

## TOUR REPORT



*Success! Lesser Antillean Flycatcher is in the bag on St. Lucia*

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### Barbados

Beautiful Barbados marks the start of our epic multi-island birding adventure through the Lesser Antilles. On this tour our focus is seeing all of the endemics, near endemics, and regional specialities to be found in this little birded region tucked away in the southeastern corner of the beautiful Caribbean.

The endemics here come in all shapes, colours and sizes, and we begin with the Barbados Bullfinch - certainly not the most glamorous, but as it hops from table to table at our beachside hotel - one that definitely proves to be one of the easier LA endemics to see!

After walking along this tiny island's southern coastline, we make for a mangrove swamp known to harbour a number of regional specialities. Here we are greeted by the dazzling Antillean Crested Hummingbird, Green-

throated Carib, and Golden Warbler (subspecies of Yellow Warbler unique to many of the islands). Bananaquits and Scaly-naped Pigeons are amongst some of the other species frequenting the aerial roots of the Red Mangroves dominating this landscape.

After a relaxed breakfast overlooking the glittering turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea, we make our way into the center of the island where our focus shifts to aquatic birds. Our second stop proves the most productive, as a large pond filled with sedge yields Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, Common Gallinule, caribea morph of American Coot, and Green Heron.

Before tucking into the first of many lunches featuring fresh fish and seafood, we take time to gaze down from a sea cliff at feeding Hawksbill and Green Turtles - beneficiaries of the successful implementation of a number of policies stemming from the Barbados Sea Turtle Project.

### **Grenada**

The following morning sees us arrive in the Spice Isle of Grenada where we waste little time in heading to Mt. Hartman National Park intent on an audience with a notoriously difficult endemic to see. The gentle Grenada Dove is now amongst the rarest species on Earth, with some estimates putting surviving numbers at less than 40 individuals! Due to a delay in our arrival we are late to Hartman, and hence the majority of doves have ceased calling for the morning - the result being that only a couple in our party see the bird.

Undeterred we make for the lush forests of the north of the island, where we are treated to superb views of Lesser Antillean Tanager (some taxonomic orders already splitting this to Grenada Tanager), a fascinating all-black morph of Bananaquit, Spectacled Thrush and Rufous-breasted Hermit. A return to Hartman in the late afternoon ensures we are off to a good start on our quest to see each of the 4 subspecies of House Wren unique to the region - each a very probable future split. We also pick up the first of two *Myiarchus* unique to the Lesser Antilles - the Grenada Flycatcher.

A buffet dinner at our colourful resort follows, before we all turn in knowing tomorrow morning represents our last chance for the Grenada Dove.

Waking at 5, we once again enter Hartman, but this time without an airline causing a delay to our arrival, we are there in time to hear the gentle cooing of several doves resonating across the dry forest landscape. Using the song of the closest to hone in on it's position, we patiently wait, and are soon rewarded with one of the greatest views **ever** of this bird as the songster abandons its perch and lands 6 feet away from the group.... at eye level! Mouths gape, and eyes bulge. Can't ask for a better look than that!

### **St. Vincent**

During the afternoon journey to Grenada's neighbour St. Vincent, many of us are still talking about our dove encounter. However as our SUV begins a steady ascent into the heavily forested slopes of this spectacular volcanic island, our focus and anticipation begins to shift to parrots. St. Vincent is one of three islands in the region home to at least one endemic species of mighty *Amazona*, and here it is *Amazona guildingii*.

After downing a refreshing drink from freshly harvested coconuts, we settle in and await the return of these remarkably coloured parrots to their roosts. Within 5 minutes, parrots begin to arrive in 3s and 4s and start to perch all around us. As we adjust our footing for better views of the mesmerising sapphire blues and vibrant oranges that dominate the wings and tails of this threatened species, a 6ft St. Vincent Tree-Boa slinks quietly away through the branches overhead. We spend 2 hours in the company of St. Vincent's national bird. In total, 60 parrots arrive during our time here, before fading light draws us reluctantly away. However, with the sun setting on the Atlantic Ocean and expanse of lush forest before us, even our goodbye is memorable.

A lavishly decorated seafront restaurant marks the setting for our pouring over the days checklist, before a delicious dinner is heartily consumed.

