous-bellied Chachalaca (2) Least Grebe (20) Pied-billed Grebe (1) Great Egret (1) Snowy Egret (1) Cattle Egret (40) Green Heron (2) White-faced Ibis (2) Turkey Vulture (1) Gray Hawk (1) Purple Gallinule (2) American Coot (50) Killdeer (2) Northern Jacana (6) Wilson's Snipe (2) Spotted Sandpiper (7) Solitary Sandpiper (1) White-winged Dove (1) Chestnut-collared Swift (100) Collared Forest-Falcon (2) Crested Caracara (1) Willow Flycatcher (1) Vermilion Flycatcher (2) Bright-rumped Attila (2) Great Kiskadee (2) Social Flycatcher (1) Tropical Kingbird (1) Thick-billed Kingbird (7).

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BOCA DE TOMATES 07:24:00 - 09:07:00

Surf Scoter (1) Magnificent Frigatebird (1) Neotropic Cormorant (6) Brown Pelican (10) Great Egret (10) Snowy Egret (40) Little Blue Heron (1) Tricolored Heron (10) Reddish Egret (2) White Ibis (15) Black Vulture (50) Black-necked Stilt (30) Collared Plover (1) Snowy Plover (5) Semipalmated Plover (30) Whimbrel (4) Sanderling (70) Least Sandpiper (1) Western Sandpiper (150) Short-billed Dowitcher (2) Shortbilled/ Long-billed Dowitcher (40) Willet (10) Laughing Gull (100) Heermann's Gull (150) Ring-billed Gull (1) California Gull (3) Herring Gull (1) Caspian Tern (1) Common Tern (1) Forster's Tern (3) Royal Tern (110) Elegant Tern (10) Black Skimmer (150) Belted Kingfisher (2) Green Kingfisher (1) Great Kiskadee (5) Tropical Kingbird (1) Yellow-winged Cacique (5) Bronzed Cowbird (5).

OTHER WILDLIFE

MAMMALS (names from wikipedia list of Mexican mammals)

Coyote (Canis latrans)

Collie's Squirrel (*Sciurus colliaei*)
Virginia Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*)
Mexican Cottontail (*Sylvilagus cunicularius*) (likely this species)
Dolphin sp.
Mouse sp.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (names from the reptile database: <http://reptile-database.reptarium.cz/>)

Southwestern Cat-eye Snake (*Leptodeira maculata*)
Green Iguana (*Iguana iguana*)
Western Spiny-tailed Iguana (*Ctenosaura pectinata*)
Buller's Spiny Lizard (*Sceloporus bulleri*)
Black-nosed Lizard (*Sceloporus melanorhinus*)
Many-lined Whiptail (*Aspidoscelis lineattissima*)
Lane's Leaf-toed Gecko (*Phyllodactylus lanei*)
American Crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*)
Ornate Slider (*Trachemys ornata*) (turtle)

BUTTERFLIES (names from www.butterfliesofamerica.com)

Magnificent Swallowtail (*Papilio garamas*)
Malachite (*Siproeta stelenes*)
White-striped Longtail (*Chioides albofasciatus*)
Teleus Longtail (*Urbanus teleus*)
Banded Peacock (*Anartia fatima*)
Crimson-patched Longwing (*Heliconius erato*) [Red Postman]
Zebra Longwing (*Heliconius charithonia*)
Celerio Sister (*Adelpha serpa*) [Celadon Sister]
Painted Lady (*Vanessa cardui*)
Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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<https://jesperbayjacobsen.com/header.php?file=birdpictures>

Rancho Primavera:

<http://www.ranchoprimaveramexico.com/>

Hotel Garza Canela:

<http://www.garzacanela.com/en/>

The Botanical Garden in Puerto Vallarta:

<http://www.vbgardens.org/>

(entrance now 200 pesos per person)

La Tovara boat trip. 200 pesos per person. For arrangement ask in Hotel Garza Canela.

The cabins at the Tufted Jay Reserve. Only contact option is mobile phone: +52 694 116 1989 (check online for how to call a Mexican mobile phone from abroad). Only Spanish spoken.