



Birdwatching Holidays in Spain, Morocco & more...

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BIRD HIGHLIGHTS

TOUR	DATES
CUBA , Birds & Butterflies	Jan 25th to Feb 3rd

Party: Wilf Powell , Julia Powell ,Richard Rose,Sue Rose, Karen Hargreave, David Hargreave, Rob Waldron, Marilyn Horner Mike Smith Dot Smith

Tour Leaders : Josele J Saiz , O. Martinez , Raynier Nuñez

Total Number of species : **150 birds 56 butterflies**

Weather & Sites:

Day 1- 25.01.14	Nice and sunny- 25°C La Habana – Niña Bonita Reservoir – Soroa – Rancho S Vicente -Viñales
Day 2 – 26.01.14	Nice and sunny – 26°C San Vicente – Viñales -San Miguel de los Baños (La Guaira)- Niña Bonita Reserv- Zapata National Park.
Day 3 – 27.01.14	Nice and sunny- 26°C Zapata Swamps –Playa Larga- El Soplillar
Day 4 – 28.01.14	Nice and warm – 27°C Las Bermejas – Playa Larga – Las Salinas -Zapata National Park
Day 5 – 29.01.14	Nice showers and sunny 27°C Playa Larga – Las Bermejas – Rio Azul – Najasa
Day 6 – 30.01.14	Nice and sunny – 25 ^a c Finca La Belen – Najasa Nature reserve (Laguna Bicunit)
Day 7 – 31.01.14	Nice and hot – 29°C Najasa Nature reserve – Laguna Blanca – Cayo Paredón Grande - Cayo Coco
Day 8 – 01.02.14	Nice and sunny – 28°C Cueva Jabali - Cayo Coco sewish pond - Cayo Guillermo
Day 9 – 02.02.14	Nice and hot – 30°C Zaza River – La Havana
Day 10 – 03.02.14	Cloudy and sunny - 26°C Free day in La Havana before going to the airport.

#	0	Species	Scientific Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	1	Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	x	x		x			x			
	2	Least Grebe	<i>Tachyabaptus dominicus</i>			x			x				
	3	Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	
	4	Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>				x			x	x		
	5	Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>			x				x			
	6	Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>			x	x			x	x	x	
	7	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	8	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	9	Reddish Egret	<i>Egretta rufescens</i>							x	x	x	
	10	Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>				x			x	x	x	
	11	Black crwon Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	x		x			x				
	12	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	13	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	14	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	15	Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
	16	Yellow Crowned Night Heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>			x					x		
	17	White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>		x		x			x	x		
	18	Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>				x				x	x	
	19	Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>				x						
	20	Caribbean Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>				x			x	x		
	21	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>			x	x			x	x	x	
	22	Northern Showeler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>				x			x	x		
	23	Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	x	x		x		x				
	24	Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	x	x								
	25	Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	x	x								
	26	Red Breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serray</i>							x	x	x	
	27	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanos occidentalis</i>	x	x					x	x	x	
	28	White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>				x						
	29	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	30	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		x	x	x		x	x	x		
	31	Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>	x	x					x			
	32	Gundlach's Hawk	Accipiter gundlachi			x							
	33	Cuban Black-Hawk	Buteogallus gundlachi				x				x		
	34	Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	x						x			
	35	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	x	x					x		x	
	36	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	37	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				x			x			
	38	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>		x				x			x	
	39	Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara plancus</i>		x			x		x	x	x	
	40	Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarana</i>			x			x			x	
	41	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	x		x			x	x	x	x	
	42	American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
	43	Northern Jacana	<i>Jacana spinosa</i>			x			x				
	44	Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>		x		x	x		x	x	x	
	45	Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>				x				x		
	46	Semi-palmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>								x		
	47	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	x			x				x		
	48	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>								x	x	
	49	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	x									
	50	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>				x			x	x	x	
	51	Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>				x				x		
	52	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>				x				x		
	53	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>			x	x				x		
	54	Semi-palmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>								x		

