

# The quest for 1,000 birds: a 'big year' of birding in Central America

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How many species of birds could one person see in Central America within the confines of a single calendar year? This is the tale of one birder's attempt to find out.



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**1** Pirre Hummingbird *Goldmania bella* (Near Threatened), Cerro Pirre, Darién, Panama, December 2019. One of a large number of species of conservation concern seen by the author during his Central American 'big year'.