

La Selva OTS Checklist and nearby sites in the Sarapiquí region of the Caribbean lowlands, 100-300 ft.

LOCATION CODE

- [W] Widespread: species can be found in more than one habitat zone.
- [S] Secondary growth: species that favor disturbed areas, incl forest patches.
- [P] Primary Forest: species that are rarely found out of undisturbed forest.
- [N] Near water: species that favor rivers, ponds, and marshy areas.

ABUNDANCE CODE

- 1 = Should be seen daily, generally a hard species to miss.
- 2 = Should be seen on most days of a visit to that particular habitat.
- 3 = Somewhat less common, but should still be seen. Requires some effort.
- 4 = Species is uncommon or of erratic occurrence. Generally tricky to find.
- 5 = Species is rare, seen annually, but few records per year. You'll need luck!
- 6 = One or two records only, not to be expected. Confirmation needed.

h = Heard considerably more often than seen

n = Migrants from North America, mainly present Sept through May.

s = Migrants from South America, mainly present March through Sept.

t = Transient migrants, mainly present from March through May and Sept through Nov.

d = Present mainly in dry season, Jan through May.

r = Present mainly in rainy season, May through Dec.

CODE	SPECIES	PLATE	NO.	CODE	SPECIES	PLATE	NO.
[] P 3h	GREAT TINAMOU	12	6	[] W 4	TINY HAWK	16	2
[] S 3h	LITTLE TINAMOU	12	17	[] W 4n	SHARP-SHINNED HAWK	16	3
[] P 3h	SLATY-BREASTED TINAMOU	12	8	[] W 3	SEMIPLUMBEOUS HAWK	16	10
[] N 2	NEOTROPIC CORMORANT	4	4	[] P 4	WHITE HAWK	17	2
[] N 3	ANHINGA	4	3	[] W 4	COMMON BLACK-HAWK	13	6
[] W 5	MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD	1	6	[] P 5	GREAT BLACK-HAWK	13	7
[] N 4n	GREAT BLUE HERON	5	6	[] W 3	GRAY HAWK	16	14
[] N 3	GREAT EGRET	5	14	[] S 3	ROADSIDE HAWK	16	12
[] N 3	TRICOLORED HERON	5	8	[] W 2t	BROAD-WINGED HAWK	16	13
[] N 2	LITTLE BLUE HERON	5	9	[] W 4	SHORT-TAILED HAWK	16	11
[] N 2	SNOWY EGRET	5	10	[] W 3t	SWAINSON'S HAWK	17	7
[] S 1	CATTLE EGRET	5	13	[] W 5	ZONE-TAILED HAWK	13	1
[] N 3	GREEN HERON	6	2	[] P 6	CRESTED EAGLE	17	10
[] N 5	AGAMI HERON	5	1	[] W 5	BLACK HAWK-EAGLE	13	9
[] N 5	BOAT-BILLED HERON	5	2	[] W 5	ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE	17	11
[] N 4	BARE-THROATED TIGER-HERON	5	16	[] S 3	CRESTED CARACARA	14	12
[] N 4	FASCIATED TIGER-HERON	5	15	[] S 3h	LAUGHING FALCON	15	8
[] N 5	PINNATED BITTERN	5	11	[] P 5h	BARRED FOREST-FALCON	16	5
[] W 5	WOOD STORK	4	6	[] P 6	SLATY-BACKED FOREST-FALCON	16	6
[] N 4	GREEN IBIS	4	10	[] W 5h	COLLARED FOREST-FALCON	16	7
[] N 3	BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK	8	7	[] W 5n	MERLIN	15	15
[] N 4	MUSCOVY DUCK	8	10	[] W 4	BAT FALCON	15	14
[] N 5	BLUE-WINGED TEAL	8	5	[] W 4n	PEREGRINE FALCON	15	5
[] W 1	BLACK VULTURE	13	4	[] S 2	GRAY-HEADED CHACHALACA	12	1
[] W 1	TURKEY VULTURE	13	3	[] W 3	CRESTED GUAN	12	4
[] W 4	KING VULTURE	13	5	[] P 4	GREAT CURASSOW	12	3
[] N 3n	OSPREY	17	14	[] N 2h	WHITE-THROATED CRAKE	6	9
[] W 4	GRAY-HEADED KITE	17	3	[] N 5h	GRAY-BREASTED CRAKE	6	6
[] W 4	HOOK-BILLED KITE	14	9	[] N 4h	GRAY-NECKED WOOD-RAIL	6	13
[] W 4t	SWALLOW-TAILED KITE	15	2	[] N 5h	UNIFORM CRAKE	6	8
[] W 3	DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE	16	1	[] N 4	PURPLE GALLINULE	6	15
[] W 3s	PLUMBEOUS KITE	14	8	[] N 4	SUNGREBE	7	9
[] W 5n	MISSISSIPPI KITE	15	3	[] N 4	SUNBITTERN	6	16