55	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>				x					x		
56	Curlew Sandpiper										x		
57	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>				x							
58	Still Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>									x		
59	Short billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>				x					x	x	
60	Ring Billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	x								x		
61	Laughing Gull	<i>Larus atricilla</i>									x	x	x
62	Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	x								x	x	
63	Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	x			x					x	x	x
64	Gull billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>				x							
65	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>				x					x		x
66	White Crowned Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas leucocephala</i>				x							
67	Plain Pigeon ++	<i>Patagioenas inornata</i>								x	x		
68	Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x
69	Zenaida Dove	<i>Zenaida aurita</i>				x	x	x			x		
70	White-winged Dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>											x
71	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Sterptopelia decaocto</i>	x	x				x				x	x
72	Common Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	
73	Gray-fronted Quail-Dove +	<i>Geotrygon caniceps</i>						x	x				
74	Ruddy Quail-Dove	<i>Geotrygon montana</i>						x					
75	Blue-headed Quail-Dove +	<i>Starnoenas cyanocephala</i>						x					
76	Cuban Parakeet +	<i>Aratinga euops</i>						x			x		
77	Cuban Parrot +	<i>Amazona leucocephala</i>						x	x	x	x		
78	Great Lizard-Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus merlini</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	H			
79	Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
80	Bare-legged Owl	<i>Gymnoglaux lawrenci</i>						x					
81	Cuban Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium siju</i>	x	x	x	x	H		x	x			
82	Stygian Owl +	<i>Asio stygius</i>					H		x				
83	Greater Antillean Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus cubanensis</i>					H						
84	Antillean Palm-Swift	<i>Tachornis phoenicobia</i>	x	x	x						x		
85	Cuban Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon ricardii</i>	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	
86	Bee Hummingbird +	<i>Mellisuga helenae</i>				x							
87	Cuban Trogon	<i>Priotelus temnurus</i>	x	x	x	x			x				
88	Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megasceryle alcyon</i>	x			x	x		x	x	x		
89	Cuban Tody	<i>Todus multicolor</i>	x	x	x	x	H		x	x			x
90	West Indian Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes superciliaris</i>	x	x	x				x	x			x
91	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>				x	x		x	x			
92	Cuban Woodpecker	<i>Xiphidiopicus percussus</i>	x	x					x	x			
93	Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>								x			
94	Fernandina's Flicker +	<i>Colaptes fernandinae</i>	x					H	H				
95	Cuban Pewee	<i>Contopus caribaeus</i>	x	x	x	x			x	x	x		
96	Loggerhead Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus caudifasciatus</i>	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
97	Giant Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus cubensis</i>							x				
98	La Sagra's Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus sagrae</i>	x	x			x		x	x	x		
99	Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	x			x						x	x
100	Cuban Martin	<i>Progne cryptoleuca</i>											x
101	Zapata Wren ++	<i>Herminia cerverai</i>				x							
102	Bahama Mockingbird +	<i>Mimus gundlachii</i>											x
103	Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
104	Cuban Solitaire	<i>Myadestes elisabeth</i>				x							
105	Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x					
106	Red-legged Thrush	<i>Turdus plumbeus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
107	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>				x			x	x	x	x	x
108	Cuban Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila lembeyei</i>									x	x	
109	Cuban Palm Crow	<i>Corvus minutus</i>							x	x	x		
110	Cuban Crow	<i>Corvus nasicus</i>				x	x	x	x	x	x		

111	Cuban Vireo	Vireo gundlachi		x				x			x	
112	Thick Billed Vireo	Vireo crassirostris									x	
113	White Eye Vireo	Vireo griseus									H	
114	Yellow-throated Vireo	Vireo flavifrons									x	
115	Northern Parula	Parula americana	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
116	Magnolia Warbler	Dendroica magnolia			x	x		x			x	
117	Cape May Warbler	Dendroica tigrina						x				
118	Black-throated Blue Warbler	Dendroica caerulescens	x	x	x		x	x	x			x
119	Yellow rumped Warbler	Dendroica coronata						x				
120	Black-throated Green Warbler	Dendroica virens						x				
121	Yellow-throated Warbler	Dendroica dominica			x			x	x			
122	Olive capped Warbler	Dendroica Pityophila	x	x								
123	Prairie Warbler	Dendroica discolor	x		x			x	x	x	x	
124	Palm Warbler	Dendroica palmarum	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
125	Black-and-white Warbler	Mniotilta varia			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
126	American Redstart	Setophaga ruticilla	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	
127	Worm-eating Warbler	Helmitheros vermivorum										x
128	Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla	x			x	x	x				x
129	Northern Waterthrush	Seiurus noveboracensis			x		x		x	x	x	
130	Louisiana Waterthrush	Seiurus motacilla	x					x				
131	Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	x	x	x			x	x			x
132	Yellow-headed Warbler	Teretistris fernandinae	x		x							
133	Oriente Warbler	Teretistris fornsi								x	x	
134	Western Spindalis	Spindalis zena	x	x				x	x	x		
135	Cuban Bullfinch	Melopyrrha nigra	x	x						x	x	
136	Cuban Grassquit	Tiaris canorus	x									
137	Yellow-faced Grassquit	Tiaris olivaceus	x	x		x		x	x	x		
138	Summer Tanager	Piranga Rubra						x				
139	House Sparrow	Paser domesticus	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
140	Zapata Sparrow +	Torreornis inexpectata			x							
141	Tawny-shouldered Blackbird	Agelaius humeralis			x		x	x	x			
142	Red-shouldered Blackbird	Agelaius assimilis			x							
143	Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna		x				x	x			
144	Cuban Blackbird	Dives atrovioleaceus	x	x	x					x	x	x
145	Greater Antillean Grackle	Quiscalus niger	x	x	x		x			x	x	x
146	Shiny Cowbird	Molothrus bonaerensis						x				
147	Baltimore Oriol	Icterus galbula						x				
148	Greater Antillean Oriole	Icterus dominicensis	x		x							
149	Hooded Oriole	Icterus cucullatus						x				
150	Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum				x						
	Endemics											
	Status											
	+++ critically endangered											
	++ endangered											
	+ vulnerable											
#	Other Sightings	Scientific Name										
	Reptiles											
	Cuban Tortoise	Trachemys decussata										
	Butterfly Bat	Natalus lepidus										

