

PANAMA'S CANOPY TOWER: BIRDS & BUTTERFLIES

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The thought of traveling to Panama in the “green season” may not be appealing to some potential tour participants. After all, “green season” means “rainy season.” But for those of you who haven't tried a green season trip to Panama, I strongly recommend doing so! We had a simply wonderful experience exploring the Canal Zone, and the rains didn't bother us in the least. It did, in fact, rain every day, but almost always in early afternoon, making for the most relaxing siestas! And wildlife activity before and after the rains was usually sharply heightened, making birds and other critters that much easier to find.

The great success of this tour was due in large part to our group. Although interest levels in birds vs butterflies varied from one participant to the next, all had a keen interest in seeing “a little of everything” and enjoying whatever natural wonders came our way. The simplified itinerary of our Birds & Butterflies tour allowed for a more relaxed pace than on most tours, and enabled us to spend more time at each location. Without the pressure of finding every “target bird,” we allowed the activity at each location dictate our pace, and the results were phenomenal! Our bird list of nearly 250 species and butterfly list of more than 150 species are amazing considering how small an area we covered.

When polled about trip highlights at our farewell dinner, some of the birds mentioned included killer views of Semiplumbeous Hawk, Common Potoo, Crimson-crested Woodpecker, American Pygmy-Kingfisher, Speckled Mourner, Great Jacamar, and Blue Cotinga; a fabulous antswarm tended by several species of woodcreepers and antbirds (including adult and juvenile Ocellated!); those adorable little Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrants and Checker-throated Antwrens; the endearing sight of a pair of Black-chested Jays allopreening; a White-necked Jacobin taking what seemed to be a delightful bath during a thunderstorm; and so many other species—trogons, toucans, motmots, puffbirds, antbirds, and more—posing well for photos or just plain great views.

The Canopy Tower itself was really the focal point of some of our butterfly highlights. At lunchtime, we were often greeted by a wonderful diversity of canopy-associated species, including such gems as Regal Greatstreak, Blue-and-yellow Beautymark, Northern Clearmark, Stripe-tipped Fiestamark, Orange Banner, Red-striped Leafwing, Pater Firetip, and several species of sisters. Flowering shrubs at the base of the tower attracted an interesting assortment of butterflies including Two-barred Flasher, Great Scarlet-eye, Common Ghost-Skipper, Chalco Longtail, and White-rayed Ruby-eye. Walks through the forest near the Canopy Tower, Pipeline Road, Old Gamboa Road, and Metropolitan Park brought us to another interesting assortment of forest-interior butterflies such as Prison Metalmark, Grinning Heliconian, Two-eyed Eighty-eight, Orange-stained Purplewing, four species of morphos, four species of owl-butterflies, and nine species of satyr including the lovely *Helvina Diaph*.

Of course there were a great many highlights outside of birds and butterflies, such as the helicopter damselflies; or the brown vine snake; or the northern tent-making bats; or the mantled howlers, Geoffroy's tamarins, and western night monkeys; or eye-to-eye views of sloths; or the variegated squirrel trying to eat Louise's boots... or, just taking a nap during a thunderstorm, watching sunset from the Canopy Tower, or sharing the wonders of Panama with a fun group of naturalists.

ITINERARY

August 18 – Arrivals; night at Canopy Tower.

August 19 – Canopy Tower; Samaphore Hill; Ammo Ponds; night at Canopy Tower.

August 20 – Pipeline Road; Canopy B&B feeders and Gamboa Resort; Chagres River; night at Canopy Tower.

August 21 – Old Gamboa Road/Summit Ponds; Summit Gargens/Zoo; night at Canopy Tower.

August 22 – Metropolitan Natural Park; Panama Viejo & Costa del Este; night at Canopy Tower.

August 23 – Pipeline Road & Panama Rainforest Discovery Center; night at Canopy Tower.

August 24 – Canopy Tower & Plantation Road; Miraflores Locks; night at Canopy Tower.

August 25 – Departures.

BIRDS

Tinamous (Tinamidae)

Great Tinamou (*Tinamus major*) – heard almost daily from the Canopy Tower; also at Pipeline Road, and Gamboa Resort

Little Tinamou (*Crypturellus soui*) – two birds were seen well at the Rainforest Discovery Center; also heard at Pipeline Road and Old Gamboa Road

Waterfowl (Anatidae)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) – seen at the Ammo Ponds and Gamboa Resort

Chachalacas, Guans & Curassows (Cracidae)

Gray-headed Chachalaca (*Ortalis cinereiceps*) – seen at Ammo Ponds, Pipeline Road, and Summit Gardens, and Old Gamboa Road

Frigatebirds (Fregatidae)

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*) – numerous along the coast; also a few over the canal

Cormorants (Phalacrocoracidae)

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) – abundant along the coast

Anhingas (Anhingidae)

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) – a few flyovers seen around Gamboa

Pelicans (Pelicanidae)

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) – abundant along the coast; a few at Miraflores Locks

Hérons & allies (Ardeidae)