The following morning we set off early in search of 2 prime targets for St. Vincent - the endemic Whistling Warbler and 'soon-to-be-endemic' St. Vincent Tanager. The former is a notoriously difficult bird to see, and so it proves once more, as we find ourselves a fair distance along the well worn trail, before a spectacular male is eventually spotted flitting along a bromeliad laden branch of a nearby tree. Superb and (somewhat uncharacteristically) lengthy views of this highly coveted species, belonging to the monotypic genus *Catharopeza* are enjoyed by all. Shortly thereafter a juvenile also appears. Excellent!

The tanager proves to be far more straightforward, as a small flock appears in the canopy overhead and remains long enough to allow us to make comparisons between it and the Grenada version.

With the afternoon off for R&R, some of the group take the opportunity to stroll the beach and go for a dip in the pool, while others wade into the placid waters of the Caribbean Sea over which soar Magnificent Frigatebirds, Brow Boobies and Royal Terns. Before making the short drive to the airport, there is time to check out a reliable site for 'St. Vincent' House Wren - with one duly appearing following a brief spissing session.

### **St. Lucia**

The 'Island of Inspiration' is certainly appropriately named. The lush scenery and rolling hills surrounded by swaying palm lined shores are postcard perfect. Setting off early from our hotel, our drive takes us through sleepy villages where lights are only now starting to flicker on. But our early start is warranted and rewarded when we arrive in the dry forests of the east and are greeted by a striking White-breasted (St. Lucia) Thrasher - our primary target here. Seeing the thrasher early is crucial, as it allows for an extended time in St. Lucia's signature attraction - the enchanting Des Cartiers Rainforest. After a gradual ascent to the observation area we settle in and wait. Slowly the birds begin to approach. A pair of stunning and recently split Lesser Antillean Euphonia explore the mistletoe overhead, the male's turquoise crown glistening in the early morning sunshine; dancing Purple-throated Caribs feed at a flowering bromeliad; Pearly-eyed Thrashers utter their raspy-throated calls; and, incredibly, a male St. Lucia Black Finch (abandoning its penchant for skulking), opts to pose for over 5 minutes at eye height directly in front of us!

As we creep back along the trail towards the waiting van, the slightest of movements betrays the presence of the island's national bird - the utterly superb St. Lucia Parrot, perched just below us....almost too close for the scope! We round off a hugely successful visit to Des Cartiers with excellent looks at St. Lucia Warbler as well as both a juvenile and adult St. Lucia Oriole.

A wetland stop follows lunch at a popular local dive, where we enjoy views of several migrant waterfowl, Belted Kingfisher, Great Blue Heron, and even Glossy Ibis, before returning to the resort.

Upon arrival the sun is still high enough to warrant an afternoon swim in the pool, before tucking into another delicious and fresh seafood dinner.

The following morning greets us with blustery winds and raises concerns that the birds will be laying low; and indeed the number of species seen today is significantly lower than yesterday. However, focusing our birding on the preferred habitats of our two main targets sees us rewarded with excellent and extended looks at both the Lesser Antillean Flycatcher and our third subspecies of House Wren.

Following lunch we take to the seas where several Brown Boobies follow us for the duration of our voyage to Martinique. Another poolside afternoon follows, as we await a dinner of steak bourguignon.

## **Martinique**

The Carbet Mountain range is amongst the oldest in the entire region, and as our vehicles climb ever higher, the landscape becomes dominated by towering Tree Ferns and moss-laden emergents. This is the land of the Martinique Oriole, and after an hour of searching a softly uttered "*chuht*" betrays the presence of this sharply plumaged endemic - a species under significant threat due to brood parasitism by an ever-increasing population of Shiny Cowbirds. The arrival of a pair of long beaked and heavily masked Grey Tremblers ensures that our first stop of the morning isn't reserved for endemics alone, but also near-endemics!

After waiting out a heavy shower while breakfasting on freshly baked croissants and pain-au-chocolat, we stroll along a trail lined with flowering heliconia. Here we enjoy ridiculously close views of a male Blue-headed Hummingbird, the sun glinting off its deep sapphire blue head and turquoise upperparts. Fabulous. Rufous-throated Solitaire and Black-faced Grassquit are amongst the host of other species viewed in this rich habitat.

