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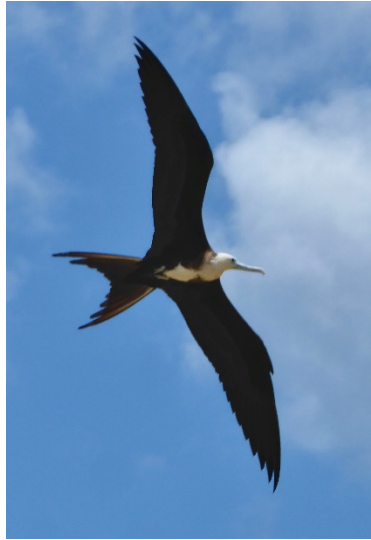
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Along coastal waters of Trinidad and Tobago

Abundant and breeding populations along windward coast Tobago

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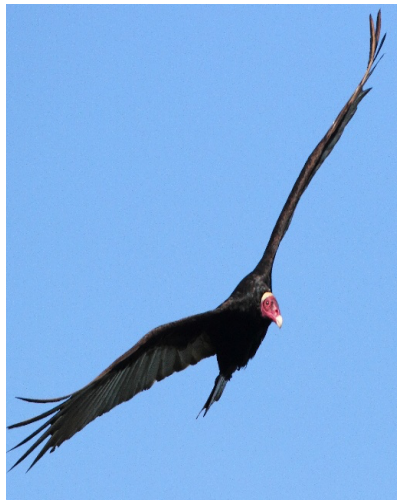
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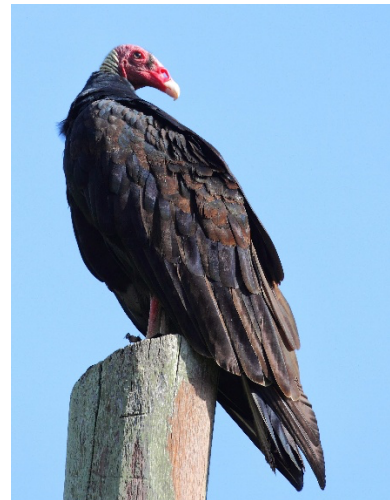
Multiple habitats, forest edge

Common resident throughout Trinidad

Absent from Tobago

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Hook-billed Kite

***flying** *Chondrohierax uncinatus uncinatus*

Dry and humid forests
Local, rare resident in NW, C, and S
Trinidad
Vagrant to Tobago
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Zone-tailed Hawk

***flying** *Bueto albonotatus*
Widespread, various habitats
Common resident in Trinidad
Absent from Tobago

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Short-tailed Hawk

***flying** *Bueto brachyurus brachyurus*

Widespread, various habitats
Common resident in Trinidad
Absent from Tobago

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Squirrel Cuckoo

Piaya cayana insulana
Trinidad forest resident
Uncommon yet widespread
Absent from Tobago

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Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

Glaucidium brasilianum phalaenoides
Forest, forest edge, urban areas
Common, widespread diurnal
resident in Trinidad
Several undocumented sightings on
Tobago

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Blue-tailed Emerald *M

Chlorostilbon mellisugus caribbaeus
Local common resident of NW
peninsula Trinidad, Bocas Is.
Occasionally south-facing, dry-
forest slopes of Northern Range
Absent from Tobago

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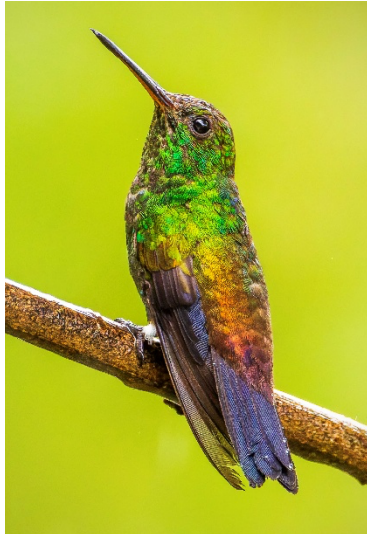
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Rufous-tailed Jacamar *M
Galbula ruficauda ruficauda
 Forest and edges, secondary growth
 Shy and uncommon in Trinidad
 More common in Tobago

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Copper-rumped Hummingbird
Amazilia tobaci erythronotos
 Forest, gardens, urban areas
 Very common and widespread
 Trinidad and Tobago

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Trinidad MotMot
Momotus bahamensis
 Forest resident
 Shy and uncommon in Trinidad
 More common and widespread on Tobago

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Lineated Woodpecker *F
Dryocopus lineatus lineatus
 Common and widespread resident of forests, edges, secondary growth, country sides in Trinidad
 Absent from Tobago

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Barred Antshrike *M
Thamnophilus doliatus doliatus
 Forest edges, dry scrub, cultivated
 estates, gardens
 Common and widespread resident
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White-flanked antwren *M
Myrmotherula axillaris axillaris
 Forest resident all elevations
 Common in Trinidad
 Absent from Tobago
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Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet
Camptostoma obsoletum pusillum
 Forest, scrub mangrove edge
 Common resident in Trinidad
 Absent from Tobago
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Streaked flycatcher
Myiodynastes maculatus tobagensis
 Forest resident
 Common on both Trinidad and
 Tobago
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Boat-billed Flycatcher

Megarynchus pitangua pitangua
Forest edges, dry scrub, cultivated estates, gardens.

