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The region of Los Tuxtlas is unique to Mexico since it is formed by a series of extinct volcanoes whose slopes are covered by cloud forest, medium evergreen rainforest and dry tropical rainforest which are inhabited by more than 485 species of birds. Los Tuxtlas is the northernmost site of all the American continent where you can see the magnificent Scarlet Macaw along with endemic species like the Tuxtla Quail-dove or the Long-tailed Sabrewing.

This quick guide presents the illustrations of 150 species of birds common to Los Tuxtlas. 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 encircled. The measurements from tip of the bill to end of the tail are given in inches and centimeters.

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La región de Los Tuxtlas es única en México ya que está conformada por una serie de volcanes extintos en cuyas laderas se encuentran diversos ecosistemas formados por vegetación de bosque de niebla, selva mediana perennifolia y selva baja caducifolia donde habitan más de 485 especies de aves. Los Tuxtlas es la zona más norteña de todo el continente americano en la que se puede observar a la magnífica Guacamaya Roja, junto con especies endémicas como la Paloma Perdiz Tuxtleña y el Fandanguero de Cola Larga.

Esta guía rápida presenta ilustraciones de 150 especies de aves comunes a la zona de Los Tuxtlas. 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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Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
Pijiji Aliblanco
Dendrocygna autumnalis
18-20 in (45.5-50.5 cm)

Blue-winged Teal
Cerceta Aliazul
Anas discors
15-16 in (30-40.5 cm)

Lesser Scaup
Pato Boludo Menor
Aythya affinis
15-17 in (38-43 cm)



Green-winged Teal
Cerceta Ala Verde
Anas crecca
14-15 in (35.5-38 cm)

Pied-billed Grebe
Zambullidor Pico Pinto
Podilymbus podiceps
11-13 in (28-33 cm)

Least Grebe
Zambullidor Menor
Tachybaptus dominicus
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)



Magnificent Frigatebird
Fragata Magnífica
Fregata magnificens
35-42 in (89-107 cm)

Brown Pelican
Pelicano Café
Pelecanus occidentalis
44-54 in (112-137 cm)

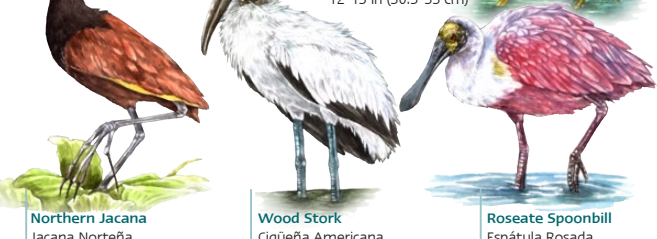
Anhinga
Anhinga Americana
Anhinga anhinga
33-37 in (84-94 cm)



Neotropic Cormorant
Cormorán Neotropical
Phalacrocorax brasilianus
25-27 in (63.5-68.5 cm)

American Coot
Gallareta Americana
Fulica americana
14-16 in (35.5-40.5 cm)

Purple Gallinule
Gallineta Morada
Porphyrio martinicus
12-13 in (30.5-33 cm)



Northern Jacana
Jacana Norteña
Jacana spinosa
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)

Wood Stork
Cigüeña Americana
Mycteria americana
35-40 in (89-101.5 cm)

Roseate Spoonbill
Espátula Rosada
Platalea ajaja
28-31 in (71-79 cm)



Great Blue Heron
Garza Azul Ceniza
Ardea herodias
40-50 in (101.5-127 cm)

Great Egret
Garza Grande
Ardea alba
33-39 in (84-99 cm)

Little Blue Heron
Garceta Azul
Egretta caerulea
20-24 in (51-61 cm)



Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
Pedrete
Corona-Clara
Nycticorax nycticorax
20-23 in (51-58.5 cm)

Black-crowned Night-Heron
Pedrete Corona Negra
Nycticorax nycticorax
22-25 in (56-63.5 cm)

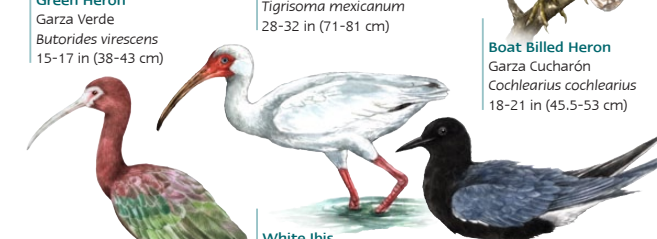
Snowy Egret
Garza Nivea
Egretta thula
19-23 in (48.5-58.5 cm)



Green Heron
Garza Verde
Butorides virescens
15-17 in (38-43 cm)

Bare-throated Tiger Heron
Garza Tigre Mexicana
Tigrisoma mexicanum
28-32 in (71-81 cm)

