

Annotated checklist

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus*

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 1 bird on the small lake near Najasa

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - c4 birds on the small lake near Najasa

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird in the Bay of Pigs, seen from the terrace of Nivaldo's casa particular.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds along the causeway.

Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Fairly common along the causeway.

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 2 birds along the main road.

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 3 birds at Nivaldo's casa particular.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 10+ birds along the causeway in the evening.

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 10+ birds noted, also a few Great White Herons.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - A few along the way.

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly common along the way.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 1

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Fairly common.

Reddish Egret *Egretta rufescens*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds daily.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 1

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds daily.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - A few along the way.

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds along the way.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few birds.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds daily.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - A few along the way.

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds along the way.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few birds along the way.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Fairly common.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - Fairly common throughout.

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly common throughout.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - Fairly common throughout.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds daily.

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - A few along the way.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds daily.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few birds daily.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds daily.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 2 birds flying by the small lake near Najasa at dusk.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird at the small pond of Cueva de los Peces (this is a snorkling center along the road to Playa Giron). Note that this is not the 70m deep pond, but the other one which is reached by walking along a trail to the right.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 bird on Cayo Coco.

White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 5+ birds along the main road.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 bird each day.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird along the main road.

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 3 birds along the main road.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds on the Cayo's.

Caribbean Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 bird along the causeway the first day. A huge flock seen from a distance along the causeway the evening of the second day.

Fulvous Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 bird with a chick along the way each day.

West Indian Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna arborea* **Vulnerable (VU)**

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 2 birds at the big lake near Najasa. It is essential to be at the lake early, as the Whistling-Ducks are nocturnal feeders.

Wood Duck *Aix sponsa*

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A pair at the small lake near Najasa.

Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 5 birds at the lake opposite Flamingo Beach.

Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 10+ birds daily along the causeway.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - Common throughout.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Common throughout.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - Common throughout.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Common throughout.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird at the Crocodile Farm, seen during two visits.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 bird on Cayo Coco.

Gundlach's Hawk *Accipiter gundlachi* **Endangered (EN) Country endemic**

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 splendid observation of a bird near its nest in the Soplillar area. We only stayed for a short while to minimise disturbance.

Common Black-Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - ssp gundlachii - 2 birds on Cayo Coco.

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - At least 3 birds around the Cabanas de Los Pinos at La Guira, one more bird at Soroa.

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird in the Soplillar area.

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 2 birds seen from the swimming pool of Hotel Mirador in San Diego de Los Baños, another one along the road.

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 1 bird along the way.

Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 3 birds noted on Cayo Coco.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - A few along the way.

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds along the way.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - Fairly common along the way, including at least one rufous morph.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds along the way.

Merlin *Falco columbarius*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird in the Soplillar area.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 bird flying by at Cayo Paredon Grande.

Helmeted Guineafowl *Numida meleagris*

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - NC - Feral - 2 birds seen during our walk to the big lake at Najasa.

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 3 birds at the Crocodile Farm. Another bird along the way.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 2 birds along the way.

King Rail *Rallus elegans*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - NC - Not seen by myself - HO - 1 bird heard by Chino in the La Turba area.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly common at the Crocodile Farm. Another bird at La Turba.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few birds at both lakes near Najasa.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 bird along the way.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly common at the Crocodile Farm.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 10+ birds at the small lake near Najasa.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds along the way.

American Coot *Fulica americana*

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 3+ birds at the small lake near Najasa.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds along the way.

Northern Jacana *Jacana spinosa*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few at the Crocodile Farm.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 10+ birds at the small lake near Najasa.

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 2 birds at the small lake near Najasa.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 5+ birds.

Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - c4 birds.

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 10+ birds each day.

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird at the Crocodile Farm, a few more along the way.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 5+ birds at Najasa.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 bird.

Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Small flock near the crossing between Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 bird along the way the first day. 5+ birds at the lake opposite Flamingo Beach the second day.

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird at the Crocodile Farm was the only one of the trip.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularia*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 4 birds at a reservoir along the way.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 2 birds along the way.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 bird.

