

# CHECKLIST of the BIRDS of CASA GRANDE MOUNTAIN RETREAT and SURROUNDING AREAS



Puerto Rican Tody

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## ABOUT THIS LIST

This bird list was compiled by Marshall J. Iliff for the Casa Grande Mountain Retreat and nearby areas within 5 miles. It draws on observations from several visitors who visited and recorded their sightings within eBird. If you visit Casa Grande Mountain Retreat, please record your sightings at [www.ebird.org/content/pr](http://www.ebird.org/content/pr) or [www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org). Submitting sightings at either website is easy and free, and contributes to the overall knowledge base for the retreat. At eBird, you can generate bar chart under the View and Explore tab; click on a species name to get a full list of sightings.

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## GUIDE TO NEARBY BIRDING AREAS

**Lago Caonillas and Lago Dos Lagos:** These two large reservoirs are not loaded with birds, but do increase the diversity on a given visit. Look here for Brown Pelican, herons, egrets, Osprey, Belted Kingfisher (winter) and possibly shorebirds along the edges. Puerto Rican Woodpecker is fairly easy to find on the hills above the lake. The area near the dam makes for a convenient viewpoint; try driving the east side of the lake as well.

**Rio Caonillas:** Driving downstream from Casa Grande takes you along the river, with thickets, grassy areas, and patches of forest. Puerto Rican Tody and Bullfinch are two species to be alert for. Be sure to enjoy the heronry (mostly Cattle and Snowy Egrets) on the far side of the river before the bridge.

**Iglesia Metodista Mision Poleo :** To access some higher elevation forest where you may encounter other landbirds, drive to the top of Rte. 140 (about xx miles from Casa Grande) and turn off at signs for the Iglesia. Here you can park and walk along the road to the Iglesia. Look for wintering warblers, Puerto Rican Vireo, Puerto Rican Tody, Puerto Rican Flycatcher, and Key West Quail-Dove (secretive).

## SPECIES LIST (52 species)

\*= recorded from the grounds of Casa Grande Mountain retreat (30 species)

Lagos = Lago Dos Bocas and Lago Caonillas

† = Caribbean specialty; unique to Caribbean and not regularly found in United States (13 species)

†† = Puerto Rican endemic (10 species)

**Pied-billed Grebe** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common at Lagos

**Brown Pelican** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon at Lagos

**Great Blue Heron** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon at Lagos and Rio Caonillas

**Great Egret\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common at Lagos and Rio Caonillas

**Snowy Egret** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common at Lagos and Rio Caonillas

**Little Blue Heron** \_\_\_\_\_  
Rare at Rio Caonillas/Lago Dos Bocas

**Cattle Egret\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common at Lagos and Rio Caonillas

**Green Heron\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common at Lagos and Rio Caonillas

**Black-crowned Night-Heron\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common at Lagos and Rio Caonillas; can be heard at night from Casa Grande

**Turkey Vulture\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Rare to uncommon; usually overhead

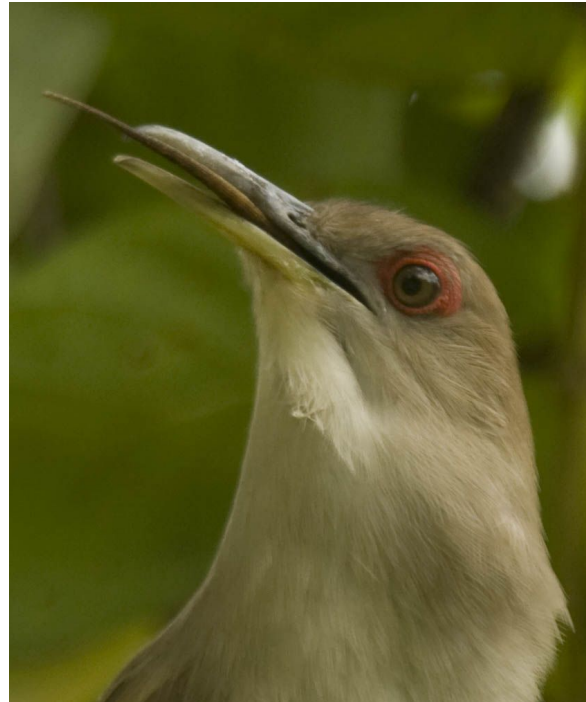
**Osprey** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon at Lagos and Rio Caonillas

**Red-tailed Hawk\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon in area; usually overhead

**American Kestrel\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon in area

**Peregrine Falcon** \_\_\_\_\_  
Rare in area

- Common Moorhen\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon at Lagos and Rio Caonillas
- Spotted Sandpiper** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon at Lagos and Rio Caonillas
- Rock Pigeon** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon towns and Lago Caonillas dam
- †**Scaly-naped Pigeon\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common in area; usually flying overhead
- White-winged Dove\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common in area
- †**Zenaida Dove\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common in area
- Common Ground-Dove\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon in area and rare on grounds
- †**Key West Quail-Dove** \_\_\_\_\_  
Rare in area
- Mangrove Cuckoo** \_\_\_\_\_  
Rare to uncommon in area
- ††**Puerto Rican Lizard-Cuckoo** \_\_\_\_\_  
Rare to uncommon in area
- Smooth-billed Ani\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon to common in area
- ††**Puerto Rican Screech-Owl\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon; listen above cabins at night
- ††**Green Mango\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon in area; visits flowers at lodge
- ††**Puerto Rican Emerald\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon in area; visits flowers at lodge
- ††**Puerto Rican Tody** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon in area
- Belted Kingfisher** \_\_\_\_\_  
Rare to uncommon at Lagos
- ††**Puerto Rican Woodpecker\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon in area; esp. Lago Caonillas
- ††**Puerto Rican Flycatcher\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon in area; best detected by call
- Gray Kingbird\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common; conspicuous at the lodge



Puerto Rican Lizard-Cuckoo ©Marshall J. Iliff

- †**Loggerhead Kingbird\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon in area; more furtive than Gray
- ††**Puerto Rican Vireo\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon in area; best detected by song
- Black-whiskered Vireo\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common; best detected by song
- †**Caribbean Martin** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon around Lago Caonillas
- Cave Swallow** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon around Lago Caonillas
- †**Red-legged Thrush** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon; especially at higher elevations
- †**Pearly-eyed Thrasher\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common in area; conspicuous at lodge
- Northern Parula** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon in area
- ††**Adelaide's Warbler\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Rare; easily found in sw. Puerto Rico

- Prairie Warbler** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon in area
- Northern Waterthrush** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon in area
- †**Bananaquit\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common; conspicuous at lodge
- †**Yellow-faced Grassquit** \_\_\_\_\_  
Uncommon along Rio Caonillas
- †**Black-faced Grassquit\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common in area; common on grounds
- ††**Puerto Rican Bullfinch\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common in thickets; often below lodge
- †**Greater Antillean Grackle** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common in settled areas (i.e., near Lagos)
- †**Shiny Cowbird\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common in area; often seen on grounds
- †**Greater Antillean Oriole\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common on the grounds; check palm trees
- Orange-cheeked Waxbill\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common; most common on Rio Caonillas

## OTHER SPECIES TO WATCH FOR

American Coot  
Killdeer  
Northern Mockingbird  
Black-and-white Warbler  
American Redstart  
Ovenbird  
Puerto Rican Spindalis  
Antillean Euphonia  
House Sparrow  
Pin-tailed Whydah

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