

Bird Checklist & Monthly Frequencies 2024

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Birding in the Clouds

Cloudbridge is a 283 hectare (700 acre) cloud forest reserve on the pacific slope of the Talamanca mountains in Costa Rica. A reforestation project, the reserve is home to well established regenerating forest, as well as small sections of mature forest. At an altitude of 1500-2600m (4900-8500 ft), more than 300 mid and high elevation bird species have been observed here.

Checklist Key

Bird presence designations (except for Incidental or Accidental sightings) were calculated using the 2023 data from Cloudbridge's long-term bird monitoring surveys, as an update from the original checklist from 2015-2018. Surveys were completed by utilizing walking transect surveys, done once weekly, as well as utilizing data sets from long-term bird researchers. Designations were based on the percentage of total survey days when that bird was seen, with 304 total survey days in 2023. Incidental designations include birds seen outside of official survey days. Accidental designations encompass birds seen <2 times, or were outside of their normal distribution. The general frequency of each species is not calculated per month, but instead, in general for the whole year; it is then listed in which months that species was seen.

V	Very common: Sighted >75% of survey days
C	Common: Sighted 50-75% of survey days
F	Fairly Common: Sighted 25-50% of survey days
U	Uncommon: Sighted 5-25% of survey days
R	Rare: Sighted >0-5% of survey days
I	Incidental: Sighted outside of official surveys
A	Accidental: Only 1 or 2 individuals ever reported, or is out of it's normal range of distribution
(e)	Endemic to Costa Rica and Panama

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	Highland Tinamou	<i>Nothocercus bonapartei</i>
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Chachalacas, Guans, & Curassows

(e)	Black Guan	<i>Chamaepetes unicolor</i>
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New World Quails

	Spotted Wood-Quail	<i>Odontophorus guttatus</i>
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Doves & Pigeons

	Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>
(e)	Buff-fronted Quail-Dove	<i>Zentrygon costaricensis</i>
(e)	Chiriqui Quail-Dove	<i>Zentrygon chiriquensis</i>
	Ruddy Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas subvinacea</i>
	Scaled Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas speciosa</i>
	Short-billed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas nigrirostris</i>
	White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>

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Cuckoos

	Black-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>
	Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>

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Nightjars

	Common Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>
(e)	Dusky Nightjar	<i>Antrostomus saturatus</i>

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Swifts

	Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift	<i>Panyptila cayennensis</i>
	White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>

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Hummingbirds

	Brown Violetear	<i>Colibri delphinae</i>
	Blue-vented Hummingbird	<i>Saucerottia hoffmanni</i>
(e)	Fiery-throated Hummingbird	<i>Panterpe insignis</i>
(e)	Garden Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon assimilis</i>
	Green-crowned Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa jacula</i>
	Green-fronted Lancebill	<i>Doryfera ludovicae</i>
	Green Hermit	<i>Phaethornis guy</i>
	Lesser Violetear	<i>Colibri cyanotus</i>
	Long-billed Hermit	<i>Phaethornis longirostris</i>
	Long-billed Starthroat	<i>Heliomaster longirostris</i>
(e)	Magenta-throated Woodstar	<i>Philodice bryantae</i>
	Purple-crowned Fairy	<i>Heliothryx barroti</i>

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Hummingbirds (con't)

	Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>
	Scaly-breasted Hummingbird	<i>Phaeochroa cuvierii</i>
(e)	Scintillant Hummingbird	<i>Salasphorus scintilla</i>
(e)	Snowy-bellied Hummingbird	<i>Saucetorria edward</i>
	Stripe-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Eupherusa eximia</i>
	Stripe-throated Hermit	<i>Phaethornis strigularis</i>
(e)	Talamanca Hummingbird	<i>Eugenes spectabilis</i>
	Violet-headed Hummingbird	<i>Klais guimeti</i>
	Violet Sabrewing	<i>Campylopterus hemileucurus</i>
(e)	Volcano Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus flammula</i>
(e)	White-crested Coquette	<i>Lophornis adorabilis</i>
(e)	White-tailed Emerald	<i>Microchera chionura</i>
(e)	White-throated Mountain Gem	<i>Lampornis castaneiventris</i>

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Wood Rails

	Gray-Cowled Wood-Rail	<i>Aramides cajaneus</i>
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Hérons

	Fasciated Tiger-Heron	<i>Tigrisoma fasciatum</i>
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Vultures

	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
	Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>

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Hawks, Eagles, & Kites

	Barred Hawk	<i>Morphnarchus princeps</i>
	Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>
	Ornate Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus ornatus</i>
	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
	Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>

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Owls

(e)	Costa Rican Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium costaricanum</i>
	Mottled Owl	<i>Ciccaba virgata</i>

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Trogon & Quetzals

	Collared Trogon	<i>Trogon collaris</i>
	Resplendent Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus mocinno</i>

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Motmots

	Lesson's Motmot	<i>Momotus lessonii</i>
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Barbets

	Red-headed Barbet	<i>Eubucco bourcierii</i>
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Toucans

	Northern Emerald Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus prasinus</i>
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Woodpeckers

	Acorn Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>
	Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rubiginosus</i>
	Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Dryobates villosus</i>
	Olivaceous Piculet	<i>Picumnus olivaceus</i>

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Falcons & Caracaras

	Barred-forest Falcon	<i>Micrastur ruficollis</i>
	Laughing Falcon	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>

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Parakeets

	Barred Parakeet	<i>Bolborhynchus lineola</i>
(e)	Sulphur-winged Parakeet	<i>Pyrrhura hoffmanni</i>

