

For the third time two weeks of family and birding activities in and around
Puerto Escondido, Oaxaca, Mexico

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after two days in Coyoacán, Mexico-City

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- 03/25: Flight with our 16-year-old son Valentin from Hamburg to **Mexico-City**, where we arrive at 7:35 p.m. local time.
- 03/26 and 03/27: We walk through the quarter of **Coyoacán**, visiting the market, the *Frida-Kahlo-Museum* (booked before the trip!) and some parks. In one park access with camera and binoculars is prohibited, the other parks are open.
- 03/28: Meet our Mexican-German friends at the airport. Together we fly to **Puerto Escondido** at the Pacific coast, where we arrive in the evening. Rent a car at the airport. The house where we stay at the Calle Tamarindos 169 (further on „**nr. 169**“) is situated approx. 1 km NW of the one we stayed in during our two visits before. A narrow (dry) riverbed passes nr. 169 up to the highway 200.
- 03/29: First walks through the surroundings of the house, after one in the morning, a second one in the evening in the dark – find my first tarantulas. In between I install a colibri feeder in the garden, which will completely be ignored by the birds.
- 03/30: Early birding at the **Colotepec rivermouth** (east side, approx. 7,5 km SE of nr. 169, (15°48'46“ N, 97°01'31“ W). Rest of the day in and around the house, later second nightwalk in the nearby riverbed.
- 03/31: Early walk **N of highway 200**. Dry and hot thornbush-forest. Find the only snake of the stay (Mexican Vine Snake). Daily walk near nr. 169. In the afternoon birding on the western side of the **Colotepec rivermouth**. Third walk in the dark in the riverbed.
- 04/01: We spend the morning together on the beach **Carrizalillo** in the western part of Puerto Escondido. The rest of the day is filled with shopping, cooking, visiting a doctor (for one of us is fighting with Montezuma's revenge) – no birds noted. Short nightwalk.
- 04/02: Very early birding tour (starting in the dark) at the **Colotepec rivermouth** east side until noon. In the evening we eat in a restaurant at the same place called *Palapita Junto al Rio „Gim & Bran“*. Extremely nice location and good food.
- 04/03: We drive down the coast to **Ventanilla Lagoon** W of Mazunte (15°40'22" N, 96°34'49" W). Do a boat trip there and visit an island where crocodiles and deer are bred for reintroduction purposes. Visit the **San Augustin beach** close to Mazunte.
- 04/04: We get up at 5:15 a.m. and drive approx. 19 km to the western end of the **Manialtepec Lagoon** in the West of Puerto Escondido (15°55'51.05“ N, 97°14'38.13“ W). Do a three-hour-trip in hired canoes on the western part of the lagoon.
- 04/05: From 7:15 a.m. we do a **dolphin-tour** from Puerto Escondido. See some dolphins but not many seabirds. In the afternoon, and again in the dark, I walk the riverbed behind nr. 169.
- 04/06: Spend a tired day. In the morning and in the dark the usual walks nearby.
- 04/07: In the morning I walk through our vicinity down to the beach. In the evening we eat again at *Palapita Junto al Rio „Gim & Bran“* at the **Colotepec river**. A search for snakes there in the dark is as unproductive as the former ones (probably due to bad time of the year – dry season). Finish the day with a walk in the dry riverbed at nr. 169.
- 04/08: Last morning at the **Colotepec rivermouth**. Pack our suitcases. Last nightwalk in the dry valley.
- 04/09-04/10: Journey back home via Mexico-City, Amsterdam, Hamburg.



One of the most famous buildings of Mexico-City: The Frida-Kahlo-Museum.