Rufescent Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) – seen at the Ammo Ponds and Gamboa Resort

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) – Several at Costa del Este and Panama Viejo

Cocoi Heron (*Ardea cocoi*) – 1 at Gamboa Resort and another at Panama Viejo

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) – Numerous at Costa del Este and Panama Viejo; a few at Miraflores Locks

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) – 1 at Miraflores Locks

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*) – seen at Panama Viejo and Miraflores Locks

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*) – 2 at Costa del Este

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) – a few around Gamboa

Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*) – a few around Gamboa

Striated Heron (*Butorides striata*) – 1 at Gamboa Resort
Boat-billed Heron (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) – several at Summit Ponds

Ibises & Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) – several at Panama Viejo

New World Vultures (Cathartidae)

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) – seen daily, often by the 100's
Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) – seen daily; not as numerous as Black Vulture
King Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*) – one seen by the bridge in Gamboa

Osprey (Pandionidae)

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) – seen at Gamboa and from the Canopy Tower

Hawks, Eagles & Kites (Accipitridae)

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) – seen on several days, including 120+ at Canopy Tower on our last morning
Black Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) – seen at Canopy Tower and Plantation Road
Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) – 1 at the Ammo Ponds
Plumbeous Kite (*Ictinia plumbea*) – seen several times from the Canopy Tower
Semiplumbeous Hawk (*Leucopternis semiplumbeus*) – Seen well at Plantation Road
Gray-lined Hawk (*Buteo nitidus*) – A recent Split from Gay Hawk; seen several times around Gamboa
Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*) – Seen several times with best views at Old Gamboa Raod
Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*) – Seen at Gamboa, Panama Viejo, and Canopy Tower

Rails, Gallinules & Coots (Rallidae)

White-throated Crake (*Laterallus albigularis*) – heard at Amo Ponds
Common Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*) – a few at Gamboa Resort

Plovers & Lapwings (Charadriidae)

Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) – seen at Panama Viejo and Miraflores Locks
Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*) – several at Panama Viejo and Costa del Este
Collared Plover (*Charadrius collaris*) – 1 at Costa del Este
Wilson's Plover (*Charadrius wilsonia*) – 1 at Panama Viejo
Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*) – numerous at Panama Viejo and Costa del Este

Stilts & Avocets (Recurvirostridae)

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) – a few at Panama Viejo

Jacanas (Jacanidae)

Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*) – seen at Ammo Ponds and Gamboa Resort

Sandpipers & Allies (Scolopacidae)

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*) – a few at Panama Viejo, Costa del Este, and Gamboa Resort
Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*) – a few at Panama Viejo and Costa del Este
Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*) – numerous at at Panama Viejo and Costa del Este; all were of the interior-breeding subspecies, *T. s. inornata* (“Western Willet”)
Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) – several at Panama Viejo and Costa del Este
Marbled Godwit (*Limosa fedoa*) – several at Costa del Este

Semipalmated Sandpiper (*Calidris pusilla*) – numerous at Panama Viejo and Costa del Este
Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*) – abundant at Panama Viejo and Costa del Este
Short-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus*) – numerous at Panama Viejo and Costa del Este

Gulls, Terns and Skimmers (Laridae)

Gray-hooded Gull (*Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*) – An adult at Panama Viejo was a big surprise.
This South American species is a vagrat to Panama. Most records are apparently associated with El Nino.

Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*) – small numbers at Panama Viejo
Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*) – 3 at Costa del Este
Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*) – 1 at Costa del Este
Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*) – several fly-bys seen in Gamboa

Pigeons & Doves (Columbidae)

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) (I) – numerous around Panama City
Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) – a few around Gamboa
Scaled Pigeon (*Patagioenas speciosa*) – seen at Canopy Tower and Pipeline Raod
Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) – numerous in open areas, particularly in Panama City
White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) – seen or heard almost daily; best view at Gamboa Resort
Gray-chested Dove (*Leptotila cassini*) – heard at Canopy Tower and Pipeline Road; seen briefly at Plantation Road

Cuckoos (Cuculidae)

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) – seen most days
Greater Ani (*Crotophaga major*) – seen at Pipeline Road, Gamboa Resort, and Old Gamboa Road
Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) – seen at Ammo Ponds

Owls (Tytonidae)

Spectacled Owl (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*) – 2 at Old Gamboa Road
Mottled Owl (*Ciccaba virgata*) – heard at Canopy Tower

Nightjars & Allies (Caprimulgidae)

Lesser Nighthawk (*Chordeiles acutipennis*) – nice looks at 2 roosting at Summit Gardens

Potoos (Nyctibiidae)

Common Potoo (*Nyctibius griseus*) – seen roosting at Metro Park and Pipeline Road

Swifts (Apodidae)

Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura*) – seen most days, mostly around Gamboa
Band-rumped Swift (*Chaetura spinicaudus*) – seen every day; most numerous at Canopy Tower and Pipeline Road
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift (*Panyptila cayennensis*) – seen on 3 days, mostly at Canopy Tower

Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)