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Antbirds

	Dusky Antbird	<i>Cercomacroides tyrannina</i>
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Antbirds (con't)

	Slaty Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula schisticolor</i>
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Ovenbirds

	Brown-billed Scythebill	<i>Campylorhamphus pusillus</i>
	Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner	<i>Dendroma rufa</i>
	Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner	<i>Automolus ochrolaemus</i>
	Buffy Tuftedcheek	<i>Pseudocolaptes lawrencii</i>
(e)	Chiriqui Foliage-gleaner	<i>Automolus exsertus</i>
	Lineated Foliage-gleaner	<i>Syndactyla subalaris</i>
	Middle American Leaf-tosser	<i>Sclerurus mexicanus</i>
	Plain Xenops	<i>Xenops minutus</i>
	Red-faced Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca erythropis</i>
(e)	Ruddy Treerunner	<i>Margarornis rubiginosus</i>
	Spot-crowned Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes affinis</i>
	Spotted Barbtail	<i>Premnoplex brunnescens</i>
	Spotted Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus erythrogygius</i>
(e)	Streak-breasted Treehunter	<i>Thripadectes rufobrunneus</i>
	Streak-headed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>
	Streaked Xenops	<i>Xenops rutilans</i>

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Tityras & Allies

	Barred Becard	<i>Pachyramphus versicolor</i>
	Black-crowned Tityra	<i>Tityra inquisitor</i>
	Masked Tityra	<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>

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Tyrant Flycatchers

(e)	Black-capped Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax atriceps</i>
	Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>
	Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>
	Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>
(e)	Dark Pewee	<i>Contopus lugubris</i>
	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>
	Eastern Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>
	Eye-ringed Flatbill	<i>Rhynchocyclus brevirostris</i>
(e)	Golden-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes hemichrysus</i>
	Golden-crowned Spadebill	<i>Platyrinchus coronatus</i>
	Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>
	Mistletoe Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius parvus</i>
	Mountain Elaenia	<i>Elaenia frantzii</i>
(e)	Ochraceous Pewee	<i>Contopus ochraceus</i>
	Olive-striped Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes olivaceus</i>

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Tyrant Flycatchers (con't)

	Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Lophotriccus pileatus</i>
	Slaty-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon superciliaris</i>
	Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>
	Torrent Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga cinerea</i>
	Tufted Flycatcher	<i>Mitrephanes phaeocercus</i>
	Western Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>
	White-throated Spadebill	<i>Platyrinchus mystaceus</i>
	Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>
	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>
	Yellow-olive Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphureus</i>
	Yellowish Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax flavescens</i>

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Vireos, Shrike-babblers, & Erpornis

	Brown-capped Vireo	<i>Vireo leucophrys</i>
	Lesser Greenlet	<i>Pachysylvia decurtata</i>
	Philadelphia Vireo	<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>
	Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>
	Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>
	Yellow-green Vireo	<i>Vireo flavoviridis</i>
	Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>

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Vireos, Shrike-babblers, & Erpornis (con't)

(e)	Yellow-winged Vireo	<i>Vireo carmioli</i>
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Crows, Jays, & Magpies

	Brown Jay	<i>Psilorhinus morio</i>
(e)	Silvery-throated Jay	<i>Cyanolyca argentigula</i>

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Swallows

	Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Pygochelidon cyanoleuca</i>
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Wrens

	Gray-breasted Wood Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucophrys</i>
	House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>
(e)	Ochraceous Wren	<i>Troglodytes ocraceus</i>
(e)	Riverside Wren	<i>Cantorchilus semibadius</i>
	Rufous-breasted Wren	<i>Pheugopedius rutilus</i>
	Scaly-breasted Wren	<i>Microcerculus marginatus</i>

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Aquatic Dippers

	American Dipper	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>
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New World Sparrows (con't)

(e)	Costa Rican Brushfinch	<i>Arremon costaricensis</i>
	Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>
(e)	Sooty-capped Chlorospingus	<i>Chlorospingus pileatus</i>
	White-naped Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes albinucha</i>
(e)	Yellow-thighed Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes tibialis</i>

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Orioles, Grackles, & Cowbirds

	Chestnut-headed Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius wagleri</i>
	Melodious Blackbird	<i>Dives dives</i>
	Yellow-billed Cacique	<i>Amblycercus holosericeus</i>

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New World Warblers

	Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>
(e)	Black-cheeked Warbler	<i>Basileuterus melanogenys</i>
	Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Setophaga virens</i>
	Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Setophaga fusca</i>
	Buff-rumped Warbler	<i>Myiothlypis fulvicauda</i>
(e)	Collared Redstart	<i>Myioborus torquatus</i>
(e)	Costa Rican Warbler	<i>Basileuterus melanotis</i>
(e)	Flame-throated Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis gutturalis</i>

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New World Warblers (con't)

	Golden-crowned Warbler	<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>
	Golden-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>
	Magnolia Warbler	<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>
	Mourning Warbler	<i>Geothlypis philadelphia</i>
	Prothonotary Warbler	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>
	Slate-throated Redstart	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>
	Tennessee Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>
	Townsend's Warbler	<i>Setophaga townsendi</i>
	Tropical Parula	<i>Setophaga pitaiayumi</i>
	Wilson's Warbler	<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>

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Cardinals, Grosbeaks, & Buntings

(e)	Black-thighed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus tibialis</i>
	Blue Seed eater	<i>Amaurospiza concolor</i>
	Flame-colored Tanager	<i>Piranga bidentata</i>
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>
	Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>
	Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>

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