

# CUBA 360° HOLIDAYS TOUR

1<sup>th</sup> MARCH – 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020



*Bee Hummingbird*

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

Species in bold are Cuban Endemics (species seen on March 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 and Caletón.

Pied-billed Grebe- *Podilymbus podiceps*- Noted on Paso Real de San Diego fish farms.

American White Pelican – *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*- Up to 50 at Las Salinas, some of them on Cayo Coco.

Brown Pelican - *Pelecanus occidentalis*- Over fifty on Paso Real. Noted on Niña Bonita reservoir, Las Salinas and Cayo Coco.

Double-crested Cormorant - *Phalacrocorax auritus*- Noted on Niña Bonita reservoir, Las Salinas and on the northern keys.

Neotropic Cormorant – *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*- Noted on Paso Real de San Diego, Santo Tomás and Las Salinas.

Magnificent Frigatebird – *Fregata magnificens*- Singles on Las Salinas, Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

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

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

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



*Snowy Egret and Tricolored Heron*

Little Blue Heron – *Egretta caerulea*- Regularly seen except on Santo Tomás, Trinidad and Najasa.

Tricolored Heron – *Egretta tricolor*- Noted on five dates, most prominent on Las Salinas.

Reddish Egret – *Egretta rufescens*- Tennes on Cayo Coco, Cayo Guillermo and at Las Salinas.

Cattle Egret – *Bubulcus ibis*- Common and widespread. Seen almost daily.

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



*Green Heron, Neotropic Cormorant, White Ibis and Great Egret*

Yellow-crowned Night-heron – *Nyctanassa violacea*- A single near to Cueva del Jabalí in Cayo Coco.

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

Roseate Spoonbill – *Platalea ajaja*- Small groups on Las Salinas.

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

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

Greater Flamingo – *Phoenicopterus ruber*- Small groups on Las Salinas, Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

West Indian Whistling-duck- *Dendrocygna arborea*- A total of twenty-five on Cayo Guillermo.

Blue-winged Teal – *Anas discolor*- A total on thirty on Caletón, singles on Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Lesser Scaup- *Aythya affinis*- Present on Paso Real de san Diego fish farms and Niña Bonita reservoir.



*West Indian Whistling-duck and Blue-winged Teal*

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

Red-breasted Merganser-*Mergus serrator*- Few numbers on Cayo Guillermo and Cayo Coco.

Osprey – *Pandion haliaetus*- Present on Paso Real de San Diego fish farms, Niña Bonita and on the way to Cienfuegos.

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

Sharp-shinned Hawk- *Accipiter striatus*- Seen in flight on Paso Real de san Diego fish farms.

Gundlach's Hawk- *Accipiter gundlachi*- Single on Viñales.

**Cuban Black-Hawk\***- *Buteogallus anthracinus*- Common on Las Salinas, Cayo Guillermo and at Cayo Coco.

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

Red-tailed Hawk- *Buteo jamaicensis*- A single flying on Boca de Guamá.

Crested Caracara – *Polyborus plancus*- Noted on Bermejas, Najasa and on the northern keys.

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

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

Peregrine Falcon- *Falco peregrinus*- One noted on Niña Bonita reservoir.

Helmeted Guineafowl – *Numida meleagris*- Small group on Las Terrazas and Najasa.



*Clapper Rail and Limpkin*

Clapper Rail\*- *Rallus longirostris*- Fairly common in Cayo Guillermo.

Purple Gallinule – *Porphyrio martinica*- Seen on Hacienda Cortina and near to Bermejas.

Common Gallinule- *Gallinula chloropus*- Recorded on Boca de Guamá and a handful on Cayo Guillermo

American Coot – *Fulica americana*- Noted on Boca de Guamá.

Limpkin – *Aramus guarauna*- Good views on Santo Tomás, Bermejas and Najasa.

Semipalmated Plover – *Charadrius semipalmatus*- Up to twenty on Las Salinas.

Killdeer – *Charadrius vociferous*- Some of them at Las Salinas, Bermajas and on the northern keys.

Black-necked Stilt – *Himantopus mexicanus*- Small groups on Las Salinas, Bermejas and the northern keys.

Northern Jacana – *Jacana spinosa*- Single on Boca de Guamá.

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

Lesser Yellowlegs- *Tringa flavipes*- Noted on Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Willet- *Tringa semipalmata*- Singles on Cayo Coco.

Spotted Sandpiper- *Actitis macularius*- Recorded on Paso Real de San Diego fish farms.

