

# CUBA 360° HOLIDAYS TOUR

17<sup>th</sup> December – 28<sup>th</sup> December 2019



*Bare-legged Owl*

## NON EXTENSIVE LIST OF SPECIES REPORTED DURING THE TOUR.

Species in bold are Cuban Endemics (species seen on December 2019 by Cuba 360° Holidays tour) and those marked with the asterisk symbol (\*) are very local species or only seen few times each year in our tours.

Least Grebe- *Tachybaptus dominicus*- Only one in Cayo Coco.

American White Pelican – *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*- About 30 at Las Salinas and tenners on Cayo Coco.

Brown Pelican – *Pelecanus occidentalis*- Twenty-six at Paso Real de San Diego fish farm.

Double-crested Cormorant - *Phalacrocorax auritus*- Some of them at Las Salinas and common in Cayo Coco.

Neotropic Cormorant – *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*- Fourteen at Paso Real de San Diego fish farm and on the northern cays.

Anhinga- *Anhinga anhinga*- Recorded only at Las Terrazas.

Magnificent Frigatebird – *Fregata magnificens*- Four of them on Cayo Coco.

Great Blue Heron – *Ardea herodias*- Common and widespread, Paso Real de San Diego fish farm, Zapata Swam, Cayo Coco.

Great Egret – *Egretta alba*- Recorded on six days, tenners daily.

Snowy Egret – *Egretta thula*- Common at Paso Real de San Diego fish farm, Zapata Swam, Cayo Coco.

Little Blue Heron – *Egretta caerulea*- Common at Paso Real de San Diego fish farm, Zapata Swam, Cayo Coco

Tricolored Heron – *Egretta tricolor*- Common at Las Salinas, Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Reddish Egret – *Egretta rufescens*- Tenners on Cayo Coco and at Las Salinas.

Cattle Egret – *Bubulcus ibis*- Widespread and common.

Green Heron – *Butorides striatus*- Some of them on five days.

Yellow-crowned Night-heron – *Nyctanassa violacea*– Some numbers on Zapata Swan

White Ibis – *Eudocimus albus*- Common at Las Salinas and Cayo Coco.

Roseate Spoonbill – *Platalea ajaja*- Common at Las Salinas and Cayo Coco.

Wood Stork – *Mycteria americana*- Three at Las Salinas.

Turkey Vulture – *Cathartes aura*- Widespread and common.

Greater Flamingo – *Phoenicopterus ruber*- Up to 100 at Las Salinas, Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Northern Pintail – *Anas acuta*- At least one on Cayo Coco.

Blue-winged Teal – *Anas discolor*- Two on Cayo Coco.

Lesser Scaup- *Aythya affinis*- Present at Las Salinas.

Northern Shoveler – *Anas clypeata*- Two at Cayo Guillermo.



*White Ibis and Roseate Spoonbill*

Osprey – *Pandion haliaetus*- Two specimens on Paso Real de San Diego fish farms, Las Salinas and Cayo Coco.

Snail Kite – *Rostrhamus sociabilis*- Fifteen on Paso Real de San Diego fish farms.

**Cuban Black-Hawk\***- *Buteogallus anthracinus*- More of four at Zapata Swamp and at Cayo Coco.

Red-tailed Hawk- *Buteo jamaicensis*- One of them on Najasa and Cayo Coco.

Crested Caracara – *Polyborus plancus*- One on Najasa and at Cayo Coco.

American Kestrel - *Falco sparverius*- Widespread and common.

Merlin- *Falco columbarius*- Two on Cayo Guillermo and Cayo Coco.

Peregrine Falcon- *Falco peregrinus*- One on Cayo Guillermo.

Helmeted Guineafowl – *Numida meleagris*- Some domestic and wild groups.

Clapper Rail\* - *Rallus longirostris*- Five on Cayo Guillermo.

Purple Gallinule – *Porphyrio martinica*- Two near to Cueva de los Portales (La Güira) and near to Bermejas (Zapata Swamp).

Common Gallinule- *Gallinula chloropus*- Recorded on Paso Real de San Diego, in Zapata Swamp, Najasa, Cayo Coco & Cayo Guillermo.

American Coot – *Fulica americana*- Two at Paso Real de San Diego fish farms.

Limpkin – *Aramus guarauna*- Some specimens on Zapata Swam and one in Najasa.

Killdeer – *Charadrius vociferous*- Some of them at Las Terrazas, Bermejas and Cayo Coco.

Black-necked Stilt – *Himantopus mexicanus*- Some of them noted on Paso Real de San Diego fish farms, Zapata Swam and Cayo Coco.

Greater Yellowlegs- *Tringa melanoleuca*- Some of them on Las Salinas and Cayo Coco.

Willet- *Tringa semipalmata*- Two on Las Salinas and Cayo Coco.