Willet *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird on the beach near Nivaldo's casa particular.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 5+ birds seen on both days.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 5+ birds.

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds.

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Mixed flock of c50 Semipalmated, Western and Least Sandpipers.

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Mixed flock of c50 Semipalmated, Western and Least Sandpipers.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Mixed flock of c50 Semipalmated, Western and Least Sandpipers.

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 immature bird along the causeway.

American Herring Gull *Larus smithsonianus*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 2 immature birds along the causeway.

Laughing Gull *Larus atricilla*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird on the beach near Playa Giron.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Fairly common.

Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 bird near the crossing between Cayo Coco and Cayo Guillermo.

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*

01/04/2006 - En route - 1 bird above the lake of Parque Lenin, Havana (where we accidentally ended up while getting lost)

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 bird along the causeway.

Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 10+ birds in the Bay of Pigs behind Nivaldo's casa particular.

Royal Tern *Sterna maxima*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 10+ birds in the Bay of Pigs behind Nivaldo's casa particular.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 20+ birds daily.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 immature bird in the Bay of Pigs behind Nivaldo's casa particular.

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - NC - Feral - A few feral birds.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - NC - Feral - A few feral birds along the way.

White-crowned Pigeon *Patagioenas leucocephala* **Near-threatened (NT)**

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 1 bird seen flying by from the terrace of our casa particular in Soroa.

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly common in all wooded areas.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few birds along the way.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Fairly common.

Scaly-naped Pigeon *Patagioenas squamosa*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - Frustrating brief flight views of 2 or 3 dark gray pigeons at Cabanas de Los Pinos, La Guira. The day after, one bird seen very well, flying past the terrace of our casa particular in Soroa. The eye is particularly conspicuous.

Plain Pigeon *Patagioenas inornata* **Vulnerable (VU)**

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 5+ birds noted in the Najasa area, e.g. near the big lake.

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*

10/04/2006 - Havana - NC - Feral - A few birds in the city center.

Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - Fairly common throughout.

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly common throughout.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - Fairly common throughout.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Fairly common throughout.

Zenaida Dove *Zenaida aurita*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 3+ birds, both at La Guira and Soroa.

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1

White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - A few birds daily.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few birds daily.

Common Ground-Dove *Columbina passerina*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly common.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - Fairly common.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Fairly common.

Gray-fronted Quail-Dove *Geotrygon caniceps* **Vulnerable (VU)** **Country endemic**

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird at Soplillar, seen very well as it was calling from an elevated perch.

Key West Quail-Dove *Geotrygon chrysia*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird at Soplillar, calling from an elevated perch.

Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon montana*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 1 bird flushed from the side of the mirador trail at Soroa. Very ruddy indeed.

Blue-headed Quail-Dove *Starnoenas cyanocephala* **Endangered (EN)** **Country endemic**

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - At least 2, but probably 4 different birds seen very well from the mirador trail in Soroa ! We went up the trail at dawn, and heard a BHQD calling near the place where the trail bends 90° to the right. Soon after, we were watching a pair feeding and calling. The birds disappeared towards the left, and soon after we heard and saw another pair further to the right, so I presume this was a different pair.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - HO - 1 bird heard at Soplillar, but as we had already seen this species exceptionally well in Soroa, we made no attempt to find it.

Cuban Parakeet *Aratinga euops* **Vulnerable (VU)** **Country endemic**

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - Brief flight views of a flock over Pedro's house in the evening. Excellent views of possibly the same flock feeding on guava fruit in Pedro's garden the next day.

Cuban Parrot *Amazona leucocephala* **Near-threatened (NT)** **Near-endemic**

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird seen briefly as it disappeared into its nesthole in Soplillar. 3 more birds seen flying across the main road. Surprisingly scarce.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 2 birds noted.

Great Lizard-Cuckoo *Saurothera merlini* **Near-endemic**

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 2 birds seen on the Mirador trail in Soroa.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds daily.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few birds daily.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - Fairly common along the way.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly common along the way.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - Fairly common along the way.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Fairly common along the way.

Barn Owl *Tyto alba*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 2 birds seen hunting along the highway while driving from Havana to La Guira at night.