Abandoning the heavily forested Carbets for the sparse dry forests of the northeast, our attention shifts to our sole remaining target - the White-breasted Thrasher. Although already seen in St. Lucia, there is a strong possibility that these two thrashers will be split, the nominate here in Martinique remaining as White-breasted Thrasher and that in St Lucia becoming St Lucia Thrasher. As we are determined to get every endemic and would-be endemic on this trip, seeing the smaller and more subtly marked bird on Martinique is crucial.

Not only do we see it, but we have what are likely the best views ever enjoyed on any previous Lesser Antilles tour! A mere 15 feet or so in front of us, a family of 4 thrashers spends over 20 minutes exploring the forest floor and fallen tree logs, even feeding each other and softly calling and communicating amongst each other as they go. We finish our time in the dry forest with close views of *ruficapilla* - the rufous hooded subspecies of Yellow Warbler unique to this Overseas Department of France.

A lunch of marlin burgers and garlic ribs follows at a beachside restaurant, where fittingly the turquoise waters are reminiscent of the upperparts of the recently viewed Blue-headed Hummingbird.

## **Guadeloupe**

Our time in France continues as we set off this morning to explore the Parc National du Guadeloupe - a setting that usually provides some of the most memorable birding of the entire trip - and so it proves again today.

We have not even exited the vehicle before an incredibly obliging Bridled Quail-Dove is spotted near the roadside. This normally secretive and deep forest dwelling bird allows us to approach to within mere metres of its location, and those of us with cameras duly fill the frame! Overhead, Lesser Antillean Swifts dart amongst the clouds, seeking out the insects released by a recent shower, while back on terra firma several Brown Tremblers are drawn to nearby banana trees in search of *Coleoptera*.

Our magical morning continues when both Plumbeous Warbler and (even more remarkably) Forest Thrush, also allow us to approach to within a few feet of their location, before a family of 5 Guadeloupe Woodpeckers provide all in the group with the opportunity to observe through bins and scope both feeding behaviour and an exhibition of territorial displays.

The National Park has once again not failed to disappoint, and the wonderfully close and multiple sightings of every target prove the subject of most conversations over brunch - a delicious French picnic of blue cheese, camembert, fresh baguettes, cured meats and Belgian chocolate.

Before heading back to the hotel for a siesta, we enjoy an audience with Lesser Antillean Pewee, Lesser Antillean Saltator and Black-whiskered Vireo.

An evening stroll in a mangrove wetland along the shores of the Caribbean Sea provides views of Black-necked Stilt, Tricoloured as well as Black-crowned Night Heron, Northern Waterthrush, and several other water-loving species.

### **Dominica**

The numerous and varied calls of Red-necked Parrots greet our ears long before we have arrived at the first of several reliable sites for this vibrantly coloured endemic found deep within the extensive Northern Forest Reserve. After 30 minutes of walking, our eyes are feasting on perched 'Jaco' (local name for this Amazona) feeding in heavily fruiting trees and we gleefully soak up the sights of the brilliantly patterned and colourful wings as the birds constantly abandon one tree for another. Before leaving the forest we complete the clean sweep of House Wrens with close views of *rufescens* - thus ensuring that when these are split in the coming years, 4 new "armchair ticks" will be ours to enjoy!

After our vehicle winds its way out of the verdant forest and down into the scrubby landscape of Mero, we pause for Red-legged Thrush, a cooperative bird perching in the 'Y' of a mango tree, allowing extended looks at that wonderfully striped throat and boldly coloured beak.

An afternoon appointment with what may soon be recognised as the Lesser Antillean Barn Owl follows, before our private jet whisks us off to Antigua, where a relaxed and delicious dinner of pork chops, snapper and chicken greets our arrival at our Country Inn on the outskirts of bustling St. John's.

### **Antigua& Barbuda**

Streaking across the sea, we soon arrive at one of the least developed islands in the Lesser Antilles. Quiet, deserted and dazzlingly white sand beaches welcome us to Barbuda, the sister island of this twin island nation. Here we waste little time in getting up close and personal with the Barbuda Warbler, a plucky survivor of past hurricanes; but will it survive the planned development of Barbuda's currently unspoiled shoreline.....only time will tell.