Spotted Sandpiper- *Actitis macularius*- Recorded on Santo Tomás and Las Salinas, Zapata Swamp.

Ruddy Turnstone- *Arenaria interpres*- Three on Cayo Coco and two on Cayo Guillermo

Sanderling- *Calidris alaba*- Ten on Cayo Coco and six on Cayo Guillermo.

Laughing Gull – *Leucophaeus atricilla*- Two at la Turba and tenners at Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Herring Gull- *Larus argentatus*- Only two on Cayo Coco.

Lesser Black-backed Gull- *Larus fuscus*- One on Cayo Coco.

Gull-billed Tern- *Gelochelidon nilotica*- Present on Las Salinas and Cayo Coco.

Caspian Tern – *Sterna caspia*- Singles on Las Salinas

Royal Tern – *Thalasseus maximus*- A handful on Las Salinas, Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Sandwich Tern- *Thalasseus sandvicensis*- Noted in small numbers on Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Rock Dove – *Columba livia*- Common and widespread.

Scaly-napped Pigeon- *Patagioenas squamosa*- A total of ten at Cueva de los Portales.

White-crowned Pigeon – *Patagioenas leucocephala*- Regularly seen on Sierra de la Güira, Santo Tomás, Bermejas and Cayo Coco.

Plain Pigeon\*- *Patagioenas inornata*- At least two on Najasa.

Eurasian Collared-Dove – *Streptopelia decaocto*- Widespread around the towns.

Zenaida Dove – *Zenaida aurita*- Seen daily except on Najasa.

Mourning Dove – *Zenaida macroura*- Widespread and common.

Common Ground-Dove – *Columbina passerine*- Widespread and common.

Key-West Quail-Dove\*- *Geotrygon chrysis*- Only one on Cueva del Jabalí, Cayo Coco.

**Gray-Fronted Quail-Dove\*** – *Geotrygon caniceps*- At least one on Bermejias.

Ruddy Quail-Dove\* – *Geotrygon montana* – At least one seen in flight on the road to Cueva de los Portales.

**Blue-Headed Quail-Dove\*** – *Starnoenas cyanocephala*- Six singles on Bermejias.



*Blue-headed Quail-Dove and Gray-fronted Quail-Dove*

**Cuba Parakeet\*** – *Aratinga euops*- Around ten on Bermejias and five at Najasa.

Cuban Parrot\* – *Amazona leucocephala*- Regularly seen in Zapata Swamp and Najasa.

Great Lizard-Cuckoo – *Saurothera merlini*- Seen almost daily.

Mangrove Cuckoo\* – *Coccyzus minor*- Singles on Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Smooth-billed Ani – *Crotophaga ani*- Seen on five dates.

Common Barn Owl- *Tyto alba*- Only one resting in Cueva de los Portales.

**Bare-legged Owl\*** – *Gymnoglaux lawrencii*- Two singles on Soplillar and Caletón.

**Cuban Pygmy-Owl**– *Glaucidium siju*- Common, good view on Santo Tomás.

Stygian Owl\* – *Asio stygius*- Only one at Las Terrazas.

**Cuban Nightjar\***- *Caprimulgus cubanensis*- Good view at the entrance to Santo Tomás, a single on Soplillar.

Antillean-Palm Swift – *Tachornis phoenicobia*- Common at Sierra de La Güira and Bermejias.



*Cuban Parrot and Cuban Nightjar*

Cuban Emerald – *Chlorostilbon ricordii*- Common and widespread, noted everywhere except on Cayo Guillermo.

**Bee Hummingbird** \*– *Calypte helenae*- Most prominent on Pálpite and Caletón. Good view on Santo Tomás.



*Bee Hummingbird*

**Cuban Trogon**– *Priotelus temnurus*- Seen on five dates.

**Cuban Tody** – *Todus multicolor*- Common, noted on six days.

Belted Kingfisher – *Megascyris alcyon*- Seen daily except on Santo Tomás and Najasa.

West Indian Woodpecker – *Melanerpes superciliosus*- Common and widespread.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – *Sphyrapicus varius*- Seen on Najasa and Cayo Coco.

**Cuban Green Woodpecker** – *Xiphidiopicus percusus*- Common, seen on six dates.

**Fernadina's Flicker\*** – *Colaptes fernandinae*- At least one female on Bermejas.

Cuban Pewee – *Contopus caribaeus*- Common and widespread.

La Sagra's Flycatcher – *Myarchus sagrae*- Common, noted on five days.

Loggerhead Kingbird – *Tyrannus caudifasciatus*- Common, note everywhere except on Las Terrazas.



*Cuban Pewee and La Sagra's Flycatcher*

Giant Kingbird\* – *Tyrannus cubensis*- Only seen on Najasa.

White-eyed Vireo- *Vireo griseus*- One reported on Cayo Guillermo.

