### Mexico 2011

<u>Pre-pre-tour extension</u> (with Rene Valdez)

Friday 24 June Mexico City – Mazatlan – Chicayota – El Verde

Saturday 25 June Mazatlan – Durango Highway – Barrancha Branco Libre Sunday 26 June Barrancha – Mazatlan and overnight bus to Hermosillo

Monday 27 June Hermosillo – Bahia de Kino and boat trip to Tiburon, Turner

and St Estephan Islands – Hermosillo

Tuesday 28 June Hermosillo – Ciudad Juarez – Chihuahua (air)

<u>Pre-tour extension</u> (with Steve Kornfeld and Judy Meredith of Bend (Oregon) Bird Club (BBC), Saul and Bobby)

Wednesday 29 June Chihuahua – Madera and Edijo el Largo y Anexas Thursday 30 June Edijo el Largo y Anexas - Chihuahua – Monterrey (air)

Main Tour (with Michael Carmody, David Salas (both Legacy Tours), Steve and Judy, Joe Meredith, Pete and Diane Lowe and Candace Cobb (BBC))

Friday 1 July Monterrey – Los Lenios – Tanque de Emergencia Saturday 2 July Los Lenios – Sao Francisco – Linares – Ojo de Agua

Sunday 3 July Linares – Gomez Fairas – El Ciedo road Monday 4 July El Ciedo road – Altamira – Plaza de Miramar

Tuesday 5 July Altamira – Champeyon – El Naranjo – Ciudad de Maiz road

Wednesday 6 July
Thursday 7 July
Friday 8 July
El Naranjo – El Meco – Taninul
Taninul – Tlanchinol – Pachuca
Pachuca – Xalapa – Coatapec

Saturday 9 July Coatapec – Mata de Canaza – Alverado wetlands – San Andres

de Tuxtla

Sunday 10 July San Andres – Volcan San Martin (Sierra los Tuxtlas)

Monday 11 July San Andres – Volcan san Martin – Tuxtapec – La Reforma

road

Tuesday 12 July Tuxtapec – Vallee Nacional Road – Oaxaca

Wednesday 13 July Oaxaca – Yagul – Teotitlan de Vallee – Benito Huarez

Thursday 14 July Oaxaca – los Guacamayos – Monte Alban – Yagul – Teotitlan

Friday 15 July Oaxaca – La Cumbre – San Jose del Pacifico

Saturday 16 July San Jose – Sierra Madres del Sul at Hidalago and La Solenedos

Huatalco

#### Post- tour extension (minus Steve and Joe)

Sunday 17 July Huatalco – road to Isthmus – San Jose del Pacifico Monday 18 July San Jose – Isthmus de Tehuantepec – Arriaga

Tuesday 19 July Arriaga – Boica del Cielo – Paradan road – Puerto Arista – la

Sepultura

Wednesday 20 July Arriaga – El Ocote – Tuxtla Guitterez – El Sumidero

Thursday 21 July Tuxtla – el Sumidero – Cerro Huiztep – San Cristobal de las

Casas

Friday 22 July Chiapas Highlands around San Cristobal de las Casas and tour

ends

Saturday 23 July San Cristobal – Tuxtla – Mexico City

### **Birds**

E = Endemic to Mexico

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1. **Thicket Tinamou** (Crypturellus cinnamomeus)

A pair crossing the road at Gomez Fairas on 4/7. spp *cinnamomeus* or *Rufescent Tinamou*. Heard here and elsewhere

- 2. Slaty- breasted Tinamou (Crypturellus boucardi) Heard only
- 3. Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (Dendrocygna autumnalis)
- 4. Fulvous Whistling-Duck (Dendrocygna bicolour)
- 5. Muscovy Duck (Carina moschata)
- 6. (Mexican) Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos)
- 7. Lesser Scaup (Aythya affinis)

A drake near Mazatlan Airport on 26/6 was a surprise at this season

- 8. Ruddy Duck (Oxyura jamaicaensis)
- 9. Plain Chachalaca (Ortalis vetula)
- 10 Rufous-bellied Chachalaca (Ortalis wagleri) **E**A pair by the El Pacata road, Durango Highway 25/6
- 11. West Mexican Chachalaca (Ortalis poliocephala) E Common around Mazatlan and the lower reaches of the Durango Highway Heard around Oaxaca and Huatalco
- 12. White-bellied Chachalaca (Ortalis leucogastra) **e** Several around Arriaga 19/7
- 13. Crested Guan (Penelope pururascens)
  Habituated birds at the Oaxaca Zoo 15/7
- 14. Great Currasow (Crax rubra) As for 13
- 15. **Bearded Wood-Partridge** (Dendrocortyx barbatus) **E**

The coup of the trip was to lure in a territorial bird for a series of memorable looks in the hills above Coatapac on 9/7. Critically endangered due to habitat loss and trapping this elusive species is rarely seen and was a memorable wipe out of the (x3) genus for me

- 16. Long-tailed Wood-Partridge (Dendrocortyx macroura) **E**Heard in several places and seen by a few near Los Guacamayas on 14/7
- 17. Scaled Quail (Callipepla squamata)
- 18. Elegant Quail (Callipepla douglasii) **E**Several seen around El Verde and Mazatlan 24/6
- Northern Bobwhite (Colinus virginiatus)
   Good views of 2 calling males of the striking red spp *coyolcos* (*Blackheaded Bobwhite*) near Arriaga 19/7
- 20. Singing Quail (Dactyrlortyx thoracicus) **e** Heard only, very close at El Sumidero 21/7

