

Brazil: The Pantanal and Amazon



Razor-billed Curassow drinking from the Cristalino River

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Brazil, July 2014... most visitors came for the World Cup, and while that certainly provided an interesting backdrop to our tour, we had our sights set on the spectacular bounty of birds, mammals, and other wildlife that inhabit this amazing part of the planet. I've been coming here at least once a year for almost ten years now, but still always look forward to it, and this one was every bit as fun as all the others. Every day offered something new, and highlights were many. At our last dinner, over a rather astonishing number of *caipirinhas*, I did an informal survey of some the more memorable moments of the trip, and in no particular order, here they are: 1) Macaws! Astonishing numbers of them, from flocks of 25 Blue-and-yellows at Cristalino, far larger than normal numbers of Scarlets, screeching Red-and-greens at close range, and the poignant courtship behavior of the Hyacinths at Piuval and Porto Jofre; 2) Struggling to see a Razor-billed Curassow and risking a chigger disaster only to have it slip away, then finally having unprecedented views of one the next day; 3) anchoring the

boat one afternoon on the Rio Piquiri and watching a family of Giant Otters frolicking, playing, and grooming each other for about 20 minutes; 4) The first morning on the canopy tower of Cristalino, arriving to see sunrise over the rainforest and then being inundated with awesome birds for the next three hours; 5) That gorgeous pair of Scarlet-headed Blackbirds absolutely glowing in the early morning sun along the Transpantaneira; and 6) my personal highlight, when a flash of movement out of the corner of an eye drew my attention, turning and staring into the eyes of a Jaguar that was hauling a huge caiman out of the river – absolutely electrifying! That just scratches the surface of a truly memorable trip. For once we had no cold fronts come through; all those sweaters, jackets, and gloves stayed stowed away in our suitcases as we had hot and sunny weather just about every day except the last, where we got a bit of a surprise...



After arriving in Cuiabá the day before, we were up in darkness, anxious to get out of the city. Our excellent and very friendly driver Jocelí was bang on time, and we headed off early through the metropolis of Cuiabá, seeing our first **Capybaras** in the middle of a roundabout, and Jocelí couldn't resist a tiny detour to show us the fancy new stadium that had been built just for the World Cup. We climbed up the beautiful sandstone escarpment to the Chapada dos Guimarães and reached our first birding stop, a dry, dusty road through dense scrubland called *cerrado*. The area had been full of squatters the previous year, but I was relieved to see that they were all gone, their shacks torn down, and nothing but birds living in the

bushes. With no shade at all, it really pays to be here early, and birds were everywhere as soon as we got out of the van. **Guira Cuckoos**, **Picazuro Pigeons**, and **Chalk-browed Mockingbirds** perched up on the wires, and some loud squawking drew our attention to some **Red-shouldered Macaws** sitting on the roof of a house. Flocks of **White-eyed** and **Yellow-chevrons Parakeets** were flying around, and a bit later a pair of huge **Red-and-green Macaws** soared over screaming (at us?). Walking along the road, birds came thick and fast including **White-eared Puffbird**, **White Woodpecker**, **Southern Caracara**, **Barred** and **Rufous-winged Antwrens** (photo above), **Rusty-backed Antwren**, **Chapada Flycatcher**, **Gray Monjita**, **Plain-crested Elaenia**, **White-banded** and **White-rumped Tanagers**, **Plumbeous Seedeater**, **Red-crested Finch**, and **Black-throated Saltator**. A beautiful male **Coal-crested Finch** was perhaps the favorite as it hopped around the remains of one of the torn-down squatter's shacks. We tried a stakeout for Collared Crescentchest, but no luck (yet), finding only a **Pale-breasted Spinetail**, before the rapidly rising heat drove us away to look for shade in some gallery forest a few miles away. A flock of **Lettered Aracaris** greeted us as we got out, and activity stayed excellent with **Masked Tityra**, **Band-tailed Manakin**, **White-vented Violetear**, **Blue-crowned Trogon**, **Amazonian Motmot**, **Black-fronted Nunbird**, "White-bellied" **Golden-crowned Warbler**, **Moustached Wren**, and **Rufous-tailed Jacamar** seen quickly. A **Sirystes** calling down the road signaled the arrival of a mixed species flock,

and that kept us busy almost until lunch with **White-wedged Piculet**, **Little Woodpecker**, **Large-billed Antwren**, **Black-crowned Tityra**, **White-winged** and **Crested Becards**, **Pale-breasted Thrush**, and **Gray-headed**, **Silver-beaked**, and **Guira Tanagers** seen, among others. It was the heat of the day and a good time for a break, so we had a long and leisurely lunch at a restaurant overlooking the escarpment, watching **Cliff Flycatchers** hawk insects from a dead tree. Later in the afternoon, it cooled down quite nicely, and we headed to some nearby forest, stopping to look at **Burrowing Owls** in an overgrown field. Birds remained active, and we managed



to find some nice ones like the handsome **Saffron-billed Sparrow (above)**, a singing **Scaled Pigeon**, skulking **Sooty-fronted Spinetail**, along with **Burnished-buff** and **White-lined Tanagers**, **Small-billed Elaenia**, **Variable Oriole**, and **Double-collared Seedeater**. A female **Blue-tufted Starthroat** perched on an open branch, and one of the group was lucky enough to see the male. Big flocks of **White-collared Swifts** circled overhead, and down by a panoramic lookout, a **Planalto Hermit** put in a brief appearance before we finally headed back to our rooms after a very full and productive first day.



Guira Cuckoo

We awoke to some of the densest fog I have ever seen, but fortunately we managed to find the breakfast room without falling into the swimming pool! Our luck, however, held strong, and we drove out of the fog just as got to our birding site. I wanted to make another try at the **Collared Crescentchest**, but we not surprisingly got distracted when we saw a tree full of **Toco Toucans**. They



were certainly worth getting out to admire, and in the same spot we saw some perched **Peach-fronted Parakeets (left)** and a lone **Masked Yellowthroat**. We continued on the **crescentchest** spot, and this time scored big-time when three birds came in silently for terrific views; a **Black-faced Tanager** also went by shortly afterwards. Heading back to the gallery forest, we successfully targeted **Planalto Slaty-Antshrike** before a sharp double-knock gave away the presence of a pair superb **Red-necked Woodpeckers**, which we spent quite a while admiring. With a bit of time left, we managed to see **Black-throated Mango**, **Brown Jacamar**, **Channel-billed Toucan**, **Plain Antvireo**, **Fawn-breasted Tanager**, and **Swallow Tanager** before we had to head back to Cuiabá. The temperature was dropping fast, signaling the imminent arrival of a cold front, but our timing was perfect (i.e. lucky) as we flew north to Alta Floresta. Some of the group managed to see a **Lesser Nighthawk** that flushed up as the plane taxied to the terminal, and the blast of heat that greeted us as we got off the plane made it immediately clear that we

had left the cold weather far behind us. We drive north out of town through farms and small forest patches, stopping before long to admire a pair of **Scarlet Macaws** perched near the side of the road while a **Short-tailed Hawk** soared overhead. Another stop at a palm grove next to a cattle farm got us **Red-breasted Blackbird**, **Grassland Sparrow**, **Greater Yellow-headed Vulture**, and **Short-tailed, Lesser Swallow-tailed**, and **Fork-tailed Palm-Swifts**. We heard one Point-tailed Palmcreeper, but unfortunately it never showed itself. Continuing to the edge of the Teles Pires river, our local guide Jorge Lopes was waiting for us with the boat – he’s a superb birder, and his sharp eyes and extensive knowledge of the area were greatly appreciated during our five night stay at Cristalino Jungle Lodge. Heading up the Cristalino River to the lodge, we enjoyed first views of **White-banded** and **White-winged Swallows** flitting along the side of the river, flocks of **Blue-and-yellow Macaws** flying over, several **Red-throated Piping-Guans** perched in huge trees, and a **Capped Heron** that was truly stunning in the late afternoon light, making us all regret that we hadn’t taken the time to unpack our cameras yet. We got to the lodge as it was getting dark, and it was nice to see that the beautiful new restaurant and lounge area was finished, a huge improvement to what was already a world-class lodge.

