



quick guide to the BIRDS OF PUERTO VALLARTA.

guía rápida de las AVES DE PUERTO VALLARTA.



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Puerto Vallarta is a bird's paradise where more than 300 bird species can be found. Located in the center of the Bay of Banderas, this tropical city is surrounded by a variety of ecosystems that are home to many endemic bird species. Marine and coastal birds are abundant in the bay's beaches, islands, mangroves and estuaries, while the closeness of the mountains to the coastline allows for the quick transition from semi deciduous rainforests to pine and oak forests giving the visitor the opportunity to see a huge diversity of tropical and temperate forest birds in a single day.

This quick guide presents the illustrations of more than 135 species of birds common to the Puerto Vallarta region, including 20 endemic species. Most illustrations show adult males while some depict male and female of the species. Many migratory species appear in winter plumage while endemic species are circled. The measurements from tip of the bill to end of the tail are given in inches and centimeters.

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Puerto Vallarta es un paraíso en donde se pueden encontrar más de 300 especies de aves. Localizada en el centro de la Bahía de Banderas, esta ciudad tropical está rodeada de una variedad de ecosistemas que son el hogar de muchas especies endémicas. Las aves marinas y costeras son abundantes en las playas, islas, estuarios y manglares de la bahía, mientras que la cercanía de las montañas a la costa permite una rápida transición de la selva semi-caducifolia a los bosques de pino y encino brindando al visitante la oportunidad de observar una gran diversidad de aves de selvas tropicales y de bosques templados en un solo día.

Esta guía rápida presenta ilustraciones de más de 135 especies de aves comunes a la región de Puerto Vallarta incluyendo 20 especies endémicas. La mayoría de las ilustraciones son de machos adultos, mientras que algunas muestran a los machos y hembras de la especie. Las migratorias aparecen en plumaje de invierno y las endémicas se presentan en un círculo. Las medidas de la punta del pico al final de la cola se dan en pulgadas y centímetros.