Species List

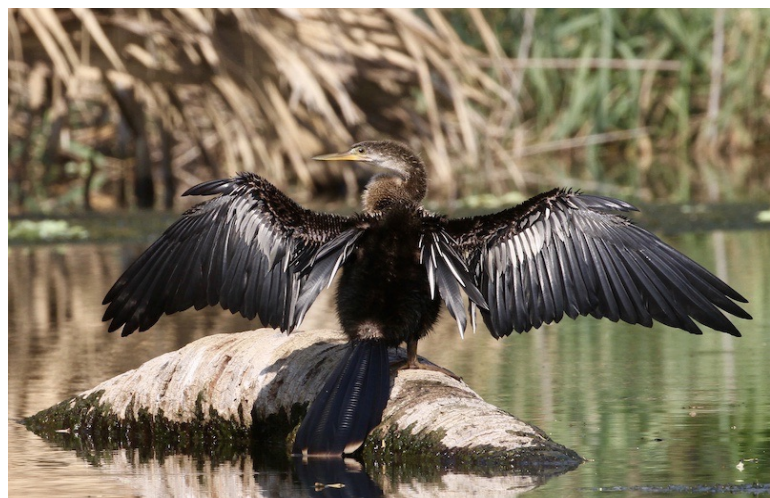
order and names following

Howell & Webb: „A Guide to the Birds of Mexico and Northern Central America“

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| Least Grebe | 04/04 | 4 | Manialtepec Lagoon |
| Wedge-tailed Shearwater | 04/05 | 2-3 | dolphintour |
| Black Storm-Petrel | 04/05 | ~ 15 | dolphintour |
| Blue-footed Booby | 04/03 | 1 immat. | San Augustin beach |
| Brown Pelican | | | seen daily along the coast and at the Colotepec rivermouth |
| Neotropic Cormorant | | | daily along the coast, on the lagoons and at the Colotepec rivermouth |

Anhinga

04/04 some 10s
Manialtepec Lagoon



Magnificent Frigatebird daily along the coast incl. Colotepec rivermouth, max. 30 harbour of Puerto Escondido (04/05)



Bare-throated
Tiger-Heron

sunbathing

04/04 5+
Manialtepec
Lagoon

Great Blue Heron regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, max. 5+ (03/31)
04/04 2-3+ Manialtepec Lagoon

Great Egret regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, max. 10 (03/31)
04/03 + Ventanilla Lagoon
04/04 + Manialtepec Lagoon

Snowy Egret regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, max. > 100 (03/30)
04/03 + Ventanilla Lagoon
04/04 + Manialtepec Lagoon

Little Blue Heron regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, max. 3-5 (03/31)
04/03 1+ Ventanilla Lagoon
04/04 2+ Manialtepec Lagoon



Little Blue Heron between White Ibis and Snowy Egret.

Tricolored Heron

regularly at Colotepec rivermouth (~20)

04/03 + Ventanilla Lagoon

04/04 5+ Manialtepec Lagoon

Reddish Egret

regularly at Colotepec
rivermouth,
max. 5-10 (03/30)



Cattle Egret

+/- regularly at Colotepec rivermouth (up to 5)

04/04 + near Manialtepec Lagoon

Green Heron

regularly at Colotepec rivermouth (up to 5)

04/03 1+ Ventanilla Lagoon

04/04 7-10+ Manialtepec Lagoon



Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

regularly at Colotepec rivermouth,
max. 5+ (03/30)

Boat-billed Heron

04/03 3 Ventanilla Lagoon

White Ibis

regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, some 10s (>100? 03/30)

04/03 + Ventanilla Lagoon

04/04 + (<10?) Manialtepec Lagoon



White-faced Ibis

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| 04/03 | 1 | Ventanilla Lagoon |
| 04/07 & 08 | 1 | Colotepec rivermouth |

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| Roseate Spoonbill | 03/31 & 04/02 | 1 immat. | Colotepec rivermouth |
| | 04/04 | 3 | Manialtepec Lagoon |
| | 04/07 & 04/08 | 2 | Colotepec rivermouth |



Roseate Spoonbill with
Blue-winged Teals
Manialtepec Lagoon

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| Wood Stork | 04/02 | 1 in flight | Colotepec rivermouth |
| | 04/04 | 10s (>100?) | Manialtepec Lagoon colony |
| | 04/08 | 2-3 in flight | Colotepec rivermouth |

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| Fulvous Whistling-Duck | 04/04 | ~20 | Manialtepec Lagoon |
| Black-bellied Whistling-Duck | 04/03 04/04 | ~10 + | Ventanilla Lagoon Manialtepec Lagoon |
| Muscovy Duck | 04/04 | 2+ | Manialtepec Lagoon |
| Blue-winged Teal | regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, max. 350+ (03/31) | | |
| | 04/03 | 1f | Ventanilla Lagoon |
| | 04/04 | ~50 | Manialtepec Lagoon |