Next morning we set off in the twilight to the closer of the two canopy towers, taking it slow up to the top of the 150 foot high platform, and reaching it in time to see the sun come up over a sea of trees spreading to the horizon; no matter how many times I do it, it is always amazing to see. Apart from the view, the top of the canopy tower is a nice place to start at Cristalino since the birding is easy and there are so many great things to see. A flock of **Red-fan Parrots** started things off as they flew past the tower and landed in a tree for scope views, and soon after we were also watching glowing blue

Spangled Cotingas, bizarre **Bare-necked Fruitcrows**, yelping **White-throated Toucans**, a flock of **Red-billed Pied Tanagers**, and several **Red-necked Aracaris**. A tiny **Tooth-billed Wren** came in and sang to use from the very top of the huge emergent tree next to the tower, and a flock of **Olive Oropendolas** perched nearby for some superb views of a bird that is often only seen in flight. A bit later a flock of gaudy **White-bellied Parrots** was admired by all, but not as much as the outrageous **Gould's Toucanet** that came in closer. Other birds we saw up top included **Spix's Guan**, **Double-toothed Kite**, **Green-backed Trogon**, **Chestnut-fronted Macaw**, and **Slate-colored Grosbeak** before descending to the middle platform. You can't see as far, but you have better views into the subcanopy. Several **White-fronted Nunbirds** were loafing on branches down here, which is always a good thing since they tend to be flock leaders, and soon after we saw a pair of **Black-bellied Cuckoos**, a **Grayish Mourner**, and a couple of **Epaulet Orioles**. Jorge came up with arguable the morning's best bird when he found a male **Black-girdled Barbet** perched nearby, and it turned out to be the only one we saw on the tour. Several **White-browed Purpletufts** hung around for a while, flying from treetop to treetop, and we also enjoyed perched **Golden-winged Parakeets**. Activity had mostly died down, but we managed to add **Plumbeous Kite**, **Versicolored Emerald**, and **Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher** before heading down to the cooler forest floor.



A Red-necked Aracari from the canopy tower

Walking slowly along the trail, we had views of a young male **Blue-backed Manakin** that was sadly lacking his soon-to-be-gorgeous adult plumage, so he couldn't compare to the **Red-headed Manakins** we saw in the same spot. They were followed soon after by **White-shouldered Antshrike**, **Plain-throated Antwren**, and **Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin**, but unfortunately some calling **Bare-eyed Antbirds** slipped away with only one person in the group lucky enough to see it. **Plumbeous Pigeons** were drinking from a pool in the forest, and we made an effort to see a calling Rufous-necked Puffbird that slipped away unseen, having to settle for **Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher** and **White-bellied Tody-Tyrant** instead. Heading back to the lodge for lunch, we had our first and probably best view of **Paradise Jacamar**. After lunch, we stopped to look at the **Blackish Nightjars** roosting in the eaves of the

bungalows and had a long siesta before cruising down the Cristalino River in the afternoon, first stopping to look at the many **Swallow-winged Puffbirds** that perched in trees over the banks and watching a **Black Caracara** soar over. Along the river, we stopped to see a pair of **Sunbitterns** that had come down to the edge of the water, some **Red-capped Cardinals**, and got lucky with a pair of **Brown-banded Puffbirds** that perched side-by-side on the top of a tall tree. Reaching the end of the Cristalino, we headed over to a small island in the larger Teles Pires River, where a **Pied Lapwing** was marching around on the beach while **Yellow** and **Large-billed Terns** flew over. A quick search got us the hoped-for **Amazonian Tyrannulet**, so we headed off to a larger island, where a burst of late-afternoon activity kept us rooted in one spot for nearly an hour, seeing **White-chinned Sapphire**, **Glossy** and **Chestnut-backed Antshrikes**, **Amazonian Streaked-Antwren**, **Spotted Tody-Flycatcher**, and **Purple-throated Euphonia** along with some others we had seen before. Back on the river, we played hide-and-seek with some umbrellabirds (they won... this time) before heading back, adding **Rufescent Tiger-Heron**, **Great Black-Hawk**, and **Pale-vented Pigeon** along the way. We got back to the lodge to the shocking news that Brazil had been beaten 7-1 by Germany in the World Cup semifinals. There were lots of sad faces around (except for the lone German guest!) but the staff took it with good grace, and the *caipirinhas* were still being made with panache.

Next morning, a cool mist blanketed the river as we headed up to the start of the Serra trail in the dark. This is the toughest hike of the tour, and we started early so we could take it slow up the steep slope, arriving out on to the rocky hilltop as it was getting light. The soil up here is very poor, giving the forest a stunted, almost deciduous quality. Tanagers started things off as we had **Blue-necked**, **Turquoise**, and **Bay-headed Tanagers** along with a **Rufous-bellied Euphonia**. Small flocks of **Santarem Parakeets** were flying around, and with patience we finally got some nice scope views, along with a very handsome **Ringed Woodpecker** and a stunning male **Blue-crowned Trogon**. Flowering trees attracted a few hummers including **Black-eared Fairy** and **Long-billed Starthroat**, but as is typical with them, they did not hang around long before zipping away. I've always had great luck with puffbirds up on the Serra, and today was no exception, as we saw **Spotted**, **Striolated** (photo above), and **White-necked Puffbirds** in about a 15 minute span of time. The Spotted was especially welcome as I had not seen it here for several tours. We also had nice views of **Natterer's Slaty-Antshrike**, **Lineated Woodcreeper**, **White-fringed Antwren**, **Rufous Casiornis**, **Short-crested Flycatcher**, and **Gray-lined Hawk**, and spent time watching swifts, having good comparisons of **Pale-rumped** and **Gray-rumped Swifts**. One of my favorites of the morning was **Zimmer's Tody-Tyrant**, a normally tough bird that we saw exceptionally well. We stopped at a viewpoint looking down over the forest finding **Cinnamon Attila** and **Crimson-crested Woodpecker**, then started the slow descent back down to the river, where we lucked into a **Bronzy Jacamar** while trying to see a **Pygmy Antwren**. We also had a **Black-tailed Trogon** near the boat before heading back downriver, making a short but successful stop to see a **Flame-crested Manakin**. That afternoon, we headed back upriver, seeing a **King Vulture** soaring in the distance, then stopping at Jorge's stakeout for **White-crowned Manakin**, which we saw along with a **Brown-winged Schiffornis**. A



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bit farther up, we stopped again at the edge of a long-abandoned overgrown farm, seeing **Band-tailed Antbird**, then chasing after a singing Razor-billed Curassow. Risking a chigger infestation, we tried to stalk it through some tall grass, but it managed to slip away – if only we could have known how well we would see it the next day! Fortunately we avoided the chiggers, and saw the tour's first **Lesser Kiskadees** before returning to the lodge. We looked for some nightbirds on the way down, but didn't find much other than a lone **Short-tailed Nighthawk**.



