

CUBA 360° HOLIDAYS TOUR

17th February – 28th February 2020



Cuban Nightjar

NON EXTENSIVE LIST OF SPECIES REPORTED DURING THE TOUR.

Species in bold are Cuban Endemics (species seen on February 2020 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 Hacienda Cortina.

Pied-billed Grebe- *Podilymbus podiceps*- Singles on Paso Real de San Diego and on reservoir Niña Bonita.

American White Pelican – *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*- Up to 50 at Las Salinas, some of them on Las Salinas & on the northern keys.

Brown Pelican – *Pelecanus occidentalis*- Seen almost daily except on Bermejas and Najasa.

Double-crested Cormorant - *Phalacrocorax auritus*- Fairly common in Las Salinas and common in Cayo Coco.

Neotropic Cormorant – *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*- Noted on Paso Real de San Diego, Niña Bonita reservoir and on the northern keys.

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

Great Blue Heron – *Ardea herodias*- Common and widespread, noted on five dates.

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

Snowy Egret – *Egretta thula*- Common, noted on seven sites.

Little Blue Heron – *Egretta caerulea*- Seen daily except on Santo Tomás.



Reddish Egret, Black-necked Stilt, Roseate Spoonbill, Great Egret and Tricolored Heron

Tricolored Heron – *Egretta tricolor*- Noted on five dates, more common on the northern keys and Las Salinas.

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

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

Green Heron – *Butorides striatus*- Noted on six days.

Yellow-crowned Night-heron – *Nyctanassa violacea*– A single on Caletón.

White Ibis – *Eudocimus albus*- Over hundreds on Las Salinas, noted also on the northern keys.

Roseate Spoonbill – *Platalea ajaja*- Small groups on Las Salinas, Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Wood Stork – *Mycteria americana*- Four of them at Las Salinas.

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

Greater Flamingo – *Phoenicopterus ruber*- Only five on Las Salinas, singles on Cayo Guillermo.

West Indian Whistling-duck- *Dendrocygna arborea*- A total of twelve on Cayo Coco.

Blue-winged Teal – *Anas discolor*- Small flock on Caletón, two of them on Cayo Coco.

Northern Shoveler – *Anas clypeata*- At least ten on Cayo Coco.

Red-breasted Merganser-*Mergus serrator*- A group of six on Cayo Coco.

Osprey – *Pandion haliaetus*- Noted on four dates, most prominent on Cayo Coco.

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

Gundlach's Hawk- *Accipiter gundlachi*- A couple in Cienfuegos Botanical Garden.

Cuban Black-Hawk*- *Buteogallus anthracinus*- Noted in Zapata Swamp and the northern keys.

Broad-winged Hawk- *Buteo platypterus*- Singles on Sierra de La Güira and Las Terrazas.

Red-tailed Hawk- *Buteo jamaicensis*- One specimen on Las Salinas and Bermejas.

Crested Caracara – *Polyborus plancus*- Noted on Bermejas and Cayo Guillermo.

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

Merlin- *Falco columbarius*- A single on Cayo Guillermo.

Helmeted Guinea fowl (domestic)– *Numida meleagris*- Small group on Las Terrazas.

Clapper Rail*- *Rallus longirostris*- Noted on Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Purple Gallinule – *Porphyrio martinica*- Singles on Sierra de La Güira, Niña Bonita reservoir and Bermejas.

Common Gallinule- *Gallinula chloropus*- Seen on Caletón and Bermejas, Zapata Swamp.

American Coot – *Fulica americana*- First noted on La Coronela reservoir.

Limpkin – *Aramus guarauna*- Single on Santo Tomás.

Semipalmated Plover- *Charadrius semipalmatus*- At least on Cayo Guillermo.

Killdeer – *Charadrius vociferous*- Common and widespread. Noted on five dates.