White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*) – seen at Canopy Tower and Rainforest Discovery Center
Long-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis longirostris*) – seen at Rainforest Discovery Center
Stripe-throated Hermit (*Phaethornis striigularis*) – seen at Rainforest Discovery Center
White-vented Plumeleteer (*Chalybura buffonii*) – seen daily at Canopy Tower; also at Rainforest Discovery Center

Violet-crowned Woodnymph (*Thalurania colombica*) – seen at Gamboa Resort and Rainforest Discovery Center

Blue-chested Hummingbird (*Amazilia amabilis*) – seen daily at Canopy Tower

Snowy-bellied Hummingbird (*Amazilia edward*) – seen at Metro Park and Rainforest Discovery Center

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird (*Amazilia tzacatl*) – seen at Gamboa, Canopy Tower, and Pipeline Road

Violet-bellied Hummingbird (*Damophila julie*) – seen at Rainforest Discovery Center and Old Gamboa Road

Trogons (Trogonidae)

Slaty-tailed Trogon (*Trogon massena*) – seen on 5 days

Black-tailed Trogon (*Trogon melanurus*) – seen at Pipeline Road

White-tailed Trogon (*Trogon chionurus*) – seen at Pipeline Road

Gartered Trogon (*Trogon caligatus*) – seen at Pipeline Road, Old Gamboa Road, and Metro Park

Black-throated Trogon (*Trogon rufus*) – seen at Semaphore Hill and Pipeline Road

Motmots (Momotidae)

Whooping Motmot (*Momotus subrufescens*) – a recent split from Blue-crowned Motmot; seen at Metro Park and Old Gamboa Road

Rufous Motmot (*Baryphthengus martii*) – seen at Semaphore Hill and Pipeline Road

Broad-billed Motmot (*Electron platyrhynchum*) – seen at Semaphore Hill

Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)

Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*) – seen at Summit Ponds

Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*) – seen at Semaphore Hill and Summit Ponds

American Pygmy Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle aenea*) – seen at Ammo Ponds and Summit Gardens

Puffbirds (Bucconidae)

White-necked Puffbird (*Notharchus hyperrhynchus*) – seen at Semaphore Hill and Pipeline Road

Black-breasted Puffbird (*Notharchus pectoralis*) – seen at Semaphore Hill

White-whiskered Puffbird (*Malacoptila panamensis*) – seen at Semaphore Hill

Jacamars (Galbulidae)

Great Jacamar (*Jacamerops aureus*) – wonderful views at Pipeline Road

Toucans (Ramphastidae)

Collared Aracari (*Pteroglossus torquatus*) – seen at Pipeline Road, Metro Park, and Canopy Tower

Black-mandibled Toucan (*Ramphastos ambiguus*) – heard at Pipeline Road

Keel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*) – seen daily

Woodpeckers (Picidae)

Black-cheeked Woodpecker (*Melanerpes pucherani*) – seen at Pipeline Road and Canopy Tower

Red-crowned Woodpecker (*Melanerpes rubricapillus*) – numerous in open areas

Cinnamon Woodpecker (*Cealeus loricatus*) – seen at Ammo Ponds; heard at Canopy Tower and Pipeline Road

Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) – heard at Summit Gardens

Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road and Metro Park

Falcons & Characaras (Falconidae)

Collared Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur semitorquatus*) – heard at Canopy Tower, Pipeline Road, and Metro Park

Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*) – seen several times around Gamboa

Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*) – seen at Gamboa, Canopy Tower, and Panama Viejo

Parrots (Psittacidae)

Orange-chinned Parakeet (*Brotogeris jugularis*) – numerous in open areas

Brown-hooded Parrot (*Pyrilia haematotis*) – seen at Canopy Tower and Pipeline Road

Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) – seen at Canopy Tower, Pipeline Road, and Summit Gardens

Red-lored Parrot (*Amazona autumnalis*) – seen at Canopy Tower and Gamboa

Mealy Parrot (*Amazona farinosa*) – seen at Canopy Tower and Gamboa

Antbirds (Thamnophilidae)

Fasciated Antshrike (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) – seen every day

Great Antshrike (*Taraba major*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road

Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) – seen at several sites around Gamboa

Western Slaty-Antshrike (*Thamnophilus atrinucha*) – seen every day; a male sitting on a nest at Pipeline Road was a real highlight

Spot-crowned Antwren (*Dysithamnus puncticeps*) – seen at Pipeline Road

Checker-throated Antwren (*Epinecrophylla fulviventris*) – seen at Semaphore Hill and Pipeline Road

Moustached Antwren (*Myrmotherula ignota*) – seen at Pipeline Road

White-flanked Antwren (*Myrmotherula axillaris*) – seen at Pipeline Road

Dot-winged Antwren (*Microrhophias quixensis*) – seen every day

Dusky Antbird (*Cercomacra tyrannina*) – seen or heard on 5 days

White-bellied Antbird (*Myrmeciza longipes*) – heard at Ammo Ponds and Gamboa Resort

