



quick guide to the BIRDS OF THE RIVIERA NAYARIT.



Nayarit is the foremost birding area in western Mexico, harboring more than 530 species of birds including 45 endemics. This great bird diversity is owed to a landscape of mountains, volcanoes, plains and valleys crisscrossed by rivers, lagoons and estuaries where lush temperate and rainforests abound. In the coast you will find splendid beaches, islands and one of the largest areas of mangroves in Mexico. All of this creates a diversity of ecosystems that gives the visitor the opportunity to see more than 300 birds in just a few days of birding.

This quick guide presents the illustrations of more than 140 species of birds common to the Riviera Nayarit region, including 21 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 measurement from tip of the bill to end of the tail are given in inches and centimeters.

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Esta guía rápida presenta ilustraciones de más de 140 especies de aves comunes a la zona de la Riviera Nayarit incluyendo 21 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 presentan un círculo. Las medidas de la punta del pico al final de la cola se dan en pulgadas y centímetros.

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 Black-bellied Whistling-Duck Pijiji Aliblanco <i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i> 18-20 in (45.5-50.5 cm)	 Ruddy Duck Pato Tepalcate <i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i> 14-16 in (35.5-40.5 cm)	 Northern Shoveler Pato Cocharán Norteño <i>Anas clypeata</i> 17-20 in (43-50.5 cm)	 White Ibis Ibis Blanco <i>Eudocimus albus</i> 21-25 in (53.5-63.5 cm)	 Black Vulture Zopilote Negro <i>Coragyps atratus</i> 22-26 in (56-66 cm)	 Turkey Vulture Zopilote Cabeza Roja <i>Cathartes aura</i> 26-30 in (66-76.5 cm)	 Common Black Hawk Aguililla Negra Menor <i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i> 18-21 in (45.5-53 cm)	 Gray Hawk Aguililla Gris <i>Buteo nitidus</i> 16-18 in (40.5-45.5 cm)	 Collared Forest-Falcon Halcón Selvático de Collar <i>Micrastur semitorquatus</i> 21-22 in (53.5-56 cm)
 American Avocet Avoceta Americana <i>Recurvirostra americana</i> 15.5-17 in (39.5-43 cm)	 Least Grebe Zambullidor Menor <i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i> 8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)	 Blue-winged Teal Cerceta Aliazul <i>Anas discors</i> 15-16 in (30-40.5)	 White-faced Ibis Ibis Cara Blanca <i>Plegadis chihi</i> 20-24 in (51-61 cm)	 Great Blue Heron Garza Azul Ceniza <i>Ardea herodias</i> 40-50 in (101.5-127 cm)	 Sora Polluella Sora <i>Porzana carolina</i> 8-8.5 in (20.5-21.5 cm)	 Rufous-necked Wood-Rail Rascón Cuello Rufo <i>Aramides axillaris</i> 11.5-12.5 in (29-31.5 cm)	 Laughing Falcon Halcón Guaco <i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i> 18-22 in (46-56 cm)	 Short-tailed Hawk Aguililla Cola Corta <i>Buteo brachyurus</i> 16-18 in (40.5-45.5 cm)
 Magnificent Frigatebird Fragata Magnífica <i>Fregata magnificens</i> 35-42 in (89-107 cm)	 Neotropical Cormorant Cormorán Neotropical <i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i> 25-27 in (63.5-68.5 cm)	 Snowy Egret Garza Nivea <i>Egretta thula</i> 19-23 in (48.5-58.5 cm)	 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron Pedrete Corona-Clara <i>Nyctanassa violacea</i> 20-23 in (51-58.5 cm)	 Great Egret Garza Grande <i>Ardea alba</i> 33-39 in (84-99 cm)	 Caspian Tern Charrán Caspica <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> 20-22 in (51-57 cm)	 Laughing Gull Gaviota Reidora <i>Leucophaea atricilla</i> 15-17 in (38-43 cm)	 Bat Falcon Halcón Murcielaguero <i>Falco rufigularis</i> 9-11 in (23-28 cm)	 Snail Kite Gavilán Caracolero <i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i> 18-20 in (45.5-50.5 cm)
 Black-necked Stilt Candeletero Americano <i>Himantopus mexicanus</i> 14-16 in (35.5-40.5 cm)	 Brown Pelican Pelicano Café <i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i> 44-54 in (112-137 cm)	 Anhinga Anhinga Americana <i>Anhinga anhinga</i> 33-37 in (84-94 cm)	 Bare-throated Tiger Heron Garza Tigre Mexicana <i>Tigrisoma mexicanum</i> 28-32 in (71-81 cm)	 Little Blue Heron Garceta Azul <i>Egretta caerulea</i> 20-24 in (51-61 cm)	 Elegant Tern Charrán Elegante <i>Thalasseus elegans</i> 14.5-16 in (37-41 cm)	 Semipalmated Plover Chorlo Sempalmado <i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i> 6.5-7 in (16.5-17.5 cm)	 Solitary Sandpiper Tringa Solitaria <i>Tringa solitaria</i> 8-8.5 in (20.5-21.5 cm)	 Crested Caracara Caracara Común <i>Caracara cheriway</i> 19-23 in (48-58.5 cm)
 Purple Gallinule Gallineta Morada <i>Porphyrio martinicus</i> 12-13 in (30.5-33 cm)	 Northern Jacana Jacana Noroteña <i>Jacana spinosa</i> 8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)	 Cattle Egret Garza Ganadera <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> 18-21 in (45.5-53 cm)	 Boat Billed Heron Garza Cocharán <i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i> 18-21 in (45.5-53 cm)	 Tricolored Heron Garceta Tricolor <i>Egretta tricolor</i> 22-26 in (56-66 cm)	 Killdeer Chorlito Tildio <i>Charadrius vociferus</i> 9.5-10 in (24-25.5 cm)	 Black-bellied Plover Chorlo Gris <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> 10.5-11.5 in (26.5-28 cm)	 Whimbrel Zarpito Trinador <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> 14-17 in (35.5-43 cm)	 Red-tailed Hawk Halcón Cola Roja <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i> 19-23 in (48.5-58.5 cm)
 Common Moorhen Gallineta Común <i>Gallinula galeata</i> 13-14 in (33-35.5 cm)	 American Coot Gallareta Americana <i>Fulica americana</i> 14-16 in (35.5-40.5 cm)	 Roseate Spoonbill Espátula Rosada <i>Platalea ajaja</i> 28-31 in (71-79 cm)	 Wood Stork Cigüeña Americana <i>Mycteria americana</i> 35-40 in (89-101.5 cm)	 Green Heron Garza Verde <i>Butorides virescens</i> 15-17 in (38-43 cm)	 Limpkin Carao <i>Aramus guarana</i> 23-25 in (58.5-63.5 cm)	 Spotted Sandpiper Playero Alzacolita <i>Actitis macularia</i> 6.5-7 in (16.5-18 cm)	 Willet Playero Pihuhui <i>Tringa semipalmata</i> 12.5-14 in (32-35.5 cm)	 Short-billed Dowitcher Costurero Pico Corto <i>Limnodromus griseus</i> 9.5-11 in (24-28 cm)
 American Kestrel Cernicalo Americano <i>Falco sparverius</i> 10-11.5 in (25.5-29 cm)	 Osprey Águila Pescadora <i>Pandion haliaeetus</i> 22-26 in (56-66 cm)							