Black Vulture

daily seen 10s
from 03/29 to 04/08
Colotepec river,
San Augustin



Turkey Vulture

seen nearly daily,
Puerto Escondido
and
Colotepec River

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| Roadside Hawk? | 03/30 | 1 | near Colotepec rivermouth |
| Crested Caracara | 04/08 | 2 | Colotepec rivermouth |
| American Kestrel | 03/31 | 1 | Colotepec rivermouth |
| Merlin | 04/02 | 1f | Colotepec rivermouth |

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| West Mexican Chachalaca | 03/30 7+ seen, ~ 10 heard 04/02 & 04/04 heard | Colotepec rivermouth Colotepec rivermouth |
| Common Moorhen | 04/03 2+ | Ventanilla Lagoon |
| American Coot | +/- regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, max. 5 (03/31) 04/04 1-2+ | Manialtepec Lagoon |
| American Golden Plover | regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, max. 4 (04/08) | |



Collared Plover

04/04 1 ad., 1 pull.
Manialtepec Lagoon

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| Semipalmated Plover | regularly at Colotepec rivermouth (>100) 04/04 ~20-30+ | Manialtepec Lagoon |
| Black-necked Stilt | regularly at Colotepec rivermouth (>100) 04/03 + 04/04 10s | Ventanilla Lagoon Manialtepec Lagoon |
| American Avocet | from 03/31 regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, max. 5 (03/31) | |



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| Northern Jacana | regularly at Colotepec rivermouth (~ 10) |
| | 04/03 + Ventanilla Lagoon |
| | 04/04 ~20 Manialtepec Lagoon |
| Greater Yellowlegs | regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, max. ~20-30+ (03/30 & 31) |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, max. ~10-20+ (03/31) |
| | 04/03 + Ventanilla Lagoon |



Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs

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| Willet | regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, max. ~50-100 (03/30) |
| Wandering Tattler | 04/05 1 harbour Puerto Escondido |
| Spotted Sandpiper | regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, max. 20-30+ (03/30) |
| | 04/03 5 Ventanilla Lagoon |
| | 04/04 ~5-10+ Manialtepec Lagoon |
| Whimbrel | 03/30 1-2 Colotepec rivermouth |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 03/30 1 Colotepec rivermouth |
| Sanderling | 03/30 ~20 Colotepec rivermouth |



Semipalmated Sandpiper

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| 03/31 | 2-3+ | Colotepec rivermouth |
| 04/02 | 5 | Colotepec rivermouth |
| 04/08 | 2+ | Colotepec rivermouth |

Western Sandpiper

+/- regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, 1-3 ind.

Least Sandpiper

regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, >100?



04/03 ~7-10
 Ventanilla Lagoon,
 1 ind. with red flag
 „A21“

04/04 10s Manialtepec Lagoon

Pectoral Sandpiper 03/31 2-3 Colotepec rivermouth
 04/02 & 04/08 1+ Colotepec rivermouth

Stilt Sandpiper 03/31 2-3 Colotepec rivermouth
 04/02 11 Colotepec rivermouth
 04/08 2-3+ Colotepec rivermouth

Red-necked Phalarope 04/05 100s dolphintour

Laughing Gull regularly along the coast, max. >1000 (?) 03/31 Colotepec rivermouth



Franklin's Gull

regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, max. 65+ (04/02)

04/04 ~30-50 Manialtepec Lagoon

Caspian Tern regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, max. 20+ (03/31)

Royal Tern regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, max. 10+ (03/30 & 03/31, 04/08)

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| 04/03 | 1+ | Ventanilla Lagoon |
| 04/03 | 1+ | San Augustin beach |
| 04/04 | 2-3+ | Manialtepec Lagoon |

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| Elegant Tern | 03/31 | 2-3 | Colotepec rivermouth |
| | 04/03 | 1 | Manialtepec Lagoon |
| | 04/08 | 20+ | Colotepec rivermouth |



Elegant Terns

showing wide variety of bill coloration

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| Sandwich Tern | 03/30 | 2+ | Colotepec rivermouth |
| | 03/31 | + (<10) | Colotepec rivermouth |
| | 04/08 | 3 | Colotepec rivermouth |

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| Common Tern | 03/31 & 04/08 | 1+ | Colotepec rivermouth |
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Black Skimmer

regularly at Colotepec rivermouth, max. 117+ (04/08)