Cristalino's newer tower is wider and easier to climb, so we all raced up in a flash! Well, not quite, but it was definitely easier-going. Activity was much slower than our previous morning on a tower, and we didn't add than many new species to the list. Certainly the rarest was a **Guianan Gnatcatcher (photo left)**, a bird I had only seen twice before, and it came in close for the best views I've ever had; when split, it is called **Para Gnatcatcher**. More colorful species we saw up there included **Kawall's Parrot**, **Curly-crested Aracari**, **Amazonian Trogon**, **Scale-breasted Woodpecker**, **Paradise** and **Yellow-backed Tanagers**, and **Black-faced Dacnis**. We also had a brief look at a **Long-**

tailed Woodcreeper, decent views of **Amazonian Swifts**, a **Crowned Slaty Flycatcher**, and also a number of birds we had seen from the other tower, though we certainly enjoyed seeing them again. More excitement was to be had at the bottom of the tower. Jorge had gone down before us and heard a **Pavonine Quetzal**, so we bushwhacked off into the jungle to find it, and after a bit of playback a male and female perched right above us! It was a superb sighting of a very scarce Amazonian species. The photo here was taken by Jorge using Julie's camera and Howard's scope – a real team effort.



Pavonine Quetzal – photo by Jorge Lopes

Back at the tower, a **Royal Flycatcher** was nesting, and we stood back and waited a while so we could all see it come in. Walking back to the river, we stopped to see **Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant**, **Snow-capped Manakin**, **Buff-throated Woodcreeper**, and **Great Jacamar** before the heat drove us back to the lodge. We spent most of the afternoon birding from the boat, though did get out for a short time to see a **Blue-cheeked Jacamar**. Highlights included our best views of **Green Ibis**, the tour's only **Green-and-rufous Kingfishers**, **Bat Falcon**, **Long-billed Woodcreeper**, and of course that amazing sighting of **Razor-billed Curassow**, whose photo headlines this report.

Forest interior birding at Cristalino in the middle of the dry season can often be slow and difficult, with mixed flocks few and far between; that's one reason why we first visited both towers and the Serra on our first three mornings, but we had reached a point in the tour where birding the trails had the most possibilities. However, I was pleasantly surprised by the level of activity we experienced this morning. Antbirds were fairly cooperative, with **Plain-winged** and **Amazonian Antshrikes**, **Gray** and **Striated Antbirds**, and **Dot-winged Antwrens** found along the first part of the trail,



along with **Screaming Piha**, **Dusky-cheeked Foliage-gleaner**, **Long-billed Gnatwren**, **Large-headed Flatbill**, and a beautiful **Rose-breasted Chat**. We had great luck with a responsive **Chestnut-belted Gnateater (photo above)**; the subspecies here is very different and is well deserving of a split. Later on, we finally found a mixed species flock, and suddenly there were birds all over. Flocks like this offer some of the most challenging birding on the planet, but we did reasonably well picking out **Cinereous** and **Spot-winged Antshrikes**, **Gray** and **White-eyed Antwrens**, and **Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner**, along with a few others we had already seen. Later on there was a **Dot-backed Antbird**, but only a few of the group got on it. Heading back for lunch, we finally nailed down a decent view of **Green Kingfisher** (far outnumbered here by the large numbers of **Ringed**s and **Amazons** we had been seeing daily), and saw our first **Giant Otters**. That afternoon, we headed downriver again, first seeing a **Gray-chested Greenlet**, then stopping for a while at a different trail. We soon found a **Collared Trogon**, then had a very cool experience when a dead tree completely filled up with colorful birds in response to pygmy-owl playback. There were **Short-billed**, **Green**, and **Purple Honeycreepers**, **Yellow-bellied Dacnis**, **Flame-crested** and **Green-and-gold Tanagers**, and even a couple of **Slender-billed Xenops** looking a bit out of place. Late in the afternoon, we headed back to the Teles Pires, this time having much better luck with the **Amazonian Umbrellabirds**, finding two perched up in a tree on one of the islands.



One of the many Capped Herons we saw along the edge of the Cristalino River

With one final morning at Cristalino, we headed out onto the trails behind the lodge to find a last few birds for our visit. **Cinereous Mourner** showed well, and we didn't mind seeing **Red-headed Manakin** again before reaching a mud-filled clearing in the forest where there was a lot of activity. A **Blue-headed Parrot** sat it amazingly light, then was chased off by a **Plumbeous Pigeon**, which for some reason was then mobbed by a **Black-eared Fairy**. More pygmy-owl playback brought in a horde of birds, most of which we had seen before, but included **White-shouldered Tanager**, **Yellow-margined Flycatcher**, and **Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet**. A small hummer perched high up, requiring the scope; at first looked like a mango, but the straight bill with upturned tip revealed it to be a **Fiery-tailed Aowlbill**, one of the rarest and least known of all the hummingbirds! It was only my third sighting ever, all from Cristalino, and a terrific bird to end our visit to this amazing lodge.

By afternoon we were on a plane back to Cuiabá, and Jocelí picked us up and whisked us off to the Pantanal, where a whole new experience awaited us. Before long we were seeing stolid **Greater Rheas** wandering through the grasslands and stopping at roadside pools to see **Cocoi** and **Whistling Herons**, **Bare-faced Ibis**, **Black-bellied** and **White-faced Whistling-Ducks**, and **Brazilian Teal**. **Savanna Hawks** perched on poles and **Campo Flickers** sat on the fences as the sun set. We reached Pousada Piuval, our next lodge, just as night settled, and the distant calls of **Limpkins** lulled us to sleep as we readied for avian barrage of the next morning.

I probably say it every time, but it really is true: your first morning birding in the Pantanal is simply unforgettable. We gathered at dawn by the edge of the lodge where the first birds to show themselves were dozens of **Nacunda Nighthawks** circling around low overhead, gulping insects as fast as possible

before going to sleep on the fields in front of the lodge. Daylight came quickly, bringing with it a vista of fields, wetlands, and distant trees teeming with herons, egrets, storks, ibises, hawks, kites, rheas, stilts, skimmers, terns, limpkins, jacanas, spoonbills, and plenty more.



Buff-necked Ibis and Whistling Heron near Piuval

Setting out on our walk, some of the closer birds we saw first included “herds” of **Buff-necked Ibis** foraging in the grass, several **Whistling Herons**, many **Limpkins**, lots of **Snail Kites** (some of them eating crabs), some **Black-necked Stilts** and **Wattled Jacanas**, and our only **Crane Hawk** of the tour. Turning away from the waterbirds for a little while, we headed to some scattered trees that were full of smaller birds. A hulking pair of **Great Rufous Woodcreepers**, one of the scarcer birds in the Pantanal, decided to show off without any need for playback. A pair of amorous **Hyacinth Macaws** was busy in a distant tree, though we would get progressively closer views of them as the trip went on. A passing lodge worker mentioned that there was a big owl sleeping in a nearby tree, and sure enough we managed to locate a sleepy pair of **Great Horned Owls**. As we continued very slowly down the track, the parade of birds continued with **Plumbeous Ibis** on a nest, **Narrow-billed Woodcreeper**, **Thrush-like Wren**, **Red-crested** and **Yellow-billed Cardinals**, **Turquoise-fronted Parrot**, **Monk Parakeet**, **Long-tailed Ground-Dove**, **Chaco Chachalaca**, **White-fronted**, **Pale-crested Woodpecker**, and **Lineated Woodpeckers**, **Rufous Cacholote**, **Vermilion Flycatcher**, **Orange-backed Troupial**, **Solitary Black Cacique**, **White-tailed Goldenthrout**, **Gilded Hummingbird**, **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl**, and **Red-billed Scythebill**. We’d barely walked about half a mile, but the morning was already half over! That’s pretty typical in the Pantanal... By this time, Jocelí had caught up with us, so we got in the van and cruised around the open fields for a while, soon finding the hoped-for **Red-legged Seriema**. We watched two of these elegant birds trot around the pasture for a little while, also seeing our only **Yellow-headed Caracara** in the same spot. As it was getting pretty hot at this point, we headed into the forest for a bit of shade, though activity was still good. **Mato Grosso Antbird**, **Straight-billed**

Woodcreeper, Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant, Yellow-olive Flycatcher, Fuscous Flycatcher, Purplish Jay Masked Gnatcatcher, and Chestnut-vented Conebill wrapped things up for the morning, and we headed to the lodge for lunch.