As we walk through the scrub and cactus strewn landscape of this driest of islands in the region, other key species including Lesser Antillean Bullfinch and Caribbean Elaenia reveal themselves, as does a perfectly poised Mangrove Cuckoo.

After cruising across a placid lagoon for an audience with thousands of those marvelously skilled pirates of the air - the Magnificent Frigatebirds - many males busy inflating their brilliant red throat pouches with the intention of luring down soaring females, we are treated to a beach picnic at one of the most stunningly scenic and pristine beaches in the entire Caribbean.

### **Montserrat**

This is an island quite unlike any other in the region. With a large portion of the south now an uninhabitable exclusion zone, the small population of people who opted to remain following the devastating volcanic eruptions of the late 20th century reside in the North. Here too lives one of the most threatened species in the Lesser Antilles - the Montserrat Oriole. Although the Soufriere Hills are constantly monitored and every human resident will be given ample warning to evacuate the island should this impressive stratovolcano erupt again, such a natural disaster could well see the extinction in the wild of this single island endemic.

Fortunately, for the moment at least, this oriole can be reliably seen, assuming of course one knows the best and safest site to observe the bird at. Arriving at the appropriately named 'Sweet Spot', we haven't even all disembarked the vehicle before an inquisitive mustard olive female perches in a sparsely leafed tree and calls. She is soon joined by a stunningly coloured male and presumed mate, who puts on an even more impressive show by

performing a form of avian pirouette on a nearby branch, allowing superb views of the flame coloured underparts and glossy black uppers.

Amongst the several other species that show particularly well in this quiet expanse of forest are Scaly-breasted Thrasher, American Kestrel, and the endemic subspecies of Forest Thrush.

A typical Caribbean meal of Pumpkin fritters, chicken and dumpling soup, roast chicken, macaroni pie and potato salad is ours to savour, as we celebrate yet another incredibly close view of a single island endemic at home here in the magical Lesser Antilles.

A special thanks to all tour participants for being wonderful travel companions.