Chestnut-backed Antbird (*Myrmeciza exsul*) – seen at Pipeline Road

Bicolored Antbird (*Gymnopithys leucaspis*) – seen at Pipeline Road and Semaphore Hill

Spotted Antbird (*Hylophylax naevioides*) – seen at Pipeline Road and Semaphore Hill

Ocellated Antbird (*Phaenostictus mcleannani*) – excellent views of adult and juvenile at Pipeline Road

Antthrushes (Formicariidae)

Black-faced Antthrush (*Formicarius analis*) – excellent views at Pipeline Road; heard most days

Ovenbirds & Woodcreepers (Furnariidae)

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) – seen at Semaphore Hill

Plain Brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*) – seen at Pipeline Road and Plantation Road

Ruddy Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla homochroa*) – seen at Metro Park

Northern Barred-Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*) – seen at Pipeline Road

Cocoa Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*) – seen every day

Black-striped Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus*) – seen at Pipeline Road

Streak-headed Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*) – seen at Gamboa

Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*) – seen on 5 days

Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)

Brown-capped Tyrannulet (*Ornithion brunneicapillus*) – seen at Canopy Tower; heard elsewhere

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet (*Tyrannulus elatus*) – seen at Summit Gardens and Metro Park

Forest Elaenia (*Myiopagis gaimardii*) – seen at Canopy Tower

Greenish Elaenia (*Myiopagis viridicata*) – seen at Metro Park

Lesser Elaenia (*Elaenia chiriquensis*) – heard at Canopy Tower
 Ochre-bellied Flycatcher (*Mionectes oleagineus*) – seen at Pipeline Road and Metro Park
 Paltry Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius vilissimus*) – seen at Canopy Tower; heard elsewhere
 Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant (*Myiornis atricapillus*) – seen at Pipeline Road
 Southern Bentbill (*Oncostoma olivaceum*) – seen at Pipeline Road; heard elsewhere
 Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*) – seen around Gamboa and at Metro Park
 Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum nigriceps*) – seen at Pipeline Road, Canopy Tower, and Metro Park
 Olivaceous Flatbill (*Rhynchocyclus olivaceus*) – seen at Semaphore Hill and Pipeline Road
 Yellow-olive Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*) – seen at the Ammo Ponds
 Yellow-margined Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias assimilis*) – seen or heard on 5 days
 Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*) – seen or heard on 5 days
 Black-tailed Flycatcher (*Myiobius atricaudus*) – seen at Pipeline Road
 Bran-colored Flycatcher (*Myiophobus fasciatus*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road
 Bright-rumped Attila (*Attila spadiceus*) – seen at Pipeline Road
 Rufous Mourner (*Rhytipterna holerythra*) – seen at Pipeline Road
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) – seen on 6 days
 Panama Flycatcher (*Myiarchus panamensis*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road and Summit Gardens
 Lesser Kiskadee (*Pitangus lictor*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road and Gamboa Resort
 Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) – seen every day around Gamboa
 Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarynchus pitangua*) – seen on 4 days, mostly around Gamboa
 Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*) – seen several times around Gamboa
 Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*) – seen around Gamboa and at Metro Park
 Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*) – seen around Gamboa and at Metro Park
 Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*) – seen around Gamboa and at Metro Park
 Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaeus*) – seen around Gamboa and at Metro Park
 Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) – seen daily in open areas
 Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) – a few around Gamboa and at Metro Park

Cotingas (Cotingidae)

Purple-throated Fruitcrow (*Querula purpurata*) – seen at Rainforest Discovery Center
 Blue Cotinga (*Cotinga natte rerii*) – Spactacular! Male and female seen at Summit Gardens
 Rufous Piha (*Lipaugus unirufus*) – heard at Semaphore Hill

Manakins (Pipridae)

Blue-crowned Manakin (*Lepidothrix coronata*) – seen at Pipeline Road and Semaphore Hill
 Lance-tailed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia lanceolata*) – seen at Metro Park
 Red-capped Manakin (*Pipra mentalis*) – seen Pipeline Road and Semaphore Hill
 Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road and Summit Gardens

Becards, Tityras & Allies (Tityridae)

Northern Schiffornis (*Schiffornis veraepacis*) – heard at Pipeline Road
 Speckled Mourner (*Laniocera rufescens*) – seen at Semaphore Hill
 Cinnamon Becard (*Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*) – seen at Canopy B&B, Gamboa
 White-winged Becard (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*) – seen at Metro Park

Vireos (Vireonidae)

Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*) – seen on 4 days; a little surprising to see so many of these down in Panama so early in the season since the first obvious push of migrants in the Northeastern U.S. does not occur until around the time of this tour.