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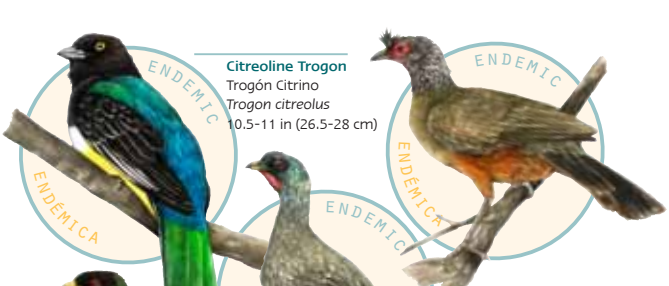
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 <p>Black-bellied Whistling-Duck Pijiji Aliblanco <i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i> 18-20 in (45.5-50.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Ruddy Duck Pato Tepalcate <i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i> 14-16 in (35.5-40.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Northern Shoveler Pato Cucharón Norteño <i>Anas clypeata</i> 17-20 in (43-50.5 cm)</p>	 <p>White Ibis Ibis Blanco <i>Eudocimus albus</i> 21-25 in (53.5-63.5 cm)</p>	 <p>White-faced Ibis Ibis Cara Blanca <i>Plegadis chihi</i> 20-24 in (51-61 cm)</p>	 <p>Great Blue Heron Garza Azul Ceniza <i>Ardea herodias</i> 40-50 in (101.5-127 cm)</p>	 <p>Laughing Gull Gaviota Reidora <i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i> 15-17 in (38-43 cm)</p>	 <p>Heermann's Gull Gaviota de Heermann <i>Larus heermanni</i> 18-20 in (45.5-50.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Bonaparte's Gull Gaviota de Bonaparte <i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i> 13-13.5 in (33-34.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Common Tern Charrán Común <i>Sterna hirundo</i> 11.5-12.5 in (29-31.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Least Tern Charrán Menor <i>Sterna antillarum</i> 8-9 in (20.5-23 cm)</p>	 <p>Elegant Tern Charrán Elegante <i>Thalasseus elegans</i> 14.5-16 in (37-41 cm)</p>	 <p>Caspian Tern Charrán Caspica <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> 20-22 in (51-57 cm)</p>	 <p>Common Black Hawk Aguililla Negra Menor <i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i> 18-21 in (45.5-53 cm)</p>	 <p>Gray Hawk Aguililla Gris <i>Buteo nitidus</i> 16-18 in (40.5-45.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Collared Forest-Falcon Halcón Selvático de Collar <i>Micrastur semitorquatus</i> 21-22 in (53.5-56 cm)</p>									
 <p>Least Grebe Zambullidor Menor <i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i> 8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)</p>	 <p>Fulvous Whistling Duck Pijiji Canelo <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i> 19-21 in (48.5- 53.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Blue-winged Teal Cerceta Aliazul <i>Anas discors</i> 15-16 in (30-40.5)</p>	 <p>Great Egret Garza Grande <i>Ardea alba</i> 33-39 in (84-99 cm)</p>	 <p>Yellow-crowned Night-Heron Pedrete Corona-Clara <i>Nyctanassa violacea</i> 20-23 in (51-58.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Snowy Egret Garza Nivea <i>Egretta thula</i> 19-23 in (48.5-58.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Little Blue Heron Garceta Azul <i>Egretta caerulea</i> 20-24 in (51-61 cm)</p>	 <p>Baird's Sandpiper Playerito de Baird <i>Calidris bairdii</i> 6.5-7 in (16.5-17.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Semipalmated Plover Chorlo Sempalmado <i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i> 6.5-7 in (16.5-17.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Solitary Sandpiper Playero Solitario <i>Tringa solitaria</i> 8-8.5 in (20.5-21.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Magnificent Frigatebird Fragata Magnífica <i>Fregata magnificens</i> 35-42 in (89-107 cm)</p>	 <p>Neotropic Cormorant Cormorán Neotropical <i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i> 25-27 in (63.5-68.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Brown Pelican Pelicano Café <i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i> 44-54 in (112-137 cm)</p>	 <p>Anhinga Anhinga Americana <i>Anhinga anhinga</i> 33-37 in (84-94 cm)</p>	 <p>Black-necked Stilt Candelerero Americano <i>Himantopus mexicanus</i> 14-16 in (35.5-40.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Northern Jacana Jacana Norteña <i>Jacana spinosa</i> 8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)</p>	 <p>Purple Gallinule Gallineta Morada <i>Porphyrio martinicus</i> 12-13 in (30.5-33 cm)</p>	 <p>Cattle Egret Garza Ganadera <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> 18-21 in (45.5-53 cm)</p>	 <p>Tricolored Heron Garceta Tricolor <i>Egretta tricolor</i> 22-26 in (56-66 cm)</p>	 <p>Bare-throated Tiger Heron Garza Tigre Mexicana <i>Tigrisoma mexicanum</i> 28-32 in (71-81 cm)</p>	 <p>Killdeer Chorlito Tildio <i>Charadrius vociferus</i> 9.5-10 in (24-25.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Black-bellied Plover Chorlo Gris <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> 10.5-11.5 in (26.5-28 cm)</p>	 <p>Whimbrel Zarapito Trinador <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> 14-17 in (35.5-43 cm)</p>	 <p>American Kestrel Cernicalo Americano <i>Falco sparverius</i> 10-11.5 in (25.5-29 cm)</p>	 <p>Red-tailed Hawk Halcón Cola Roja <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i> 19-23 in (48.5-58.5 cm)</p>
 <p>Common Moorhen Gallineta Común <i>Gallinula galeata</i> 13-14 in (33-35.5 cm)</p>	 <p>American Coot Gallareta Americana <i>Fulica americana</i> 14-16 in (35.5-40.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Roseate Spoonbill Espátula Rosada <i>Platalea ajaja</i> 28-31 in (71-79 cm)</p>	 <p>Sora Poliuela Sora <i>Porzana carolina</i> 8-8.5 in (20.5-21.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Wood Stork Cigüeña Americana <i>Mycateria americana</i> 35-40 in (89-101.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Spotted Sandpiper Playero Alzacolita <i>Actitis macularia</i> 6.5-7 in (16.5-18 cm)</p>	 <p>Willet Playero Pihuihui <i>Tringa semipalmata</i> 12.5-14 in (32-35.5 cm)</p>	 <p>Short-billed Dowitcher Costurero Pico Corto <i>Limnodromus griseus</i> 9.5-11 in (24-28 cm)</p>	 <p>Colima Pigmy Owl Tocolotito Colimense <i>Glaucidium palmarum</i> 5.5-6 in (14-15 cm)</p>	 <p>Osprey Águila Pescadora <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> 22-26 in (56-66 cm)</p>															





