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# CUBA Bird Survey SPECIES LIST

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A = Number of species recorded on tour    B = Number of days out of 10 recorded    C = Highest daily count  
E = Endemic    FC = Fairly Common    NC = No Count    C = Common    H = Heard only

A	SPECIES	Scientific Name	B	C	Notes
1	West Indian Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna arborea</i>	2	30	Seen well on lake in front of hotel on Cayo Coco
2	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	8	10	Often seen flying near coast and seen well at Playa Larga
3	Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	4	8	Seen best at the salinas at Playa Larga and at Cayo Coco
4	Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	7	25	The commonest cormorant and seen in many coastal areas with most seen at Cayo Coco
5	Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	2	1	One seen at Playa Larga salinas and another at Cayo Coco
6	Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	6	6	Small numbers seen along coast including Playa Larga and Cayo Coco
7	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	5	4	Seen well at Playa Larga and at Cayo Coco.
8	Great White Heron	<i>Ardea herodias occidentalis</i>	2	3	This is the white form of the Great Blue Heron and we saw a few of these at both Playa Larga salinas and also Cayo Coco
9	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	8	20	Fairly common in wetlands and marshes as well as coastal salinas. Seen at many sites
10	Reddish Egret	<i>Egretta rufescens</i>	3	7	Great views were had at Playa Larga salinas including a couple of white morph birds
11	Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	4	6	Best views were had at Playa Larga salinas
12	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	7	60+	We saw lots at Cayo Coco including many juvenile birds with a variety of white to mixed white and blue plumages
13	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	7	10	Seen at many different wetland sites
14	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	7	40+	Seen in many areas especially arable and wetlands associated with cattle as you would expect
15	Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	6	3	Seen at a variety of sites including the ponds at Hacienda Cortina and the stream by the beach at our hotel on Cayo Coco
16	American White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	5	20	Seen well at both Playa Larga salinas and also on Cayo Coco
17	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	1	4	Only seen on one day at fish farm when travelling from Cayo Coco to Sancti Espiritu
18	Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Ajaia ajaja</i>	1	10	Great views of a group feeding in a pool at Cayo Coco
19	American Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	4	1500	Many bright pink birds seen very well at Cayo Coco and just a few gray ones at

					Playa Larga salinas
20	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	1	3	Three were seen on one of the flamingo pools at Cayo Coco
21	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	2	8	Best seen on one of the flamingo pools at Cayo Coco
22	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	1	12	Only seen while driving across the causeway to Cayo Coco
23	Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	1	6	A group seen on our pit stop at La Nina Bonita Reservoir
24	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	10	C	Common and seen every day throughout the trip
25	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	6	4	Birds were seen at Las Terrazas, Playa Larga and Cayo Coco
26	Western (Cuban) Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus ridgwayi</i>	2	2	Several pale and very white-headed birds of the resident subspecies <i>ridgwayi</i> were seen well at Cayo Coco
27	Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>	2	4	Several seen along the roadside and at Buena Vista Reservoir as well as the fish ponds when we left Cayo Coco
28	Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	1	1	Superb views of this scarce migrant spotted by Martha from the bus on our return to Havana
29	<b>Gundlach's Hawk</b>	<i>Accipiter gundlachi</i>	1	1	Distant views of one bird circling from sewerage plant at Cayo Coco
30	<b>Cuban Black Hawk</b>	<i>Buteogallus gundlachi</i>	4	3	Good views at both Playa Larga and Cayo Coco with our first spotted by Frank while in a restaurant at Playa Larga
31	Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	5	6	Several birds seen flying with good views at Las Terrazas
32	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	6	2	Seen at various locations with two dark birds of possibly <i>umbrinus</i> subspecies at Santi Espiritu
33	Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	3	6	Best seen around Zapata where several birds seen
34	Clapper Rail	<i>Rallus longirostris</i>	1	1	One bird eventually showed in the saltmarsh at Playa Larga
35	Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	5	4	Seen best on freshwater pools in and around Cayo Coco
36	American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	3	20	Best count was 20 at La Nina Bonita Reservoir
37	Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	3	20	Seen well on Cayo Coco
38	Black-bellied / Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	2	20	Seen well on Cayo Coco
39	Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	1	30	Seen on beach at Cayo Coco
40	Piping Plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	1	1	A good spot by Frank of 1 bird way out on the beach at Cayo Coco
41	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	6	2+	A pair in hotel grounds with chicks were a nice sighting
42	Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	1	25	Seen well on tidal pools at Cayo Coco
43	Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	1	2	2 birds found feeding with Short-billeds at Cayo Coco
44	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	2	2	Seen at Playa Larga salinas and also at Cayo Coco
45	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	3	2	Seen at Playa Larga salinas and also at Cayo Coco
46	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	2	1	Just singles at Playa Larga salinas and also at Cayo Coco