**Cuban Vireo** – *Vireo gundlachii*- Noted on Santo Tomás and Najasa.

Thick-billed Vireo\* – *Vireo crassirostris*- Only one at Cayo Paredón Grande.

Yellow-throated Vireo- *Vireo flavifrons*- Only one on Cueva de los Portales.



Giant Kingbird and Cuban Vireo

Palm Crow\* – *Corvus palmarum*- Over twenty on Najasa.

Cuban Crow\* – *Corvus nasicus*- Some specimens in Zapata Swam and up to thirty on Najasa.

Tree Swallow- *Tachycineta bicolor*- Over hundred on Pálpite and Najasa.

**Zapata Wren\*** – *Ferminia serverai*- Only one on Santo Tomás.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher- *Polioptila caerulea*- Seen only on Las Terrazas and Bermejas.

**Cuban Gnatcatcher\*** – *Polioptila lembeyei*- Noted only on Cayo Coco.

**Cuban Solitaire\*** – *Myadestes elisabeth*- Two singles on Cueva de los Portales.

Red-legged Thrush- *Turdus plumbeus*- Common and widespread.

Gray Catbird – *Dumetella carolinensis*- Noted on five days.

Northern Mockingbird – *Mimus poliglottos*- Common and widespread.

Bahama Mockingbird\* – *Mimus gundalchii*- Noted only on Cayo Guillermo.

Tennessee Warbler- *Vermivora peregrina*- Up to ten on Hacienda Cortina.

Northern Parula – *Setophaga americana*- Seen almost daily.

Yellow Warbler\* – *Setophaga petechial*- Six singles on Las Salinas.

Cape May Warbler – *Setophaga tigrina*- Noted on Sierra de la Güira, Las Terrazas and Santo Tomás.

Black-throated blue Warbler – *Setophaga caerulescens*- Seen daily except on Sierra de la Güira.



Black-throated Green Warbler – *Setophaga virens*- Seen only on Cueva de los Portales.  
Yellow-throated Warbler- *Setophaga dominica*- Seen daily except on Cayo Guillermo.  
Olive-capped Warbler\* – *Setophaga pityopila*- Noted on Sierra de La Güira and Las Terrazas.  
Prairie Warbler- *Setophaga discolor*- Seen on five dates.  
Palm Warbler – *Setophaga palmarum*- Common, noted everywhere except Najasa.  
Black-and-white Warbler – *Mniotilta varia*- Noted on six dates.  
American Redstar – *Setophaga ruticilla*- Common, seen daily.  
Worm-eating Warbler- *Helmitheros vermivorum*- At least one seen on Cueva del Jabalí.  
Ovenbird – *Seiurus aurocapilla*- Noted on Soplillar and Caletón.  
Northern Waterthrush – *Seiurus noveboracensis*- Reported on Las Terrazas and Cayo Guillermo.  
Louisiana Waterthrush – *Seiurus motacilla*- At least one on Cueva de los Portales.  
Common Yellowthroat – *Geothlypis trichas*- Seen on four dates.



*Black-throated Blue Warbler*



*American Redstart and Oriente Warbler*

Red-legged Honeycreeper - *Cyanerpes cyaneus*- Up to ten on Sierra de La Güira.

Western Spindalis – *Spindalis sena*- Noted on three days.

Summer Tanager- *Piranga rubra*- Singles on Boca de Guamá and Santo Tomás.

Cuban Bullfinch- *Melopyrrha nigra*- Seen on four dates.

**Cuban Grassquit\*** – *Tiaris canorus*- A handful at Las Terrazas.

Yellow-faced Grassquit- *Tiaris olivaceus*- Common, noted on Sierra de La Güira and Cayo Coco.

**Zapata Sparrow\*** – *Torreornis inexpectata*- Some of them on Bermejas. One on Cayo Coco.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak - *Pheucticus ludovicianus*- About ten on Hacienda Cortina.

Indigo Bunting - *Paserina cyanea*- Two singles on Cayo Coco.

**Red-shouldered Blackbird\***- *Agelaius assimilis*- Probably one on Santo Tomás.

Tawny-shouldered Blackbird – *Agelaius humeralis*- Widespread, noted on five dates.

Eastern Meadowlark – *Sturnella magna*- At least on Najasa.

**Cuban Blackbird** – *Ptiloxena atroviolaceus*- Common and widespread.

Greater Antillean Grackle – *Quiscalus niger*- Common, noted on six dates.

Shiny Cowbird – *Molothrus bonariensis*- A single female on Caletón.

**Cuban Oriole** – *Icterus melanopsis*- Noted in Zapata Swamp and Najasa.

House Sparrow – *Passer domesticus*- Common and widespread.



*Cuban Grassquit and Zapata Sparrow*



*Neotropic Cormorant*