



Puerto Vallarta is a bird's paradise where more than 300 bird species can be found. Located in the center of the Bay of Banderas, this tropical city is surrounded by a variety of ecosystems that are home to many endemic bird species. Marine and coastal birds are abundant in the bay's beaches, islands, mangroves and estuaries, while the closeness of the mountains to the coastline allows for the quick transition from semi deciduous rainforests to pine and oak forests giving the visitor the opportunity to see a huge diversity of tropical and temperate forest birds in a single day.

This quick guide presents the illustrations of more than 135 species of birds common to the Puerto Vallarta region, including 20 endemic species. 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 circled. The measurements from tip of the bill to end of the tail are given in inches and centimeters.

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Puerto Vallarta es un paraíso en donde se pueden encontrar más de 300 especies de aves. Localizada en el centro de la Bahía de Banderas, esta ciudad tropical está rodeada de una variedad de ecosistemas que son el hogar de muchas especies endémicas. Las aves marinas y costeras son abundantes en las playas, islas, estuarios y manglares de la bahía, mientras que la cercanía de las montañas a la costa permite una rápida transición de la selva semi-caducifolia a los bosques de pino y encino brindando al visitante la oportunidad de observar una gran diversidad de aves de selvas tropicales y de bosques templados en un solo día.

Esta guía rápida presenta ilustraciones de más de 135 especies de aves comunes a la región de Puerto Vallarta incluyendo 20 especies endémicas. 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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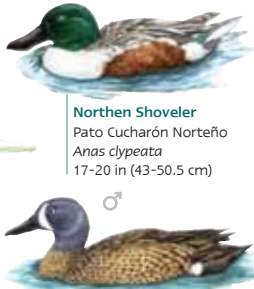


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Ruddy Duck
Pato Tepalcate
Oxyura jamaicensis
14-16 in (35.5-40.5 cm)



Northern Shoveler
Pato Cucharón Norteño
Anas clypeata
17-20 in (43-50.5 cm)



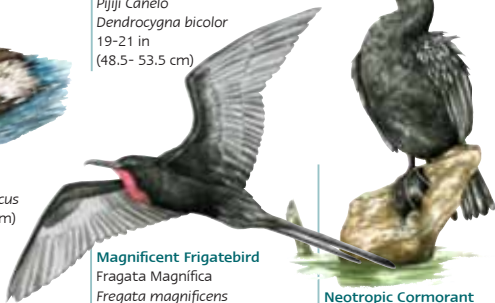
Blue-winged Teal
Cerceta Aliazul
Anas discors
15-16 in (30-40.5)



Fulvous Whistling Duck
Pijiji Canelo
Dendrocygna bicolor
19-21 in
(48.5- 53.5 cm)



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

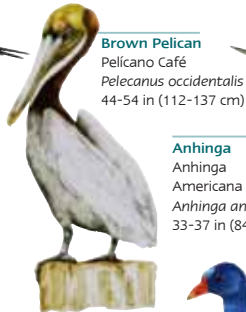


Magnificent Frigatebird
Fragata Magnífica
Fregata magnificens
35-42 in (89-107 cm)

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



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



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



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



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



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



Common Moorhen
Gallineta Común
Gallinula galeata
13-14 in (33-35.5 cm)



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Cattle Egret
Garza Ganadera
Bubulcus ibis
18-21 in (45.5-53 cm)



Tricolored Heron
Garceta Tricolor
Egretta tricolor
22-26 in (56-66 cm)



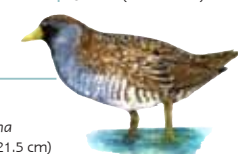
Little Blue Heron
Garceta Azul
Egretta caerulea
20-24 in (51-61 cm)



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



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



Sora
Polluela Sora
Porzana carolina
8-8.5 in (20.5-21.5 cm)