47	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos acularia</i>	2	1	Seen at Playa Larga salinas and also at Cayo Coco
48	Willet	<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>	2	30	Birds that seem to be of the western race <i>inornata</i> seen at Playa Larga salinas and also at Cayo Coco
49	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	3	25	Most were seen on beach at Cayo Coco
50	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	1	7	A group seen well in tidal pools on Cayo Coco
51	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	1	12	Seen well on one of the beaches at Cayo Coco
52	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	2	12	Seen at both the salinas at Playa Larga and also on tidal pools at Cayo Coco
53	Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>	1	50	Good numbers seen on tidal pools at Cayo Coco
54	Laughing Gull	<i>Larus atricilla</i>	4	20+	Mostly adults in breeding plumage around Cayo Coco
55	American Herring Gull		1	2	Two were seen at Cayo Coco
56	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>	2	5	One at the salinas at Playa Larga and five over fish ponds on our way to Sancti Spiritus
57	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>	4	2	One seen at La Nina Bonita Reservoir and others at Cayo Coco
58	Royal Tern	<i>Sterna maxima</i>	4	4+	Seen in small numbers at Playa Larga and Cayo Coco
59	Cabot's / Sandwich Tern		3	4	Most seen at Playa Larga and a few at Cayo Coco
60	Feral Pigeon / Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	9	NC	No count on these birds seen in most towns and cities
61	White-crowned Pigeon	<i>Columba leucocephala</i>	5	10	Most were seen at Las Portales Caves with a few around Playa Larga
62	Scaly-naped Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas squamosa</i>	2	2	Poor views of birds in flight at Las Terrazas and Las Portales
63	Plain Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas inornata</i>	1	1	Only seen by a couple of persons in flight at Las Tar razes
64	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	7	FC	Fairly common in towns and cities
65	Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	8	FC	Seen in small numbers on most days of the tour
66	Zenaida Dove	<i>Zenaida aurita</i>	7	FC	Seen in small numbers on most days of the tour
67	White-winged Dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>	7	FC	Seen in small numbers on most days of the tour
68	Common Ground-dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>	8	FC	Seen in small numbers on most days of the tour
69	<b>Gray-fronted Quail-Dove</b> E	<i>Geotrygon caniceps</i>	1	4	Superb close views of 4 birds from blind at Bermejas
70	Key West Quail-dove	<i>Geotrygon chrysis</i>	2	30	One seen well at Bermejas and amazing views of up to 30 birds at the caves on Cayo Coco
71	<b>Blue-headed Quail-Dove</b> E	<i>Starnoenas cyanocephala</i>	1	2	Fantastic views of 2 birds from the blind at Bermejas
72	<b>Cuban Parakeet</b> E	<i>Aratinga euops</i>	1	10	Superb close views in a fruiting tree near Bermejas
73	Cuban Amazon	<i>Amazona leucocephala</i>	3	10	Mostly seen in flight with a few perched and all in Playa Larga
74	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	8	3	Seen on most days with darker breasted noted as well as the whiter resident subspecies <i>sparverioides</i>
75	Merlin	<i>Falco columbbarius</i>	1	1	One was seen perched and later flying at Cayo Coco