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White-winged Dove

regularly in and around Puerto Escondido

Eurasian Collared Dove

+ Puerto Escondido

Feral Pigeon

+ Coyoacán and Puerto Escondido

Inca Dove

very common in Coyoacán and Puerto Escondido



Ruddy Ground-Dove

common in Puerto Escondido



White-fronted Parrot

04/04 5-6+ Manialtepec Lagoon



Orange-fronted Parakeet

04/06 7-10 Ventanilla Lagoon

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| Groove-billed Ani | seen +/- daily in and around Puerto Escondido |
| Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl | heard in some nights in Puerto Escondido |
| Mottled Owl | 04/02 1 heard early morning E of Colotepec rivermouth |
| Common Nighthawk | 04/07 6+ hunting at dusk E of Colotepec rivermouth |
| Pauraque | 04/06 1 heard Puerto Escondido |
| | 04/07 1 breeding (?) E of Colotepec rivermouth |



Doubleday's Hummingbird

seen on some occasions in Puerto Escondido

Cinnamon Hummingbird

seen on some occasions in Puerto Escondido



Garnet-throated Hummingbird
 03/26 1
 Xicotencatl-Parc/Coyoacán

Magnificent Hummingbird

03/31

1

Puerto Escondido

04/07

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Puerto Escondido





Citreoline Trogon

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| 03/28 | 1 | Puerto Escondido |
| 03/31 | 1 | N of highway 200 |
| 04/03 | 1 | Puerto Escondido |
| 04/06 | 3 | Puerto Escondido |

Russet-crowned Motmot

daily seen and/or heard

Puerto Escondido



Ringed Kingfisher

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| 03/30 | 2-3+ | Colotepec rivermouth |
| 04/02 & 08 | 1-2+ | Colotepec rivermouth |

Belted Kingfisher

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| 03/31 | 1+ |
| 04/02 & 04/08 | 1 |

Colotepec rivermouth
Colotepec rivermouth

Amazon Kingfisher

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| 03/30 | 1 |
| 03/31 | 2-3 |
| 04/02 & 04/08 | 1+ |

Colotepec rivermouth
Colotepec rivermouth
Colotepec rivermouth

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| Green Kingfisher | 03/30 | 2+ | Colotepec rivermouth |
| | 04/02 | 1f+ | Colotepec rivermouth |
| Golden-cheeked Woodpecker | daily seen and/or heard | | Puerto Escondido |
| Ladder-backed Woodpecker | 03/26 | 1 | N of highway 200 |

Lineated Woodpecker

pair working on hole in tree near nr. 169



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| Northern Beardless Tyrannulet | 03/31 | 2 | N of highway 200 |
| Pacific Slope Flycatcher | 03/26 & 03/27 | 1+ | Xicotencatl-Parc/Coyoacán |
| Myiarchus-Flycatcher spec. | seen on some occasions in or near Puerto Escondido | | |
| Great Kiskadee | seen daily in Puerto Escondido | | |
| Social Flycatcher | seen daily in Puerto Escondido | | |
| Tropical Kingbird | seen +/- daily in Puerto Escondido | | |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | 04/02 | 1m, 1f in flight | Colotepec rivermouth |
| Grey-breasted Martin | 03/31 | 2+ | N of highway 200 |
| Mangrove Swallow | 03/30 | 3-5 | Colotepec rivermouth |
| White-throated Magpie-Jay | 04/04 | 3+ | Manialtepec Lagoon |

Rufous-naped Wren seen daily in Puerto Escondido

Bewick's Wren 03/26 & 03/27 2-3 Xicotencatl-Parc/Coyoacán



Rufous-backed Thrush
common in Mexico-City
and Puerto Escondido

Mockingbird/Thrasher spec. 04/07 1 close to beach of Puerto Escondido



Plumbeous Vireo
04/06 1
Puerto Escondido

Nashville Warbler 03/26 & 03/27 5-10+ Coyoacán

Yellow Warbler +/- daily seen in Puerto Escondido

Yellow-rumped Warbler 03/26 2-3 Coyoacán

Waterthrush spec. 03/30 1 Colotepec rivermouth



Blue-hooded Euphonia

03/26 2m, 2f Coyoacán

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| Greyish Saltator | 03/31 | 2 | Puerto Escondido |
| Black-headed Grosbeak | 03/26 | 1 | Xicotencatl-Parc/Coyoacán |
| Blue Grosbeak | 04/02 | 1m, 1f | Colotepec rivermouth |
| Orange-breasted Bunting | 04/07 | 1m | close to beach of Puerto Escondido |

