

## 5 day Endemics and Caribbean

*Note: This itinerary is meant as a guide. Road, weather, human, and wildlife conditions may change our schedule.*

### DETAILED ITINERARY:

**Day 1:** After pickup at airport we drive out San Juan to our hotel area. If arrival is early we will go out birding to get our first few endemics and other targets that are possible. After dinner we go out for the Puerto Rican Owl.

### Night in Manatí



**Day 2:** Our first morning we will spend in the karst areas of the northern side of the island. The several forest and spots here are rich in bird diversity and we may see 8 to 10 of the endemics in this first morning. Including the Endangered Puerto Rican Parrot, Puerto Rican Bullfinch, Puerto Rican vireo among others. There are chances for other non-endemics

like the Scaly-nape Pigeon, Loggerhead Kingbird. In the afternoon will spend some effort in locating the Key-west Quail-Dove and any other endemic of the area we may need.

### Night Manatí

**Day 3:** If we miss the Key-West Quail-dove the prior day this morning my try for it at a different location before leaving the north. Leaving the northern area along the west coast doing stop over some specific spots for some shorebirds and waterfowls until we hit the Laguna Cartagena Refuge. Is in this refuge where we going to look for West Indian Whistling Duck. In the afternoon we'll wind our way around the southwestern corner of the island to our hotel in La Parguera. La

Parguera is famous as the most reliable site for the endangered Yellow-shouldered Blackbird.

### Night at Parguera

**Day 4:** Walking the highland roads above 3,000 feet in elevation we hope to encounter one endemic special to the higher elevation of the island: the rare and highly restricted Elfin-woods Warbler, which was not formally described as a



species until May, 1972. Doubtlessly overlooked because of a superficial similarity to Black-and-white Warbler, Elfin-woods Warbler has the habit of foraging in dense growth. Persistence, however, usually pays off with good views of this particular endemic. Other species in the Maricao Forest Reserve include Scaly-naped Pigeons, Loggerhead Kingbird, Puerto Rican Spindalis, Puerto Rican Tanager, and

Antillean Euphonia. After resting the afternoon at dusk we drive a short distance from our hotel hoping to hear or seeing the endangered Puerto Rican Nightjar.

### Night at Parguera

**Day 5:** We leave the hotel very early in the morning and drive to Aguirre Natural reserve where we going to try for the eastern hummingbirds: The Antillean Crested Hummingbird and the Green-throated Carib. Departing and if time allows before your flight back home we try for the Plain Pigeon near the town of Caguas. Please plan for an afternoon departure.

**Included:** Guide, all meals, acomodation, transportation, checklist and entrance fees.

**Excluded:** Overnight accommodation for DAY 5 unless you ask for it, Gratuities, Alcoholic beverages, Personal items, Air tickets, Airport taxes (if any), International airfare, and Electronic transfers fees.

**Equipment:**

Dress for hot and humid weather with possibility of rain. Earth colors preferable. Closed shoes or trainers (not sandals), hat, insect repellent and sun block recommended.

Money: Puerto Rico uses U.S. money for its currency. You will need money for any alcoholic beverages or soft drinks you may wish to consume, telephone calls, laundry, souvenirs, or any purchases you make of a personal nature. Most participants will want to bring \$100-\$200. Major credit cards are also widely accepted.