- 21. Montezuma Quail (Cyrtonyx montezumae)
  A single bird flushed twice at Edijo el Largo 29/6
- 22. Least Grebe (Tachybaptus dominicus)
- 23. Pied-billed Grebe (Polilymbus podiceps)
- 24. <u>Galapagos Shearwater</u> (Puffinus subalaris)
  A few off Huatlaco 16/7. Now split from nominate Audubon's of the Atlantic
- 25. Black Storm-Petrel (Oceanodroma melania) Several off Bahia de Kino 27/6 and Huatalco 16/7
- 26. Least Storm-Petrel (Oceanodroma microsoma) As for 25
- 27. Masked Booby (Sula dactylatra)
  An immature bird off Huatlaco 17/7
- 28. Blue-footed Booby (Sula nebouxii)
  Common off Bahia de Kino 27/6 and Huatalco 16 and 17/7
- 29. Brown Booby (Sula leucogaster) As for 28
- 30. Brown Pelican (Pelcanus occidentalis)
- 31. Brandt's Cormorant (Phalacrocorax penicillinatus) Common off Bahia de Kino 27/6
- 32. Neotropic Cormorant (Phalacrocorax brasilianus)
- 33. Double-crested Cormorant (Phalacrocorax auritus)
- 34. Anhinga (Anhinga anhinga)
- 35. Magnificent Frigatebird (Fregata magnificens)
- 36. Pinnated Bittern (Botaurus pinnatus)
  A couple out in the open near Alverada 9/7
- 37. Least Bittern (Ixobrychus exilis)
- 38. Bare-throated Tiger-Heron (Tigrisoma mexicanum) An adult near Arriaga 19/7
- 39. Great Blue Heron (Aredea herodias)
- 40. Great Egret (Ardea alba)
- 41. Snowy Egret (Egretta thula)
- 42. Little Blue Heron (Egretta caerulea)
- 43. Tricolored Heron (Egretta tricolor)
- 44. Reddish Egret (Egretta rufescens)
- 45. Cattle Egret (Bubulcus ibis)
- 46. Green Heron (Butorides virescens)
- 47. Black-crowned Night-Heron (Nycticorax nyicticorax)
- 48. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (Nycticorax violacea)
- 49. Boat-billed Heron (Cochlearius cochlearius)

  Daylight colonies at Taninul 6/7 and, memorably with a pair with hoods fluffed out, near Arriaga 19/7
- 50. White Ibis (Eudocimus albus)
- 51. Roseate Spoonbill (Platalea ajaja)
- 52. Wood Stork (Mycteria Americana)
- 53. Black Vulture (Coragyps atratus)
- 54. Turkey Vulture (Cathartes aura)
- 55. Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (Cathartes burrovianus)
- 56. (*American*) Osprey (Pandion (*carolinesis*) haliaetus)
- 57. White-tailed Kite (Elanus leucurus)

- 58. Black-collared Hawk (Busarellus nigricollis)
  One near Tuxtapec was a rare find in Mexico
- 59. Sharp-shinned Hawk (Accipiter striatus)
- 60. White-breasted (Sharp-shinned) Hawk (Accipiter (striatus) choniogaster) e
  One chasing Unicolored Jays near San Cristobal 22/7. An on/off species very
  distinct from Sharp-shinned
- 61. Cooper's Hawk (Accipiter cooperi)
- 62. Northern Goshawk (Accipiter gentiles) Singles at Barranco Brancho Libre 25/6 and Edijo el Largo 30/6
- 63. Crane Hawk (Geranospiza caerulescens)
  Singles at Huatalco 17/7 and El Ocote 20/7. The dark form *nigra*
- 64. White Hawk (Leucoptternis albicollis)
  The very white northern spp *ghiesbreghti*
- 65. Common Black-Hawk (Buteogallus anthracinus)
- 66. *Mangrove Black-Hawk* (Buteogallus (anthracinus) *subtilis*) Another on/off species, seen near Arriaga 19/7
- 67. Great Black-Hawk (Buteogallus urubitinga)
  A couple in a soaring kettle of Vultures and Storks near Arriaga 19/7
- 68. Roadside Hawk (Buteo magnirostris)
- 69. Gray Hawk (Buteo nitidus)
- 70. Short-tailed Hawk (Buteo brachyurus)
- 71. Swainson's Hawk (Buteo swainsoni)
- 72. White-tailed Hawk (Buteo albicaudatus)
- 73. Red-tailed Hawk (Buteo jamaicensis)
  At least three spp (borealis, calurus and fuertesi) identified
- 74. Ornate Hawk-Eagle (Spizaetus ornatus)
  Singles along the El Ciedo road 3 and 4/7 were presumably nesting
- 75. Northern Crested Caracara (Caracara cheriway)
- 76. Laughing Falcon (Herpetotheres cachinnans)
- 77. American Kestrel (Falco spaverius)
- 78. Aplomado Falcon (Falco femoralis)
- 79. Bat Falcon (Falco rufigularis)
- 80. Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus *anatum*)
- 81. Ruddy Crake (Laterallus ruber)
  One induced into view at Champeyon 5/7. Heard elsewhere
- 82. Purple Gallinule (Porphyrio martinica)
- 83. American Moorhen (Gallinula (*chloropus*) cachinnans)
  New World birds are proposed as a separate species by some
- 84. American Coot (Fulica americana)
- 85. Limpkin (Aramus guarauna)
- 86. <u>Double-striped Thicknee</u> (Burhinus bistriatus)
  Birds near Linares 3/7, Alverada 9/7 and the Isthmus de Tetuantepec 28/7
- 87. Black-bellied Plover (Pluvialis squatarola)
- 88. Collared Plover (Charadrius collaris)
- 89. Wilson's Plover (Charadrius wilsonia)
- 90. American Oystecatcher (Haemantopus palliatus)
- 91. Black-necked Stilt (Himatopus mexicanus)
- 92. Northern Jacana (Jacana spinosa)
- 93. Greater Yellowlegs (Tringa melanoleuca)
- 94. (Western) Willet (Tringa (inornata) semipalmata)