Bare-legged Owl *Gymnoglaux lawrencii* **Country endemic**

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Chino took us to a nesting tree - one bird flew off but the other bird showed very well. This was in an area opposite the main office where Chino works (c4 km back along the main road from Playa Larga). 1 more bird heard at Soplillar as we were trying to find the nightjar.

Cuban Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium siju* [Country endemic](#)

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 seen at Palpite, repeatedly heard at Soplillar, another one seen at Cueva de los Peces.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 1 bird seen very well in the evening, another bird heard in the morning.

Stygian Owl *Asio stygius*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird taped in after much effort, seen in flight and (distantly) perched, also calling. We had no luck at the traditional sites (Playa Larga hotel, Chino's office 4km north of Playa Larga) so we tried a backup site a few kilometers towards Playa Giron near another hotel.

Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - While we were looking for Stygian Owl, we found a bird that had just been hit by a car, sitting on the road to Playa Giron. Chino first believed the bird to be a Stygian Owl, but the bird was blackish-brown rather than black and white, and too small for Stygian. I showed the pictures to Pedro later on and he was confident that it was a Short-eared Owl. The habitat (scrub/forest), the timing (10.30 PM, late for Short-eared) and the location (normally Short-eared Owl does not occur in Zapata, cfr. Chino) all seemed wrong, so all in all a bizarre observation.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 1 bird hunting at dawn.

Antillean Nighthawk *Chordeiles gundlachi*

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - HO - 1 bird heard calling as it flew past at the small lake near Najasa.

Unfortunately we didn't see it. Quite an early migrant, in fact a phenology record, it was the first one of the year for Pedro.

Greater Antillean Nightjar *Caprimulgus cubanensis* [Country endemic](#)

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 2 birds near Soplillar.

Antillean Palm-Swift *Tachornis phoenicobia*

10/04/2006 - Havana - 1 bird flying above the Cathedral square of Havana was the only one of the trip!

Cuban Emerald *Chlorostilbon ricordii* [Near-endemic](#)

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 1 bird in La Guira, a few birds at Soroa.

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Several individuals daily.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds daily.

Bee Hummingbird *Mellisuga helenae* [Near-threatened \(NT\)](#) [Near-endemic](#)

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 male at Palpite, seen in bad light. Another male at Soplillar two days later, scope views.

Cuban Trogon *Priotelus temnurus* [Country endemic](#)

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 5+ birds seen in La Guira (Cabanas de Los Pinos), commonly heard and seen along the Mirador trail at Soroa

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly common in suitable habitat.

Belted Kingfisher *Ceryle alcyon*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird near the Crocodile Farm.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 bird at the lake opposite Flamingo Beach.

Cuban Tody *Todus multicolor* [Country endemic](#)

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 5+ birds heard and seen at both sites.

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly commonly heard in suitable habitat, less often seen.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 2 seen, a few more heard.

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 5+ birds, e.g. at Cueva de Jabali.

West Indian Woodpecker *Melanerpes superciliaris* [Near-endemic](#)

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 5+ birds seen at both sites.

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly common, observed daily.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few birds daily.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus varius*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 2 birds at Soplillar.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 1 bird noted.

Cuban Woodpecker *Xiphidiopicus percussus* [Country endemic](#)

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - A few birds seen at each site.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds daily.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 1 bird noted.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 5+ birds, e.g. at Cueva de Jabali.

Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - ssp chrysocaulosus - 1 bird at Soplillar, 4 birds in a single tree (displaying) again at Soplillar two days later.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - ssp chrysocaulosus - 1 bird on Cayo Coco.

Fernandina's Flicker *Colaptes fernandinae* [Endangered \(EN\)](#) [Near-endemic](#)

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird seen from a distance at Soplillar in the morning. Later that day, Chino took us to a nesting tree, also in the Soplillar area but this time accessed from the main road back to the highway. We saw the pair here.

Cuban Pewee *Contopus caribaeus*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 3+ birds seen at La Guira.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds noted.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 2 birds heard.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds.

La Sagra's Flycatcher *Myiarchus sagrae*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 1 bird at La Guira.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds each day.