Boat Billed Heron
Garza Cucharón
Cochlearius cochlearius
18-21 in (45.5-53 cm)



White-faced Ibis
Ibis Cara Blanca
Plegadis chini
20-24 in (51-61 cm)

White Ibis
Ibis Blanco
Eudocimus albus
21-25 in (53.5-63.5 cm)

Black Tern
Charrán Negro
Chlidonias niger
9-9.7 in (23-24.5 cm)



Black-necked Stilt
Candelero Americano
Himantopus mexicanus
14-16 in (35.5-40.5 cm)

Royal Tern
Charrán Real
Thalasseus maximus
17-19 in (43-48 cm)

Laughing Gull
Gaviota Reidora
Leucophaeus atricilla
15-17 in (38-43 cm)



Black Vulture
Zopilote Negro
Coragyps atratus
22-26 in (56-66 cm)

Turkey Vulture
Zopilote Cabeza Roja
Cathartes aura
26-30 in (66-76.5 cm)



Crested Caracara
Caracara Común
Caracara cheriway
19-23 in (48-58.5 cm)

Great Black-Hawk
Aguilla Negra Mayor
Buteogallus urubitinga
20-24 in (51-61 cm)



Laughing Falcon
Halcón Guaco
Herpetotheres cachinnans
18-22 in (46-56 cm)

Bat Falcon
Halcón Murcielaguero
Falco rufigularis
9-11 in (23-28 cm)

Aplomado Falcon
Halcón Fajado
Falco femoralis
15-18 in (38-45.5 cm)



Common Pauraque
Tapacamino Piciyo
Nyctidromus albicollis
11-12 in (28-30.5 cm)

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl
Teclote Bajoño
Glaucidium brasilianum
6.5-7.5 in (16.5-19 cm)



Solitary Sandpiper
Playero Solitario
Tringa solitaria
8-8.5 in (20.5-21.5 cm)

Killdeer
Chorlito Tildío
Charadrius vociferus
9.5-10 in (24-25.5 cm)

Sanderling
Playero Blanco
Callidris alba
7-7.5 in (18-19 cm)



Ornate Hawk-Eagle
Águila Elegante
Spizaetus ornatus
22-27 in (56-68.5 cm)

Osprey
Águila Pescadora
Pandion haliaetus
22-26 in (56-66 cm)

Roadside Hawk
Aguilla Caminera
Ruphornis magnirostris
13-16 in (33-40.5 cm)



American Kestrel
Cernicalo Americano
Falco sparverius
10-11.5 in (25.5-29 cm)

Snail Kite
Gavián Caracolero
Rostrhamus sociabilis
18-20 in (45.5-50.5 cm)



Great Curassow
Hocofaisán
Crax rubra
30-36 in (76-91.5 cm)

Plain Chachalaca
Chachalaca Vetula
Ortalis vetula
16-22 in (40.5-56 cm)



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

Great Tinamou
Tinamú Mayor
Tinamus major
15-18 in (38-45.5 cm)



Slaty-tailed Trogon
Trogon Cola Oscura
Trogon massena
13-14 in (33-35.5 cm)

Collared Trogon
Trogon de Collar
Trogon collaris
10.5-11 in (26.5-28 cm)

Black-headed Trogon
Trogon Cabeza Negra
Trogon melanocephalus
10.5-11 in (26.5-28 cm)

Gartered Trogon
Trogon Violáceo
Trogon caligatus
9.5-10 in (24-25.5 cm)



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

Mourning Dove
Paloma Huiłota
Zenaida macroura
10-12 in (25.5-30.5 cm)

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

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

White-bellied Emerald
Colibrí Cándido
Amazilia candida
3.5-3.7 in (9-9.5 cm)

Ivory-billed Woodcreeper
Trepatorncos Bigotudo
Xiphorhynchus flavigaster
8.5-10.5 in (21.5-26.5 cm)

Pale-billed Woodpecker
Carpintero Pico Plata
Campephilus guatemalensis
14-15 in (35.5-38 cm)

Belted Kingfisher
Martín Pescador Norteño
Megasceryle alcyon
12-13 in (30.5-33 cm)

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

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird
Colibrí Cola rojiza
Amazilia tzacatl
4-4.3 in (10-11 cm)

Golden-olive Woodpecker
Carpintero Oliváceo
Colaptes rubiginosus
8.3-8.8 in (21-22.5 cm)

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

Ringed Kingfisher
Martín Pescador de Collar
Megasceryle torquata
15-16 in (30-40.5 cm)

Amazon Kingfisher
Martín Pescador Amazónico
Chloroceryle amazona
11-11.5 in (28-29 cm)

Buff-bellied Hummingbird
Colibrí Yucateco
Amazilia yucatanensis
3.8-4.3 in (10-11 cm)