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



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



Heermann's Gull
Gaviota de Heermann
Larus heermanni
18-20 in (45.5-50.5 cm)



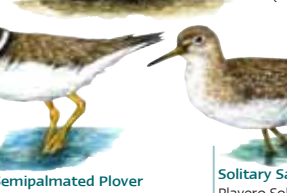
Bonaparte's Gull
Gaviota de Bonaparte
Chroicocephalus philadelphia
13-13.5 in (33-34.5 cm)



Least Tern
Charrán Menor
Sternula antillarum
8-9 in (20.5-23 cm)



Common Tern
Charrán Común
Sterna hirundo
11.5-12.5 in (29-31.5 cm)



Elegant Tern
Charrán Elegante
Thalasseus elegans
14.5-16 in (37-41 cm)

Caspian Tern
Charrán Caspica
Hydroprogne caspia
20-22 in (51-57 cm)



Baird's Sandpiper
Playero de Baird
Calidris bairdii
6.5-7 in (16.5-17.5 cm)



Semipalmated Plover
Chorio Semipalmado
Charadrius semipalmatus
6.5-7 in (16.5-17.5 cm)



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



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



Black-bellied Plover
Chorio Gris
Pluvialis squatarola
10.5-11.5 in (26.5-28 cm)



Whimbrel
Zarapito Trinador
Numenius phaeopus
14-17 in (35.5-43 cm)



Spotted Sandpiper
Playero Alzacolita
Actitis macularius
6.5-7 in (16.5-18 cm)



Willet
Playero Pihuhui
Tringa semipalmata
12.5-14 in (32-35.5 cm)



Short-billed Dowitcher
Costurero Pico Corto
Limnodromus griseus
9.5-11 in (24-28 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)



Common Black Hawk
Aguililla Negra Menor
Buteogallus anthracinus
18-21 in (45.5-53 cm)



Gray Hawk
Aguililla Gris
Buteo nitidus
16-18 in (40.5-45.5 cm)



Collared Forest-Falcon
Halcón Selvático de Collar
Micrastur semitorquatus
21-22 in (53.5-56 cm)



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



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



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



Red-tailed Hawk
Halcón Cola Roja
Buteo jamaicensis
19-23 in (48.5-58.5 cm)



Colima Pigmy Owl
Teclotito Colimense
Glaucidium palmarum
5.5-6 in (14-15 cm)



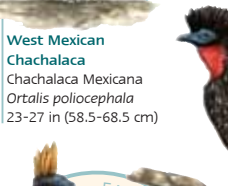
Osprey
Águila Pescadora
Pandion haliaetus
22-26 in (56-66 cm)



Citreoline Trogon
Trogón Citrino
Trogon citreolus
10.5-11 in (26.5-28 cm)



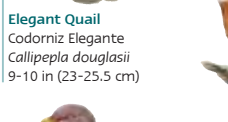
West Mexican Chachalaca
Chachalaca Mexicana
Ortalis poliocephala
23-27 in (58.5-68.5 cm)



Elegant Trogon
Trogón Elegante
Trogon elegans
11-12 in (28-30.5 cm)



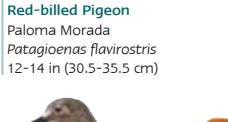
Crested Guan
Pava Cojolita
Penelope purpurascens
32-36 in (81-91 cm)



Elegant Quail
Codorniz Elegante
Callipepla douglasii
9-10 in (23-25.5 cm)



Golden-cheeked Woodpecker
Carpintero Cachete Dorado
Centurus chrysogenys
7.5-8.5 in (19-21.5 cm)



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



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



Ruddy Ground-dove
Tórtola Rojiza
Columbina talpacoti
6.5-7 in (16.5-18 cm)



Rufous-bellied Chachalaca
Chachalaca Vientre Castaño
Ortalis wagleri
23-27 in (58.5-68.5 cm)



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



Russet-crowned Motmot
Momoto Corona Café
Momotus mexicanus
12-14 in (30.5-35.5 cm)