Ruddy Turnstone- *Arenaria interpres*- Noted on Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo

Sanderling- *Calidris alaba*- Twenty-five on Cayo Coco, exactly in Playa Las Coloradas.



Sanderling, Semipalmated Plover and Least Sandpiper

Least Sandpiper- *Calidris minutilla*- A total of twelve on Las Salinas and hundreds in flight on the rice plantation near to Bermejas.

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

Laughing Gull – *Leucophaeus atricilla*- Some of them flying on Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Ring-billed Gull – *Larus delawarensis*- Noted on Cayo Guillermo.

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

Gull-billed Tern- *Gelochelidon nilotica*- Present on Cayo Guillermo.

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

Sandwich Tern- *Thalasseus sandvicensis*- A total of five on the way to Cayo Coco.

Black Skimmer – *Rynchops niger*- Five of them on Cayo Guillermo.

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

Scaly-napped Pigeon- *Patagioenas squamosa*- Noted on Viñales and Najasa.



*White-crowned Pigeon and Zenaida Dove*

White-crowned Pigeon – *Patagioenas leucocephala*- Recorded on Viñales, Santo Tomás, Bermejas and the northern keys.

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

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

White-winged Dove – *Zenaida asiatica*- Singles on Viñales and on the way to Cienfuegos.

Zenaida Dove – *Zenaida aurita*- Noted on four dates.

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

Common Ground-Dove – *Columbina passerine*- Widespread and common, included the northern keys.

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

**Gray-Fronted Quail-Dove\*** – *Geotrygon caniceps*- Two noted on Bermejas.

**Blue-Headed Quail-Dove\*** – *Stanoenas cyanocephala*- Six singles on Bermejas.



Gray-fronted Quail-Dove nad Blue-headed Quail-Dove

**Cuba Parakeet\*** – *Aratinga euops*- Noted on Santo Tomás and Najasa. Over twenty in flight on Bermejas.

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

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

Mangrove Cuckoo\* – *Coccyzus minor*- Single on Cayo Coco.

Smooth-billed Ani – *Crotophaga ani*- Common and widespread. Noted on eight dates.

**Bare-legged Owl\*** – *Gymnoglaux lawrencii*- Fairly common in Zapata Swamp. Nice views on Soplillar, Caletón and Bermejas.

**Cuban Pygmy-Owl**– *Glaucidium siju*- Common, noted on Viñales, Zapata Swamp and good view on Najasa.

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

**Cuban Nightjar\***- *Caprimulgus cubanensis*- Good view on Soplillar.

Antillean-Palm Swift – *Tachornis phoenicobia*- Noted on Viñales, Las Terrazas, Santo Tomás and near to Trinidad.

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

**Bee Hummingbird \***– *Calypte helenae*- Most prominent on Pálpite and Caletón.

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

**Cuban Tody** – *Todus multicolor*- Common, noted on eight days. Nice view on Parque el Bagá in Cayo Coco.





*Cuban Pygmy Owl and Stygian Owl*

Belted Kingfisher – *Megascops alcyon*- Noted on Paso Real de San Diego, Caletón and on the northern keys

West Indian Woodpecker – *Melanerpes superfiliaris*- Common and widespread. Seen daily except on Cayo Coco.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker – *Sphyrapicus varius*- Seen on Boca de Guamá, Soplillar and Botanical Garden of Cienfuegos.

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

**Fernadina's Flicker\*** – *Colaptes fernandinae*- Nice views, making the nest on Las Terrazas and Pálpite.

Cuban Pewee – *Contopus caribaeus*- Common and widespread. Seen daily except Cayo Guillermo.

La Sagra's Flycatcher – *Myarchus sagrae*- Common. Seen almost daily except Las Terrazas.

Loggerhead Kingbird – *Tyrannus caudifasciatus*- Common, noted on eight days.

Giant Kingbird\* – *Tyrannus cubensis*- Good views on Hacienda Cortina and Najasa.

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

**Cuban Vireo** – *Vireo gundlachii*- Noted on four dates. Good view on Parque el Bagá in Cayo Coco.

Black-whiskered Vireo – *Vireo altiloquus*- Noted only on Viñales.

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

Cuban Crow\* – *Corvus nasicus*- Noted on Zapata Swam and Najasa.

Cuban Martin – *Progne cryptoleuca*- Some numbers in flight on Cueva de los Portales and Viñales.

Cave Swallow - *Petrochelidon fulva*- A flock of them nesting inside the Train Station in Morón.



*Cuban Green Woodpecker and Bare-legged Owl*

Tree Swallow- *Tachycineta bicolor*- Over fifty on Bermejás and on the way to Cienfuegos.