- 95. (*Hudsonian*) Whimbrel (Numenius (*hudsonicus*) phaeopus)
- 96. Marbled Godwit (Limosa fedoa)
- 97. Sanderling (Calidris alba)
- 98. Western Sandpiper (Calidris mauri)
- 99. Laughing Gull (Leucophaeus atricilla)
- 100. Heermann's Gull (Larus heermanni)
- 101. Yellow-footed Gull (Larus livens) **e**Abundant at and off Bahia de Kino 27/6
- 102. (American) Herring Gull (Larus (smithsonicus) argentatus)
- 103. Least Tern (Sternula antillarum)
- 104. Gull-billed Tern (Geochelidon nilotica)
- 105. Caspian Tern (Hydroprogne caspia)
- 106. Black Tern (Chilodonias niger)
- 107. Common Tern (Sterna hirundo)
- 108. Royal Tern (Thalasseus maximus)
- 109. Black Skimmer (Rhynchops niger)
- 110. Red-billed Pigeon (Patagioenas fasciatus)
- 111. Short-billed Pigeon (Patagioenas nigrirostris)
  A responsive calling bird on the Vallee Nacional Road 12/7
- 112. Eurasian Collared Dove (Streptopelia decaocto)
  Didn't see this species in 2005- it is now all over the place
- 113. White-winged Dove (Zenaida asiatica)
- 114. Mourning Dove (Zenaida macroura)
- 115. Inca Dove (Columbina inca)
- 116. Common Ground-Dove (Columbina passerine)
- 117. Plain-breasted Ground-Dove (Columbina minuta) Only near Alverada 9/7
- 118. Ruddy Ground-Dove (Columbina talpacoti)
- 119. Blue Ground-Dove (Clavaris pretiosa) Close studies at Volcan san Martin 10 and 11/7
- 120. White-tipped Dove (Leptoptila verreauxi)
- 121. Tuxtla Quail-Dove (Geotrygon carrikeri) E
  - Common by voice at Volcan san Martin 10 and 11/7. A quick flight view then 1 ½ days tracking down calling birds until all eventually saw this reclusive species. Very close views of one on the morning of 11/7. Now solidly split from Purplish-backed and a Mexican endemic restricted to the Sierra los Tuxtlas
- 122. Green Parakeet (Aratinga holochlora) **E**Plenty around Taninul and El Naranjo 5 and 6/7
- 123. Olive-throated Parakeet (Aratinga strenusa)
- 124. Orange-fronted Parakeet (Aratinga canicularis)
- 125. Military (*Mexican*) Macaw (Ara militaris *mexicanus*) Several from the Durango Highway 25 and 26/7
- 126. **Thick-billed Parrot** (Rhynchopsitta pachyrhyncha) **E** 
  - At least 10 around their nesting area in the pines at Edijo el Largo 29/6 with 2 watched in the scope devouring pine cones. Other heard today and on 30/6. An endangered Mexican endemic almost never encountered nowadays in southern USA

## 127. Maroon-fronted Parrot (Rhynchopsitta terrisi) E

The cliff nesting cousin of 126 and almost as endangered. The climb up to the base of their nesting cliff at Los Lenios on 2/7 was worth it for looks at flying birds and a couple of scoped, perched ones

- 128. Orange-chinned Parakeet (Brotogeris jugularis)
- 129. White-crowned Parrot (Pionus senilis)
- 130. White-fronted Parrot (Amazona albifrons)
- 131. **Red-crowned Parrot** (Amazona viridigenalis) **E**

2 in flight along the El Meco road 6/7. Although I had seen this species at Brownsville, Texas many years ago the birds there are of escaped origin and it was nice to sanitise this Mexican endemic

132. Lilac-crowned Parrot (Amazona finschii) **E** 

Along the La Pataca road on the Durango Highway on 25/6 and at Huatalco on 17/7

- 133. Red-lored Parrot (Amazona autumnalis)
  The most numerous species along the El Meco road 6/7
- 134. Mealy Parrot (Amazona farinosa)
- 135. Yellow-headed Parrot (Amazona oratrix) e

A couple of the very yellow headed form *oratrix* with the Red-loreds along the El Meco road 6/7. Endangered from habitat loss and the cage bird trade. I had previously only seen this bird in Belize

- 136. Squirrel Cuckoo (Piaya cayana)
- 137. Yellow-billed Cuckoo (Coccyzus americanus)
- 138. Lesser Roadrunner (Geococcyx velox) **e** A very obliging bird at Chicatoya 24/6
- 139. Greater Roadrunner (Gecoccyx californianus)
- 140. Groove-billed Ani (Crotophaga sulcirostris)
- 141. Pacific Screech-Owl (Megascops cooperi)

A nice pair of the nominate rice alongside the Paradon Road near Arriaga 19/7

- 142. Whiskered Screech-Owl (Megascops trichopsis)
  - A rather sorry looking individual spotlighted in the drizzle at La Cumbre 15/7
- 143. Mountain (*Northern*) Pygmy-Owl (Glaucidium (*gnoma*) gnoma) **e**Daylight views of a couple of responsive birds at Los Lenios 1 and 2/7. A taxonomic mess here, now lumping *gnoma* with *californicum*, *hoskinsii* and *cobanense*. Doubtless they will all be split again before too long!
- 144. *Guatemalan* (Northern) *Pygmy-Owl* (Glaucidium (gnoma) *conanense*) **e**See above. Anyway it was nice to get a daylight, russet red individual on Cerro Huiztep on our last day. A form I had not seen before and a good bet for a re-split before too long
- 145. **Tamaulipas Pygmy-Owl** (Glaucidium sanchezi) **E**

This responsive but diminutive endemic took a little tracking down by the El Ciedo road on 8/7 but, once found, granted long looks including scope views

- 145. Colima Pygmy-Owl (Glaucidium palmarum) **E** A responsive bird at Huatalco 17/7
- 146. Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (Glaucidium brasilianum)
- 147. Mottled Owl (Ciccaba virgata)
  - A responsive couple of birds on the Volcan san Martin 10/7

- 148. Fulvous Owl (Strix fulvescens) e
  - A responsive bird at La Cumbre on 15/7. An interesting one this, only recently found at this site and previously unknown north of the Isthmus of de Tehuantepec. Although it sounded like a Fulvous it also showed characteristics of Barred and may represent a new species Mexican Barred Owl!
- 149. Lesser Nighthawk (Chordeiles acutipennis)
- 150. Common Nighthawk (Chordeiles minor)
- 151. Common Pauraque (Nyctidromus albicollis)
- 152. **Tawny-collared Nightjar** (Caprimulgus salvini) **E**

Plenty of calls but only two brief flight views of this thorn forest endemic at Ojo de Agua 2 and 3/7