List of Butterflies

		Species\Days	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SKIPPERS (HESPERIIDAE)												
1.	Monk Skipper	<i>Asbolis capucinus</i>								X		
2.	Mesogramma Skipper	<i>Atalopedes m. mesogramma</i>							X			
3.	Potrillo Skipper	<i>Cabares potrillo</i>					X					
4.	Three-spotted Skipper	<i>Cymaenes t. tripunctus</i>		X			X					
5.	'Cuban' Florida Duskywing	<i>Ephyriades b. brunnea</i>							X			
6.	Fiery Skipper	<i>Hylephyla phyleus</i>					X					
7.	Purple-washed Skipper	<i>Panoquina lucas</i>			X		X		X			
8.	Tropical Checkered-Skipper	<i>Pyrgus oileus</i>		X	X		X					
9.	Caribbean Skipper	<i>Pyrrhocalles antiqua orientis</i>							X			
10.	Caribbean Faceted-Skipper	<i>Synapte m. malitiosa</i>		X								
11.	'Cuban' Dorantes Longtail	<i>Urbanus dorantes santiago</i>			X	X	X		X			
12.	Long-tailed Skipper	<i>Urbanus proteus domingo</i>		X	X		X					
13.	Cuban Broken-dash	<i>Wallengenia misera</i>					X		X			
14.	Cuban Flasher	<i>Astraptes cassander</i>					X					
15.	Eufala Skipper	<i>Lerodea eufala</i>					X					
16.	Polydamas Swallowtail	<i>Battus polydamas cubensis</i>		X								
WHITES & SULFURS (PIERIDAE)												
17.	Sleepy Orange	<i>Abaeis nicippe</i>		X				X				
18.	White Angled-Sulphur	<i>Anteos clorinde</i>					X					
19.	Statira Sulphur	<i>Aphrissa statira cubana</i>			X	X	X		X			
20.	Great Southern White	<i>Ascia monuste eubotea</i>					X		X			
21.	Boisduval's Yellow	<i>Eurema boisduvaliana</i>					X					
22.	Barred Yellow	<i>Eurema दौरa palmira</i>		X			X					
23.	Dina Yellow	<i>Eurema dina dina</i>		X	X							
24.	Little Yellow	<i>Eurema lisa euterpe</i>			X	X	X	X	X	X		
25.	Mimosa Yellow	<i>Eurema nise nise</i>		X								
26.	Florida White	<i>Glutophrissa drusilla poeyi</i>							X			
27.	Large Orange Sulphur	<i>Phoebis agarithe antillia</i>							X			
28.	Orange-barred Sulphur	<i>Phoebis philea philea</i>			X	X	X		X			
29.	Cloudless Sulphur	<i>Phoebis sennae sennae</i>		X	X	X	X		X	X		
30.	Orange-washed Sulphur	<i>Phoebis avellaneda</i>		X								
31.	Lyside Sulphur	<i>Kricogonia lyside</i>							X			
32.	Confusing Yellow	<i>Pyrisitia larae</i>						X				
BLUES & GOSSAMER WINGS (LYCAENIDAE)												
33.	Nickerbean Blue	<i>Cyclargus a. ammon</i>							X			
34.	Hanno Blue (Ceraunus?)	<i>Hemiargus hanno filenus</i>						X	X			
35.	Cassius Blue	<i>Leptotes cassius theonus</i>	X	X		X	X		X	X		
36.	Limenia Scrub-Hairstreak	<i>Strymon limenia</i>		X			X			X		
37.	Mallow Scrub-Hairstreak	<i>Strymon istapa cybira</i>							X			
38.	Martial Scrub-Hairstreak	<i>Strymon martialis</i>							X			
39.	Atala	<i>Eumaeus atala</i>							X			
METALMARKS (RIODINIDAE)												
40.	Caribbean Metalmark	<i>Dianesia carteri carteri</i>							X			
BRUSH -FOOTS (NYMPHALIDAE)												
41.	Iphicleola Sister	<i>Adelpha iphicleola iphimedia</i>	X				X					
42.	Gulf Fritillary	<i>Agraulis vanillae insularis</i>						X	X			