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[] N 3	NORTHERN JACANA	6	18	[] P 5r	SNOWCAP	25	8
[] N 4n	GREATER YELLOWLEGS	11	2	[] W 3	RED-FOOTED PLUMELETER	23	12
[] N 4n	LESSER YELLOWLEGS	11	3	[] P 3	PURPLE-CROWNED FAIRY	23	14
[] N 4n	SOLITARY SANDPIPER	11	4	[] W 5	LONG-BILLED STARTHROAT	23	18
[] N 2n	SPOTTED SANDPIPER	11	8	[] W 2	VIOLACEOUS TROGON	26	8
[] S 1	ROCK PIGEON	-	-	[] P 3	BLACK-THROATED TROGON	26	9
[] S 4	SCALED PIGEON	18	4	[] P 3	SLATY-TAILED TROGON	26	2
[] S 1	PALE-VENTED PIGEON	18	3	[] P 5r	LATTICE-TAILED TROGON	26	3
[] S 2	RED-BILLED PIGEON	18	2	[] N 4n	BELTED KINGFISHER	27	2
[] W 2h	SHORT-BILLED PIGEON	18	5	[] N 3	RINGED KINGFISHER	27	1
[] S 3	RUDDY GROUND-DOVE	18	7	[] N 3	AMAZON KINGFISHER	27	4
[] S 4	BLUE GROUND-DOVE	18	6	[] N 3	GREEN KINGFISHER	27	5
[] S 1	WHITE-TIPPED DOVE	18	14	[] N 6	GREEN-AND-RUFOUS KINGFISHER	27	3
[] W 3	GRAY-CHESTED DOVE	18	16	[] N 4	AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER	27	6
[] P 4	OLIVE-BACKED QUAIL-DOVE	18	22	[] P 3	RUFOUS MOTMOT	27	7
[] P 4	RUDDY QUAIL-DOVE	18	17	[] P 3	BROAD-BILLED MOTMOT	27	9
[] W 4r	GREAT GREEN MACAW	19	2	[] P 3	RUFOUS-TAILED JACAMAR	26	12
[] W 3	CRIMSON-FRONTED PARAKEET	19	10	[] P 6	GREAT JACAMAR	26	11
[] W 2	OLIVE-THROATED PARAKEET	19	11	[] P 4	WHITE-NECKED PUFFBIRD	28	3
[] W 2	ORANGE-CHINNED PARAKEET	19	14	[] W 4	PIED PUFFBIRD	28	7
[] W 3	BROWN-HOODED PARROT	19	9	[] P 5	WHITE-WHISKERED PUFFBIRD	28	6
[] W 1	WHITE-CROWNED PARROT	19	7	[] P 5	WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD	28	4
[] W 2	RED-LORED PARROT	19	4	[] W 2	COLLARED ARACARI	27	15
[] W 2	MEALY PARROT	19	3	[] P 5	YELLOW-EARED TOUCANET	27	20
[] S 6t	BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO	21	1	[] W 1	KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN	27	18
[] S 5t	YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO	21	2	[] W 2	CHESTNUT(BLACK)-MANDIBLED TOUCAN	27	19
[] W 2	SQUIRREL CUCKOO	21	7	[] W 1	BLACK-CHEEKED WOODPECKER	28	14
[] S 1	GROOVE-BILLED ANI	21	9	[] S 5n	YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER	28	20
[] S 4s	STRIPED CUCKOO	21	5	[] S 4	SMOKY-BROWN WOODPECKER	28	13
[] P 6	RUFOUS-VENTED GROUND-CUCKOO	21	10	[] W 3	RUFOUS-WINGED WOODPECKER	28	10
[] S 5	BARN OWL	20	9	[] P 5	CINNAMON WOODPECKER	28	9
[] P 4	VERMICULATED SCREECH-OWL	20	12	[] W 3	CHESTNUT-COLORED WOODPECKER	28	8
[] W 3h	MOTTLED OWL	20	6	[] S 3	LINEATED WOODPECKER	27	13