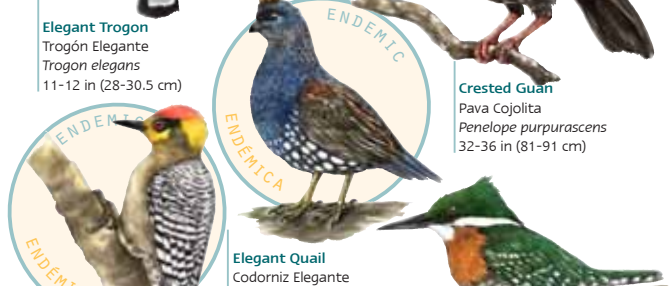
Citreoline Trogon
Trogon Citrino
Trogon citreolus
10.5-11 in (26.5-28 cm)

Rufous-bellied Chachalaca
Chachalaca Viente Castaño
Ortalis wagleri
23-27 in (58.5-68.5 cm)



West Mexican Chachalaca
Chachalaca Mexicana
Ortalis poliocephala
23-27 in (58.5-68.5 cm)

Crested Guan
Pava Cojolita
Penelope purpurascens
32-36 in (81-91 cm)



Elegant Trogon
Trogon Elegante
Trogon elegans
11-12 in (28-30.5 cm)

Elegant Quail
Codorniz Elegante
Callipepla douglasii
9-10 in (23-25.5 cm)



Golden-cheeked Woodpecker
Carpintero Cachete Dorado
Centurus chrysogenys
7.5-8.5 in (19-21.5 cm)

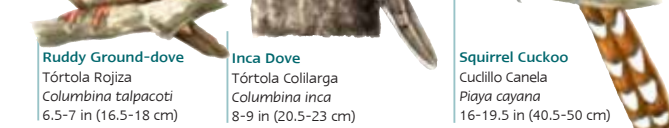
Green Kingfisher
Martín Pescador Verde
Chloroceryle americana
7.5-8.2 in (19-21 cm)



White-winged Dove
Paloma Ala Blanca
Zenaida asiatica
10.5-12 in (26.5-30.5 cm)

Red-billed Pigeon
Paloma Morada
Patagioenas flavirostris
12-14 in (30.5-35.5 cm)

Russet-crowned Motmot
Momoto Corona Café
Momotus mexicanus
12-14 in (30.5-35.5 cm)



Ruddy Ground-dove
Tórtola Rojiza
Columbina talpacoti
6.5-7 in (16.5-18 cm)

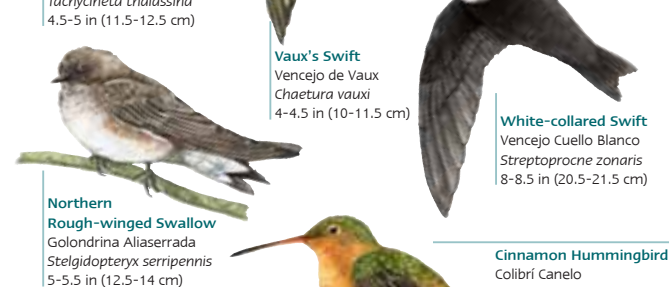
Inca Dove
Tórtola Colilarga
Columbina inca
8-9 in (20.5-23 cm)