Common and widespread resident in Trinidad

Absent from Tobago

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Tropical Kingbird

Tyrannus melancholicus satrapa
Open/urban wooded areas, forest edge, gardens, favours open perches

Abundant and widespread on both Trinidad and Tobago

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Brown-crested Flycatcher

Myiarchus tyrannulus tyrannulus
Lowland forests, scrub, and mangroves

Common Tobago resident
Less widespread on Trinidad

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Rufous-browed Peppershrike

Cyclarhis gujanensis falvipectus
Tropical and subtropical wooded habitats, common and widespread

Trinidad resident

Absent from Tobago

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Chivi Vireo

Vireo chivi vividior *Trinidad subspecies

Deciduous woodland, cultivated estates, lower elevation

Common resident in Trinidad and Tobago

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Golden-fronted Greenlet

Pachysylvia aurantiifrons saturatus
Forest, estates, scrub

Very common resident in Trinidad
Absent from Tobago

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House Wren

Troglodytes aedon clarus

Forest edge, gardens, urban areas
Common resident on both Trinidad
and Tobago

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Long-billed Gnatwren

Ramphocaenus melanurus trinitatis

Favours dense tangles in forests
Common, widespread Trinidad
Absent from Tobago

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Streaked Saltator

Saltator striatipectus perstriatus

Dry scrub, deciduous forest
Extremely local resident NW
peninsula Trinidad, Bocas Is.

Absent from Tobago

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Tropical Parula

Setophaga pitiayumi elegans

Common Trinidad forest resident,
abundant on Chacachacare Is.
Unreported on Tobago for decades

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Golden-crowned Warbler

Basileuterus culicivorus olivascens

Forest resident
Common and widespread in
Trinidad

Absent from Tobago

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Crested Oropendola

Psarocolius decumanus insularis

Forests and edges,
open/urban areas
Common resident of both Trinidad
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Yellow Oriole

Icterus nigrogularis trinitatis

Forest edge, scrub, gardens

Common Trinidad resident

Absent from Tobago

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Violaceous euphonia *M

Euphonia violacea

Forest, estates, and scrub

Common resident in Trinidad

Scare on Tobago hillside forest

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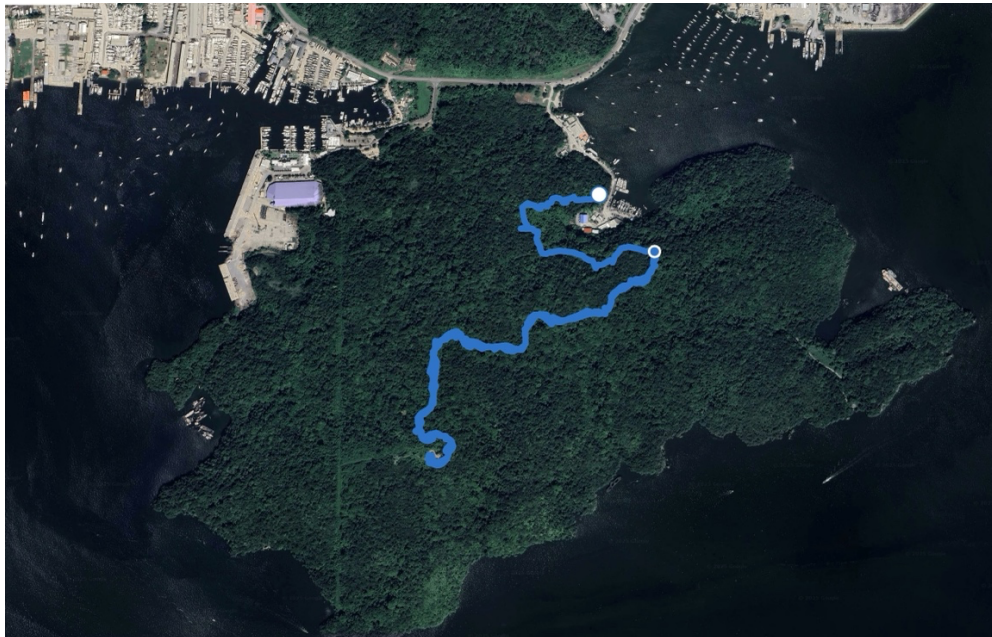
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 GPS Track, submitted from eBird
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 9th August 2025

7.4km (4.6miles) UP trail, return.
 Estimated within 1.5 - 2.5hours
 slow to moderate paced one-way.
 Rated 3, fair, some uphill walking.
 Ref. TTFNC Trail Guide 2006, 2nd
 edition, pages 42-47.

Limestone peninsula, dry forest
 vegetation similar to that of the
 Bocas Islands, numerous yellow
 poui *Tabebuia* sp. trees provide
 flowering displays in the dry
 season.