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

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher- *Polioptila caerulea*- Single on Soplillar and Bermejás.

**Cuban Gnatcatcher\*** – *Polioptila lembeyei*- One at Cayo Coco.

**Cuban Solitaire\*** – *Myadestes Elisabeth*- Some of them on Cueva de los Portales. Good view on Viñales.

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

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

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

Bahama Mockingbird\* – *Mimus gundalchii*- Seen only at Cayo Coco.

Tennessee Warbler- *Vermivora peregrina*- At least one on Santo Tomás.

Northern Parula – *Setophaga americana*- Noted on six days.

Yellow Warbler\* – *Setophaga petechial*- Few specimens on Las Salinas.

Magnolia Warbler- *Setophaga magnolia*- Seen on four dates.

Cape May Warbler – *Setophaga tigrina*- Seen on Zapata Swamp and Botanical Garden of Cienfuegos.



*Bahama Mockingbird and Mangrove Cuckoo*

Black-throated blue Warbler – *Setophaga caerulescens*- Reported from Zapata Swamp to the northern keys.

Yellow-rumped Warbler- *Setophaga coronata*- Noted on Zapata Swamp and on the northern keys.

Black-throated Green Warbler – *Setophaga virens*- Seen on Sierra de la Güira and Najasa.

Yellow-throated Warbler- *Setophaga dominica*- Seen on six dates.

Olive-capped Warbler\* – *Setophaga pityopila*- Common seen at Sierra de La Güira, also reported on Las Terrazas.

Praire Warbler- *Setophaga discolor*- Good views on Zapata Swamp, Botanical Garden of Cienfuegos, Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Palm Warbler – *Setophaga palmarum*- Widespread, seen daily except Las Terrazas.

Black-and-white Warbler – *Mniotilta varia*- Singles on Zapata Swamp.

American Redstar – *Setophaga ruticilla*- Common and widespread, reported everywhere.

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

Ovenbird – *Seiurus aurocapilla*- Present on Zapata Swamp. Nice views on Cueva del Jabalí, Cayo Coco.

Northern Waterthrush – *Seiurus noveboracensis*- Seen on Soplillar, Bermejas and Cayo Guillermo.

Louisiana Waterthrush – *Seiurus motacilla*- Most prominent on Cueva de los Portales.

Common Yellowthroat – *Geothlypis trichas*- Noted on four dates.

**Yellow-headed warbler** – *Teretistris fernandinae*- Most prominent on Zapata Swamp.



Ovenbird and Cave Swallow

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

Red-legged Honeycreeper - *Cyanerpes cyaneus*- Singles on Sierra de la Güira, Las Terrazas and Bermejas.

Western Spindalis – *Spindalis sena*- Some couples on Viñales, Soplillar, Botanical Garden of Cienfuegos, Najasa and Cayo Guillermo.

Cuban Bullfinch- *Melopyrrha nigra*- Noted on Sierra de la Güira, Santo Tomás and Cayo Coco.

**Cuban Grassquit\*** – *Tiaris canorus*- Big flock at Las Terrazas.

Yellow-faced Grassquit- *Tiaris olivaceus*- Seen daily except on Najasa.

**Zapata Sparrow\*** – *Torreornis inexpectata*- Nice views on Santo Tomás and Cueva del Jabalí, Cayo Coco.

Indigo Bunting- *Paserina cyanea*- Big flock on Botanical Garden of Cienfuegos.

Painted Bunting – *Passerina ciris*- One female noted on Cueva del Jabalí, Cayo Coco.

**Red-shouldered Blackbird\***- *Agelaius assimilis*- At least one on Bermejas.

Tawny-shouldered Blackbird – *Agelaius humeralis*- Widespread, seen on seven days.

Eastern Meadowlark – *Sturnella magna*- Reported on Sierra de la Güira, Viñales and Las Terrazas.

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

Greater Antillean Grackle – *Quiscalus niger*- Common and widespread. Fairly common on Cayo Guillermo.

Shiny Cowbird – *Molothrus bonariensis*- Note don Viñales and Caletón. Small group on Botanical Garden of Cienfuegos.

**Cuban Oriole** – *Icterus melanopsis*- Present in Zapata Swamp and Najasa. The best view in Playa Larga.

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

Nutmeg Mannikin – *Lonchura punctulata*- Several hundred on Botanical Garden of Cienfuegos.

Tricolored Munia – *Lonchura malacca*- Over fifty on the way to Cienfuegos, exactly in Babiney.



*Cuban Tody*