[] W 4	BLACK-AND-WHITE OWL	20	7	[] P 3	PALE-BILLED WOODPECKER	27	14
[] P 4h	CRESTED OWL	20	3	[] S 3	SLATY SPINETAIL	32	9
[] W 3	SPECTACLED OWL	20	8	[] P 2	PLAIN XENOPS	29	3
[] W 5	CENTRAL AMERICAN PYGMY-OWL	20	16	[] P 4	BUFF-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLANER	30	3
[] S 5	STRIPED OWL	20	2	[] P 3	PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER	29	11
[] W 4	GREAT POTOO	20	5	[] P 2	WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER	29	6
[] P 5	COMMON POTOO	20	4	[] W 3	NORTHERN BARRED-WOODCREEPER	29	19
[] W 4	SHORT-TAILED NIGHTHAWK	21	14	[] W 3	COCOA WOODCREEPER	29	17
[] W 5t	COMMON NIGHTHAWK	21	13	[] P 4	BLACK-STRIPED WOODCREEPER	29	16
[] S 2h	PAURAQUE	21	18	[] W 1	STREAK-HEADED WOODCREEPER	29	8
[] P 5t	CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW	21	16	[] W 3h	FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE	31	1
[] W 6	SPOT-FRONTED SWIFT	22	5	[] S 3h	GREAT ANTSHRIKE	31	2
[] W 3	CHESTNUT-COLLARED SWIFT	22	3	[] S 4	BARRED ANTSHRIKE	31	3
[] W 2	WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT	22	1	[] P 4	WESTERN SLATY-ANTSHRIKE	31	5
[] W 2	GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT	22	10	[] P 5	RUSSET ANTSHRIKE	31	4
[] W 3t	CHIMNEY SWIFT	22	8	[] P 4	CHECKER-THROATED ANTWREN	32	5
[] W 3	LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT	22	7	[] P 5r	WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN	32	2
[] W 5	WHITE-TIPPED SICKLEBILL	23	8	[] P 4	DOT-WINGED ANTWREN	32	1
[] W 4	BRONZY HERMIT	23	4	[] W 3	DUSKY ANTIBIRD	31	8
[] W 4	BAND-TAILED BARBTHROAT	23	5	[] P 5	BARE-CROWNED ANTIBIRD	31	13
[] W 3	WESTERN LONG-TAILED HERMIT	23	2	[] P 2h	CHESTNUT-BACKED ANTIBIRD	31	11
[] W 2	LITTLE (STRIPE-THROATED) HERMIT	23	1	[] P 4	BICOLORED ANTIBIRD	31	9
[] S 4	SCALY-BREASTED HUMMINGBIRD	23	10	[] P 5	SPOTTED ANTIBIRD	31	12
[] S 3	WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN	23	17	[] P 4	OCELLATED ANTIBIRD	31	7
[] S 3	GREEN-BREASTED MANGO	23	13	[] P 3h	BLACK-FACED ANTTHRUSH	30	15
[] S 3	VIOLET-HEADED HUMMINGBIRD	25	11	[] S 5h	THICKET ANTPITTA	30	14
[] S 4	BLACK-CRESTED COQUETTE	25	6	[] P 6	SPECKLED MOURNER	34	8
[] S 5r	GREEN THORNTAIL	25	1	[] P 3h	RUFOUS PIHA	34	10
[] P 3	VIOLET-CROWNED WOODNYMPH	24	4	[] W 3	SNOWY COTINGA	34	4
[] S 1	RUFOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD	24	10	[] P 4	PURPLE-THROATED FRUITCROW	34	11
[] P 3	BLUE-CHESTED HUMMINGBIRD	24	14	[] P 5r	BARE-NECKED UMBRELLABIRD	34	13