Great Rufous Woodcreeper

In the afternoon, we took a boat through a hyacinth-choked lake that was absolutely packed with countless numbers of herons and egrets that flew up in a never ending stream as the boat moved slowly along. I'd never seen so many **Striated Herons** in one place in my life, and there were literally thousands of **Great** and **Snowy Egrets** among smaller numbers of **Cocoi** and **Little Blue Herons**. We



even flushed up two **Least Bitterns**, which are always hard to find here. At the far end of the lake, there were even more waterbirds, including good numbers of gigantic **Jabirus** that truly dwarfed the **Wood Storks** that were with them (photo left), as well as the **Roseate Spoonbills**. We spent the late afternoon on an observation platform, where I don't think we added anything new, but it was great place just to watch and absorb the thrilling spectacle that is the Pantanal. Heading back, a perched **Orange-winged Parrot** was our last new bird of what had been a memorable day.

Next morning, we drove out to one of the many bridges on the Transpantanal Highway. A **Purple Gallinule** started the birding off, but it was a pair of **Scarlet-headed Blackbirds (right)** that really stole the show as they first perched up in a tall tree, then came in closer to sit on wires and in the nearby papyrus patch. Other birds in the same location included **Greater Thornbird, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Black-backed Water-Tyrant, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, Rusty-collared** and **White-bellied Seedeaters**, and **Unicolored Blackbird**. We made several stops on the way back to the lodge to see **Picui Ground-Dove, White-faced Ibis, Crimson-crested Woodpecker, Suiriri Flycatcher, and Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch**, and some flowering trees gave us better views of **Gilded Hummingbird** along with a **Glittering-throated**



Emerald. Back at Piuval, we birded around the paddocks for a while to see **Bay-winged, Shiny, and Giant Cowbirds**, and a **Crested Oropendola**, and after a coffee break, successfully stalked a **Yellowish Pipit**. Or maybe it stalked us, as it kept walking closer and closer, almost like it was checking us out. Most of the group decided to take the rest of the morning off, but a few of us headed back out into the forest to see another few birds including **White-wedged Piculet, Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher, Rufous Casiornis, and Brown-crested Flycatcher**.



A very curious Yellowish Pipit came in almost to our feet at Piuval

After lunch, we left Piuval and drove south along the Transpantanal Highway to our next lodge, the Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel, stopping along the way to see a few things like a nice pair of **Bare-faced Curassow** and what was probably the most handsome **Muscovy Duck** any of us had ever seen. Joceli spotted a lone **Maguari Stork**, which proved to be very lucky, as we didn't see any at all later in the trip at the "usual" spot for them near the end of the road. A leisurely afternoon boat ride on the Pixaim river is always fun. **Black-collared Hawks** lined the river as we went down. One in particular seemed to follow us along, staring intently, until our boat driver threw it a fish, naming it "Alemão", or "The German", due to its "blond" head. I made a joke about him celebrating the previous day's World Cup triumph, but the driver didn't seem to appreciate the humor...



Black-collared Hawk, AKA "The German", just before diving after a fish.

There was plenty else to see on the boat ride, though perhaps the only new trip bird was **Boat-billed Heron**, which were roosting in the trees over the river. After getting back, we stayed out 'till dusk to see a couple of **Band-tailed Nighthawks** fly over, and also spotlighted a **Common Pauraque**.

Some pre-breakfast birding the next day got us nice views of **Chotoy Spinetail** and **Ashy-headed Greenlet** near the lodge, and the feeders were really active as well, dominated by several **Chestnut-eared Aracaris**, but also attracting superb **Orange-backed Troupials** and **Silver-beaked Tanagers** as well as **Grayish Saltator**, **Palm Tanager**, and various others. Flocks of **Gray-breasted Martins** wheeled over the river, sometimes coming in to perch on the buildings. We spent the rest of the morning on a trail along the edge of the river through the gallery forest, which despite the hot weather was really active. Without a doubt it was the male **Helmeted Manakin** that stole the show, though scope views of a **Sungrebe** on the river came close. Other highlights from the walk were **Great Antshrike**, **Golden-green Woodpecker**, **Blue-crowned Parakeet**, **Large-billed Antwren**, **Pale-legged Hornero**, **Rusty-**

backed and **White-lored Spinetails**, **Sepia-capped Flycatcher**, **Plain Tyrannulet**, **Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant**, **Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher**, **Buff-breasted Wren**, **Flavescent Warbler**, and **Squirrel** and **Little Cuckoos** that were seen together giving great comparison views.



Orange-backed Troupial at the PMG Hotel feeders

We did another afternoon boat ride on the Pixaim river, where some **White Woodpeckers** at close range were especially appreciated. Others included more **Boat-billed Herons**, our best views of **Chestnut-bellied Guan**, and some **Blue-throated Piping-Guans** in among some hybrid Blue/Red-throateds. We tried to see an **American Pygmy Kingfisher**, though it slipped away only giving brief glimpses.



White Woodpecker and Boat-billed Heron from our afternoon boat ride on the Pixaim River

A night spotlighting walk was an immediate success when two **Brazilian Tapirs** crossed the airstrip, coming amazingly close without ever seeming to realize we were there. We also saw a **Crab-eating Fox**, several **Common Pauraques**, and a lone male **Spot-tailed Nightjar**.

Our drive south to the end of the Transpantanal Highway was not without a bit of adventure. Several cowboys were driving 200 head of very unruly cattle down the road in front of us that took a lot of time, patience, and skillful driving by Jocelí to get past. After a short stop where we saw a **Large Elaenia**, we got held up nearly an hour while a repair crew fixed a wooden bridge. Of course we birded while we waited, mainly finding a bunch of things we had seen several times already, though it was nice to have another male **Rusty-backed Spinetail**, which we hadn't seen since the second day of the trip. Fortunately the repairs were finished before the cows arrived, and we headed south, though had to step up our speed a little. There was still time to make short stops for **Fawn-breasted Wren**, **Cinereous Spinetail**, **White-tailed Hawk**, and what was surprisingly our first **Common Tody-Flycatcher** before reaching our hotel in Porto Jofre by lunchtime. **Hyacinth Macaws** squawked in a tree overhead as we checked in – the flocks living around here were amazingly unafraid and approachable, and we all enjoyed observing them while we weren't on the boat over the next couple of days. After lunch, we headed out onto the Cuiabá River, stopping to look at **Collared Plover**, **Pied Lapwing**, **Large-billed** and **Yellow-billed Terns**, **Black Skimmer**, more **Giant Otters**, and others before the radio crackled and Vanderlei, our boat driver, revved the throttle, spun the boat around, and went cruising up another river – that could only mean one thing, that a **Jaguar** had been sighted somewhere. Sure enough, before long a flotilla of boats came into view, with everyone staring at a large male sitting on the bank.



I don't know of anywhere else in the world where you stand a good chance of seeing one of these fantastic cats within a few hours of starting your search. The downside of this is that you are rarely alone while watching them. While the sighting we had was truly superb, spending well over an hour watching him walking, swimming, drinking, and chasing (unsuccessfully) after a family of Capybara, we had to contend with 12 other boats all jockeying for position, some of them giving off clouds of noxious exhaust. While everyone was happy with the sighting, the decision was unanimous that we would not chase after a radio-reported Jaguar again, and instead try to find our own. You actually have to be pretty lucky for this to happen, but with a good sighting under our belts, we were willing to try.