Squirrel Cuckoo
Cucillo Canela
Piaya cayana
16-19.5 in (40.5-50 cm)



Violet-green Swallow
Golondrina Verdemar
Tachycineta thalassina
4.5-5 in (11.5-12.5 cm)

Vaux's Swift
Vencejo de Vaux
Chaetura vauxi
4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)



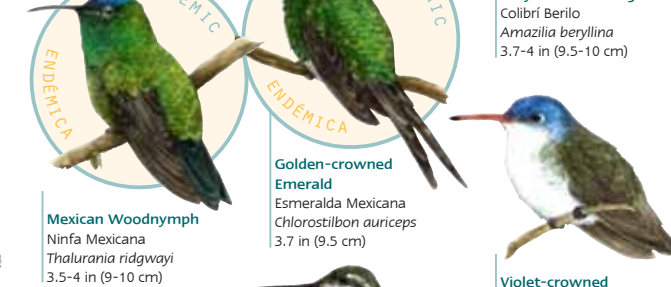
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Golondrina Aliaserrada
Stelgidopteryx serripennis
5-5.5 in (12.5-14 cm)

White-collared Swift
Vencejo Cuello Blanco
Streptoprocne zonaris
8-8.5 in (20.5-21.5 cm)



Broad-billed Hummingbird
Colibrí Pico Ancho
Cynanthus latirostris
3.5-4 in (9-10 cm)

Cinnamon Hummingbird
Colibrí Canelo
Amazilia rutila
4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)



Berylline Hummingbird
Colibrí Berilo
Amazilia beryllina
3.7-4 in (9.5-10 cm)

Golden-crowned Emerald
Esmeralda Mexicana
Chlorostilbon auriceps
3.7 in (9.5 cm)



Mexican Woodnymph
Ninfa Mexicana
Thalurania ridgwayi
3.5-4 in (9-10 cm)

Violet-crowned Hummingbird
Tordo Cabeza Violeta
Amazilia violiceps
(4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm))



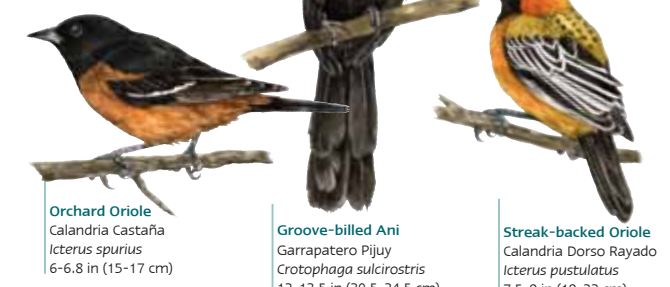
Plain-capped Starthroat
Colibrí Corona Oscura
Heliomaster constantii
4.7-5 in (12-13 cm)

Happy Wren
Saltapared Rufiblanco
Pheugopedius felix
5-5.5 in (12.5-14 cm)



Common Nighthawk
Chotacabras Mayor
Chordeiles minor
9-9.5 in (23-24 cm)

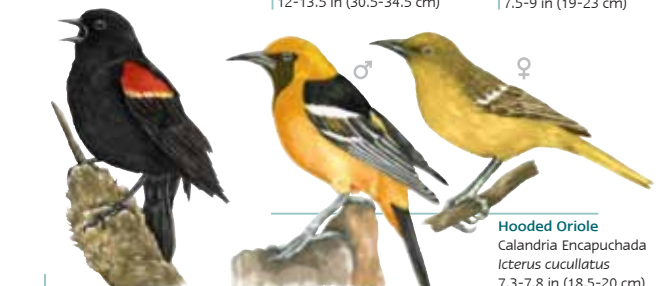
Pauraque
Tapacaminos Picuyo
Nyctidromus albigollis
11-12 in (28-30.5 cm)