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



Violet-green Swallow
Golondrina Verdemar
Tachycineta thalassina
4.5-5 in (11.5-12.5 cm)



Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Golondrina Aliaserrada
Stelgidopteryx serripennis
5-5.5 in (12.5-14 cm)



Broad-billed Hummingbird
Colibrí Pico Ancho
Cyanthus latirostris
3.5-4 in (9-10 cm)



Mexican Woodnymph
Ninfa Mexicana
Thalurania ridgwayi
3.5-4 in (9-10 cm)



Sinaloa Wren
Saltapared Sinaloaense
Thryophilus sinaloa
5-5.5 in (12.5-14 cm)



White-collared Swift
Vencejo Cuello Blanco
Streptoprocne zonaris
8-8.5 in (20.5-21.5 cm)

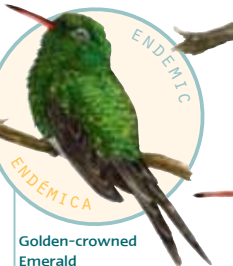
Vaux's Swift
Vencejo de Vaux
Chaetura vauxi
4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)



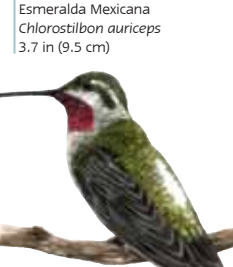
Cinnamon Hummingbird
Colibrí Canelo
Amazilia rutila
4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)



Berylline Hummingbird
Colibrí Berilo
Amazilia beryllina
3.7-4 in (9.5-10 cm)



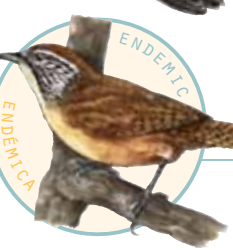
Golden-crowned Emerald
Esmeralda Mexicana
Chlorostilbon auriceps
3.7 in (9.5 cm)



Violet-crowned Hummingbird
Colibrí Corona Oscura
Amazilia violiceps
(4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)



Plain-Capped Starthroat
Colibrí Corona Oscura
Heliomaster constantii
4.7-5 in (12-13 cm)



Happy Wren
Saltapared Rufiblanco
Pheugopedius felix
5-5.5 in (12.5-14 cm)



Common Nighthawk
Chotacabras Mayor
Chordeiles minor
9-9.5 in (23-24 cm)

Pauraque
Tapacaminos Picuyo
Nyctidromus albicollis
11-12 in (28-30.5 cm)



Orchard Oriole
Calandria Castaña
Icterus spurius
6-6.8 in (15-17 cm)



Groove-billed Ani
Garrapatero Pijuy
Crotophaga sulcirostris
12-13.5 in (30.5-34.5 cm)



Streak-backed Oriole
Calandria Dorso Rayado
Icterus pustulatus
7.5-9 in (19-23 cm)



Red-winged Blackbird
Tordo Sargento
Agelaius phoeniceus
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)



Hooded Oriole
Calandria Encapuchada
Icterus cucullatus
7.3-7.8 in (18.5-20 cm)



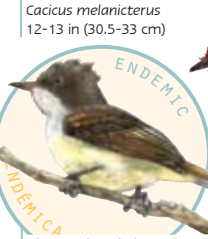
Yellow-winged Cacique
Cacique Mexicano
Cacicus melanicterus
12-13 in (30.5-33 cm)



Bronze-headed Cowbird
Tordo Cabeza Café
Molothrus ater
6.3-7.3 in (16-18.5 cm)



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



Flammulated Flycatcher
Copetón Jaspeado
Deltarhynchus flammulatus
6-6.5 in (15-16.5 cm)



Vermillion Flycatcher
Mosquero Cardenal
Pyrocephalus rubinus
5-5.7 in (12.5-14.5 cm)



