

A Nicaragua "Little" Big Day

February 3, 2001

Nicaragua - 3 February 2001 0915 to 1500 hours - Species totals: 51/5 = 56 (lowered to 53 in accordance with the 95% rule.) Peter Kaestner (55), Juan Carlos Martinez-Sanchez (52); 150 miles by car, ½ by foot. Visiting Managua to Puerto Momotombo and return. Species of Note: American White Pelican, Nicaraguan Grackle. Comment: This was conceived as a Big Day, but with the constraint that I was only in the country for about seven hours in transit to Costa Rica. The target for the day, the endemic grackle, cooperated. We saw 40 of their threatened birds in their preferred swamp habitat (with dead trees) near Puerto Momotombo.

#	English Name (from Clements)	Latin Name	
2	Least Grebe	Tachybaptus dominicus	
2	Pied-billed Grebe	Podilymbus podiceps	
12	American White Pelican	Pelecanus erythrorhynchos	
20	Neotropic Cormorant	Phalacrocorax brasilianus	
4	Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	
5	Great Egret	Ardea alba	
3	Tricolored Heron	Egretta tricolor	
2	Little Blue Heron	Egretta caerulea	
3	Snowy Egret	Egretta thula	
20	Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	
4	Green Heron	Butorides virescens	
1	Wood Stork	Mycteria americana	
3	White Ibis	Eudocimus albus	
95	Blue-winged Teal	Anas discors	
10	Black Vulture	Coragyps atratus	
5	Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura	
8	Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	
1	White-tailed Kite	Elanus leucurus	
1	Plumbeous Kite	Ictinia plumbea	
4	Roadside Hawk	Buteo magnirostris	
1	American Kestrel	Falco sparverius	
4	Limpkin	Aramus guarauna	
1	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	
1	American Coot	Fulica Americana	Only PK
15	Northern Jacana	Jacana spinosa	
30	Black-necked Stilt	Himantopus mexicanus	
20	Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus	
1	Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca	
1	Laughing Gull	Larus atricilla	
1	Gull-billed Tern	Sterna nilotica	
8	Red-billed Pigeon	Columba flavirostris	
4	White-winged Dove	Zenaida asiatica	
3	Common Ground-Dove	Columbina passerina	Only JM
4	Ruddy Ground-Dove	Columbina talpacoti	
14	Inca Dove	Columbina inca	
2	White-fronted Parrot	Amazona albifrons	
10	Groove-billed Ani	Crotophaga sulcirostris	
1	Canivet's Emerald	Chlorostilbon canivetii	Only PK
6	Belted Kingfisher	Ceryle alcyon	
8	Hoffmann's Woodpecker	Melanerpes hoffmannii	
7	Great Kiskadee	Pitangus sulphuratus	
30	Tropical Kingbird	Tyrannus melancholicus	
25	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Tyrannus forficatus	

10	Mangrove Swallow	Tachycineta albilinea	
99	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	
2	<i>Clay-colored Robin</i>	<i>Turdus grayi</i>	<i>Only PK</i>
12	White-throated Magpie-Jay	Calocitta formosa	
20	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	
1	<i>Tennessee Warbler</i>	<i>Vermivora peregrina</i>	<i>Only PK</i>
8	Yellow Warbler	Dendroica petechia	
60	Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	
20	Great-tailed Grackle	Quiscalus mexicanus	
40	Nicaraguan Grackle	Quiscalus nicaraguensis	
4	Streak-backed Oriole	Icterus pustulatus	
1	Baltimore Oriole	Icterus galbula	
1	Orchard Oriole	Icterus spurius	

56 Total
 PK 55
 JM 52