Orchard Oriole
Calandria Castaña
Calandria castaneiventris
6-6.8 in (15-17 cm)

Groove-billed Ani
Garrapatero Pijuy
Crotophaga sulcirostris
12-13.5 in (30.5-34.5 cm)

Streak-backed Oriole
Calandria Dorso Rayado
Calandria leucostriata
7.5-9 in (19-23 cm)



Hooded Oriole
Calandria Encapuchada
Icterus cucullatus
7.3-7.8 in (18.5-20 cm)

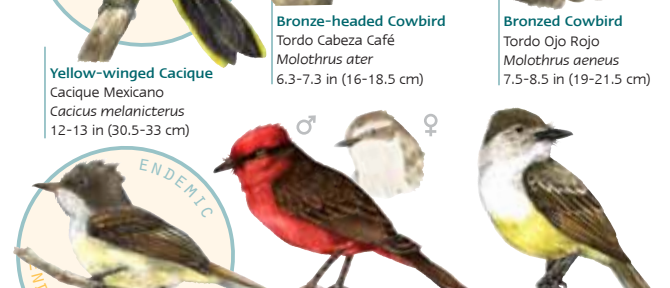
Red-winged Blackbird
Tordo Sargento
Agelaius phoeniceus
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)



Yellow-winged Caticue
Caticue Mexicano
Caticus melaniterus
12-13 in (30.5-33 cm)

Bronze-headed Cowbird
Tordo Cabeza Café
Molothrus ater
6.3-7.3 in (16-18.5 cm)

Bronzed Cowbird
Tordo Ojo Rojo
Molothrus aeneus
7.5-8.5 in (19-21.5 cm)



Flammulated Flycatcher
Copetón Jaspeado
Deltarhynchus flammulatus
6-6.5 in (15-16.5 cm)

Vermillion Flycatcher
Mosquero Cardenal
Pyrocephalus rubinus
5-5.7 in (12.5-14.5 cm)

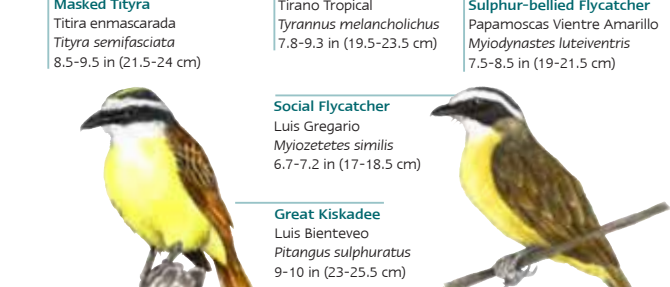
Brown Crested Flycatcher
Copetón Tirano
Myiarchus tyrannulus
8-9.2 in (20.5-23.5 cm)



Masked Tityra
Tityra enmascarada
Tityra semifasciata
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)

Tropical Kingbird
Tirano Tropical
Tyrannus melancholicus
7.8-9.3 in (19.5-23.5 cm)

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher
Papamosas Viente Amarillo
Myiodynastes luteiventris
7.5-8.5 in (19-21.5 cm)



Social Flycatcher
Luis Gregario
Myiozetetes similis
6.7-7.2 in (17-18.5 cm)

Great Kiskadee
Luis Bienteveo
Pitangus sulphuratus
9-10 in (23-25.5 cm)



Bright-rumped Attila
Attila
Attila spadiceus
7.8-8.5 in (19.5-21.5 cm)

San Blas Jay
Chara de San Blas
Cyanocorax sanblasianus
12.5-13.5 in (32-34.5 cm)



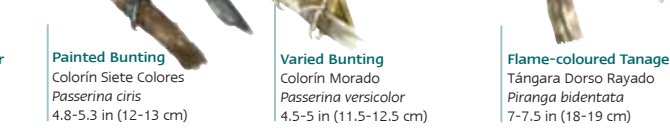
Orange-breasted Bunting
Colorín Pecho Naranja
Passerina leclancheri
4.5-5 in (11.5-12.5 cm)