- 153. Northern Potoo (Nyctibius jamaicensis) One at Taninul early morning of 7/7
- 154. Black Swift (Cypseloides niger borealis)
- 155. White-collared Swift (Streptoprocne zonaris)
- 156. **White-naped Swift** (Streptoprogne semicollaris) **E**Only one flock of this monster (the largest Swift in the world), above El Palmito, Durango Highway 25/6. But it contained more than 200 birds!
- 157. Vaux's Swift (Chaetura vauxi richmondi)
- 158. White-throated Swift (Aeronautes saxatalis)
- 159. Wedge-Tailed Sabrewing (Campylopteris curvipennis)
  Relatively common at El Ciedo and El Naranjo 4 7/7. The endemic nominate spp *curvipennis* (*Curve-winged Sabrewing*)
- 160. Long-tailed Sabrewing (Campylopteris excellens) **E** 2 at Volcan san Martin 10/7
- 161. Violet Sabrewing (Campylopteris hemileucurus)
- 162. Green Violetear (Colibri thalassinus)
- 183. Green-breasted Mango (Anthracothorax prevostii)
- 184. Carnivet's Emerald (Chlorostilbon carniveti)
- 185. Dusky Hummingbird (Cyanthus sordidus) **E**Common around Oaxaca
- 186. Broad-billed Hummingbird (Cyanthus latirostris) e
- 187. Doubleday's Hummingbird (Cyanathus (latirostris) doubledayi) **E**A couple at Huatalco 17 and 18/7. Again an on/off split from Broad-billed
- 188. White-eared Hummingbird (Hylocharis leucotis) e
- 189. White-bellied Emerald (Amazilia candida) e
- 190. Azure-crowned Hummingbird (Amazilia cyanocephala) **e** A couple around Oaxaca
- 191. Berrylline Hummingbird (Amazila berryllina) **e** Both nominate and *Deville's* (*devillei*)
- 192. Buff-bellied Hummingbird (Amazilia yacatanensis chalconota) e
- 193. Cinnamon Hummingbird (Amazila rutila)
- 194. Violet-crowned Hummingbird (Amazilia violiceps)
- 195. Green-fronted Hummingbird (Amazilia viridifrons) **E**A single near Oaxaca 15/7. The spp *villadai* (*Villada's Hummingbird*)
- 196. **Blue-capped Hummingbird** (Eupherusa cyanophrys) **E**At least three males feeding along the roadside near Hidalgo 16/7 and one 17/7. Endemic to the Sierra Madres de Sur de Oaxaca

- 197. Amethyst-throated Hummingbird (Lampornis amethystinus) **e** Both nominate and *salvini* (*Gautemalan Hummingbird*)
- 198. Blue-throated Hummingbird (Lampornis clemenciae)
- 199. Garnet-throated Hummingbird (Lamprolaima rhami) e Above Coatapec and on Cerro Huiztep
- 200. Magnificent Hummingbird (Eugenes fulgens)
  2 males of the nominate (*Rivoli's Hummingbird*) at Los Guacamaynas 14/7
- 201. Black-chinned Hummingbird (Archilochus alexandri)
- 202. Broad-tailed Hummingbird (Selasphorus platycercus)
- 203. Citreoline Trogon (Trogon citreolus) **E** Around Huatalco and Arriaga
- 204. Gartered Trogon (Trogon violaceus)
- 205. Mountain Trogon (Trogon mexicanus) e
- 206. Elegant Trogon (Trogon elegans)
  The endemic spp *ambiguus* (*Coppery-tailed Trogon*)
- 207. Collared Trogon (Trogon collaris)
- 208. Eared Quetzal (Euptilotis neonexus) **E**Sadly the dip of the trip. Despite a lot of effort only a brief called response in its hotspot at the Edijo el Largo 29 and 30/6. How do I find my last Trogon now?
- 209. Tody Motmot (Hylomanes momotula)A nice responsive pair along the Vallee Nacioanl road 12/7
- 210. Blue-throated Motmot (Aspatha gularis) e A responsive bird on Cerro Huiztec 21/7
- 211. Russet-crowned Motmot (momotus mexicanus) e
- 212. Blue-diademed Motmot (Momotus momota)
  The local species now split from Blue-crowned
- 213. Ringed Kingfisher (Megaceryle torquata)
- 214. Green Kingfisher (Chloroceryle americana)
- 215. Emerald Toucanet (Aulacorhynchu prasinus) e Chiapas highlands only around San Cristobal
- 216. *Wagler's* (Emerald) *Toucanet* (Aulacorhynchus (prasinus) *wagler*i) **E**This taxonomic mess remains confusing and now there is one species again for how long? Anyway a nice pair near Hidalgo 17/7
- 217. Acorn Woodpecker (Melanerpes formicivorus)
- 218. Golden-cheeked Woodpecker (Melanerpes chrysogenys) **E** Only one, at Huatalco 17/7
- 219. Gray-breasted Woodpecker (Melanerpes hypopolius) **E** 3 around Yagul 13/7
- 220. Gila Woodpecker (Melanerpes uropygialis) Common around Mazatlan
- 221. Golden-fronted Woodpecker (Melanerpes aurifrons)
  Including one *santacruzi* (*Velasquez' Woodpecker*) near Oaxaca on 12/7
- 222. Ladder-backed Woodpecker (Picoides scalaris)
- 223. Hairy Woodpecker (Picoides villosus) spp *sanctorum* (*Todos Santos Woodpecker*) in the Chiapas Highlands
- 224. Arizona Woodpecker (Picoides arizonae) One from the Durango Highway 25/6
- 225. Golden-olive Woodpecker (Colaptes rubiginosus)

