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BBC Flock Flies to T & T

By Ann Stalmaster

Snow geese, hundreds upon hundreds, yellow-nape woodpeckers, yellow-headed parrots, a blue jay, black-headed, no-show-hummingbird — sound like a good trip? How about almost 200 birds (mostly lifers), 80 degrees in December, glorious sunshine, and a 100% success rate? Sounds like a dream? Well, it was and it happened to 13 enthusiastic, friendly, unflappable, and knowledgeable birders, one of whom was me.

All of the above, and more, contributed to a fun filled six days in Trinidad and Tobago. Because of the catastrophic and apparently of our group, the former problems seemed to add to the experience, while the latter made this a great-to-be-forgotten trip.

Our leader, Jim Neville, was the perfect participant in daily excursions - over the Northern Range to the rainjungle village of Blanchisseuse, to the east coast and Nariva Swamp, to the lowland Aripo savannah and Caroni swamp, and to the Cocoa Tracks - to scrounge for birds, to find them, to identify them, to enjoy them, to photograph them, to laugh at them, to be bitten by them, to be rained on by them, to be sunburned by them, to be hot and sweaty because of them, to be tired because of them, to be fed by them, to be entertained by them, to be amazed by them, to be inspired by them, to be exhausted by them, to be exhilarated by them, to be sad because it was over, to be glad it was over, to be sure we would do it again, to be sure we would never do it again.

Throughout our trip, Jim overcame Mother's worst jokes about daily Other common birds on Trinidad were Blue-black Grosbeak, White-lined Tanager, Purple Gallinule, Bananaquit, Crested Oropendola, Blue-gray Tanager, White-bellied Tanager, Tropical Mockingbird, Tropical Kingbird, Green Jay, Golden-fronted Woodpecker, Ruddy Ground Dove, Scaly-breasted Ground Dove, Grey-breasted Martin, Southern Lapwing, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Cattle Egret, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Tricolored Heron, Little Blue Heron, Green Heron, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Boat-billed Heron, Scarlet Ibis, Roseate Spoonbill, Wood Stork, Muscovy Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Southern Caracara, Yellow-headed Caracara, Osprey, Bare-faced Tuffed Duck, Red-bellied Macaw, Blue-crowned Parakeet, Yellow-chevroned Parakeet, Yellow-headed Parrot, Ani, Tropical Screech Owl, Common Potoo, Long-tailed Potoo, Great Potoo, Green-throated Mountain Gem, Black-throated Mango, Copper Wood-Star, Long-tailed Sylph, Ruddy Quail-Dove, Pale-vented Pigeon, Plain Chachalaca, Spix's Guan, Crested Bobwhite, Black-capped Donacobius, Pied Water-Tyrant, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Venezuelan Flycatcher, Great Kiskadee, Boat-billed Flycatcher, Tropical Kingbird, Gray Kingbird, Lesser Kiskadee, Streaked Flycatcher, Piratic Flycatcher, Social Flycatcher, Golden-crowned Warbler, Rufous-and-white Wren, Southern House Wren, Tropical House Wren, Long-billed Gnatwren, Cocoa Thrush, Tropical Mockingbird, Pale-breasted Thrush, Bananaquit, Blue-black Grosbeak, Red-breasted Blackbird, Yellow-rumped Cacique, Yellow-hooded Blackbird, Giant Cowbird, Bronzed Cowbird, Shiny Cowbird, Yellow Oriole, Green Oriole, Troupial, Crested Oropendola, Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch, Blue-black Grosbeak, Blue-gray Tanager, White-lined Tanager, White-bellied Tanager, Palm Tanager, Turquoise Tanager, Red-legged Honeycreeper, Green Honeycreeper, Bananaquit, Cayenne Jay, Green Jay, Golden-fronted Woodpecker, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, Yellow-green Vireo, Black-whiskered Vireo, Southern House Wren, Tropical House Wren, Long-billed Gnatwren, Tropical Gnatcatcher, Cocoa Thrush, Tropical Mockingbird, Pale-breasted Thrush, Rufous-and-white Wren, Southern House Wren, Tropical House Wren, Long-billed Gnatwren, Tropical Gnatcatcher, Cocoa Thrush, Tropical Mockingbird, Pale-breasted Thrush, Bananaquit, Blue-black Grosbeak, Red-breasted Blackbird, Yellow-rumped Cacique, Yellow-hooded Blackbird, Giant Cowbird, Bronzed Cowbird, Shiny Cowbird, Yellow Oriole, Green Oriole, Troupial, Crested Oropendola, Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch, Blue-black Grosbeak, Blue-gray Tanager, White-lined Tanager, White-bellied Tanager, Palm Tanager, Turquoise Tanager, Red-legged Honeycreeper, Green Honeycreeper, Bananaquit, Cayenne Jay, Green Jay, Golden-fronted Woodpecker, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, Yellow-green Vireo, Black-whiskered Vireo