Most of the next day we spent cruising the rivers enjoying whatever we saw, stopping sometimes to take pictures or observe something interesting. There were no “new” birds added, and that is pretty typical by this stage of the trip, but we still enjoyed repeat views of many, many species; the great thing about the Pantanal is that there is always something to look at. Ignoring the radio, I wasn’t really expecting to see another Jaguar, but luck was with us that day – the photo really says it all:



She dragged the caiman over the bank, we saw her again a few times over the next several minutes, then she vanished into the forest; a truly captivating moment I’ll certainly never forget. That is a GPS collar, and I am fairly certain she is the Jaguar that is shown being collared in a *60 minutes* segment from a few years ago (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lObz9abuENM>). One of the reasons that Jaguars are so easy to see in this area is due to the work of the Panthera Foundation educating the local ranchers so that they don’t kill Jaguars, and instead use non-lethal methods to protect their cattle herds, so I can’t complain that they have put GPS collars on a couple of the Jaguars as part of their research. Another of that day’s major highlights also involved a mammal sighting. In the afternoon, we anchored the boat near a family of **Giant Otters**, and watched them for about 20 minutes as they played and groomed each other. One even clambered up onto the bank, covered itself in dirt, then jumped back into the river. What was that all about?

The next few pages include various other photos of what we saw that day.



Pied Lapwing



Amazon Kingfisher with lunch



Black-capped Donacobius



Large-billed Terns



Blue-throated Piping-Guan foraging on the edge of the Piquiri River



Hyacinth Macaws and Giant Otters – Who seems to be enjoying it more?

We awoke the next morning to a shocking sight – rain! In the middle of the dry season! Seriously?? I don't mind a little bit of rain, but an extended downpour could make the Transpantanal Highway completely impassable, and we had to drive its entire length today. So we had breakfast, packed up in a rush, and checked out. Our fears turned out to be unwarranted as the weather cleared up just as we left, and the cool, cloudy weather made the trip back a joy. We looked for any excuse to stop, and there were plenty of them, like this **Southern Screamer** that was super-close next to the vehicle.



Others included a **Gray-necked Wood-Rail** taking a bath in a puddle, a perched pair of **Bat Falcons**, more **Little Cuckoos**, and **Great** and **Barred Antshrikes** in the same tree. We even added a few last new “trip birds”: **Scaly-headed Parrot**, **Subtropical Doradito**, **Rufous-browed Peppershrike**, **Tawny-bellied Seedeater**, and **Rufous-fronted Thornbird**. Finally we said goodbye to the Pantanal as we hit asphalt again for the first time in six days, reaching Cuiabá by late afternoon. Not all of us were happy to be back into “civilization”, but all trips have to come to an end, and we celebrated the fun and successful tour with lots of pizza and just a few *caipirinhas*. Thanks to all who came, as well as Jorge, Jocelí, Vanderlei, and the staff at all those great lodges, for helping to make a wonderful tour!

BIRD LIST

This list includes all the bird species that were recorded by at least one of the group, including the leader. Taxonomy and nomenclature follow **Clements, James F. *The Clements Checklist of Birds of the World. Sixth Edition, 2007, Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press***, including all updates through August 2013 (version 6.8)

Totals:

415 bird species seen

48 heard only

H=Heard only

GO=Guide only

RHEAS

Greater Rhea

TINAMOUS

- H Great Tinamou
- H Cinereous Tinamou
- H Undulated Tinamou
- H Variegated Tinamou
- H Red-winged Tinamou

SCREAMERS

Southern Screamer

DUCKS, GEESE, AND WATERFOWL

White-faced Whistling-Duck
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
Muscovy Duck
Brazilian Teal

GUANS, CHACHALACAS, CURASSOWS

Chaco Chachalaca
Spix's Guan
Chestnut-bellied Guan
Blue-throated Piping-Guan
Red-throated Piping-Guan
Razor-billed Curassow
Bare-faced Curassow

STORKS

Maguari Stork
Jabiru
Wood Stork

CORMORANTS AND SHAGS

Neotropic Cormorant

ANHINGAS

Anhinga

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

Least Bittern
Rufescent Tiger-Heron
Cocoi Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Cattle Egret
Striated Heron
Whistling Heron
Capped Heron

RHEIDAE

Rhea Americana

TINAMIDAE

Tinamus major
Crypturellus cinereus
Crypturellus undulatus
Crypturellus variegatus
Rhynchotus rufescens

ANHIMIDAE

Chauna torquata

ANATIDAE

Dendrocygna viduata
Dendrocygna autumnalis
Cairina moschata
Amazonetta brasiliensis

CRACIDAE

Ortalis canicollis
Penelope jacquacu
Penelope ochrogaster
Pipile cumanensis
Pipile cujubi

Mitu tuberosum

Crax fasciolata

CICONIIDAE

Ciconia maguari
Jabiru mycteria
Mycteria americana

PHALACROCORACIDAE

Phalacrocorax brasilianus

ANHINGIDAE

Anhinga anhinga

ARDEIDAE

Ixobrychus exilis
Tigrisoma lineatum
Ardea cocoi
Ardea alba
Egretta thula
Egretta caerulea
Bubulcus ibis
Butorides striata
Syrigma sibilatrix
Ptilerodius pileatus

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Boat-billed Heron

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS

White-faced Ibis

Green Ibis

Bare-faced Ibis

Plumbeous Ibis

Buff-necked Ibis

Roseate Spoonbill

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture

King Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

Pearl Kite

GO Black Hawk-Eagle

Black-collared Hawk

Snail Kite

Double-toothed Kite

Plumbeous Kite

Crane Hawk

Savanna Hawk

Great Black-Hawk

Roadside Hawk

White-tailed Hawk

Gray-lined (Gray) Hawk

Short-tailed Hawk

SUNBITTERN

Sunbittern

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

Gray-necked Wood-Rail

Purple Gallinule

FINFOOTS

Sungrebe

LIMPKIN

Limpkin

STILTS AND AVOCETS

Black-necked (White-backed) Stilt

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

Pied Lapwing

Southern Lapwing

Collared Plover

JACANAS

Wattled Jacana

GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMERS

Yellow-billed Tern

Large-billed Tern

Black Skimmer

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock (Feral) Pigeon

Pale-vented Pigeon

Nycticorax nycticorax

Cochlearius cochlearius

THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Plegadis chihi

Mesembrinibis cayennensis

Phimosus infuscatus

Theristicus caerulescens

Theristicus caudatus

Platalea ajaja

CATHARTIDAE

Coragyps atratus

Cathartes aura

Cathartes burrovianus

Cathartes melambrotus

Sarcoramphus papa

ACCIPITRIDAE

Gampsonyx swainsonii

Spizaetus tyrannus

Busarellus nigricollis

Rostrhamus sociabilis

Harpagus bidentatus

Ictinia plumbea

Geranoospiza caerulescens

Buteogallus meridionalis

Buteogallus urubitinga

Rupornis magnirostris

Geranoaetus albicaudatus

Buteo nitidus

Buteo brachyurus

EURYPYGIDAE

Eurypyga helias

RALLIDAE

Aramides cajaneus

Porphyrio martinicus

HELIORNITHIDAE

Heliornis fulica

ARAMIDAE

Aramus guarauna

RECURVIROSTRIDAE

Himantopus mexicanus melanurus

CHARADRIIDAE

Vanellus cayanus

Vanellus chilensis

Charadrius collaris

JACANIDAE

Jacana jacana

LARIDAE

Sternula superciliaris

Phaetusa simplex

Rynchops niger

COLUMBIDAE

Columba livia

Patagioenas cayennensis

Scaled Pigeon
 Picazuro Pigeon
 Plumbeous Pigeon
GO Ruddy Pigeon
 Eared Dove
 Ruddy Ground-Dove
 Scaled Dove
 Picui Ground-Dove
 Blue Ground-Dove
 Long-tailed Ground-Dove
 White-tipped Dove
GO Gray-fronted Dove
CUCKOOS
 Little Cuckoo
 Squirrel Cuckoo
 Black-bellied Cuckoo
 Guira Cuckoo
 Striped Cuckoo
 Smooth-billed Ani
OWLS
H Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl
H Crested Owl
 Great Horned Owl
H Amazonian Pygmy-Owl
 Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl
 Burrowing Owl
NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES
 Nacunda Nighthawk
 Lesser Nighthawk
 Short-tailed Nighthawk
 Band-tailed Nighthawk
 Blackish Nightjar
 Common Pauraque
 Spot-tailed Nightjar
SWIFTS
 White-collared Swift
 Amazonian Swift
 Short-tailed Swift
 Gray-rumped Swift
 Pale-rumped Swift
 Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift
 Fork-tailed Palm-Swift
HUMMINGBIRDS
GO White-necked Jacobin
 Planalto Hermit
 White-vented Violetear
 Black-eared Fairy
 White-tailed Goldenthrout
 Fiery-tailed Awlbill
 Black-throated Mango
 Long-billed Starthroat
 Blue-tufted Starthroat
 Gray-breasted Sabrewing