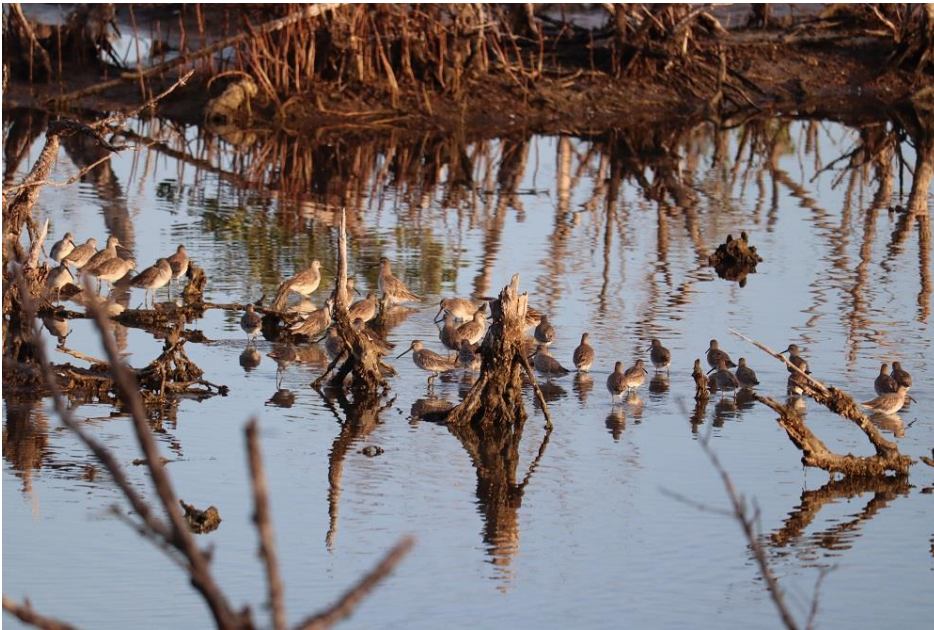
Black-necked Stilt – *Himantopus mexicanus*- Small groups on Las Salinas, Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Greater Yellowlegs- *Tringa melanoleuca*- Small groups on Las Salinas, Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Lesser Yellowlegs- *Tringa flavipes*- A total of six on Cayo Coco.

Least sandpiper- *Calidris minutilla*- Up to Las Salinas, some of them on Cayo Coco.

Stilt sandpiper-*Calidris himantopus*- A total of ten on Las Salinas, two on Cayo Coco.



Short-billed Dowitcher and Laughing Gull

Short-billed Dowitcher- *Limnodromus griseus*- A flock of fifty on Cayo Coco.

Laughing Gull – *Leucophaeus atricilla*- Small numbers on Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

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

Caspian Tern – *Sterna caspia*- Singles on Cayo Coco.

Royal Tern – *Thalasseus maximus*- Around four on Cayo Guillermo.

Sandwich Tern- *Thalasseus sandvicensis*- Four of them on the way to Cayo Coco.

Rock Dove – *Columba livia*- Common and widespread. Most prominent in the big towns.

Scaly-napped Pigeon- *Patagioenas squamosa*- Regularly seen on Cueva de los Portales.

White-crowned Pigeon – *Patagioenas leucocephala*- Five noted on Santo Tomás and some on Cayo Coco.

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

Eurasian Collared-Dove – *Streptopelia decaocto*- Regularly seen on San Diego de los Baños.

Zenaida Dove – *Zenaida aurita*- Noted on Bermejas and Cueva del Jabalí in Cayo Coco.

Mourning Dove – *Zenaida macroura*- Widespread and common. Noted on five days.

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



Blue-headed Quail-Dove and Key-West Quail-Dove

Key-West Quail-Dove*- *Geotrygon chrysie*- Singles on Bermejas and Cayo Coco.

Gray-Fronted Quail-Dove* – *Geotrygon caniceps*- At least one on Bermejas and Soplillar.

Blue-Headed Quail-Dove* – *Starnoenas cyanocephala*- Four singles on Bermejas.

Cuba Parakeet* – *Aratinga euops*- Around fifteen on Bermejas and five at Najasa.

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

Great Lizard-Cuckoo – *Saurothera merlini*- Seen on five days.

Mangrove Cuckoo* – *Coccyzus minor*- Singles on 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 Bemejas.

Cuban Pygmy-Owl– *Glaucidium siju*- Common, good view on San Diego de los Baños, Santo Tomás and Bermejas.

Stygian Owl* – *Asio stygius*- A couple at Las Terrazas.

Cuban Nightjar*- *Caprimulgus cubanensis*- Three of them on Soplillar. Good views.

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

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

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



Bee Hummingbird and Cuban Emerald

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

Cuban Tody – *Todus multicolor*- Noted on three days.

Belted Kingfisher – *Megascops alcyon*- Seen on five days.

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

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

Cuban Green Woodpecker – *Xiphidiopicus percusus*- Seen on two dates.

Fernadina's Flicker* – *Colaptes fernandinae*- At least one female on Soplillar and La Redonda on the way to Cayo Coco.

Eastern Wood-pewee- *Contopus virens*- At least one on Caletón.

Cuban Pewee – *Contopus caribaeus*- Common and widespread. Noted on six dates.

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

Loggerhead Kingbird – *Tyrannus caudifasciatus*- Common, note everywhere except Bermejas and Cayo Guillermo.

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

Cuban Vireo – *Vireo gundlachii*- Good view on Soplillar.