*Ryan Chenery*

Species List for birds seen and heard on the November 2023 tour**Key**

E = Endemic

EC = Endemic to Caribbean

ELA= Endemic to Lesser Antilles

ES = Endemic Subspecies

NE = Near Endemic

NES = Near Endemic Subspecies

| <b>Common Name</b>               | <b>Scientific Name</b>                   | <b>Status</b>                            |
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| Black-bellied Whistling Duck     | <i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>            |  |
| Lesser Scaup                     | <i>Aythya affinis</i>                    |  |
| Blue-winged Teal                 | <i>Spatula discors</i>                   |  |
| American Wigeon                  | <i>Mareca americana</i>                  |  |
| Pied-billed Grebe                | <i>Podilymbus podiceps antillarum</i>    |  |
| Feral Rock Pigeon                | <i>Columba livia</i>                     |  |
| Eurasian Collared Dove           | <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>             |  |
| African Collared Dove            | <i>Streptopelia roseogrisea</i>          |  |
| Scaly-naped Pigeon               | <i>Patagioenas squamosa</i>              | EC                                       |
| White-crowned Pigeon             | <i>Patagioenas leucocephala</i>          |  |
| Grenada Dove                     | <i>Leptotila wellsi</i>                  | E  |
| Bridled Quail-Dove               | <i>Geotrygon mystacea</i>                | EC                                       |
| Ruddy Quail-Dove                 | <i>Geotrygon montana</i>                 | <b>Heard</b>                             |
| Zenaida Dove                     | <i>Zenaida aurita</i>                    | EC                                       |
| Eared Dove                       | <i>Zenaida auriculata</i>                |  |
| White-winged Dove                | <i>Zenaida asiatica</i>                  |  |
| Common Ground Dove               | <i>Columbina passerina nigrirostris</i>  | (Northern LA)                            |
| Common Ground Dove               | <i>Columbina passerina antillarum</i>    | (Southern LA)                            |
| Red-billed Tropicbird            | <i>Phaethon aethereus mesonauta</i>      |  |
| Short-tailed Swift               | <i>Chaetura brachyura praevelox</i>      |  |
| Lesser Antillean Swift           | <i>Chaetura martinica</i>                | ELA                                      |
| Rufous-breasted Hermit (Grenada) | <i>Glaucis hirsutus insularum</i>        | ES                                       |
| Antillean Crested Hummingbird    | <i>Orthorhyncus cristatus</i>            | EC (nominate - Barbados)                 |
| Antillean Crested Hummingbird    | <i>Orthorhyncus cristatus exilis</i>     | NES (St.Lucia and northern LA)           |
| Antillean Crested Hummingbird    | <i>Orthorhyncus cristatus ornatus</i>    | ES (St.Vincent)                          |
| Antillean Crested Hummingbird    | <i>Orthorhyncus cristatus emigrans</i>   | ES (Grenada)                             |
| Green-throated Carib             | <i>Eulampis holosericeus</i>             | EC (nominate - all of LA except Greanda) |
| Green-throated Carib             | <i>Eulampis holosericeus chloroaeus</i>  | ES (Grenada)                             |
| Purple-throated Carib            | <i>Eulampis jugularis</i>                | ELA                                      |
| Blue-headed Hummingbird          | <i>Riccordia bicolor</i>                 | NE (Dominica+Martinique)                 |
| Smooth-billed Ani                | <i>Crotophaga ani</i>                    |  |
| Mangrove Cuckoo                  | <i>Coccyzus minor</i>                    |  |
| Sora                             | <i>Porzana carolina</i>                  | <b>Heard</b>                             |
| Common Gallinule                 | <i>Gallinula galeata cerceris</i>        | (All Lesser Antilles exopt Barbados)     |
| Common Gallinule                 | <i>Gallinula galeata barbadensis</i>     | (Barbados)                               |
| American Coot                    | <i>Fulica americana (Caribaea morph)</i> |  |
| Cory's Shearwater                | <i>Calonectris borealis</i>              |  |
| Brown Pelican                    | <i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>            |  |
| Black-crowned Night Heron        | <i>Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli</i>     |  |

