

With the publication of Angehr & Dean² students of Panamanian bird distributions now have the first set of range maps for the country. Below, we detail sight records representing range extensions and new localities for rare species. Our observations are from Willi Mazu, Bocas del Toro; río Uvero, western Colón; Donoso, western Colón; San Francisco Reserve, Panamá; Cerro Chucantí, Darién; Llano Bonito, Darién; La Marea, Darién; and Cana, Darién. These and other localities mentioned below are shown in Fig. 1.

Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus*

On 3 January 2010 we observed a pair of grey-morph adults over the airstrip at Cana. No previous records from mainland Panama east of the Bayano region in prov. Panamá^{2,8,11}. Status there unclear as there is evidence that the species is perhaps migratory (or nomadic) in at least some of its range¹⁵.

Some records of birds from Panama with remarks on the distribution of Blue-crowned Motmot *Momotus momota*

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*

Represented by both migrant and resident breeding populations in Panama, but rare away from the

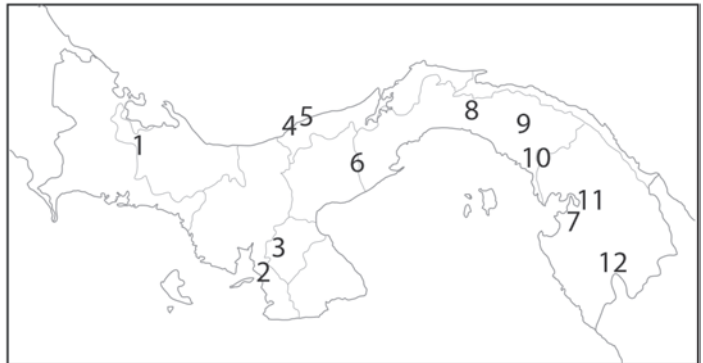


Figure 1. Map showing localities in Panama. (1) Willi Mazu, Bocas del Toro (08°50'16"N 82°13'12"W); (2) Paracoté, Veraguas (07°40'N 81°01'W); (3) Cerro Largo, Herrera; (4) río Uvero, Colón (08°57'17"N 80°45'20"W); (5) Donoso, Colón (08°52'45"N 80°40'05"W); (6) El Valle de Anton, Coclé (08°60'08"N 80°13'03"W); (7) Llano Bonito, Darién (08°09'49"N 78°59'09"W); (8) Lago Bayano, Panamá (08°56'58"N 78°76'00"W); (9) San Francisco Reserve, Panamá (08°56'58"N 78°26'49"W); (10) Cerro Chucantí, Panamá / Darién (08°48'57"N 78°27'17"W); (11) La Marea, Darién (08°08'59.4"N 77°59'58.3"W); (12) Cana, Darién (07°50'37"N 77°37'40"W).

breeding areas in the Chiriquí highlands^{2,8,11}. ECC observed one at Cerro Chucantí on 7 January 2008, east of the area mapped by Angehr & Dean².

Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea*

Poorly known in eastern Panama with most reports at mid elevations on the slopes of the Pirre massif near Cana and the Serranía de Jungurudó⁴, but others from lowlands on the ríos Sambú, Piñas and Jaqué^{5,7}. Several heard near sea level in tall broadleaf forest around La Marea in the Tuira Valley on 19–22 January 2008, c.30 km west of the closest previous records on the Serranía de Pirre.

Blue-crowned Motmot *Momotus momota*

Widespread in Central America, but thought to be absent from central Panama by Chapman⁶ and by Stiles¹⁰ who indicated a 400-km gap west from the Canal Zone including the entire Azuero Peninsula. Specimens are, however, available from Veraguas, Herrera and Coclé including several listed by Wetmore² identified as *M. m. lessonii*. One in the American Museum of Natural History, New York (AMNH 233130) identified as *M. m. lessonii* was taken on 20 June 1925 at Cerro Largo (Herrera) by R. R. Benson. In addition, Aldrich & Bole¹ listed six specimens from three localities on the western Azuero Peninsula (Veraguas) including three taken near sea level at Paracoté, which were considered to be *M. m. lessonii*. Finally, sight records, including one mentioned by Wetmore², some documented by photographs, exist around El Valle de Antón, Coclé, the easternmost known occurrence of *M. m. lessonii*. G. Angehr observed birds giving the typical two-noted call of *lessonii*, at Altos de María, western prov. Panamá, on 20–21 April 2013, and photographs by A. Raab at this site are consistent with this form. Wetmore² reported a specimen of *M. m. conexus* of eastern Panama from Capira, western prov. Panamá, which means the

known range of these two forms is separated by at most 15 km. The call of *M. m. conexus* is a single note¹⁰ (G. Angehr *in litt.* 2013).