Gray Kingbird *Tyrannus dominicensis*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - A few birds at La Guira.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds noted.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few birds noted.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds daily.

Loggerhead Kingbird *Tyrannus caudifasciatus*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - Fairly common throughout.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly commonly observed.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few birds seen.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds.

Giant Kingbird *Tyrannus cubensis* [Endangered \(EN\)](#) [Near-endemic](#)

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - Excellent views of a pair. The traditional site at the cemetery has deteriorated over the past few years, according to Pedro, and he took us to a new location.

Cuban Martin *Progne cryptoleuca*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 2 birds along the main road to the autopista as we were driving out of Zapata towards Najasa.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 20+ birds at the bridge over the Zaza river, west of Taguasco. A few more birds at the small lake near Najasa.
10/04/2006 - Havana - A few birds nesting at the Cathedral of Havana.

Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Some small flocks noted.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few flocks along the way.

Cave Swallow *Petrochelidon fulva*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 30+ birds nesting under a bridge along the way.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few flocks along the way.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds noted.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 1 bird near Najasa.

Zapata Wren *Ferminia cerverai* **Endangered (EN)** **Country endemic**

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - During our first attempt at La Turba, we only heard the bird, but we weren't suitably dressed (short trousers, sandals) to go into the swamp, which was in fact very dry. We returned the day after wearing boots and long trousers, and this time we walked about 150m into the swamp. A pair of Zapata Wrens responded immediately to tape and the male started singing about 3m away! Superb views of the pair.

Gray Catbird *Dumetella carolinensis*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 2 birds at Soroa.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds noted.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few birds noted.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds daily.

Bahama Mockingbird *Mimus gundlachii*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 4 birds on Cayo Guillermo. At first, in the heat of the afternoon, we didn't see any mockingbirds, but after a short thunderstorm, all mockingbirds perched in the top of the bushes to dry themselves, so they were very easy!

Northern Mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - Fairly common throughout.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly common throughout.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - Fairly common throughout.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Fairly common throughout.

Cuban Solitaire *Myadestes elisabeth* **Near-threatened (NT)** **Country endemic**

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 2 birds seen very well at La Guira - 1 near Cabanas de Los Pinos, another one along the way down towards the archway. More birds were heard, both at La Guira and near the top of the Mirador trail at Soroa. Viewing conditions at La Guira seemed better than at Soroa (easier to get close to the birds, less dense vegetation).

Red-legged Thrush *Turdus plumbeus*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - Fairly common throughout.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds noted.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Fairly common, e.g. at Cueva de Jabali.

Cuban Gnatcatcher *Polioptila lembeyei* **Country endemic**

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 2 or 3 birds at Cayo Paredon Grande, very easy to see (seconds after getting out of the car).

Cuban Palm Crow *Corvus minutus* **Endangered (EN)** **Country endemic**

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 2 birds noted in the evening, another bird near the cemetery the next day.

Cuban Crow *Corvus nasicus* **Near-endemic**

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - c5 birds seen in total, e.g. near our casa particular (Nivaldo).
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - Quite common in the Najasa area, including a large breeding colony along the road.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - NC - Feral - A few along the way.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - NC - Feral - Fairly common.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - NC - Feral - Fairly common in Moron.

Thick-billed Vireo *Vireo crassirostris*

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 5+ birds seen on Cayo Paredon Grande. Very responsive to tape and easily seen. From other trip reports, I thought this bird would be difficult to find, perhaps April is a good time for them.

Cuban Vireo *Vireo gundlachii* [Country endemic](#)

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird in Palpite, another one in Soplillar.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 1 bird.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1

Black-whiskered Vireo *Vireo altiloquus*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - Fairly common both at La Guira and Soroa. Most trip reports only mention a few birds at most, so I assume they had just returned from their wintering sites.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds seen/heard daily.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 5+ birds at Cueva de Jabali.

Blue-winged Warbler *Vermivora pinus*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird at Palpite, another bird at Soplillar.

Northern Parula *Parula americana*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 3-4 birds seen at Soplillar.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 2 birds.