- 226. **Bronze-winged Woodpecker** (Colaptes (rubiginosus) *aeruginosus*) **E**This form, endemic to NE Mexico, is widely separated from the nearest Olive-Greens and differs in plumage and by voice. A good bet for a split before too long. 2 nice males on the El Ciedo road 4/7
- 227. Northern Flicker (Colaptes auratus)
  Both *Red-shafted* (C. a. *cafer*) and *Guatemalan* (C. a. *mexicanoides*) were seen
- 228. Lineated Woodpecker (Dryocopus lineatus)
- 229. Pale-billed Woodpecker (Campephilus guatemalensis) 2 near Huatalco 17/7
- 230. Rufous-breasted Spinetail (Synallaxis erythrogaster) **e** A pair alongside the Vallee Nacional road 12/7
- 231. Scaly-throated Foilage-Gleaner (Anabacerthia variegaticeps)
- 232. Buff-throated Foilage-Gleaner (Automolus ochrolaemus)
- 233. Ruddy Foilage-Gleaner (Automolus rubiginosus)
- 234. Plain Xenops (Xenops minutus)
- 235. Olivaceous Woodcreeper (Sittasomus griseicapillus)
- 236. Strong-billed Woodcreeoer (Xipthocolaptes promeropirhynchus)
  A pair of the near endemic form *emigrans* (*Sclater's Woodcreeper*) near Los
  Guacamayas 14/7
- 237. Ivory-billed Woodcreeper (Xiphorhynchus flavigaster)
- 238. White-striped Woodcreeper (Lepidocolaptes leucogaster) **E** Several at Barrancha Bracho Libre 25 and 26/6
- 239. Spot-crowned Woodcreeper (Lepidocolaptes affinis)
- 240. Barred Antshrike (Thamnophilus doliatus)
- 241. Northern Beardless Tyrannulet (Camptostoma imberbe)
- 242. Greenish Elaenia (Myiopagis viridicata)
- 243. Yellow-bellied Elaenia (Elaenia flavogaster)
- 244. Northern Bentbill (Oncostoma cinereigulare)
- 245. Stub-tailed Spadebill (Platyrinchus cancrominus) A responsive individual at El Ocote 20/7
- 245. Belted Flycatcher (Xenotriccus callizonus) e A nice individual at El Sumidero 20/7
- 246. Pileated Flycatcher (Xenotriccus mexicanus) **E**One at Monte Alban 14/7
- 247. Greater Pewee (Contopus pertinax) e
- 248. Western Wood Pewee (Contopus sordidulus)
- 249. White-throated Flycatcher (Empidonax albigularis) Two at San Cristobal las Casas 22/7
- 250. Pine Flycatcher (Empidonax affinis) **e** Individuals at Edijo el Largo 20/6 and Benito Huarez 13/7
- 251. Cordilleran Flycatcher (Empidonax occidentalis)
- 252. Yellowish Flycatcher (Empidonax falvescens)
- 253. Buff-breasted Flycatcher (Empidonax fulvifrons) **e** 2 at Edijo el Largo 21/6
- 254. Black Phoebe (Sayornis nigricans)
- 255. Say's Phoebe (Sayornis saya)
- 256. Vermilion Flycatcher (Pyrocephalus rubinus)

- 257. Dusky-capped Flycatcher (Myiarchus tubercuilifer)
  Both lawrencii (Lawrence's Flycatcher) and the near endemic olivascens
  (Olivaceous Flycatcher)
- 258. Nutting's Flycatcher (Myiarchus nuttingi)
- 259. Brown-crested Flycatcher (Myiarchus tyrannulus)
  The spp *cooperi* (Mexican Crested Flycatcher)
- 260. Flammulated Flycatcher (Deltarhynchus flammulatus) **E** One at El Sumidero 20/7
- 261. Great Kiskadee (Pitangus suplphuratus)
- 262. Boat-billed Flycatcher (Megarhynchus pitangua)
- 263. Social Flycatcher (Myiozetes similis)
- 264. Streaked Flycatcher (Myiodynastes maculatus)
- 265. Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher (Myiodynastes luteiventris)
- 266. Piratic Flycatcher (Legatus leucophaius)
- 267. Tropical Kingbird (Tyrranus melancholicus)
- 268. Couch's Kingbird (Tyrranus couchii)
- 269. Cassin's Kingbird (Tyrranus vociferans)
- 270. Thick-billed Kingbird (Tyrranus crassirostris) e
- 271. Fork-tailed Flycatcher (Tyrranus savana)
- 272. Grey-collared Becard (Pachyramphus major) e Singles at El Ocote 20/7 and el Sumidero 21/7
- 273. Rose-throated Becard (Pachyramphus aglaiae)
  Both nominate and the near endemic *albiventris* (*Xantu's Becard*)
- 274. Masked Tityra (Tityra semifasciata personata)
- 275. **Slaty Vireo** (Vireo brevipennis) **E**A responsive individual near Oaxaca 12/7 was a miss from 2005 rectified. A striking creature. As MC said "all Vireos should look like this"!
- 276. White-eyed Viroe (Vireo griseus)
  Both nominate and the endemic *perquisitor* (*Veracruz Vireo*)
- 277. Dwarf Vireo (Vireo nelsoni) **E**A responsive pair above Teotitlan 13/7
- 278. Plumbeous Vireo (Vireo plumbeus)
- 279. Hutton's Vireo (Vireo huttoni) spp *stephensi* (*Mexican Vireo*)
- 280. Golden Vireo (Vireo hypochryseus) **E**Another beautiful endemic Vireo. A pair near Hidalgo 16/7
- 281. Warbling Vireo (Vireo gilvus) spp swainsonii (Western Warbling Vireo)
- 282. Brown-capped Vireo (Vireo leucophrys)
- 283. Yellow-green Vireo (Vireo flavoviridis)
- 284. Lesser Greenlet (Hylophilus decurtatus)
- 285. Green Shrike-Vireo (Vireolanus pulchellus)
  A nice family party along the Vallee Nacional road 12/7
- 286. Rufous-browed Peppershrike (Cyclarhis gujanensis)
- 287. Steller's Jay (Cyanocitta stelleri)
  Both the near endemic *coronata* (*Blue-crested Jay*) and the inappropriately named *diademata* (*Long-crested Jay*)
- 288. Black-throated Magpie-Jay (Calocitta colliei) **E**Common along the lower reached of the Durango Highway 26 and 26/6