Black-throated Magpie Jay
Urraca Hermosa Cara Negra
Calocitta colliei
23-30 in (58.5-76.5 cm)



Painted Bunting
Colorín Siete Colores
Passerina ciris
4.8-5.3 in (12-13 cm)

Varied Bunting
Colorín Morado
Passerina versicolor
4.5-5 in (11.5-12.5 cm)



Flame-coloured Tanager
Tangara Dorso Rayado
Piranga bidentata
7-7.5 in (18-19 cm)

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater
Semillero Pecho Canela
Sporophila minuta
3.7-4 in (9.5-10 cm)

White-throated Thrush
Primavera Gorjiblanco
Turdus assimilis
9-10 in (23-25.5 cm)

Scrub Euphonia
Eufonia Gorjinegro
Euphonia affinis
3.7-4.2 in (9.5-10.5 cm)

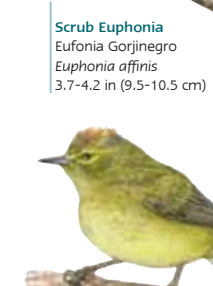
Orange-crowned Warbler
Chipe Corona Anaranjada
Oreothlypis celata
4.6-5 in (11.5-12.5 cm)

American Redstart
Chipe Flameanta
Setophaga ruticilla
4.7-5.2 in (12-13 cm)

White-collared Seedeater
Semillero Collarejo
Sporophila torquoeola
4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)



Dickcissel
Arrocero Americano
Spiza americana
5.8-6.3 in (14.5-16 cm)



Nashville Warbler
Chipe de Nashville
Oreothlypis ruficapilla
4.3-4.7 in (11-12 cm)

Yellow-rumped Warbler
Chipe Coronado
Setophaga coronata
5-5.5 in (13-14 cm)

Yellow-breasted Chat
Gritón Pecho Amarillo
Icteria virens
6.5-7 in (16.5-18 cm)

Yellow Grosbeak
Picogruero Amarillo
Pheucticus chrysopleus
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)

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Rufous-backed Robin
Primavera Dorso Rufo
Turdus rufopallatus
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)

Hermit Thrush
Zorzal Cola Rufa
Catharus guttatus
6-7 in (15-17.5 cm)

MacGillivray's Warbler
Chipe de Tolmie
Geothlypis tolmiei
4.7-5.2 in (12-13 cm)

Yellow-green Vireo
Vireo Amarillo Verdoso
Vireo flavoviridis
5.5-6 in (14-15 cm)

Orange-fronted Parakeet
Perico Frente Naranja
Aratinga canicularis
9-10 in (23-25.5 cm)

Mexican Parrotlet
Periquito Catarina
Forpus cyanopygius
5-5.5 in (12.5-14 cm)

Lilac-crowned Parrot
Perico Corona Lila
Amazona finschi
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Black-capped Gnatcatcher
Perla Sinaloense
Poliophtila nigriceps
4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)

Warbling Vireo
Vireo Gorjeador
Vireo gilvus
4.7-5.2 in (12-13 cm)

Golden Vireo
Vireo Dorado
Vireo hypochryseus
4.7-5.2 in (12-13 cm)

Lesser Goldfinch
Dominico Dorso Oscuro
Spinus psaltria
4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)

Military Macaw
Guacamaya Verde
Ara militaris
27-30 in (68.5-76 cm)

Mexican Parrotlet
Periquito Catarina
Forpus cyanopygius
5-5.5 in (12.5-14 cm)

