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Black-cowled Oriole



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Lovely Cotinga



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Ferruginous Pigmy Owl



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Keel-billed Toucan

Early Morning Bird Hike

\$30 per person

You will have to get up with the birds to take advantage of this early morning activity. Your guide will meet you on the front deck of our restaurant, where a light breakfast will get you going, and where your binoculars will likely be put to good use before you finish your coffee.

For the next three hours we will slowly make our way through the grounds of The Lodge at Pico Bonito, spotting the numerous bird species that frequent this area in the early hours. A climb to the top of "Toucan Tower" not far away offers a bird's eye view of the forest canopy and its bountiful variety of bird life, often including the coveted Lovely Cotinga. The abundance of important native tree species and a myriad of fruiting mistletoes and flowering canopy vines make this an extremely productive and satisfying birding route.

This tour is great for both the avid ornithologist and the casual birder. An easy pace allows everyone to enjoy this wonderful tropical bird watching experience.

Accompanied by our guide, we will bird areas of tropical secondary and gallery forest and plantations areas along the Rio Coloradito. Along this route, diversity is the rule and examples of sightings include Lovely Cotinga; Masked and Black-crowned Tityras; Blue crowned and Turquoise-browed Motmots; Tody Motmot; Keel-billed Toucan; Collared Aracari; Ferruginous Pigmy Owl; Black-cowled Oriole; Black-headed, Violaceous, Collared and Slaty-tailed Trogons; Royal Flycatcher; Green, Shining and Red-Legged Honeycreepers; and 16 species of Hummingbirds including Crowned Woodnymph, Blue-throated Sapphire, Violet Sabrewing, Purple-crowned Fairy, Stripe-tailed Hummingbird, Brown Violet-ear, Green Violet-ear and White-necked Jacobin.

Blue-crowned Chlorophonias are common here during the winter months as are Olive-backed, White-vented, Scrub and Yellow-throated Euphonias.

In addition to superb viewing from Tower #1, this route takes advantage of several elevated views overlooking the Rio Coloradito valley and sightings of many Raptor species can be made here. Great and Northern Potoos are occasionally seen as well.