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[]	P 4r	THREE-WATTLED BELLBIRD	34	12	[]	S 2h	PLAIN WREN	38	17
[]	W 2	WHITE-COLLARED MANAKIN	33	1	[]	S 1	HOUSE WREN	38	18
[]	P 4r	WHITE-RUFFED MANAKIN	33	9	[]	P 2h	WHITE-BREASTED WOOD-WREN	38	15
[]	P 3	RED-CAPPED MANAKIN	33	6	[]	P 4	SONG WREN	38	22
[]	W 5	BROWN-CAPPED TYRANNULET	37	13	[]	S 4n	GRAY CATBIRD	39	12
[]	S 3	YELLOW TYRANNULET	37	11	[]	W 5t	GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH	39	1
[]	S 5	GREENISH ELAENIA	37	21	[]	W 2n	SWAINSON'S THRUSH	39	2
[]	S 1	YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA	37	26	[]	P 5t	VEERY	39	3
[]	W 2	OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER	36	25	[]	P 3n	WOOD THRUSH	39	4
[]	W 4r	OLIVE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER	36	24	[]	P 4	PALE-VENTED THRUSH	39	5
[]	P 5	SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER	36	27	[]	S 1	CLAY-COLORED THRUSH	39	8
[]	S 2	PALTRY TYRANNULET	37	10	[]	P 5	TAWNY-FACED GNATWREN	32	14
[]	P 3	BLACK-CAPPED PYGMY-TYRANT	37	5	[]	W 2	LONG-BILLED GNATWREN	32	15
[]	P 4	NORTHERN BENTBILL	37	6	[]	W 1	TROPICAL GNATCATCHER	41	2
[]	W 4	SLATE-HEADED TODY-TYRANT	37	9	[]	W 1	BROWN JAY	39	19
[]	P 3h	BLACK-HEADED TODY-FLYCATCHER	37	8	[]	W 1n	YELLOW-THROATED VIREO	40	6
[]	S 1	COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER	37	7	[]	S 3n	PHILADELPHIA VIREO	40	15
[]	P 4	EYE-RINGED FLATBILL	37	23	[]	W 2t	RED-EYED VIREO	40	3
[]	W 1	YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER	37	16	[]	W 3s	YELLOW-GREEN VIREO	40	5
[]	P 4	YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER	37	17	[]	W 1	LESSER GREENLET	40	7
[]	P 5	GOLDEN-CROWNED SPADEBILL	37	3	[]	W 4h	GREEN SHRIKE-VIREO	40	1
[]	W 4	RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER	36	23	[]	P 5n	BLUE-WINGED WARBLER	41	6
[]	P 4	SULPHUR-RUMPED FLYCATCHER	36	21	[]	W 4n	GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER	41	5
[]	S 5	TAWNY-CHESTED FLYCATCHER	36	10	[]	W 1n	TENNESSEE WARBLER	40	22
[]	W 4n	OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER	36	4	[]	W 6n	NASHVILLE WARBLER	52	3
[]	W 3n	EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE	36	8	[]	W 6t	NORTHERN PARULA	41	4
[]	S 2	TROPICAL PEWEE	36	9	[]	S 2n	YELLOW WARBLER	42	2
[]	W 2n	YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER	36	20	[]	W 1n	CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER	43	4
[]	W 4t	ACADIAN FLYCATCHER	36	12	[]	S 6n	CAPE MAY WARBLER	43	6
[]	S 4t	ALDER FLYCATCHER	36	14	[]	S 6n	MAGNOLIA WARBLER	43	10
[]	S 4t	WILLOW FLYCATCHER	36	14	[]	S 5n	YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER	43	11