- 289. White-throated Magpie-Jay (Calocitta formosa)
- 290. Tufted Jay (Cyanocorax dickeyi) **E**Easily seen around El Palmito and the Barranca cabins 25 and 26/7. A very range restricted endemic
- 291. Green Jay (Cyanocorax yncas)
- 292. Brown Jay (Cyanocorax morio)
- 293. Purplish-backed Jay (Cyanocorax beecheii) **E**Common in the lowlands around Mazatlan 24. 25 and 26/7
- 294. Dwarf Jay (Cyanolyca nana) E Good views near Los Guacamayas 14/7
- 295. White-throated Jay (Cyanolyca mirabilis) **E**A pair near San Jose del Pacifico 18/7 was a rare highlight on our long backtrack to the Isthmus
- 296. Western Scrub-Jay (Aphelocoma californica) The endemic spp *sumichrasti* (*Sumichrast's Jay*)
- 297. Mexican Jay (Aphelocoma ultramarina) e The striking nominate spp (*Ultramarine Jay*)
- 298. Ultramarine Jay (Aphelocoma unicolor) e
- 299. **Tamaulipas Crow** (Corvus imparatus) **E**Declining but still common enough around Linares, Altamira and El Naranjo 3, 4 and 6/7
- 300. Sinalao Crow (Corvus sinaloae) **E**Unlike 299 appears to be thriving around Mazatlan
- 302. Chihuahuan Raven (Corvus crytoleucus)
  Including one showing its rarely seen white nape
- 303. Northern Raven (Corvus corax)
- 304. Horned Lark (Eremophila alpestris)
- 305. Sinaloa Martin (Progne sinaloae) E
  - A major impetus for my pre, pre tour extension was to visit the relatively recently discovered breeding cliff of this species near El Palmito on the Durango Highway. 2 pairs here on 25 and 26/6, the only known breeding site for this partially migratory endemic
- 306. Gray-breasted Martin (Progne chalybea)
- 307. Mangrove Swallow (Tachycineta albilineata)
- 308. Black-capped Swallow (Notiochelidon pileata) **e**Only distant views of this near endemic above Cerro Huiztep 22/7
- 309. Northern Rough-winged Swallow (Stelidopteryx serripennis) Both nominate and *ridgwayi* (*Ridgway's Rough-winged Swallow*)
- 310. Bank Swallow (Riparia riparia)
- 311. Cliff Swallow (Petrochelidon pyrrhonota) spp *melanogaster* (*Mexican Cliff Swallow*)
- 312. Cave Swallow (Petrochelidon fulva) spp *pelodoma* (Coahuila Cliff Swallow)
- 313. Barn Swallow (Hirundo rustica)
- 314. Mexican Chickadee (Poecile sclateri) e
- 315. Black-crested Titmouse (Baeolophus atriscristatus) e
- 316. Black-eared Bushtit (Psaltriparius minimus *melanotis*) e
- 317. White-breasted Nuthatch (Sitta carolinensis) spp *mexicana* (*Mexican Nuthatch*)
- 318. Brown Creeper (Certhia americana)

- 319. Band-backed Wren (Campylorhynchus zonatus) **E**
- 320. Gray-barred Wren (Campylorhynchus megalopterus) **E** Pacific lowlands alongside 321
- 321. Giant Wren (Campylorhynchus chiapensis) E
- 322. Rufous-naped Wren (Campylorhynchus rufinucha)
  A taxonomic bundle. Nominate *rufinucha* (with no real rufous on the nape)
  9/7, *humilis* (*Sclater's Wren*) 16/7 and *capistratus* (*Rufous-backed Wren*) 19/7.
  Watch for some splits here
- 323. Spotted Wren (Campylorhynchus gularis) **E** El Naranjo 5/7
- 324. Boucard's Wren (Campylorhynchus jocosus) **E** Yagul 13/7
- 325. Cactus Wren (Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus)
- 326. Sumichrast's Wren (Hylorchilus sumichrasti) **E** 2 birds along the rocky La Reforma track 11/7
- 327. **Nava's Wren** (Hylorchilus navai) **E**A nice responsive bird at El Ocote 20/7 was a nice catch back from 2005 and my last North American mainland Wren
- 328. Spot-breasted Wren (Thryothorus maculipectus)
- 329. Banded Wren (Thryothorus pleurostictus)
- 330. Carolina Wren (Thryothorus ludovicianus)
- 331. Happy Wren (Thryothorus felix) **E** Pacific lowlands
- 332. Plain Wren (Thryothorus modestus)
- 333. Bewick's Wren (Thryomanes bewickii) spp eremophilus (Mid-continent Bewick's Wren)
- 334. House Wren (Troglodytes aedon)
  Nominate spp (Northern House Wren), musculus (Southern House Wren) and brunneicollis (Brown-throated Wren)
- 335. Rufous-browed Wren (Troglodytes rufociliatus) **e** Chiapas Highlands
- 336. White-bellied Wren (Uropsila leucogastra) **e** A pair El Ciedo road 4/7
- 337. White-breasted Wood-Wren (Henicorhina leucosticta)
- 338. Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (Henicorhina leucophrys)
- 339. White-lored Gnatcatcher (Polioptila albiloris)
- 340. Eastern Bluebird (Sialia sialis)
- 341. Western Bluebird (Sialia mexicana)
- 342. Brown-backed Solitaire (Myadestes occidentalis) e
- 343. Slate-colored Solitaire (Myadestes unicolor) **e** Heard on several occasions but never pinned down
- 344. Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush (Catharus aurantirostris)
- 345. Russet Nightingale-Thrush (Catharus occidentalis) **E** spp *olivascens* (*Olive Nightingale-Thrush*) in the central Highlands
- 346. Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush (Catharus frantzii)
- 347. Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush (Catharus mexicanus)
- 348. Black Thrush (Turdus infuscatus) e
- 349. Clay-colored Thrush (Turdus grayi)
- 350. White-throated Thrush (Turdus assimilis) Both nominate and the endemic *assimilis*