Magnolia Warbler *Dendroica magnolia*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 2 birds at Soplillar.

Cape May Warbler *Dendroica tigrina*

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 1 female bird near the big lake.

Black-throated Blue Warbler *Dendroica caerulescens*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 1 male at La Guira, two more males along the mirador trail at Soroa.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds seen daily (all males).
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - Another male and also the only female of the trip.

Black-throated Green Warbler *Dendroica virens*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 1 male at La Guira, a pair along the mirador trail at Soroa.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - c4 birds noted.

Yellow-throated Warbler *Dendroica dominica*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 3+ birds seen.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 1

Olive-capped Warbler *Dendroica pityophila* [Near-endemic](#)

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 10+ birds near Cabanas de Los Pinos. Very vocal and easily taped in.

Prairie Warbler *Dendroica discolor*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 3-4 birds seen.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 1 bird at the Zaza river.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 at Cayo Paredon Grande.

Palm Warbler *Dendroica palmarum*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 1 along the way.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds throughout.

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 2
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds.

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 2 birds along the mirador trail at Soroa.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird noted.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - 2
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 bird.

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 1 male at La Guira.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly common.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few birds noted.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds.

Worm-eating Warbler *Helmitheros vermivorus*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 2 birds at La Guira, 1 at Soroa.

Ovenbird *Seiurus aurocapilla*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 2 birds along the mirador trail at Soroa.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds at Soplillar.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 at Cueva del Jabali.

Northern Waterthrush *Seiurus noveboracensis*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird at the Crocodile Farm.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 1 at the lake opposite Flamingo Beach.

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 1 bird along the river at Soroa.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly common.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few birds noted.

Yellow-headed Warbler *Teretistris fernandinae* [Country endemic](#)

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - Fairly common.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly common.

Oriente Warbler *Teretistris fornsi* [Country endemic](#)

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Fairly common.

Western Spindalis *Spindalis zena*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 4+ birds at La Guira, a few more birds at Soroa.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird at Palpite, another one at Cueva de los Peces.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 5+ birds at Cueva del Jabali.

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 10+ birds at La Guira, 2 more birds along the mirador trail at Soroa.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A pair at Palpite.

Cuban Bullfinch *Melopyrrha nigra* [Near-endemic](#)

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - A few birds near Cabanas de Los Pinos, La Guira. 2 more birds at Soroa.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds daily.

Cuban Grassquit *Tiaris canora* [Near-endemic](#)

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A pair behind an old house (stakeout from Pedro).

Yellow-faced Grassquit *Tiaris olivacea*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - Fairly common at La Guira, a few at Soroa.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds noted.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few birds noted.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - A few birds.

Zapata Sparrow *Torreornis inexpectata* **Endangered (EN)** **Country endemic**

08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - 2 birds seen along the Flamingo Beach road, about 150m from the start on the righthand side near a small clearing. The birds showed limited response to tape, but at least they called back so we could find them rather easily. Great views !

Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 1 bird at La Guira.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird at Cueva de los Peces.

Tawny-shouldered Blackbird *Agelaius humeralis* **Near-endemic**

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly common at the Crocodile Farm.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few birds noted.

Red-shouldered Blackbird *Agelaius assimilis* **Country endemic**

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - After much searching, two birds approximately 2km north of the Crocodile Farm west of the main road, thanks to Chino for pointing them out.

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna*

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - ssp hippocrepis - A few birds along the autopista, more birds in the Najasa area.

Cuban Blackbird *Dives atrovilacea* **Country endemic**

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - Fairly common.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - A few birds throughout.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - Fairly common.

Greater Antillean Grackle *Quiscalus niger*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - Fairly common at Soroa.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - Fairly common.
06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A few birds noted.
08/04/2006 - Cayo Coco area - Fairly common.

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*

06/04/2006 - Najasa area - A pair in Pedro's garden.

Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula*

04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird at the Crocodile Farm.

Greater Antillean Oriole *Icterus dominicensis*

02/04/2006 - La Guira and Soroa - 3+ birds seen from the terrace of our casa particular in Soroa.
04/04/2006 - Zapata area - 1 bird at Soplillar.