Patagioenas speciosa
Patagioenas picazuro
Patagioenas plumbea
Patagioenas subvinacea
Zenaida auriculata
Columbina talpacoti
Columbina squammata
Columbina picui
Claravis pretiosa
Uropelia campestris
Leptotila verreauxi
Leptotila rufaxilla
CUCULIDAE
Coccyua minuta
Piaya cayana
Piaya melanogaster
Guira guira
Tapera naevia
Crotophaga ani
STRIGIDAE
Megascops watsonii
Lophotrix cristata
Bubo virginianus
Glaucidium hardyi
Glaucidium brasilianum
Athene cunicularia
CAPRIMULGIDAE
Chordeiles nacunda
Chordeiles acutipennis
Lurocalis semitorquatus
Nyctiprogne leucopyga
Nyctipolus nigrescens
Nyctidromus albicollis
Hydropsalis maculicaudus
APODIDAE
Streptoprocne zonaris
Chaetura viridipennis
Chaetura brachyura
Chaetura cinereiventris
Chaetura egregia
Panyptila cayennensis
Tachornis squamata
TROCHILIDAE
Florisuga mellivora
Phaethornis pretrei
Colibri serrirostris
Heliophryx auritus
Polytmus guainumbi
Avocettula recurvirostris
Anthracothorax nigricollis
Heliomaster longirostris
Heliomaster furcifer
Campylopterus largipennis

Fork-tailed Woodnymph
Versicolored Emerald
Glittering-throated Emerald
White-chinned Sapphire
Gilded Hummingbird (Sapphire)

TROGONS

Pavonine Quetzal
Black-tailed Trogon
Green-backed (Am. White-tailed) Trogon
Amazonian (Violaceous) Trogon
Blue-crowned Trogon

H Black-throated Trogon
Collared Trogon

MOTMOTS

Amazonian (Blue-crowned) Motmot

H Broad-billed Motmot

KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher
Amazon Kingfisher
Green Kingfisher
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher
American Pygmy Kingfisher

PUFFBIRDS

White-necked Puffbird
Brown-banded Puffbird

H Pied Puffbird
Spotted Puffbird
Striolated Puffbird

White-eared Puffbird

H Rufous-necked Puffbird

Black-fronted Nunbird
White-fronted Nunbird
Swallow-winged Puffbird (Swallow-wing)

JACAMARS

Brown Jacamar
Blue-cheeked Jacamar
Rufous-tailed Jacamar
Bronzy Jacamar
Paradise Jacamar
Great Jacamar

NEW WORLD BARBETS

Black-girdled Barbet

TOUCANS

Lettered Aracari
Chestnut-eared Aracari
Curl-crested Aracari
Red-necked Aracari
Gould's Toucanet
Toco Toucan
White-throated (Cuvier's) Toucan
Channel-billed Toucan

WOODPECKERS

White-wedged Piculet

Thalurania furcata
Amazilia versicolor
Amazilia fimbriata
Hylocharis cyanus
Hylocharis chrysura

TROGONIDAE

Pharomachrus pavoninus
Trogon melanurus eumorphus
Trogon viridis viridis
Trogon ramonianus
Trogon curucui
Trogon rufus
Trogon collaris

MOMOTIDAE

Momotus momota simplex
Electron platyrhynchum

ALCEDINIDAE

Megaceryle torquata
Chloroceryle amazona
Chloroceryle americana
Chloroceryle inda
Chloroceryle aenea

BUCCONIDAE

Notharchus hyperrhynchus
Notharchus ordii
Notharchus tectus
Bucco tamatia
Nystalus striolatus torridus
Nystalus chacuru
Malacoptila rufa
Monasa nigrifrons
Monasa morphoeus
Chelidoptera tenebrosa

GALBULIDAE

Brachygalba lugubris
Galbula cyanicollis
Galbula ruficauda
Galbula leucogastra
Galbula dea
Jacamerops aureus

CAPITONIDAE

Capito dayi

RAMPHASTIDAE

Pteroglossus inscriptus
Pteroglossus castanotis
Pteroglossus beauharnaesii
Pteroglossus bitorquatus
Selenidera gouldii
Ramphastos toco
Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri
Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus

PICIDAE

Picumnus albosquamatus

White Woodpecker
 Yellow-tufted Woodpecker
 White-fronted Woodpecker
 Little Woodpecker
H Yellow-throated Woodpecker
 Golden-green Woodpecker
 Campo Flicker
 Scale-breasted Woodpecker
 Pale-crested Woodpecker
 Ringed Woodpecker
 Lineated Woodpecker
 Red-necked Woodpecker
 Crimson-crested Woodpecker
SERIEMAS
 Red-legged Seriema
FALCONS AND CARACARAS
H Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon
 Black Caracara
 Southern Caracara
 Yellow-headed Caracara
H Laughing Falcon
 American Kestrel
 Bat Falcon
PARROTS
H Crimson-bellied Parakeet
 Santarem Parakeet
 Monk Parakeet
 Blue-crowned Parakeet
 White-eyed Parakeet
 Peach-fronted Parakeet
 Hyacinth Macaw
 Chestnut-fronted Macaw
 Red-and-green Macaw
 Scarlet Macaw
 Blue-and-yellow Macaw
 Yellow-collared (Golden-collared) Macaw
 Red-shouldered Macaw
 Yellow-chevroned Parakeet
 Golden-winged Parakeet
H Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet
 White-bellied Parrot
 Scaly-headed Parrot
 Blue-headed Parrot
H Yellow-crowned Parrot
 Turquoise-fronted (Blue-fronted) Parrot
 Kawall's Parrot
 Orange-winged Parrot
 Red-fan Parrot
TYPICAL ANTBRIDS
H Fasciated Antshrike
 Great Antshrike
 Glossy Antshrike
 Barred Antshrike

Melanerpes candidus
Melanerpes cruentatus
Melanerpes cactorum
Veniliornis passerinus
Piculus flavigula magnus
Piculus chrysochloros
Colaptes campestris
Celeus grammicus
Celeus lugubris
Celeus torquatus
Dryocopus lineatus
Campephilus rubricollis
Campephilus melanoleucos
CARIAMIDAE
Cariama cristata
FALCONIDAE
Micrastur mirandollei
Daptrius ater
Caracara plancus
Milvago chimachima
Herpetotheres cachinnans
Falco sparverius
Falco ruficularis
PSITTACIDAE
Pyrrhura perlata
Pyrrhura amazonum lucida
Myiopsitta monachus
Aratinga acuticaudata
Aratinga leucophthalma
Aratinga aurea
Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus
Ara severus
Ara chloropterus
Ara macao
Ara ararauna
Primolius auricollis
Diopsittaca nobilis
Brotogeris chiriri
Brotogeris chrysoptera
Touit huetii
Pionites leucogaster
Pionus maximiliani
Pionus menstruus
Amazona ochrocephala
Amazona aestiva
Amazona kawalli
Amazona amazonica
Deroptryus accipitrinus
THAMNOPHILIDAE
Cymbilaimus lineatus
Taraba major
Sakesphorus luctuosus
Thamnophilus doliatus