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| Yellow-crowned Night Heron  | <i>Nyctanassa violacea bancrofti</i>          |                                      |
| Green Heron                 | <i>Butorides virescens</i>                    |                                      |
| Cattle Egret (Western)      | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>                          |                                      |
| Great Blue Heron            | <i>Ardea herodias</i>                         |                                      |
| Great Egret                 | <i>Ardea alba</i>                             |                                      |
| Tricolored Heron            | <i>Egretta tricolor</i>                       |                                      |
| Little Blue Heron           | <i>Egretta caerulea</i>                       |                                      |
| Snowy Egret                 | <i>Egretta thula</i>                          |                                      |
| Glossy Ibis                 | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>                   |                                      |
| Magnificent Frigatebird     | <i>Fregata magnificens rothschildi</i>        |                                      |
| Brown Booby                 | <i>Sula leucogaster</i>                       |                                      |
| Black-necked Stilt          | <i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>                   |                                      |
| Semipalmated Plover         | <i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>                |                                      |
| Ruddy Turnstone             | <i>Arenaria interpres</i>                     |                                      |
| Sanderling                  | <i>Calidris alba</i>                          |                                      |
| Least Sandpiper             | <i>Calidris minutilla</i>                     |                                      |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper      | <i>Calidris pusilla</i>                       |                                      |
| Spotted Sandpiper           | <i>Actitis macularius</i>                     |                                      |
| Solitary Sandpiper          | <i>Tringa solitaria</i>                       |                                      |
| Willet                      | <i>Tringa semipalmata</i>                     |                                      |
| Greater Yellowlegs          | <i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>                     |                                      |
| Laughing Gull               | <i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>                  |                                      |
| Ring-billed Gull            | <i>Larus delawarensis</i>                     |                                      |
| Roseate Tern                | <i>Sterna dougallii</i>                       |                                      |
| Royal Tern                  | <i>Thalasseus maximus</i>                     |                                      |
| Osprey                      | <i>Pandion haliaetus carolinensis</i>         |                                      |
| Common Black Hawk           | <i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>                |                                      |
| Broad-winged Hawk           | <i>Buteo platypterus</i>                      |                                      |
| Broad-winged Hawk           | <i>Buteo platypterus insulicola</i>           | ES (Antigua)                         |
| Broad-winged Hawk           | <i>Buteo platypterus rivierei</i>             | NES (St.Lucia, Dominica, Martinique) |
| Broad-winged Hawk           | <i>Buteo platypterus antillarum</i>           | NES (St.Vincent and Grenada)         |
| Lesser Antilles Barn Owl    | <i>Tyto (glaucops) insularis</i>              | <b>Heard</b>                         |
| Lesser Antilles Barn Owl    | <i>Tyto insularis nigrescens</i>              | ES (Dominica)                        |
| Guadeloupe Woodpecker       | <i>Melanerpes herminieri</i>                  | E                                    |
| Belted Kingfisher           | <i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>                      |                                      |
| American Kestrel            | <i>Falco sparverius caribaeorum</i>           |                                      |
| Merlin                      | <i>Falco columbarius</i>                      |                                      |
| Peregrine Falcon            | <i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>                |                                      |
| St.Lucia Amazon             | <i>Amazona versicolor</i>                     | E                                    |
| St.Vincent Amazon           | <i>Amazona guildingii</i>                     | E                                    |
| Red-necked Amazon           | <i>Amazona arausiaca</i>                      | E (Dominica)                         |
| Rose-ringed Parakeet        | <i>Psittacula krameri</i>                     |                                      |
| Grenada Flycatcher          | <i>Myiarchus nugator</i>                      | NE (Grenada + St.Vincent)            |
| Lesser Antillean Flycatcher | <i>Myiarchus oberi sanctaeluciae</i>          | ES (St.Lucia)                        |
| Yellow-bellied Elaenia      | <i>Elaenia chiriquensis</i>                   |                                      |
| Caribbean Elaenia           | <i>Elaenia martinica</i>                      | LA                                   |
| Caribbean Elaenia           | <i>Elaenia martinica barbadensis</i>          | ES (Barbados)                        |
| Caribbean Elaenia           | <i>Elaenia martinica risii</i>                | ES (Antigua)                         |
| Grey Kingbird               | <i>Tyrannus dominicensis vorax</i>            |                                      |
| Lesser Antillean Pewee      | <i>Contopus (latirostris) brunneicapillus</i> | NE (Guadeloupe/Martinique+Dominica)  |
| St.Lucia Pewee              | <i>Contopus latirostris latirostris</i>       | E                                    |
| Black-whiskered Vireo       | <i>Vireo altiloquus barbadensis</i>           | Lesser Antilles                      |
| Antillean House Wren        | <i>Troglodytes aedon rufescens</i>            | ES (Dominica)                        |
| Antillean House Wren        | <i>Troglodytes aedon musicus</i>              | ES (St.Vincent)                      |
| Antillean House Wren        | <i>Troglodytes aedon grenadensis</i>          | ES (Grenada)                         |