76	Great Lizard-cuckoo		<i>Saurothera merlini</i>	5	2	Excellent views of this cuckoo at Las Portales and other areas with one bird seen killing a frog
77	Smooth-billed Ani		<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	7	10+	Many around Playa Larga and Sancti Spiritus
78	Western Barn Owl		<i>Tyto alba</i>	1	1	One seen well in spotlight close to hotel in Cayo Coco
79	<b>Bare-legged Owl</b>	<b>E</b>	<i>Margarobyas lawrenci</i>	1	1	One seen looking out of nest hole at Bermejas
80	<b>Cuban Pygmy-owl</b>	<b>E</b>	<i>Glaucidium siju</i>	4	1	Great views of several birds, Las Terrazas, Las Portales and Bermejas the most memorable
81	Stygian Owl		<i>Asio stygius</i>	1	2	Two birds seen one morning near our accommodation at Playa Larga
82	Antillean Nighthawk		<i>Chordeiles gundlachi</i>	1	H	Only heard one morning at Playa Larga
83	<b>Cuban Nightjar</b>	<b>E</b>	<i>Anstrostomus cubanensis</i>	1	1	Another fantastic find during the daytime of this often hard to get species
84	Antillean Palm-swift		<i>Tachornis phoenicobia</i>	9	C	Seen in good numbers every day
85	Cuban Emerald		<i>Chlorostilbon ricordii</i>	9	4	We saw this little hummingbird every day in small numbers
86	<b>Bee Hummingbird</b>	<b>E</b>	<i>Mellisuga helenae</i>	2	8	Our first views at Bermejas were Ok but the following day was a true tour highlight with up to 8 birds coming to a Ponica tree in a garden in Playa Larga. Incredible close views including a male coming to a flower held by Frank
87	<b>Cuban Trogon</b>	<b>E</b>	<i>Priotelus temnurus</i>	4	4	Excellent views of this stunning trogon at Las Terrazas, Las Portales and Playa Larga
88	Belted Kingfisher		<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	3	2	Individuals seen at Playa Larga salinas, Santo Tomas and Cayo Coco
89	<b>Cuban Tody</b>	<b>E</b>	<i>Todus multicolor</i>	4	2	This little cutie was a firm favourite of the group with super views at Hacienda Cortina.
90	West Indian Woodpecker		<i>Melanerpes superciliosus</i>	6	3	Seen at many sites including Las Terrazas and Playa Larga
91	<b>Cuban Green Woodpecker</b>	<b>E</b>	<i>Xiphidiopicus percussus</i>	4	4	Best views at Las Terrazas and Buena Vista
92	Northern Flicker	E?	<i>Colaptes auratus chrysocaulosus</i>	1	1	Interesting as this subspecies may well become a full endemic species called "Cuban Flicker" we had fabulous close views at Las Terrazas
93	<b>Fernandina's Flicker</b>	<b>E</b>	<i>Colaptes fernandinae</i>	1	2	A pair showed very well near Buena Vista
94	<b>Cuban Pewee</b>	<b>E</b>	<i>Contopus caribaeus</i>	7	2	Seen on most days with many good close sightings
95	La Sagra's Flycatcher		<i>Myiarchus sagrae</i>	6	2	Very good sightings at many sites including Cayo Coco
96	Loggerhead Kingbird		<i>Tyrannus caudifasciatus</i>	8	FC	Fairly common and seen well in many places
97	Gray Kingbird		<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>	9	C	Seen just about everywhere
98	<b>Giant Kingbird</b>	<b>E</b>	<i>Tyrannus cubensis</i>	1	2	A pair found by a nest and showed well at Hacienda Cortina
99	Cuban Martin		<i>Progne dominicensis cryptoleuca</i>	3	6	Our best views were actually in the city of Havana
100	Tree Swallow		<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	1	2	Two were seen high up near our Havana hotel