Rufous-winged Antshrike
 Chestnut-backed Antshrike
 Plain-winged Antshrike
 Natterer's Slaty-Antshrike
 Planalto Slaty-Antshrike
 White-shouldered Antshrike
 Amazonian Antshrike
 Plain Antvireo
H Saturnine Antshrike
 Cinereous Antshrike
 Plain-throated Antwren
 Spot-winged Antshrike
 White-eyed Antwren
 Pygmy Antwren
H Sclater's Antwren
 Amazonian Streaked-Antwren
H Long-winged Antwren
 Gray Antwren
 Large-billed Antwren
 Dot-winged Antwren
 White-fringed Antwren
 Rusty-backed Antwren
 Striated Antbird
H Spix's Warbling-Antbird
 Gray Antbird
 Mato Grosso Antbird
H White-backed Fire-eye
H White-browed Antbird
H Black-faced Antbird
 Band-tailed Antbird
H Silvered Antbird
 Bare-eyed Antbird
 Dot-backed Antbird
CRESCENTCHESTS
 Collared Crescentchest
GNATEATERS
 Chestnut-belted Gnateater
ANTPITTAS
H Alta Floresta (Spotted) Antpitta
H Thrush-like Antpitta
OVENBIRDS
H Olivaceous Woodcreeper
 Long-tailed Woodcreeper
 Long-billed Woodcreeper
 Great Rufous Woodcreeper
H Striped Woodcreeper
 Buff-throated (Dusky-billed) Woodcreeper
 Straight-billed Woodcreeper
 Red-billed Scythebill
H Tapajos (Curve-billed) Scythebill
 Narrow-billed Woodcreeper
 Lineated (Layard's) Woodcreeper
 Slender-billed Xenops

Thamnophilus torquatus
Thamnophilus palliatus
Thamnophilus schistaceus
Thamnophilus stictocephalus
Thamnophilus pelzelni
Thamnophilus aethiops
Thamnophilus amazonicus
Dysithamnus mentalis
Thamnomanes saturninus
Thamnomanes caesius
Iseria hauxwelli
Pygoptila stellaris
Epinecrophylla leucophthalma
Myrmotherula brachyura
Myrmotherula sclateri
Myrmotherula multostriata
Myrmotherula longipennis
Myrmotherula menetriesii
Herpsilochmus longirostris
Microrhopias quixensis emiliae
Formicivora grisea
Formicivora rufa
Drymophila devillei subochracea
Hypocnemis striata
Cercomacra cinerascens
Cercomacra melanaria
Pyriglena leuconota
Myrmoborus leucophrys
Myrmoborus myotherinus
Hypocnemoides maculicauda
Sclateria naevia
Rhegmatorhina gymnops
Hylophylax punctulatus
MELANOPAREIDAE
Melanopareia torquata
CONOPOPHAGIDAE
Conopophaga aurita snethlageae
GRALLARIIDAE
Hylopezus whittakeri
Myrmothera campanisona
FURNARIIDAE: FURNARIINAE
Sittasomus griseicapillus transitivus
Deconychura longicauda
Nasica longirostris
Xiphocolaptes major
Xiphorhynchus obsoletus
Xiphorhynchus guttatus eytoni
Dendroplex picus
Campylorhamphus trochilirostris
Campylorhamphus procurvoides cardosoi
Lepidocolaptes angustirostris
Lepidocolaptes albolineatus layardi
Xenops tenuirostris

H Point-tailed Palmcreeper
 Pale-legged Hornero
 Rufous Hornero
 Dusky-cheeked (Crested) Foliage-gleaner
 Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner
 Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner
 Rufous-fronted (Common) Thornbird
 Greater Thornbird
 Rusty-backed Spinetail
 Rufous (Gray-crested) Cacholote
 Chotoy Spinetail
 Yellow-chinned Spinetail
 Sooty-fronted Spinetail
 Pale-breasted Spinetail
 Cinereous-breasted Spinetail
 White-lored Spinetail

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

White-lored Tyrannulet
 Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet
 Suiriri Flycatcher
 Chapada Flycatcher
 Subtropical Doradito
 Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet
 Forest Elaenia
 Yellow-bellied Elaenia
 Large Elaenia
 Small-billed Elaenia
 Plain-crested Elaenia
 Sepia-capped Flycatcher
 Plain Tyrannulet
 Amazonian Tyrannulet

H Southern Antpipit
 Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant
 White-bellied Tody-Tyrant
 Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant
 Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant
 Zimmer's Tody-Tyrant
 Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher
 Spotted Tody-Flycatcher
 Common Tody-Flycatcher
 Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher
 Yellow-olive Flycatcher
 Yellow-margined Flycatcher

H Yellow-breasted (Ochre-lored) Flycatcher
 (Amazonian) Royal Flycatcher
 Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher
 Cliff Flycatcher
 Fuscous Flycatcher
 Vermilion Flycatcher
 Drab Water Tyrant
 Gray Monjita
 White-rumped Monjita
 Black-backed Water-Tyrant

Berlepschia rikeri
Furnarius leucopus
Furnarius rufus
Anabazenops dorsalis
Philydor erythrocerum
Philydor rufum
Phacellodomus rufifrons
Phacellodomus ruber
Cranioleuca vulpina
Pseudoseisura unirufa
Schoeniophylax phryganophilus
Certhiaxis cinnamomeus
Synallaxis frontalis
Synallaxis albescens
Synallaxis hyospodia
Synallaxis albilora

TYRANNIDAE

Ornithion inerme
Camptostoma obsoletum
Suiriri suiriri suiriri
Suiriri islerorum
Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis
Tyrannulus elatus
Myiopagis gaimardii
Elaenia flavogaster
Elaenia spectabilis
Elaenia parvirostris
Elaenia cristata
Leptopogon amaurocephalus
Inezia inornata
Inezia subflava
Corythopsis delalandi
Lophotriccus galeatus
Hemitriccus griseipectus
Hemitriccus striaticollis
Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer
Hemitriccus minimus
Poecilotriccus latirostris
Todirostrum maculatum
Todirostrum cinereum
Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum
Tolmomyias sulphurescens pallescens
Tolmomyias assimilis assimilis
Tolmomyias flaviventris subsimilis
Onychorhynchus coronatus coronatus
Terenotriccus erythrurus
Hirundinea ferruginea bellicosa
Cnemotriccus fuscatus
Pyrocephalus rubinus
Ochthornis littoralis
Xolmis cinereus
Xolmis velatus
Fluvicola albiventer

White-headed Marsh Tyrant
 Cattle Tyrant
 Large-headed Flatbill
H Rufous-tailed Flatbill
H Dusky-tailed Flatbill
 Cinnamon Attila
H Bright-rumped Attila
 Sirystes
 Rufous Casiornis
 Grayish Mourner
H Dusky-capped Flycatcher
 Short-crested Flycatcher
 Brown-crested Flycatcher
 Lesser Kiskadee
 Great Kiskadee
 Boat-billed Flycatcher
 Rusty-margined Flycatcher
H Piratic Flycatcher
H Crowned Slaty Flycatcher
 Tropical Kingbird
COTINGAS
 Amazonian Umbrellabird
 Spangled Cotinga
 Screaming Piha
 Bare-necked Fruitcrow
MANAKINS
 Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin
 Helmeted Manakin
 Blue-backed Manakin
 White-crowned Manakin
 Red-headed Manakin
 Flame-crowned (Flame-crested) Manakin
 Band-tailed Manakin
 Snow-capped Manakin
H Wing-barred Piprites
TITYRAS AND ALLIES
 Black-tailed Tityra
 Black-crowned Tityra
 Masked Tityra
 Brown-winged (Thrush-like) Schiffornis
 Cinereous Mourner
 White-browed Purpleuft
 White-winged Becard
 Crested Becard
VIREOS
 Red-eyed Vireo
 Gray-chested Greenlet
 Ashy-headed Greenlet
H Dusky-capped Greenlet
H Tawny-crowned Greenlet
H Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo
 Rufous-browed Peppershrike