[]	W 5n	LEAST FLYCATCHER	36	15	[]	W 4t	BAY-BREASTED WARBLER	41	9
[]	W 3	LONG-TAILED TYRANT	36	6	[]	W 5t	BLACKPOLL WARBLER	41	11
[]	W 3h	BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTILA	35	6	[]	W 4t	CERULEAN WARBLER	43	2
[]	W 3	RUFIOUS MOURNER	34	9	[]	W 2n	BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER	41	13
[]	W 1	DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER	35	21	[]	W 3n	AMERICAN REDSTART	41	10
[]	W 4n	GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER	35	17	[]	N 4n	PROTHONOTARY WARBLER	42	1
[]	S 1	GREAT KISKADEE	35	13	[]	P 4n	WORM-EATING WARBLER	40	21
[]	W 2	BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER	35	12	[]	W 4n	OVENBIRD	43	12
[]	S 1	SOCIAL FLYCATCHER	35	14	[]	N 1n	NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH	43	14
[]	S 2	GRAY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER	35	15	[]	N 4n	LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH	43	13
[]	W 3	WHITE-RINGED FLYCATCHER	35	16	[]	P 4n	KENTUCKY WARBLER	42	15
[]	S 5	STREAKED FLYCATCHER	35	11	[]	S 4n	MOURNING WARBLER	42	14
[]	W 3s	SULPHUR-BELLIED FLYCATCHER	35	10	[]	N 3	OLIVE-CROWNED YELLOWTHROAT	42	11
[]	W 2s	PIRATIC FLYCATCHER	35	8	[]	S 3	GRAY-CROWNED YELLOWTHROAT	42	13
[]	S 1	TROPICAL KINGBIRD	35	1	[]	P 5n	HOODED WARBLER	42	5
[]	W 3t	EASTERN KINGBIRD	35	3	[]	W 5n	WILSON'S WARBLER	42	4
[]	P 5h	THRUSH-LIKE SCHIFFORNIS	33	1	[]	P 4t	CANADA WARBLER	42	8
[]	S 2	CINNAMON BECARD	33	11	[]	N 3	BUFF-RUMPED WARBLER	40	23
[]	S 4	WHITE-WINGED BECARD	33	13	[]	W 1	BANANAQUIT	40	24
[]	W 1	MASKED TITYRA	34	1	[]	W 3	DUSKY-FACED TANAGER	45	18
[]	W 2	BLACK-CROWNED TITYRA	34	2	[]	P 5	OLIVE TANAGER	45	16
[]	S 2	GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN	22	15	[]	P 3	WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER	46	18
[]	N 2	MANGROVE SWALLOW	22	23	[]	S 2	WHITE-LINED TANAGER	46	16
[]	W 2n	NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW	22	18	[]	W 2	RED-THROATED ANT-TANAGER	47	12
[]	W 1	SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW	22	19	[]	W 3t	SCARLET TANAGER	47	8
[]	W 4t	BANK SWALLOW	22	17	[]	W 2n	SUMMER TANAGER	47	5
[]	W 4t	CLIFF SWALLOW	22	13	[]	S 2	CRIMSON-COLLARED TANAGER	47	3
[]	W 1n	BARN SWALLOW	22	12	[]	S 1	PASSERINI'S TANAGER	47	4
[]	S 6n	CEDAR WAXWING	39	14	[]	S 1	BLUE-GRAY TANAGER	46	15
[]	S 2	BAND-BACKED WREN	38	3	[]	W 1	PALM TANAGER	45	19
[]	S 3h	BLACK-THROATED WREN	38	13	[]	W 3	YELLOW-CROWNED EUPHONIA	45	1
[]	N 3h	BAY WREN	38	12	[]	P 3	OLIVE-BACKED EUPHONIA	45	3
[]	W 2h	STRIPE-BREASTED WREN	38	5	[]	P 4	WHITE-VENTED EUPHONIA	45	7