Brown Crested Flycatcher
Copetón Tirano
Myiarchus tyrannulus
8-9.2 in (20.5-23.5 cm)



Masked Tityra
Tityra enmascarada
Tityra semifasciata
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)

Tropical Kingbird
Tirano Tropical
Tyrannus melancholicus
7.8-9.3 in (19.5-23.5 cm)

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher
Papamoscas Vientre Amarillo
Myiodynastes luteiventris
7.5-8.5 in (19-21.5 cm)



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



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



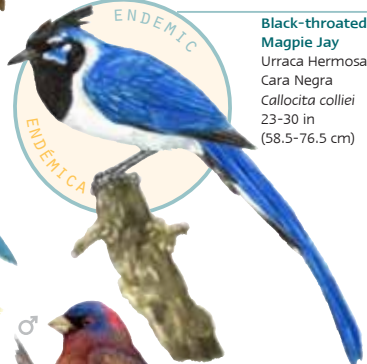
Bright-rumped Attila
Attila
Attila spadiceus
7.8-8.5 in (19.5-21.5 cm)



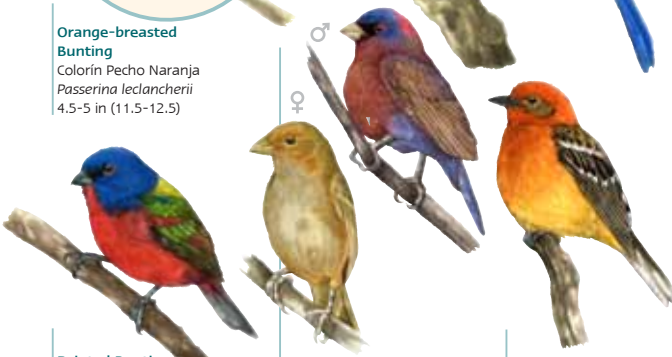
San Blas Jay
Chara de San Blas
Cyanocorax sanblasianus
12.5-13.5 in (32-34.5 cm)



Orange-breasted Bunting
Colorín Pecho Naranja
Passerina leclancherii
4.5-5 in (11.5-12.5)



Black-throated Magpie Jay
Urraca Hermosa
Carra Negra
Calocitta colliei
23-30 in (58.5-76.5 cm)



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

Varied Bunting
Colorín Morado
Passerina versicolor
4.5-5 in (11.5-12.5 cm)

Flame-colored Tanager
Tángara Dorso Rayado
Piranga bidentata
7-7.5 in (18-19 cm)



Masked Tityra
Tityra enmascarada
Tityra semifasciata
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)

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Myiodynastes luteiventris
7.5-8.5 in (19-21.5 cm)



White-throated Thrush
Primavera Gorjiblanco
Turdus assimilis
9-10 in (23-25.5 cm)

Dickcissel
Arrocerro Americano
Spiza americana
5.8-6.3 in (14.5-16 cm)

Rufous-backed Robin
Primavera Dorso Rufo
Turdus rufopalliatas
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)



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



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



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



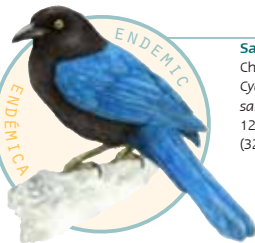
Hermit Thrush
Zorzal Cola Rufa
Catharus guttatus
6-7 in (15-17.5 cm)



Black-capped Gnatcatcher
Perlita Sinaloense
Polioptila nigriceps
4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)



Bright-rumped Attila
Attila
Attila spadiceus
7.8-8.5 in (19.5-21.5 cm)



San Blas Jay
Chara de San Blas
Cyanocorax sanblasianus
12.5-13.5 in (32-34.5 cm)



Orange-crowned Warbler
Chipe Corona Anaranjada
Oreothlypis celata
4.6-5 in (11.5-12.5 cm)