- 351. Rufous-backed Robin (Turdua rufopalliatus) **E**Durango Highway and around Oaxaca
- 352. Rufous-collared Robin (Turdus rufitorques) e Chiapas Highlands
- 353. **Aztec Thrush** (Ridgwayia pinicola) **E**A piebald male was located first by its call at Los Guacamayas 14/7 then gave prolonged if rather misty views. An endemic much wanted by all
- 354. Northern Mockingbird (Mimus polyglottos)
- 355. Tropical Mockingbird (Mimus gilvus)
- 356. Long-billed Thrasher (Toxostoma longirostre)
- 357. Ocellated Thrasher (Toxostoma ocellatum) **E**A rather distant but clear individual perched up above Teotitlan 13/7
- 358. Curve-billed Thrasher (Toxostoma curvirostre)
- 359. Crissal Thrasher (Toxostoma crissale)
- 360. Blue Mockingbird (Melanotis caerulescens) **E**Several along the Durango Highway 25/6 and also heard and partially seen 4 and 5/7
- 362. Blue-and-white Mockingbird (Melanotis hypoleucus) e 2 Cerro Huiztep 22/7
- 363. Gray Silky-Flycatcher (Ptilogonys cinereus) e
- 364. Phainopepla (Phainopepla nitens)
- 365. Olive Warbler (Peucedramus taeniatus)
- 366. Colima Warbler (Vermivora crissalis)
  One at Los Lenios 1/7
- 367. Crescent-chested Warbler (Parula superciliosa) e
- 368. Tropical Parula (Parula pitiayumi) spp nigrilora (Tamualipas Parula)
- 369. Grace's Warbler (Dendroica graciae)
- 370. **Altamira Yellowthroat** (Geothlypis flavovelata) **E** 2 nice singing males at Chameyon 5/7. Endemic to coastal E Mexico
- 371. Hooded Yellowthroat (Geothlypis nelsoni) **E** 2 singing birds near Saltillo 1/7
- 372. Gray-crowned Yellowthroat (Geothlypis poliocephala)
- 373. Red-faced Warbler (Cardellina rubrifrons)
- 374. Red Warbler (Ergaticus ruber) **E**Grey-cheeked *melanauris* (*Black-eared Warbler*) at Barrancha Brancho Libre 5/6 and white-cheeked nominate 13 and 14/7
- 375. Pink-headed Warbler (Ergaticus versicolor) **e** 3 in the Chiapas Highlands 22/7
- 376. Painted Redstart (Myioborus inornata)
- 377. Slate-throated Redstart (Myioborus miniatus)
- 378. Fan-tailed Warbler (Euthlypis lachrymose) e
- 379. Golden-crowned Warbler (Basileuterus culcivorus)
- 380. Rufous-capped Warbler (Basileuterus rufufrons) Both nominate and salvini (*Salvin's Warbler*)
- 381. Golden-browed Warbler (Basileuterus belli) e
- 382. Yellow-breasted Chat (Icteria virens)
- 383. Red-breasted Chat (Granatellus venustus) **E** A superb responsive male El Ocote 20/7

- 384. Common Bush-Tanager (Chlorospingus opthalmicus)
  Another taxonomic time bomb both in Mexico and elsewhere. spp
  postocularis (Dusky-headed), wetmorei (Wetmore's), albifrons (White-fronted)
  and nominate (Brown-headed) all identified. A multiple split of this species to
  follow?
- 385. Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (Habia rubica)
  Both *rubicoides* and the endemic *affinis* (*West Mexican Ant-Tanager*)
- 386. Red-throated Ant-Tanager (Habia fuscicauda)
- 387. Hepatic Tanager (Piranga flava)
- 388. Flame-colored Tanager (Piranga bidentata) spp *sanguinolenta* (*Lafresnaye's Tanager*)
- 398. White-winged Tanager (Piranga leucoptera)
- 390. **Red-headed Tanager** (Piranga erythrcephala) **E**

As MC said Durango Highway is the place for this one. 7 there 25/7 and a pair feeding in a fruiting roadside tree at El Palmito 26/7. How did I miss them last time? Poor views of a pair at Hidalgo 20/7

- 391. Crimson-collared Tanager (Ramphocelus snaguinolentus)
- 392. Blue-gray Tanager (Thraupis episcopus)
- 393. Yellow-winged Tanager (Thraupis abbas) e
- 394. Red-legged Honeycreeper (Cyanerpes cyaneus)
- 395. Blue-black Grassquit (Volatinia jacarina)
- 396. White-collared Seedeater (Sporophila torqueola) Both nominate *Cinnamon-rumped* and *morelleti*
- 397. Ruddy-breasted Seedeater (Sporophila minuta *parva*)
  This form is proposed as a separate species from South American forms
- 398. Blue Seedeater (Amaurospiza concolor) A pair at El Ocote 20/7
- 399. Yellow-faced Grassquit (Tiaris olivaceus)
- 400. Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer (Diglossa baritula)
- 401. White-naped Brush-Finch (Atleptes albinucha) spp *gutturalis* (*Yellow-throated Brush-Finch*) in the Chiapas Highlands
- 492. Rufous-capped Brush-Finch (Atlaptes pileatus) **E** A nice pair at Los Lenios 1 and 2/7
- 493. Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch (Arremon brunneinucha)
  Here we go again. Nominate (*Hidalgo*), *apertus* (*Tuxtla*), *mike* and *macrourus* (*Chiapas*) all seen
- 494. Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrow (Melozone kieneri) **E** Durango Highway 25/6
- 495. Collared Towhee (Pipilo ocai) **E**Common in the higher forests above Oaxaca
- 496. Spotted Towhee (Pipilo maculatus)
- 497. White-throated Towhee (Pipilo albicollis) **E** Common in the valley of Oaxaca
- 498. Stripe-headed Sparrow (Aimophila ruficauda)
- 499. Bridled Sparrow (Aimophila mystacalis) **E** 2 at Yagul 13/7 and a single 14/7
- 500. Cinnamon-tailed Sparrow (Aimophila sumichrasti) E Isthmus of Tehuantepec
- 501. Botteri's Sparrow (Aimophila botterii)
- 502. Rufous-crowned Sparrow (Aimophila ruficeps)

- 503. Rusty Sparrow (Aimopila rufescens)
- 504. Oaxaca Sparrow (Aimophila notosticta) **E** A sneaky pair above Teotitlan 13/7
- 505. Striped Sparrow (Oriturus superciliosus) **E**Along side the Pachuca Xalapa highway 8/7
- 506. Chipping Sparrow (Spizella passerina)
- 507. Worthen's Sparrow (Spixella wortheni) E

A single perched and then several flight views after a long tramp at Tanque de Emergencia 1/7. I went looking at Prairie Dogs and thus missed a last gasp and surprising "winter" flock of a further 18 birds. A declining E Mexican endemic suffering from loss of native prairie