Yellow-green Vireo (*Vireo flavoviridis*) – seen at Summit Gardens

Scrub Greenlet (*Hylophilus flavipes*) – seen around Gamboa and at Metro Park

Golden-fronted Greenlet (*Hylophilus aurantiifrons*) – seen on 4 days

Lesser Greenlet (*Hylophilus decurtatus*) – seen every day

Green Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius pulchellus*) – 2 seen at Rainforest Discovery Center; heard elsewhere

Crows & Jays (Corvidae)

Black-chested Jay (*Cyanocorax affinis*) – seen Summit Gardens and Metro Park

Swallows (Hirundinidae)

Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*) – numerous around Gamboa

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*) – seen every day

Mangrove Swallow (*Tachycineta albilinea*) – a few around the canal

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) – seen every day

Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*) – seen at Gamboa, Metro Park, and Canopy Tower

Wrens (Troglodytidae)

(Southern) House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) – numerous around Gamboa

Black-bellied Wren (*Pheugopedius fasciatoventris*) – seen at Pipeline Road; heard elsewhere

Rufous-breasted Wren (*Pheugopedius rutilus*) – seen at Metro Park

Rufous-and-white Wren (*Thryophilus rufalbus*) – heard at Metro Park and Old Gamboa Road

Plain Wren (*Cantorchilus modestus*) – heard around Gamboa

Buff-breasted Wren (*Cantorchilus leucotis*) – seen around Gamboa

White-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucosticta*) – seen at Pipeline Road; heard daily

Song Wren (*Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus*) – heard at Pipeline Road

Gnatcatchers (Poliophtilidae)

Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) – seen at Samaphore Hill and Pipeline Road; heard elsewhere

Tropical Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila plumbea*) – seen at Canopy Tower and Pipeline Road

Thrushes (Turdidae)

Clay-colored Thrush (*Turdus grayi*) – seen daily around Gamboa

Mockingbirds & Thrashers (Mimidae)

Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*) (I) – a few around Gamboa

New World Warblers (Parulidae)

Louisiana Waterthrush (*Parkesia motacilla*) – 1 at Rainforest Discovery Center

American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*) – 1 at Metro Park

Cerulean Warbler (*Setophaga cerulea*) – 1 at Metro Park

Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*) – 1 migrant at Metro Park; another of the resident “Mangrove” group (*S. p. erithachorides* group) at Costa del Este

Tanagers & Allies (Thraupidae)

Gray-headed Tanager (*Eucometis penicillata*) – seen at Semaphore Hill, Pipeline Road, and Old Gamboa Road

White-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*) – seen every day

Crimson-backed Tanager (*Ramphocelus dimidiatus*) – seen around Gamboa and at Metro Park

Flame-rumped Tanager (*Ramphocelus flammigerus*) – seen at Gamboa Resort

Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*) – seen every day

Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*) – seen every day

Golden-hooded Tanager (*Tangara larvata*) – seen every day

Plain-colored Tanager (*Tangara inornata*) – seen every day

Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*) – seen on 5 days

Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) – seen at Gamboa

Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*) – seen every day

Saffron Finch (*Sicalis flaveola*) – seen in Panama City

Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) – seen at Gamboa

Variable Seedeater (*Sporophila corvina*) – common in open areas; seen 4 days

Yellow-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila nigricollis*) – seen at Ammo Ponds and Gamboa Resort

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater (*Sporophila minuta*) – seen at Ammo Ponds and Gamboa Resort

Thick-billed Seed-Finch (*Oryzoborus funereus*) – seen at Ammo Ponds

Rosy Thrush-Tanager (*Rhodinocichla rosea*) – heard at Metro Park

Streaked Saltator (*Saltator striatipectus*) – heard at Ammo Ponds

Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*) – seen around Gamboa

Slate-colored Grosbeak (*Saltator grossus*) – seen at Canopy Tower

Sparrows & Allies (Emberizidae)

Orange-billed Sparrow (*Arremon aurantirostris*) – seen at Metro Park

Black-striped Sparrow (*Arremonops conirostris*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road

Cardinals, Grosbeaks & Allies (Cardinalidae)

Red-throated Ant-Tanager (*Habia fuscicauda*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road, Metro Park, and Pipeline Road

Blue-black Grosbeak (*Cyanocompsa cyanooides*) – seen at Canopy Tower, Pipeline Road, and Old Gamboa Road

Blackbirds (Icteridae)

Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) – seen every day in open areas

Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road and Panama City

Giant Cowbird (*Molothrus oryzivorus*) – seen at Canopy Tower

Yellow-backed Oriole (*Icterus chrysater*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road and Summit Gardens

Yellow-tailed Oriole (*Icterus mesomelas*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road

Yellow-billed Cacique (*Amblycercus holosericeus*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road

Scarlet-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*) – seen on 5 days

Finches, Euphonias & Allies (Fringillidae)

Yellow-crowned Euphonia (*Euphonia luteicapilla*) – seen at Gamboa and Metro Park

Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia lanirostris*) – seen at Canopy Tower

Fulvous-vented Euphonia (*Euphonia fulvicrissa*) – seen at Canopy Tower

BUTTERFLIES

Swallowtails (Papilionidae)

Pink-checked Cattleheart (*Parides eurimedes*) – seen on 4 days
Emerald-patched Cattleheart (*Parides sesostris*) – seen on 5 days
Yellow-spotted Swallowtail (*Battus laodamus*) – 1 at Metro Park
Thoas Swallowtail (*Heraclides thoas*) – seen on 3 days