101	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	3	10	Seen around Cayo Coco and Sancti Spiritus
102	Cave Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon fulva</i>	7	25+	Seen on many days in small numbers at lots of sites
103	Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	1	2	Two seen well early on in tour
104	<b>Zapata Wren</b>	<b>E</b> <i>Ferminia cerverai</i>	1	2	This difficult endemic showed well after an adventurous journey into the Zapata swamp
105	Grey Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	5	2	A few seen at various sites
106	Bahama Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gundlachi</i>	1	2	After a long search we finally got superb views of one at Cayo Coco
107	Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	9	12	A common bird seen almost everywhere
108	<b>Cuban Solitaire</b>	<b>E</b> <i>Myadestes elisabeth</i>	1	2	This lively songster gave fabulous views at Las Portales
109	Red-legged Thrush	<i>Turdus plumbeus</i>	9	10	A common and attractive bird seen almost everywhere
110	<b>Cuban Gnatcatcher</b>	<b>E</b> <i>Poliottila lembeyei</i>	1	2	Another fabulous endemic seen well on Cayo Coco
111	<b>Palm Crow</b>	<b>E</b> <i>Corvus minutus</i>	1	2	Two were seen by some of our group at Sancti Spiritus
112	Cuban Crow	<i>Corvus nasicus</i>	2	4	Several noisy birds seen at Playa Larga
113	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	9	NC	A fairly common species
114	White-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo griseus</i>	1	1	Just one seen well at the caves for Key West Quail-Dove on Cayo Coco
115	Thick-billed Vireo	<i>Vireo crassirostris</i>	1	1	Superb views of this Caribbean endemic at Cayo Coco
116	<b>Cuban Vireo</b>	<b>E</b> <i>Vireo gundlachi</i>	3	1	Good views were had at Cayo Coco of this endemic
117	Black-whiskered Vireo	<i>Vireo altiloquus</i>	8	6	A fairly common bird seen and heard on numerous occasions
118	Northern Parula	<i>Parula americana</i>	4	2	One at Bermejas and others at Cayo Coco
119	Cape May Warbler	<i>Dendroica tigrina</i>	3	6	Good numbers seen at Cayo Coco
120	Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	2	1	One near Playa Larga and another at Sancti Spiritus
121	Tennessee Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>	1	4	Seen well at Las Terrazas
122	Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	4	2	Just a few seen around Playa Larga and Cayo Coco
123	American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	8	3	Small numbers seen most days
124	Magnolia Warbler	<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	1	1	Just one seen at Cayo Coco
125	American Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga aestiva</i>	4	4	Mostly seen at Cayo Coco
126	Mangrove Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia gundlachi</i>	1	3	The Cuban race <i>gundlachi</i> was seen at the salinas Playa Larga
127	Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>	4	2	Good views at Cayo Coco
128	Palm Warbler	<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>	9	8	One of the commonest warblers seen every day
129	<b>Olive-capped Warbler</b>	<b>E</b> <i>Setophaga pityophila</i>	1	1	Good views of one near Las Portales
130	Myrtle Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	1	1	One seen on Cayo Coco
131	Yellow-throated Warbler	<i>Setophaga dominica</i>	1	1	One seen on Cayo Coco
132	Prairie Warbler	<i>Setophaga discolor</i>	5	1	Just singles seen at various sites
133	Worm-eating Warbler	<i>Helminthos vermivorus</i>	1	2	Seen well at Bermejas
134	Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapillus</i>	5	3	Amazing close views in several areas including the blind at Bermejas

135	Northern Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>	3	2	All seen near wetlands on Cayo Coco
136	<b>Yellow-headed Warbler</b> E	<i>Teretistris fernandinae</i>	2	2	This endemic seen at Las Terrazas and Playa Larga area
137	<b>Oriente Warbler</b> E	<i>Teretistris fornsi</i>	2	4	Great views of this endemic at Cayo Coco
138	Red-legged Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>	3	8	Best views of were birds in fruiting tree at Las Terrazas
139	Western Spindalis	<i>Spindalis zena</i>	6	6	Superb views at Cayo Coco
140	Cuban Bullfinch	<i>Melopyrrha nigra</i>	3	6	Seen very well on Cayo Coco
141	<b>Cuban Grassquit</b> E	<i>Tiaris canora</i>	1	10	Fabulous looks at this declining endemic at Buena Vista
142	Yellow-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris olivacea</i>	6	4	Seen in small numbers at both Playa Larga and Cayo Coco
143	Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	1	2	Seen in fruiting tree at Las Terrazas
144	Painted Bunting	<i>Passerina ciris</i>	1	1	Adult male seen well at Key West Quail-Dove caves
145	<b>Zapata / Cuban Sparrow</b> E	<i>Torreornis inexpectata</i>	3	4	4 of the race <i>inexpectata</i> seen in the Zapata swamp and 4 of the race <i>varonai</i> seen well on Cayo Coco
146	Tawny-shouldered Blackbird	<i>Agelaius humeralis</i>	3	10	Groups seen well around Playa Larga and Buena Vista
147	<b>Red-shouldered Blackbird</b> E	<i>Agelaius assimilis</i>	1	4	We found 4 of these difficult birds in the reeds near Bermejas
148	Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	2	2	Seen at Buena Vista and fish pond on the way to Sancti Spiritus. Interesting bird that is being considered as a full species
149	<b>Cuban Blackbird</b> E	<i>Dives atrovioacea</i>	7	10	Fairly common and seen in many places
150	Greater Antillean Grackle	<i>Quiscalus niger</i>	8	C	Common and seen most days
151	Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	1	2	A couple seen at Las Terrazas
152	<b>Cuban Oriole</b> E	<i>Icterus melanopsis</i>	3	4	Great views at Buena Vista and also the hummingbird garden at Playa Larga



Cuban Grassquit



Swallow-tailed Kite



Red-legged Thrush