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| Antillean House Wren                        | <i>Troglodytes aedon mesoleucus</i>           | ES (St.Lucia)                                  |
| Brown Trembler                              | <i>Cinlocerthia ruficauda</i>                 | ELA (nominate - Dominica and Martinique)       |
| Brown Trembler                              | <i>Cinlocerthia ruficauda tremula</i>         | ES (Montserrat, Barbuda,+Guadeloupe)           |
| Brown Trembler                              | <i>Cinlocerthia ruficauda tenebrosa</i>       | ES (St.Vincent+Grenada)                        |
| Gray Trembler                               | <i>Cinlocerthia gutturalis (nominate)</i>     | NE (Martinique+St.Lucia)                       |
| Gray Trembler                               | <i>Cinlocerthia gutturalis macrorhyncha</i>   | ES (St.Lucia)                                  |
| White-breasted Thrasher                     | <i>Ramphocinclus brachyurus (nominate)</i>    | NE (Martinique + St.Lucia)                     |
| White-breasted Thrasher (St.Lucia Thrasher) | <i>Ramphocinclus brachyurus sanctaeluciae</i> | ES (St.Lucia)                                  |
| Scaly-breasted Thrasher                     | <i>Allenia fusca</i>                          | ELA (nominate - Dominica, Martinique, Grenada) |
| Scaly-breasted Thrasher                     | <i>Allenia fusca schwartzi</i>                | ES (St.Lucia)                                  |
| Scaly-breasted Thrasher                     | <i>Allenia fusca hypenema</i>                 | ES (Guadeloupe)                                |
| Pearly-eyed Thrasher                        | <i>Margarops fuscatus densirostris</i>        | ES (Montserrat+Guadeloupe+Martinique)          |
| Pearly-eyed Thrasher                        | <i>Margarops fuscatus klinikowskii</i>        | ES (St.Lucia)                                  |
| Tropical Mockingbird                        | <i>Mimus gilvus antillarum</i>                |  |
| Rufous-throated Solitaire                   | <i>Myadestes genibarbis</i>                   | EC (nominate - Martinique)                     |
| Rufous-throated Solitaire                   | <i>Myadestes genibarbis sanctaeluciae</i>     | ES (St.Lucia)                                  |
| Forest Thrush                               | <i>Turdus lherminieri</i>                     | ELA (nominate - Guadeloupe)                    |
| Forest Thrush                               | <i>Turdus lherminieri dorotheae</i>           | ES (Montserrat)                                |
| Eastern Red-legged Thrush                   | <i>Turdus ardosiaceus albiventris</i>         | EC - ES (Dominica)                             |
| Spectacled Thrush                           | <i>Turdus nudigenis</i>                       |  |
| Barn Swallow                                | <i>Hirundo rustica</i>                        |  |
| Caribbean Martin                            | <i>Progne dominicensis</i>                    |  |
| Scaly-breasted Munia                        | <i>Lonchura punctulata</i>                    |  |
| House Sparrow                               | <i>Passer domesticus</i>                      |  |
| Lesser Antillean Euphonia                   | <i>Euphonia flavifrons</i>                    | ELA  |
| Northern Waterthrush                        | <i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>                |  |
| St.Lucia Warbler                            | <i>Setophaga delicata</i>                     | E  |
| Barbuda Warbler                             | <i>Setophaga subita</i>                       | E  |
| Plumbeous Warbler                           | <i>Setophaga plumbea</i>                      | NE (Dominica+Guadeloupe)                       |
| American Redstart                           | <i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>                    |  |
| Golden Warbler                              | <i>Setophaga (petechia) petechia</i>          | ES (nominate - Barbados)                       |
| Golden Warbler                              | <i>Setophaga petechia ruficapilla</i>         | (ES (Martinique))                              |
| Golden Warbler                              | <i>Setophaga petechia melanopectera</i>       | ES (Guadeloupe+Dominica)                       |
| Whistling Warbler                           | <i>Catharopeza bishopi</i>                    | E  |
| Martinique Oriole                           | <i>Icterus bonana</i>                         | E  |
| Montserrat Oriole                           | <i>Icterus oberi</i>                          | E  |
| St.Lucia Oriole                             | <i>Icterus laudabilis</i>                     | E  |
| Shiny Cowbird                               | <i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>                  |  |
| Carib Grackle                               | <i>Quiscalus lugubris guadeloupensis</i>      | (Guadeloupe+Martinique,+Montserrat+Dominica)   |
| Carib Grackle                               | <i>Quiscalus lugubris inflexirostris</i>      | (St.Lucia)                                     |
| Carib Grackle                               | <i>Quiscalus lugubris lutosus</i>             | (Grenada)                                      |
| Barbados Grackle                            | <i>Quiscalus (lugubris) fortirostris</i>      | (Barbados)                                     |
| Barbados Grackle                            | <i>Quiscalus (lugubris) contrusus</i>         | (St.Vincent)                                   |
| Grassland Yellow Finch                      | <i>Sicalis luteola</i>                        |  |
| Lesser Antillean Saltator                   | <i>Saltator albicollis</i>                    | ELA (Martinique + St.Lucia)                    |
| Lesser Antillean Saltator                   | <i>Saltator albicollis guadeloupensis</i>     | ES (Guadeloupe+Dominica)                       |
| St.Lucia Black Finch                        | <i>Melanospiza richardsoni</i>                | E  |
| Lesser Antillean Bullfinch                  | <i>Loxigilla noctis</i>                       | ELA (nominate - Martinique)                    |
| Lesser Antillean Bullfinch                  | <i>Loxigilla noctis ridgwayi</i>              | ES (Antigua&Barbuda)                           |
| Lesser Antillean Bullfinch                  | <i>Loxigilla noctis dominicana</i>            | ES (Dominica+Guadeloupe)                       |
| Lesser Antillean Bullfinch                  | <i>Loxigilla noctis coryi</i>                 | ES (Montserrat)                                |
| Lesser Antillean Bullfinch                  | <i>Loxigilla noctis sclateri</i>              | ES (St.Lucia)                                  |
| Lesser Antillean Bullfinch                  | <i>Loxigilla noctis crissalis</i>             | ES (St.Vincent)                                |