Whites & Sulphurs (Perinae)

Ghost Yellow (*Eurema albula*) – 1 at Old Gamboa Road
Mimosa Yellow (*Eurema mimosa*) – a few at Canopy B&B and Old Gamboa Road
Apricot/Large Orange Sulphur (*Phoebis argante/agarithe*) – seen on 3 days
Orange-barred Sulphur (*Phoebis philea*) – seen on 3 days
Cloudless Sulphur (*Phoebis sennae*) – seen on 3 days
Statira Sulphur (*Aphrissa statira*) – seen at Ammo Ponds and Canopy B&B

Hairstreaks & Blues (Polymmatinae)

Dusky-blue/Suzanna's Groundstreak (*Calycopis isibeon/origo*) – 1 or 2 at Canopy Tower
Mexican Cycadian (*Eumaeus toxea*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Regal Greatstreak (*Evenus regalis*) – 1 or 2 seen several days at Canopy Tower
Patchy Groundstreak (*Lamprospilus collucia*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Annette's Hairstreak (*Porthoecla annette*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Red-spotted Scrub-Hairstreak (*Strymon ziba*) – a few at Canopy Tower and Pipeline Road
Lutz's Hairstreak (*Thereus lutzii*) – several at Canopy Tower
Sleepy Greatstreak (*Theritas mavors*) – 1 at Canopy Tower

Metalmarks (Riodinidae)

Blue-and-yellow Beautymark (*Ancyluris inca*) – 1 or 2 at Canopy Tower
Costa-spotted Beautymark (*Ancyluris jurgensenii*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Lucianus Metalmark (Grayler) (*Calospila lucianus*) – 1 at Old Gamboa Road
Cloaked Scintillant (*Detritivora barnesi*) – seen on 3 days
White-spotted Tanmark (*Emesis aurimna*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Lucinda Tanmark (*Emesis lucinda*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Great Tanmark (*Emesis mandana*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Striated (Lacrines) Tanmark (*Emesis lacrines*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Great Sheenmark (*Eurybia patrona persona*) – 2 at Pipeline Road
Prison (Thasus) Metalmark (*Hyphilaria thasus*) – 1 at Plantation Road
Common Lemmark (*Juditha caucana*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Satyr Eyemark (*Leucochimona lepida*) – 1 at Semaphore Hill
Victrix Metalmark (*Metacharis victrix*) – 1 at Semaphore Hill
Azanoides Metalmark (Hemmark) (*Nymphidium azanoides*) – 1 or 2 at Canopy Tower
Orange-banded Metalmark (*Parcella amarynthina*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Stripe-tipped Fiestamark (*Symmachia rubina*) – 1 or 2 seen multiple days at Canopy Tower
Variable Lemmark (*Synargis mycone*) – a few at Old Gamboa Road
Striated Theope (*Theope archimedes*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Sailor's Lemmark (*Thisbe irenea*) – 1 at Canopy Tower

Heliconians & Fritillaries (Heliconiinae)

Juno Heliconian (*Dione juno*) – a few at Canopy Tower
Banded Orange Heliconian (*Dryadula phaetusa*) – 1 at Ammo Ponds

Least Heliconian (*Eueides aliphera*) – 1 at Metro Park
Isabella's Heliconian (*Eueides isabella*) – a few at Canopy Tower
White-spotted Heliconian (*Eueides lybia*) – a few at Pipeline Road
Grinning (Cydno) Heliconian (*Heliconius cydno chioneus*) – several at Pipeline Road
Erato Heliconian (*Heliconius erato*) – a few at Rainforest Discovery Center
Heart-spotted Heliconian (*Heliconius hecale anderida*) – numerous; seen every day
Melpomene Heliconian (*Heliconius melpomene rosina*) – seen on 3 days
Green Heliconian (*Philaethria diatonica*) – seen on 4 days

True Brushfoots (Nymphalinae)

Orange-patched Crescent (*Phyciodes drusilla*) – 1 at Canopy B&B
Pale-banded Crescent (*Phyciodes tulcis*) – a few at Canopy B&B
Banded Peacock (*Anartia fatima*) – seen on 4 days
White Peacock (*Anartia jatrophae*) – seen on 3 days
Malachite (*Siproeta stelenes*) – seen on 3 days

Admirals & Relatives (Limenitidinae)