Golden-fronted Woodpecker
Carpintero Cheje
Melanerpes aurifrons
8.5-10 in (21.5-25.5 cm)

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

American Pygmy Kingfisher
Martín Pescador Enano
Chloroceryle aenea
5-5.5 in (12.5-14 cm)

Violet Sabrewing
Fandanguero Morado
Campylopterus hemileucurus
5.5-6 in (14-15 cm)

White-breasted Wood-Wren
Chivirín Pecho Blanco
Henicorhina leucosticta
4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)

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

Rose-throated Becard
Mosquero Cabezón Degollado
Pachyrhamphus aglaiae
6.5-7 in (16.5-18 cm)

Northern Parula
Parula Norteña
Setophaga americana
4.5-5 in (11.5-12.5 cm)

Band-backed Wren
Matraca Tropical
Campylorhynchus zonatus
7.3-8 in (18.5-20.5 cm)

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

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

Kentucky Warbler
Chipe Patilludo
Geothlypis formosa
5-5.2 in (12.5-13.5 cm)

Hooded Warbler
Chipe Encapuchado
Setophaga citrina
4.8-5.3 in (12-13.5 cm)

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

Red-capped Manakin
Manaquín Cabeza Roja
Ramphocelus sanguinolentus
7.5-8 in (19-20.5 cm)

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager
Tángara-Hormiguero
Corona Roja
Habia rubica
6.8-8 in (17-20 cm)

Wilson's Warbler
Chipe de Wilson
Cardelina pusilla
4.3-4.8 in (11-12 cm)

Louisiana Waterthrush
Chipe Charquero
Parkesia motacilla
5.5-6 in (14-15 cm)

Crimson-collared Tanager
Tángara Sanguinolento
Ramphocelus sanguinolentus
7.5-8 in (19-20.5 cm)

Red-throated Ant-Tanager
Tángara-Hormiguero
Garganta Roja
Habia fuscicauda
7.3-8.5 in (18.5-21.5 cm)

Yellow Warbler
Chipe Amarillo
Setophaga petechia
4.5-5 in (11.5-12.5 cm)

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

Yellow-winged Tanager
Tángara Ala Amarilla
Passerina cyanea
6.8-7.5 in (17.5-19 cm)

Common Chlorospingus
Chinchinerio Común
Chlorospingus floapectus
5.3-5.8 in (13.5-14.5 cm)

Yellow-throated Vireo
Vireo Garganta Amarilla
Vireo flavifrons
5-5.5 in (13-14 cm)

White-throated Thrush
Mirlo Garganta Blanca
Turdus assimilis
9-10 in (23-25.5 cm)

Indigo Bunting
Colorín Azul
Passerina cyanea
4.8-5.3 in (12-13.5 cm)

Summer Tanager
Piranga Roja
Piranga rubra
6.5-8 in (16.5-20 cm)

White-eyed Vireo
Vireo Ojos Blancos
Vireo griseus
4.3-4.7 in (11-12 cm)

Clay-colored Thrush
Mirlo Pardo
Turdus grayi
9-10.5 in (23-26.5 cm)

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

Northern Cardinal
Cardenal
Cardinalis cardinalis
8-9 in (20.5-23 cm)

Green Jay
Chara Verde
Cyanocorax yncas
10.5-12 in (26.5-30.5 cm)

Slate-colored Solitaire
Clarín Unicolor
Myadestes unicolor
7.5-8 in (19-20.5 cm)

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

Black-headed Saltator
Picurero Cabeza Negra
Saltator atriceps
10-11 in (25.5-28 cm)

Brown Jay
Chara Papán
Psilorhynchus morio
15-17 in (38-43 cm)

Eastern Meadowlark
Pradero Tortilla con Chile
Sturnella magna
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)

Great-tailed Grackle
Zanate Mexicano
Quiscalus mexicanus
13.5-18.5 in (34.5-47 cm)

Olive-throated Parakeet
Perico Pecho Sucio
Eupsittula nana
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)

Melodious Blackbird
Tordo Cantor
Dives dives
9-11.5 in (23-29 cm)

Altamira Oriole
Calandria de Altamira
Icterus gularis
9-10 in (23-25.5 cm)

Collared Aracari
Arasari de Collar
Pteroglossus torquatus
15-17 in (38-43 cm)

White-fronted Parrot
Loro Frente Blanca
Amazona albifrons
10-11.5 in (25.5-29 cm)

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

Montezuma Oropendola
Oropéndola de Montezuma
Psarocolius montezuma
18-20 in (45.5-50.5 cm)

Keel-billed Toucan
Tucán Pico Canoa
Ramphastos sulfuratus
20-23 in (51-58.5 cm)

Red-lored Parrot
Loro Cachete Amarillo
Amazona autumnalis
12.5-14 in (32-35.5 cm)