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| <b>Lesser Antillean Bullfinch</b>            | <i>Loxigilla noctis grenadensis</i>  | ES (Grenada)                        |
| <b>Barbados Bullfinch</b>                    | <i>Loxigilla barbadensis</i>         | E                                   |
| <b>Bananaquit</b>                            | <i>Coereba flaveola atterima</i>     | ES (Grenada)                        |
| <b>Bananaquit</b>                            | <i>Coereba flaveola martinicana</i>  | NES (St.Lucia + Martinique)         |
| <b>Bananaquit</b>                            | <i>Coereba flaveola attrata</i>      | ES (St.Vincent)                     |
| <b>Bananaquit</b>                            | <i>Coereba flaveola bartholemica</i> | NES (Antigua, Guadeloupe, Dominica) |
| <b>Bananaquit</b>                            | <i>Coereba flaveola barbadensis</i>  | ES (Barbados)                       |
| <b>Black-faced Grassquit</b>                 | <i>Melanospiza bicolor</i>           |                                     |
| <b>St.Vincent Tanager</b>                    | <i>Stilpnia versicolor</i>           | E                                   |
| <b>Grenada Tanager</b>                       | <i>Stilpnia cucullata</i>            | E                                   |
| <b>Lesser Antilles Thrush (Cocoa Thrush)</b> | <i>Turdus fumigatus bondi</i>        | ES (St.Vincent)                     |
| <b>Spectacled Thrush</b>                     | <i>Turdus nudigenis</i>              |                                     |



Grenada Dove *Leptotila wellsi* (Liza Weissler)



St. Vincent Parrot *Amazona guildingii* (Liza Weissler)



Lesser Antillean Bullfinch *Loxigilla noctis sclateri* (Liza Weissler)



Lesser Antillean Euphonia *Chlorophonia flavifrons* - recently upgraded to full species status (from Antillean Euphonia. (Liza Weissler)



St. Lucia Black Finch (male) *Melanospiza richardsoni* (Liza Weissler)



St. Lucia Warbler *Setophaga delicata* (Liza Weissler)



St. Lucia Parrot *Amazona versicolor* (Liza Weissler)



St. Lucia Pewee *Contopus latirostris latirostris* (Liza Weissler)



Antillean Crested Hummingbird *Orthorhyncus cristatus exilis* (Liza Weissler)



House Wren (St. Lucia endemic subspecies and likely probable split *Troglodytes aedon mesoleucus* (Liza Weissler)



Lesser Antillean Flycatcher (endemic subspecies on St. Lucia)  
*Myiarchus oberi sanctaeluciae* (Liza Weissler)



"Golden" Warbler (endemic subspecies of Yellow Warbler on Martinique)  
*Setophaga petechia ruficapilla* (Liza Weissler)



White-breasted Thrasher (nominate on Martinique)  
*Ramphocinclus brachyurus* (Liza Weissler)



Barbuda Warbler *Setophaga subita* (Liza Weissler)



One of many tasty meals enjoyed on the trip. This one at a popular Caribbean and Senegalese fusion restaurant



Ahhh refreshing! Drinking fresh coconut water on St. Vincent



Anyone fancy a bit of Rum sampling on Guadeloupe?



Birding under the rainbow in the company of Amazona guildingii



Yes! We finally got that Whistling Warbler!



Barbuda Warbler has been seen and we're jetting back across the ocean to Antigua