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[] S 3	PLAIN-COLORED TANAGER	46	11
[] P 4r	SILVER-THROATED TANAGER	46	6
[] P 3	BAY-HEADED TANAGER	46	9
[] P 6	RUFIOUS-WINGED TANAGER	46	10
[] W 1	GOLDEN-HOODED TANAGER	46	13
[] W 4	SCARLET-THIGHED DACNIS	46	4
[] W 3	BLUE DACNIS	46	3
[] W 3	GREEN HONEYCREEPER	46	7
[] P 3	SHINING HONEYCREEPER	46	1
[] S 3	RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER	46	4
[] S 2	BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT	49	7
[] S 1	VARIABLE SEEDEATER	49	3
[] S 4	WHITE-COLLARED SEEDEATER	49	2
[] N 4	PINK-BILLED SEED-FINCH	49	13
[] S 3	THICK-BILLED SEED-FINCH	49	10
[] W 2h	ORANGE-BILLED SPARROW	48	17
[] S 2	BLACK-STRIPED SPARROW	50	14
[] S 3	GRAYISH SALTATOR	48	3
[] W 1	BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR	48	2
[] S 2	BLACK-HEADED SALTATOR	48	1
[] P 4	SLATE-COLORED GROSBEAK	48	6
[] W 3	BLACK-FACED GROSBEAK	48	5
[] S 6	BLACK-THIGHED GROSBEAK	48	7
[] S 4n	ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK	48	8
[] W 3	BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK	48	10
[] S 5n	INDIGO BUNTING	48	12
[] N 5	RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	44	14
[] N 5	RED-BREASTED BLACKBIRD	44	13
[] S 3	EASTERN MEADOWLARK	50	16
[] S 3	MELODIOUS BLACKBIRD	52	6
[] S 1	GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE	44	16
[] S 2	BRONZED COWBIRD	44	15
[] W 3	GIANT COWBIRD	44	10
[] S 4	YELLOW-TAILED ORIOLE	44	3
[] W 1n	BALTIMORE ORIOLE	44	7
[] S 4n	ORCHARD ORIOLE	44	6
[] S 3	BLACK-COWLED ORIOLE	44	5
[] W 3h	YELLOW-BILLED CACIQUE	44	12
[] P 3	SCARLET-RUMPED CACIQUE	44	11
[] W 2	CHESTNUT-HEADED OROPENDOLA	44	9
[] W 1	MONTEZUMA OROPENDOLA	44	8
[] S 2	HOUSE SPARROW	50	17

Areas included: La Selva OTS, El Gavilan Lodge, Selva Verde Lodge, La Quinta Lodge, El Tigre Marsh, and all areas between these lodges including Puerto Viejo and the Sarapiquí River.

This checklist represents all of the most likely seen species including significant rarities. It is not comprehensive in that it does not include all accidental species or species seen in the foothills on La Selva OTS property which is not accessible to the public.

We welcome new information on species not included in this list or about species with abundance codes 5 or 6. Please send details to Kevin Easley: ticokid@racsa.co.cr