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43.	Cuban Peacock					X					
44.	White Peacock	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
45.	Common Cuban Calisto	X	X			X	X				
46.	Queen						X				
47.	Silver Emperor					X					
48.	Julia		X	X	X		X	X			
49.	Caribbean Cracker					X					
50.	Zebra Longwing		X	X	X	X		X	X		
51.	Tropical Buckeye		X	X	X			X			
52.	Phaon Crescent		X	X							
53.	Red-striped Leafwing										
54.	Malachite				X			X			
55.	Two-spotted Prepona		X								
56.	Cuban Leafwing							X			
	MOTHS										
	Cuban Urania Moth		X								
	Ornate Moth		X	X							

Moment or bird of the tour.

Wilf Powell – Zapata Wren

Julia Powell – Cuban Gnatcatcher

Richard Rose- Morning pleasant walk at finca La Belen

Sue Rose – Bee Hummingbird

Karen Hargreave – Blue-headed Quail Dove

David Hargreave – Gundlach's Hawk

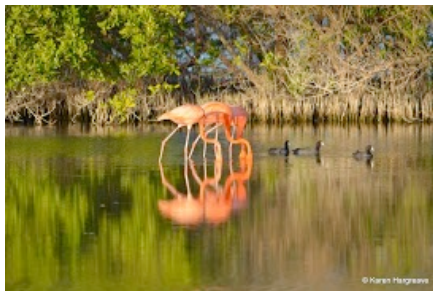
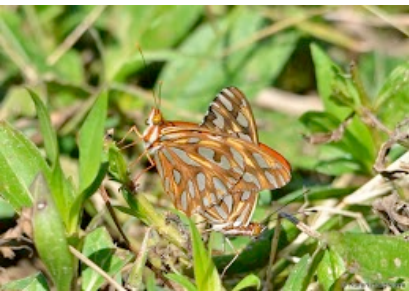
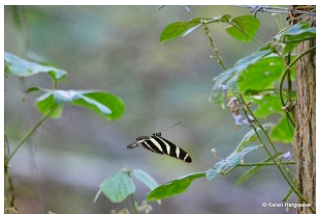
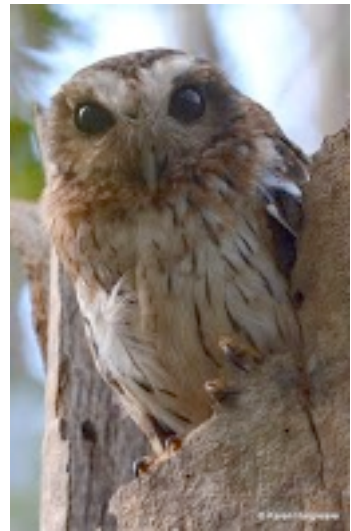
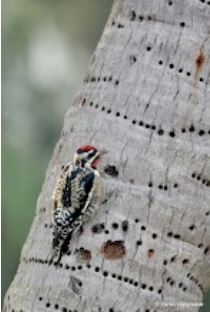
Rob Waldron – Walk through La Guira area

Marilyn Horner – Walk thropugh La Guira area

Mike Smith – Bee Hummingbird

Dot Smith – Cuban Trogon

Josele J Saiz – Gundlach's Hawk



Pictures by Karen Hargreave