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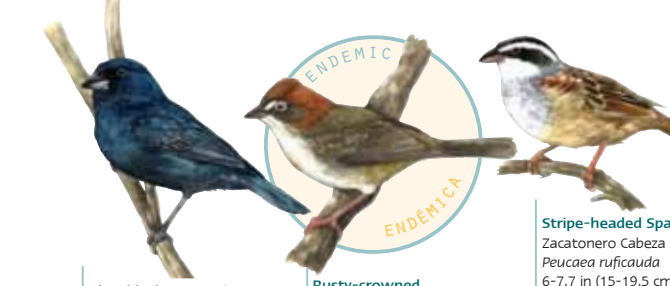
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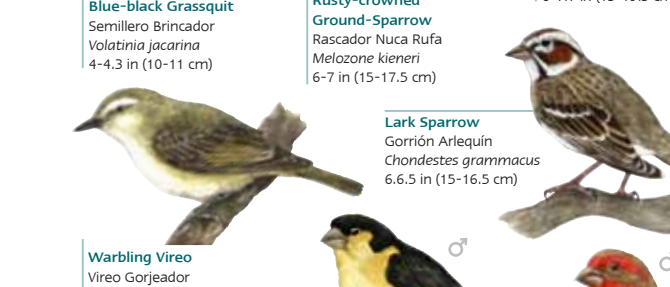
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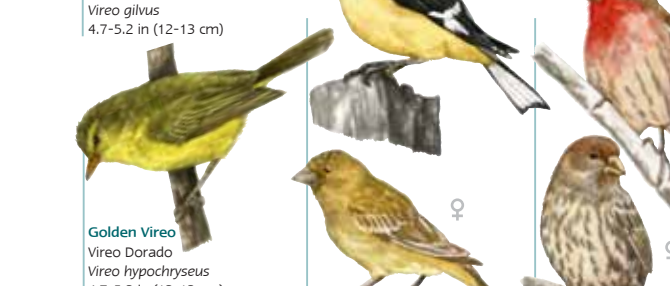
Blue-black Grassquit
Semillero Brincador
Volatinia jacarina
4-4.3 in (10-11 cm)

Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrow
Rascador Nuca Rufa
Melospiza kienneri
6-7 in (15-17.5 cm)



Lark Sparrow
Gorrion Arlequin
Chondestes grammacus
6.6 in (15-16.5 cm)

Warbling Vireo
Vireo Gorjeador
Vireo gilvus
4.7-5.2 in (12-13 cm)



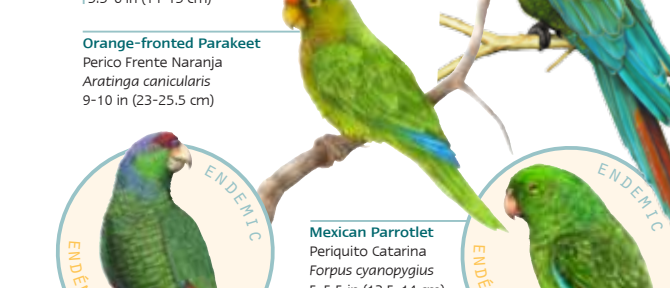
Golden Vireo
Vireo Dorado
Vireo hypochryseus
4.7-5.2 in (12-13 cm)

Lesser Goldfinch
Dominico Dorso Oscuro
Spinus psaltria
4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)



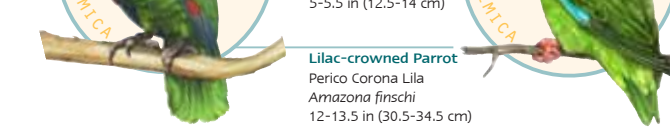
Yellow-green Vireo
Vireo Amarillo Verdoso
Vireo flavoviridis
5.5-6 in (14-15 cm)

Military Macaw
Guacamaya Verde
Ara militaris
27-30 in (68.5-76 cm)



Orange-fronted Parakeet
Perico Frente Naranja
Aratinga canicularis
9-10 in (23-25.5 cm)

Mexican Parrotlet
Periquito Catarina
Forpus cyanopygius
5-5.5 in (12.5-14 cm)



Lilac-crowned Parrot
Perico Corona Lila
Amazona finschi
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