Olive Sparrow

03/31 1 singing
N of highway 200

04/02 & 04/05 1
Puerto Escondido



Canyon Towhee

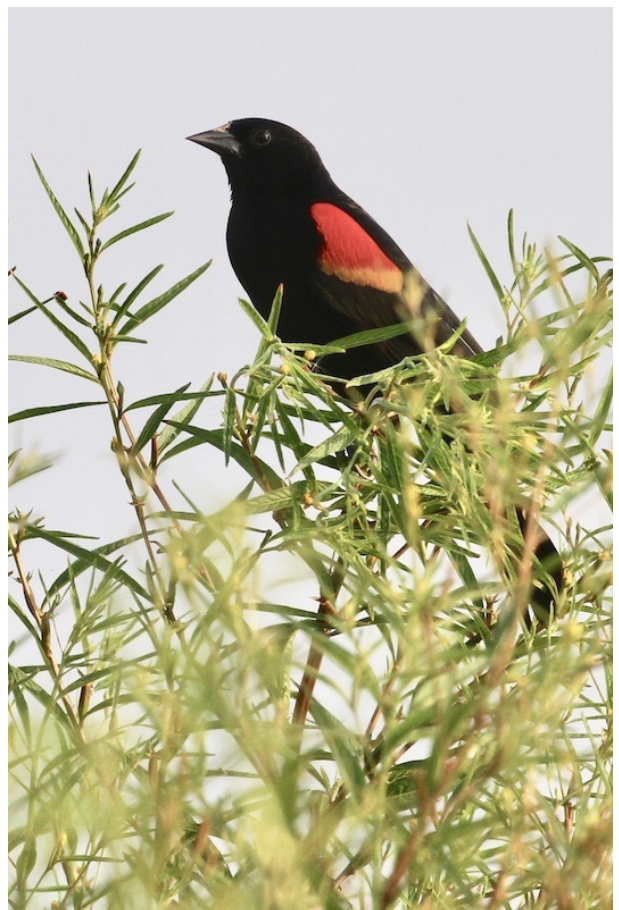
03/26 4+
Xicotencatl-Parc/Coyoacán



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| White-collared Seedeater | 03/29 | 2+ | Puerto Escondido |
| | 04/02 | 1-2+ | Colotepec rivermouth |
| Ruddy-breasted Seedeater | 04/02 | 2+ | Colotepec rivermouth |
| Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer | 03/27 | 1m | Coyoacán |
| Sparrow spec. | 03/26 | 1 | Coyoacán |

Red-winged Blackbird

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| 03/31 | 1m | Colotepec rivermouth |
| 04/02 | 2-3m+ | Colotepec rivermouth |
| 04/08 | heard | Colotepec rivermouth |



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| Melodious Blackbird | 03/31 | 1 | N of highway 200 |
| | 04/05 & 04/06 | 1 | Puerto Escondido |
| Great-tailed Grackle | everywhere in Mexico-City and Puerto Escondido | | |
| Bronzed Cowbird | 03/31 | 1+ | N of highway 200 |
| | 04/02 | ~40 | Colotepec rivermouth |
| Orchard Oriole | seen +/- daily in and around Puerto Escondido | | |



Streak-backed Oriole

seen +/- daily
in and around
Puerto Escondido

Bullock's Oriole 03/26 1 Coyoacán

Yellow-winged Cacique seen +/- daily in and around Puerto Escondido

House Finch common in Coyoacán

House Sparrow common in Coyoacán



Mexican Vine Snake

03/31
N of highway 200

Finally some beauties of the nights in Puerto Escondido:

Common Opossum

1-2 seen in 3 nights
in the dry riverbed
near nr. 169



Mexican Red Rump Tarantula (?)

found about 12 ind.,
most of them close to nr. 169.
Some of them +/- every night
in front of their holes.



Southern Black Widow
found 2 in the dry riverbed near nr. 169

Whip Spider spec.
seen at several places.