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

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

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

Elegant Trogon
Trogon 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)

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

White-winged Dove
Paloma Ala Blanca
Zenaida asiatica
10.5-12 in (26.5-30.5 cm)

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

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

Mangrove Swallow
Golondrina Manglera
Tachycineta albilinea
4.3-4.7 in (11-12 cm)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nutting's Flycatcher
Copetón de Nutting
Myiarchus nuttingi
7-7.5 in (18-19 cm)

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

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

Thick-billed Kingbird
Tirano Pico Grueso
Tyrannus crassirostris
8.5-9.5 in (21.5-24 cm)

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

Black-throated Magpie Jay
Urraca Hermosa
Colaptes auratus
23-30 in (58.5-76.5 cm)

Purplish-backed Jay
Chara de Beechy
Cyanocorax beecheii
14-15 in (35.5-40.5 cm)

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

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

Grayson's thrush
Mirlo Nayarita
Turdus r. graysoni
9.5-10 in (24-25.5 cm)

Tropical Parula
Parula Tropical
Setophaga pitaiyumi
4-4.3 in (10-11 cm)

Common Yellowthroat
Mascarita Común
Geothlypis trichas
4.5-5.2 in (11.5-13.5 cm)

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

Blue-hooded Euphonia
Eufonia Capucha Azul
Euphonia elegantissima
4-4.5 in (10-11.5 cm)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Red-breasted Chat
Granatelo Mexicano
Granatellus venustus
5.7-6.2 in (14.5-16 cm)

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

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

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