Black-breasted Puffbird

Notharchus pectoralis
Considered to range no further west than the Caribbean slope of the Canal Zone^{2,8,12}. ECC observed the species on 14 April 2011 at río Uvero, Colón, the westernmost record. Probably widespread on the Caribbean slope of central Panama.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Sphyrapicus varius
Rare in Panama^{8,12}. ECC observed a male at Cana in February 2009, the first record for Darién and one of the southernmost records of this Nearctic breeder.

Crimson-bellied Woodpecker

Campephilus haematogaster
Widespread in foothills and highlands of eastern Panama, including on the Pacific slope in eastern Darién, but no previous reports from the Serranía de Majé^{3,5,8,12}. On 9 January 2008 we observed a pair at close range on the upper slopes of Cerro Chucantí at c.1,100 m. ECC observed the species at río Uvero, Colón, on 14 April 2011, the first record on the central Caribbean slope. Probably widely distributed on the Caribbean slope of Panama.

Moustached Antwren

Myrmotherula ignota
Considered to range no further west than the Caribbean side of the Canal Zone^{2,8,13}. ECC observed one on 17 April 2011 at Donoso, Colón, the westernmost record.

Dull-mantled Antbird

Myrmeciza laemosticta
Very local at mid elevations on the Caribbean slope from Costa Rica to eastern Panama, but not previously reported in Panama west of Veraguas. On 9 January 2009 ECC encountered at pair at 500 m near Willy Mazu. First record for Bocas del Toro.

Striped Woodhaunter

Hyloctistes subulatus
Rare, local and poorly known in CA. On 3 January 2010 we

observed one at Cana near 650 m. No previous records from this well-visited locality^{5,8,13}.

Grey Elaenia *Myiopagis caniceps*

Very uncommon and local in Panama. In June 2007 ECC observed a pair at Llano Bonito, Darién.

Slaty-capped Flycatcher

Leptopogon superciliosus
Widespread in foothills and highlands of southern Central America and the Andes of South America. Wetmore¹³ recognised two forms in Panama: *L. s. hellmayri* in the western highlands and *L. s. transandinus* in eastern Darién. Not previously reported from the Serranía de Majé^{3,5,8,13}. On 9 January 2008 we watched a pair constructing a nest on the upper slopes of Cerro Chucantí near 900 m.

White-eyed Vireo *Vireo griseus*

A Nearctic breeder that winters mostly in the West Indies, Mexico and northern Central America, but is rare in Panama^{5,8,14} and unknown in South America⁹. On 16 February 2012 ECC observed one near Lago Bayano, prov. Panamá, the easternmost record.

Yellow-browed Shrike-Vireo

Vireolanius eximius
Poorly known in eastern Panama^{2,8,14} with most reports at mid elevations (480–1,000 m) on the slopes of the Pirre massif near Cana. ECC identified several near sea level at Llano Bonito, Darién, in June 2007.

White-thighed Swallow

Neochelidon tibialis
Scarce and local in Panama with no previous records from the Serranía de Majé^{3,5,8,14}. On 8 January 2008 we watched several of these distinctive swallows foraging over clearings on Cerro Chucantí, Darién, near 700 m.

Blue-winged Warbler *Vermivora cyanoptera*

A Nearctic–Neotropical migrant rarely reported in southern Central America, and known in South America from just two records⁹. ECC observed one at

Cana, Darién, on 2 February 2009, the first record for the province.

Sulphur-rumped Tanager

Heterospingus rubrifrons

Central American endemic confined mainly to Caribbean slope foothills^{2,9,14}. On 23 January 2008 we saw one foraging with a mixed-species flock in Pacific slope lowlands at San Francisco Reserve near Torti.

Chestnut-capped Brush Finch

Arremon brunneinucha

Widespread in foothills and highlands of western Panama, and also recorded from highlands of eastern Darién^{2,8,14}, but not previously reported from the Serranía de Majé^{3,5}. ECC encountered it on several visits to Cerro Chucantí, Darién, including a pair observed with ACV on 9 January 2008.

Orange-crowned Oriole *Icterus auricapillus*

Widespread in open country in eastern Panama^{2,8,14}, but not previously reported from Cana, Darién⁵. On 13–14 January 2010 we observed an adult near the airstrip at Cana.

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