- 509. Black-chinned Sparrow (Spizella atrogularis)
- 508. Black-throated Sparrow (Amphispiza bilineata)
- 509. Rufous-collared Sparrow (Zonotrichia capensis)
- 510. Yellow-eyed Junco (Junco phaeonotus)
  Both nominate and *alticola* (*Guatemalan Junco*)
- 511. Grayish Saltator (Saltator coaerulescens)
  Both grandis (Middle American Saltator) and vigorsii (Grayson's Saltator)
- 512. Buff-throated Saltator (Saltator maximus)
- 513. Black-headed Saltator (Saltator atriceps)
- 514. Black-faced Grosbeak (Caryothraustes poliogaster)
- 515. **Crimson-collared Grosbeak** (Rhodothraupis celaeno) **E**This attractive endemic was common for a short time around Ojo de Agua 2 and 3/7
- 516. Western Cardinal (Cardinalis cardinalis)

  Both nominate and the endemic carneus (Long-crested Cardinal)
- 517. Pyrrhuloxia (Cardinalis sinuatus)
- 518. Yellow Grosbeak (Pheucticus chrysopeplus) **e** A couple of the nominate spp at El Ocote 20/7
- 519. Black-headed Grosbeak (Pheucticus ludovicianus)
- 520. Blue-black Grosbeak (Cyanocompsa cyanoides)
- 521. Blue Bunting (Cyanocompsa cyanoides) **e**A couple of the very bright endemic spp *indigotica* (*Turquoise-fronted Bunting*) at Hualtaco 17/7
- 522. Blue Grosbeak (Passerina caerulea)
- 523. Rose-bellied Bunting (Passerina rositae) **E**4 males and a female of this stunning endemic by the La Sepultura road 19/7
- 524. Orange-breasted Bunting (Passerina leclancherii) **E**Birds at Hualtaco 17/7 and La Sepultura 19/7 but we never real good looks at a full male
- 525. Varied Bunting (Passerina versicolor)
- 526. Scrub Euphonia (Euphonia affinis)
- 527. Yellow-throated Euphonia (Euphonia hirundinacea)
- 528. Olive-backed Euphonia (Euphonia gouldi)
- 529. House Finch (Carpodachus mexicanus)
- 530. Black-headed Siskin (Carduelis notata)
- 531. Lesser Goldfinch (Carduelis psaltria)
  Both nominate and hesperophilus (Green-backed Goldfinch)

- 532. Hooded Grosbeak (Coccothraustes abeillei) e
  - Nice to catch up with this near endemic with 3 at Barrancha Brancho Libre on 26/6 and superb views of a pair feeding in the roadside fruiting tree at El Palmito on the same day
- 533. House Sparrow (Passer domesticus)
- 534. Red-winged Blackbird (Agelaius phoeniceus)
- 535. Eastern Meadowlark (Sturnella magna)
- 536. Western Meadowlark (Sturnella neglecta)
- 537. Melodious Blackbird (Dives dives)
- 538. Great-tailed Grackle (Quiscalis mexicanus)
- 539. Bronzed Cowbird (Molothrus aeneus)
- 540. Brown-headed Cowbird (Molothrus ater)
- 541. Giant Cowbird (Molothrus oryzivora)
- 542. Black-vented Oriole (Icterus wagleri) e
- 543. Bar-winged Oriole (Icterus maculiatus) **e** A few at El Sumidero 20 and 21/7
- 544. Black-cowled Oriole (Icterus prosthelmas)
- 545. Orchard Oriole (Icterus spurius
- 546. *Ochre (Fuerte's) Oriole* (Icterus (spurius) *fuertesi*) **E**An on/off split but distinctive. A couple of female plumaged birds at Chameyon 5/7 and two nice males and a female near Alverado 9/7
- 547. Hooded Oriole (Icterus cucullatus)
- 548. Streak-backed Oriole (Icterus pustulatus) spp *sclateri*
- 549. Altamira Oriole (Icterus gularis)
- 550. Audubon's Oriole (Icterus garuacauda)
  Including nominate and the endemic *dickeyae* (*Dickey's Oriole*)
- 551. Scott's Oriole (Icterus parisorum)
- 552. Yellow-billed Cacique (Amblycercus holosericeus)
- 553. Yellow-winged Cacique (Cacicus melanicterus) E
- 554. Chestnut-headed Oropendola (Psarocolius wagleri)
- 555. Montezuma Oropendola (Psarocolius montezuma)

### **Mammals**

- 1. Black-tailed Jackrabbit (Lepus californicus)
- 2. Eastern Cottontail (Sylvilagus floridanus)
- 3. Abert's Squirrel (Sciurus aberti)
- 4. **Allen's Squirrel** (Sciurus alleni) **E**Several from the El Ciedo road on 2/7. Endemic to NE Mexico
- 5. Arizona Grey Squirrel (Sciurus arizonensis) A couple at the Edijo el Largo 30/6
- 6. Mexican Gray Squirrel (Sciurus aureogaster) e Common in the south and west
- 7. Deppe's Squirrel (Sciurus deppei) 2 at El Ocote 20/7
- 8. Mexican Fox Squirrel (Sciurus nayaritensis)
  Several at the Barranca Brancho Libre 25 and 26/7

- 10. Variegated Ground (Rock) Squirrel (Spermophilus variegatus) 2 near el Palmito 26/6
- 11. **Mexican Prairie Dog** (Cyomys mexicanus) **E**A couple at the small colony at Tanque de Emergencia 1/7. Endangered due to the same factors as Worthen's Sparrow
- 12. **Hispid Cotton Rat** (Sigmodon hispidus)
  This would seem to be the identity of the fat, grass eating rodents around Yagul 13 and 14/7 Wide ranging from USA to Colombia and Venezuela
- 13. California Sea-Lion (Zalophus californiarnus) A thriving colony at St Esteban Island 27/6
- 13. Central American Agouti (Dasyprocta punctata)
- 14. Gray Fox (Urocyon cineroargenteus)
  1 on the El Ciedo road 3/7
- 15. **Eastern Pipistrelle** (Pipistrellus subflavus)

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This would seem to be the identity of small bats at the Hotel Casea del Diedra 3/7. Ranges from Canada to Honduras. As ever several other bat species went unidentified

- 16. Long-beaked Common Dolphin (Delphinus capensis) A nice pod off St Esteban Island 27/6
- 17. White-tailed Deer (Odocoileus virginianus)
- (18. Northern Tamandua (Tamandua mexicana)
  Sadly only freshly dead by the Vallee Nacional road 12/7. A nice lifer but ...)

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