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

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

Cuban Martin- *Progne cryptoleuca*- Noted on Cueva de los Portales, up to twenty on Cay Coco.

Tree Swallow- *Tachycineta bicolor*- Two flocks on Bermejas.

Barn Swallow- *Hirundo rustica*- Small group on Cayo Paredón Grande.

Cave Swallow - *Petrochelidon fulva*- Several hundred in Cueva de Los Portales, nesting, and on the way to Villa Clara.



Gray Catbird and Loggerhead Kingbird

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

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher- *Polioptila caerulea*- Noted on Santo Tomás and Soplillar.

Cuban Gnatcatcher* – *Polioptila lembeyei*- One at El Hato, Cayo Coco.

Cuban Solitaire* – *Myadestes elisabeth*- Good view on Cueva de Los Portales.

Red-legged Thrush- *Turdus plumbeus*- Common and widespread. Noted on six days.

Gray Catbird – *Dumetella carolinensis*- Common, noted on four sites.

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

Northern Parula – *Setophaga americana*- Seen daily except on las Terrazas.

Yellow Warbler* – *Setophaga petechia*- Good view on Las Salinas.

Magnolia Warbler- *Setophaga magnolia*- One noted on Soplillar.

Cape May Warbler – *Setophaga tigrina*- Noted on four dates.

Black-throated blue Warbler – *Setophaga caerulescens*- Noted on four days, good views on Caletón and Bernabe's house.

Yellow-rumped Warbler- *Setophaga coronata*- Reported on Las Terrazas, Caletón and Cayo Coco.

Black-throated Green Warbler – *Setophaga virens*- Singles on Sierra de la Güira, Santo Tomás and Bermejas.

Yellow-throated Warbler- *Setophaga dominica*- Noted on four days.

Olive-capped Warbler* – *Setophaga pityopila*- Many of them at Sierra de La Güira also noted on Las Terrazas.

Prairie Warbler- *Setophaga discolor*- Common in Zapata Swamp and the northern keys.

Palm Warbler – *Setophaga palmarum*- Common. Seen almost daily.

Black-and-white Warbler – *Mniotilta varia*- Seen daily except Najasa.

American Redstar – *Setophaga ruticilla*- Common, everywhere.

Worm-eating Warbler- *Helminthos vermivorum*- Seen on Soplillar and Bermejas.

Ovenbird – *Seiurus aurocapilla*- Noted on Soplillar, Bermejas and Cayo Coco.

Northern Waterthrush – *Seiurus noveboracensis*- Seen on Santo Tomás, Bermejas and Cayo Coco.

Louisiana Waterthrush – *Seiurus motacilla*- Only one on Cueva de los Portales.

Common Yellowthroat – *Geothlypis trichas*- Noted on Sierra de la Güira, Las Terrazas and Cayo Guillermo.

Yellow-headed warbler – *Teretistris fernandinae*- Reported on the west except Las Terrazas.

Oriente Warbler* – *Teretistris fornsi*- Good views on Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Red-legged Honeycreeper - *Cyanerpes cyaneus*- Seen only in Botanical Garden of Cienfuegos.

Western Spindalis – *Spindalis sena*- Noted on Santo Tomás, Cienfuegos Botanical Garden and Cayo Coco.

Cuban Bullfinch- *Melopyrrha nigra*- Common, but only seen some of them on Cueva de los Portales, Santo Tomás and Cayo Coco.



Western Spindalis and Cuban Bullfinch

Cuban Grassquit* – *Tiaris canorus*- Big group at Las Terrazas. The best view in Cuba.

Yellow-faced Grassquit- *Tiaris olivaceus*- Common. Seen daily except on Cayo Coco.

Zapata Sparrow* – *Torreornis inexpectata*- Singles on Santo Tomás and Cueva del jabalí in Cayo Coco.

Indigo Bunting- *Paserina cyanea*- Noted on Santo Tomás. Big group on Botanical Garden of Cienfuegos.

Tawny-shouldered Blackbird – *Agelaius humeralis*- Very common in the West. Noted on five days.

Eastern Meadowlark – *Sturnella magna*- Noted only on the way to hacienda Cortina and Najasa.

Cuban Blackbird – *Ptiloxena atroviolaceus*- Common and widespread, except Cayo Coco.

Greater Antillean Grackle – *Quiscalus niger*- Common and widespread. Reported everywhere except Najasa.

Shiny Cowbird – *Molothrus bonariensis*- At least one female on Caletón.

Cuban Oriole – *Icterus melanopsis*- Noted on five days.

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

Tricolored Munia- *Lonchura Malacca*- Big flock in Babiney, on the way to Cienfuegos.



Zapata Wren