Spot-celled Sister (*Adelpha basiloides*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road and Rainforest Discovery Center
Barne's Sister (*Adelpha barnesia*) – seen on 4 days
Felder's Sister (*Adelpha boeotia*) – seen at Pipeline Road
Smooth-banded Sister (*Adelpha cytherea*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road
Heraclea Sister (*Adelpha heraclea*) – seen on 3 days
Pointer Sister (*Adelpha iphiclus*) – seen at Metro Park & Pipeline Road
Venezuelan Sister (*Adelpha malea*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Melona Sister (*Adelpha melona*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road
Messana Sister (*Adelpha messana*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Two-eyed Eighty-eight (*Callicore pitheas*) – 4 at Metro Park
Guatemalan Catone (*Catonephele mexicana*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Dark Purplewing (*Eunica alcmena*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Orange-stained Purplewing (*Eunica chlororhoa mira*) – 1 at Pipeline Road
Little Banner (*Nica flavilla*) – seen on 4 days
Orange Banner (*Temenis laothoe*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Whitened Bluewing (*Myscelia cynaniris*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Variable Cracker (*Hamadryas feronia*) – seen on 3 days
Northern Crackerlet (*Ectima erycinoides*) – 1 at Old Gamboa Road
Small Beauty (*Colobura dirce*) – seen at Metro Park and Canopy Tower
Orion Cecropian (*Historis odius*) – several at Canopy Tower
Ruddy Daggerwing (*Marpesia petreus*) – 1 at Canopy Tower

Leafwings & Relatives (Charaxinae)

Least Prepona (*Archaeoprepona dexamenus*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Boisduval's Leafwing (*Anaea oenomais*) – seen at Canopy Tower and Pipeline Road
Shining Leafwing (*Anaea dia*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Pointed Leafwing (*Fountainea eurypyle*) – 1 or 2 at Canopy Tower
Blue-barred (Ryphea) Leafwing (*Fountainea ryphea*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Red-striped Leafwing (*Siderone marth*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Orange-striped Leafwing (*Memphia philumena*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Tiger Leafwing (*Consul fabius*) – 1 at Metro Park

Morphos & Owl-Butterflies (Morphonidae)

Cypris Morpho (*Morpho cypris aphrodite*) – 1 at Pipeline Road
Common Morpho (*Morpho helenor peleides*) – at least a few seen every day
All-blue Morpho (*Morpho menelaus amathonte*) – numerous at Pipeline Road
Short-tailed Morpho (*Morpho theseus*) – seen on 5 days
Forest Owl-Butterfly (*Caligo eurilochus*) – 1 at Old Gamboa Road
Boomerang Owl-Butterfly (*Caligo oedipus*) – a few at old Gamboa Road
Memnon Owl-Butterfly (*Caligo telamonius memnon*) – seen on 4 days
Split-banded Owlet (*Opsiphanes cassina*) – 1 at Semaphore Hill

Satyrs (Satyrinae)

Confused Satyr (*Cissia confusa*) – seen at Semaphore Hill and Plantation Road
Plain Satyr (*Cissia pompilia*) – seen at Pipeline Road
Gold-stained Satyr (*Cissa pseudoconfusa*) – 1 at Pipeline Road
Carolina Satyr (*Hermeuptychia sosybius*) – seen every day
Blue-gray Satyr (*Magneuptychia libye*) – seen on 5 days
White-banded Satyr (*Pareuptychia metaleuca*) – seen on 3 days
Helvina Diaph (Red-washed Satyr) (*Pierella helvina ocreata*) – seen on 3 days
Quiet Diaph (Luna Satyr) (*Pierella luna*) – a few at Pipeline Road
Yellow-spiked Satyr (*Posttaygetis penelea*) – seen at Pipeline Road

Firetips (Pyrrhopginae)

Leander Firetip (*Aspitha leander*) – 1 on a lit sheet at night at Canopy Tower
near Pater Firetip (*Jemadia near pater*) – a few at Canopy Tower
Cinnamon Mytip (*Myscelus belti*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Red-spotted Firetip (*Pyrrhopyge hoffmanni*) – 1 or 2 at Canopy Tower

Spreadwing Skippers (Pyrginae)

Dusted Spurwing (*Antigonus erosus*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Death-mask Spurwing (*Antigonus nearchus*) – 1 at Pipeline Road
Frosted Flasher (*Astrartes alardes*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Yellow-tipped Flasher (*Astrartes anaphus*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Two-barred Flasher (*Astrartes fulgerator*) – seen on 4 days
Narrow Banded-Skipper (*Autochton longipennis*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road
Spikey Banded-Skipper (*Autochton neis*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Two-spotted Banded-Skipper (*Autochton bipunctatus*) – seen on 3 days
Sharp Banded-Skipper (*Autochton zarex*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road and Canopy Tower
dark bolla sp. (*Bolla sp.*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road
Elegant Flat (*Celaenorrhinus stola*) – 1 at Old Gamboa Road
Northern Eyed-Skipper (*Cyclosemia anastomosis*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Diaphorus Scarlet-eye (*Dyscophellus diaphorus.*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Broken Silverdrop (*Epargyreus exadeus*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Tear-drop Skipper (*Eracon lachesis*) – 1 in Canopy Tower
Dimorphic Skipper (*Hyalothyryus neleus*) – seen on 4 days
Great Scarlet-eye (*Nascus solon*) – 1 at Canopy Tower; another at Canopy B&B
Geyer's Zera (*Ouleus fridericus salvina*) – 1 at Old Gamboa Road
Obscure Pellicia (*Pachyneuria licisca*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Common Ghost-Skipper (*Phanus marshalli*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Tropical Checkered-Skipper (*Pyrgus oileus*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road and Metro Park

