



Endemic and Caribbean Bird Trail

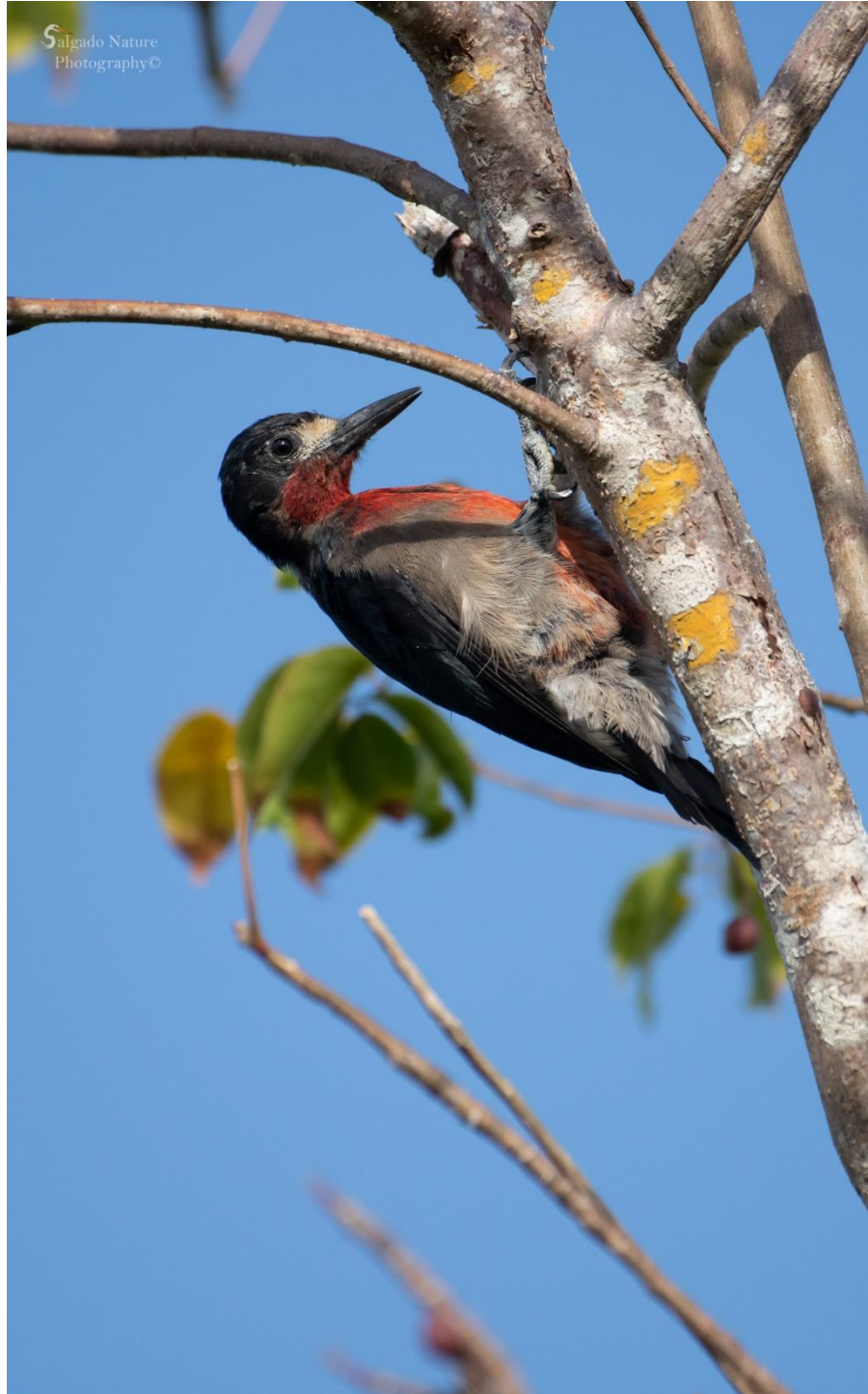
Puerto Rico has 19 endemic bird species, unique to this island now add to that more than 15 other Caribbean specialties and a few introduced birds. This birding tour package is designed to look for all these specialties. This tour package is similar to our four-day endemic tour but gives us an extra day to add a few more Caribbean specialties, especially for the more elusive ones like the Key-west Quail-dove. This trip will cover the northern and southwestern part of the island with the goal of seeing all these endemics. Remember all itineraries can also be customized to your needs to add any other activity of your interest. Next, you'll find a description of the day-to-day activities. Keep in mind that the itinerary is used as a base, we may change it as we go in case of new finds, bird needs or weather.

Day 1 Arrival: After pick up at airport we will be on our way to Manatí where we will spend the first night, if time allows it we can do some birding and see some of the more common endemics. After dinner we will go out in search of the Puerto Rican Owl.

Day 2 The Kars Region: After an early breakfast we go to the Rio Abajo state forest for our search of the critically endangered Puerto Rican Parrot. Other species we can see at Rio Abajo are the Green Mango and Puerto Rican Emerald. Later we go to the limestone areas to get some of the more common endemics like: Puerto Rican Vireo, Puerto Rican Bullfinch and Puerto Rican Flycatcher, Adelaide's Warbler among many others.

Day 3 The Kars Region: This morning we will spend in Bosque Cambalache looking for Key-west Quail-dove. While looking for this elusive bird we can expect a few other species like: Puerto Rican Lizard Cuckoo, Green Mango, Loggerheaded Kingbird among others. In the afternoon we'll wind our way around the southwestern corner of the island to our hotel in La Parguera. We will do stops along the way depending on species needs and time of the year.

Day 4 Maricao: Today we leave the hotel very early in the morning and drive toward the western mountains. Walking the highland roads above 3,000 feet in elevation we hope to encounter two endemics restricted to this elevation the Elfin-woods Warbler and Puerto Rican Tanager. Elfin-woods Warbler has the habit of foraging in dense growth. Other species in the Maricao Forest Reserve include Scaly-naped Pigeons, Loggerhead Kingbird, Pearly-eyed Thrasher, Puerto Rican Spindalis, and Antillean Euphonia. In the afternoon we will go to Laguna Cartagena Refuge. It is in this refuge where we are 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.



Day 5 Departure: Make sure to have an afternoon departure for before dropping at airport we will do stop for Green-throated Carib and Antillean Crested Hummingbird on the Aguirre natural reserve later in the town of Caguas we stop for the Plain Pigeon. After this drop off at airport

All trips are available year-round, but prices may be adjusted around special holidays.

Included: Guide, all meals, accommodation, 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.