Yellow-rumped Warbler
Chipe Coronado
Setophaga coronata
5-5.5 in (13-14 cm)



MacGillivray's Warbler
Chipe de Tolmie
Geothlypis tolmiei
4.7-5.2 in (12-13 cm)



Orange-breasted Bunting
Colorín Pecho Naranja
Passerina leclancherii
4.5-5 in (11.5-12.5)

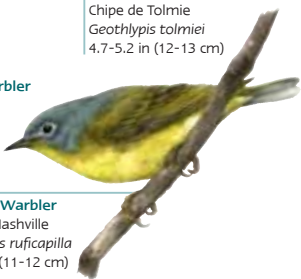


Black-throated Magpie Jay
Urraca Hermosa
Cara Negra
Calocitta colliei
23-30 in (58.5-76.5 cm)



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

Nashville Warbler
Chipe de Nashville
Oreothlypis ruficapilla
4.3-4.7 in (11-12 cm)



Yellow Grosbeak
Picogrueso Amarillo
Pheucticus chrysopleus
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)



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



Varied Bunting
Colorín Morado
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4.5-5 in (11.5-12.5 cm)



Flame-coloured Tanager
Tångara Dorso Rayado
Piranga bidentata
7-7.5 in (18-19 cm)



Ruddy-breasted Seedeater
Semillero Pecho Canela
Sporophila minuta
3.7-4 in (9.5-10 cm)



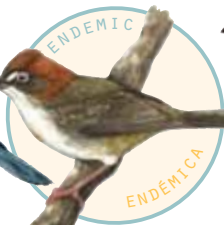
Yellow-breasted Chat
Gritón Pecho Amarillo
Icteria virens
6.5-7 in (16.5-18 cm)



White-collared Seedeater
Semillero Collarejo
Sporophila torqueola
4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)



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



Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrow
Rascador Nuca Rufa
Melospiza kieneri
6-7 in (15-17.5 cm)



Stripe-headed Sparrow
Zacatonero Cabeza Rayada
Peucaea ruficauda
6-7.7 in (15-19.5 cm)



Lark Sparrow
Gorrion Arlequin
Chondestes grammacus
6.6.5 in (15-16.5 cm)



Warbling Vireo
Vireo Gorjeador
Vireo gilvus
4.7-5.2 in (12-13 cm)



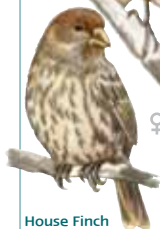
Lesser Goldfinch
Dominico Dorso Oscuro
Spinus psaltria
4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)



House Finch
Gorrion Mexicano
Haemorhous mexicanus
5.5-6.3 in (14-15.5 cm)

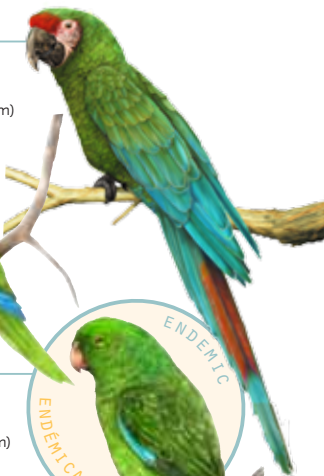


Golden Vireo
Vireo Dorado
Vireo hypochryseus
4.7-5.2 in (12-13 cm)



Yellow-green Vireo
Vireo Amarillo Verdoso
Vireo flavoviridis
5.5-6 in (14-15 cm)

Military Macaw
Guacamaya Verde
Ara militaris
27-30 in (68.5-76 cm)



Orange-fronted Parakeet
Perico Frente Naranja
Aratinga canicularis
9-10 in (23-25.5 cm)



Mexican Parrotlet
Periquito Catarina
Forpus cyanopygius
5-5.5 in (12.5-14 cm)



Lilac-crowned Parrot
Perico Corona Lila
Amazona finschi
12-13.5 in (30.5-34.5 cm)