Black-topped Blue-Skipper (*Pythonides proxenus*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Blue-ringed Blue-Skipper (*Quadrus contubernalis*) – seen at Semaphore Hill and Plantation Road
near Mazans Scallopwing (*Staphylus near mazans*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road
near Mauve Scallopwing (*Staphylus near ascalaphus*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road
Double-striped Longtail (*Urbanus belli*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Chalco Longtail (*Urbanus chalco*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Dorantes Longtail (*Urbanus dorantes*) – seen at Canopy Tower
White-tailed Longtail (*Urbanus doryssus*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Esmeralda Longtail (*Urbanus esmeralda*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Brown Longtail (*Urbanus procne*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Interrupted Longtail (*Urbanus pronta*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Plain Longtail (*Urbanus simplicius*) – seen at Ammo Ponds and Old Gamboa Road

Grass-Skippers (Hesperiinae)

Trailside Underskipper (*Anthoptus epictetus*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Radiant Brown-Skipper (*Callimormus radiola*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road
Common Brown-Skipper (*Callimormus saturnus*) – seen at Old Gamboa Road
Brazilian Skipper (*Calpodus ethlius*) – seen at Canopy Tower
White-rayed Ruby-eye (*Cobalus calvina*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
White-edged Ruby-eye (*Cobalus virbius fidicula*) – 1 or 2 at Canopy Tower
Guatemalan Brown-Skipper (*Corticea lysias*) – 1 at Old Gamboa Road
Fawn-spotted Skipper (*Cymaenes odilia*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Yellow-striped Ruby-eye (*Dubiella fiscella belpa*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Orange-headed Metron (*Metron chrysogastra*) – 1 at Plantation Road
Yellow-ringed Skipper (*Naevolus orius*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Olive Nicon (*Niconiades nikko*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Jungle Skipper (*Papias subcostulata*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Purple-washed Skipper (*Panoquina sylvicola*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Decorated Brown-Skipper (*Parphorus decora*) – seen at Ammo Ponds
Green-backed Ruby-eye (*Perichares philetus*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Common Glassywing (*Pompeius pompeius*) – 1 at Summit Gardens
saliana sp. (*Saliana sp.*) – 2 at Pipeline Road
Orange-edged Faceted-Skipper (*Synapte silius*) – numerous at Pipeline Road
Cramer's Ruby-eye (*Talides sergestus*) – 1 at Metro Park
Guatemalan Thoon (*Turesis complanula*) – numerous at Canopy Tower
Egla Skipper (Therra) (*Vacerra egla*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Pale-veined Ruby-eye (*Vertica verticalis*) – 1 or 2 at Canopy Tower
skipper sp. (*Zenis sp.*) – 1 at Canopy Tower

MAMMALS

Northern Tamandua – 1 at Pipeline Road
Hoffman's Two-toed Sloth – seen 3 days at Canopy Tower
Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth – seen every day at Canopy Tower
Geoffroy's Tamarin – seen at Canopy Tower and Metro Park
Western Night Monkey – 3 seen peering out of a roost hole at Plantation Road
White-throated Capuchin – 1 heard at Canopy Tower
Mantled Howler Monkey – seen or heard every day
Varigated Squirrel – seen on 3 days; one tried to eat Louise's boots at Pipeline Road!

Red-tailed Squirrel – seen on 3 days
Central American Agouti – seen on 5 days; most numerous on lawns in Gamboa
Common Tent-making Bat – several groups seen roosting at Summit Gardens
False Vampire Bat – seen at Canopy Tower
South American Coati – seen at Pipeline Road and Semaphore Hill
Collared Peccary – large group seen at Pipeline Road

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES

Cane Toad (*Bufo marinus*) – 1 at Canopy Tower
Gulf Coast Toad (*Incilius valliceps*) – several seen at Pipeline Road
Emerald Glass Frog (*Centrolenella prosoblepon*) – roosting on a leaf at Plantation Road
Common Tink Frog (*Eleutherodactylus diastema*) – heard at Gamboa and Canopy Tower
Tungara Frog (*Physalaemus pustulosus*) – heard at Gamboa and Canopy Tower
American Crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*) – seen near Miraflores Locks
Green Iguana (*Iguana iguana*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Common Basilisk (*Basiliscus basiliscus*) – a few at Summit Gardens
Yellow-headed Gecko (*Gonatodes albigularis*) – seen at Summit Gardens and Metro Park
House Gecko (*Hemidactylus frenatus*) – seen at Canopy Tower
Slender Anole (*Norops anole*) – seen every day
Central American Whiptail (*Ameiva festiva*) – 1 seen at Pipeline Road
Brown Vine Snake (*Oxybelis aeneus*) – seen at Pipeline Road
Tropical Slider (*Chrysemys ornata*) – numerous at Summit Ponds