Arundinicola leucocephala
Machetornis rixosa
Ramphotrigon megacephalum
Ramphotrigon ruficauda
Ramphotrigon fuscicauda
Attila cinnamomeus
Attila spadiceus
Sirystes sibilator albocinereus
Casiornis rufus
Rhytipterna simplex
Myiarchus tuberculifer
Myiarchus ferox
Myiarchus tyrannulus
Pitangus lictor
Pitangus sulphuratus
Megarynchus pitangua
Myiozetetes cayanensis
Legatus leucophaeus
Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus
Tyrannus melancholicus
COTINGIDAE
Cephalopterus ornatus
Cotinga cayana
Lipaugus vociferans
Gymnoderus foetidus
PIPRIDAE
Tyranneutes stolzmanni
Antilophia galeata
Chiroxiphia pareola
Dixiphia pipra
Ceratopipra rubrocapilla
Heterocercus linteatus
Pipra fasciicauda
Lepidothrix nattereri
Piprites chloris
TITYRIDAE
Tityra cayana
Tityra inquisitor
Tityra semifasciata
Schiffornis turdina
Laniocera hypopyrra
Iodopleura isabellae
Pachyramphus polychopterus
Pachyramphus validus
VIREONIDAE
Vireo olivaceus
Hylophilus semicinereus
Hylophilus pectoralis
Hylophilus hypoxanthus
Hylophilus ochraceiceps
Vireolanius leucotis
Cyclarhis gujanensis
CORVIDAE

CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES

Purplish Jay

SWALLOWS

White-banded Swallow

Southern Rough-winged Swallow

Gray-breasted Martin

Brown-chested Martin

White-winged Swallow

WRENS

Thrush-like Wren

Tooth-billed Wren

Moustached Wren

Buff-breasted Wren

Fawn-breasted Wren

House Wren

GNATCATCHERS

Long-billed Gnatwren

Guianan (Para) Gnatcatcher

Masked Gnatcatcher

DONACOBIUS

Black-capped Donacobius

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

Pale-breasted Thrush

H Hauxwell's Thrush

Rufous-bellied Thrush

Creamy-bellied Thrush

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

Chalk-browed Mockingbird

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

Yellowish Pipit

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Masked Yellowthroat

Golden-crowned (White-bellied) Warbler

Flavescent Warbler

TANAGERS AND ALLIES

Red-crested Cardinal

Red-capped Cardinal

Yellow-billed Cardinal

Black-faced Tanager

White-banded Tanager

Red-billed Pied Tanager

White-rumped Tanager

Gray-headed Tanager

Flame-crested Tanager

White-shouldered Tanager

White-lined Tanager

Silver-beaked Tanager

Fawn-breasted Tanager

Blue-gray Tanager

Sayaca Tanager

Palm Tanager

Burnished-buff Tanager

Blue-necked Tanager

Cyanocorax cyanomelas

HIRUNDINIDAE

Atticora fasciata

Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

Progne chalybea

Progne tapera

Tachycineta albiventer

TROGLODYTIDAE

Campylorhynchus turdinus

Odontorchilus cinereus

Pheugopedius genibarbis

Cantorchilus leucotis

Cantorchilus guarayanus

Troglodytes aedon

POLIOPTILIDAE

Ramphocaenus melanurus

Polioptila guianensis paraensis

Polioptila dumicola

DONACOBIIDAE

Donacobius atricapilla

TURDIDAE

Turdus leucomelas

Turdus hauxwelli

Turdus rufiventris

Turdus amaurochalinus

MIMIDAE

Mimus saturninus

MOTACILLIDAE

Anthus lutescens

PARULIDAE

Geothlypis aequinoctialis velata

Basileuterus culicivorus hypoleucus

Myiothlypis flaveola

THRAUPIDAE

Paroaria coronata

Paroaria gularis

Paroaria capitata

Schistochlamys melanopsis

Neothraupis fasciata

Lamprospiza melanoleuca

Cypsnagra hirundinacea

Eucometis penicillata

Tachyphonus cristatus

Tachyphonus luctuosus

Tachyphonus rufus

Ramphocelus carbo

Pipraeidea melanonota

Thraupis episcopus

Thraupis sayaca

Thraupis palmarum

Tangara cayana

Tangara cyanicollis

Turquoise Tanager
 Paradise Tanager
 Opal-rumped Tanager
 Bay-headed Tanager
 Green-and-gold Tanager
 Swallow Tanager
 Black-faced Dacnis
 Yellow-bellied Dacnis
 Blue Dacnis
 Short-billed Honeycreeper
 Purple Honeycreeper
 Red-legged Honeycreeper
 Green Honeycreeper
 Guira Tanager
 Yellow-backed Tanager
 Chestnut-vented Conebill
 Saffron Finch
 Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch
 Blue-black Grassquit
 Plumbeous Seedeater
 Rusty-collared Seedeater
 Double-collared Seedeater
 White-bellied Seedeater
 Tawny-bellied Seedeater
 Coal-crested Finch
 Red-crested Finch
 Bananaquit
 Black-throated Saltator
 Grayish Saltator
 Buff-throated Saltator
 Slate-colored Grosbeak
SPARROWS
 Saffron-billed Sparrow
 Grassland Sparrow
CARDINALS AND ALLIES
 Rose-breasted Chat
H Blue-black Grosbeak
TROUPIALS AND ALLIES
 Red-breasted Blackbird
 Chopi Blackbird
 Scarlet-headed Blackbird
 Unicolored Blackbird
 Bay-winged Cowbird
 Shiny Cowbird
 Giant Cowbird
 Epaulet Oriole
 Variable Oriole
 Orange-backed Troupial
 Solitary Black Cacique (Solitary Cacique)
 Yellow-rumped Cacique
 Crested Oropendola
 Olive (Amazonian) Oropendola

Tangara mexicana boliviana
Tangara chilensis
Tangara velia
Tangara gyrola
Tangara schrankii
Tersina viridis
Dacnis lineata
Dacnis flaviventer
Dacnis cayana
Cyanerpes nitidus
Cyanerpes caeruleus
Cyanerpes cyaneus
Chlorophanes spiza
Hemithraupis guira
Hemithraupis flavicollis
Conirostrum speciosum
Sicalis flaveola
Emberizoides herbicola
Volatinia jacarina
Sporophila plumbea
Sporophila collaris
Sporophila caerulescens
Sporophila leucoptera
Sporophila hypoxantha
Charitospiza eucosma
Coryphospingus cucullatus
Coereba flaveola
Saltator atricollis
Saltator coerulescens
Saltator maximus
Saltator grossus
EMBERIZIDAE
Arremon flavirostris
Ammodramus humeralis
CARDINALIDAE
Granatellus pelzelni
Cyanocompsa cyanooides
ICTERIDAE
Sturnella militaris
Gnorimopsar chopi
Amblyramphus holosericeus
Agelasticus cyanopus
Agelaioides badius badius
Molothrus bonariensis
Molothrus oryzivorus
Icterus cayanensis cayanensis
Icterus pyrrhopterus periporphyrus
Icterus croconotus
Cacicus solitarius
Cacicus cela
Psarocolius decumanus
Psarocolius bifasciatus
FRINGILLIDAE

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS, AND ALLIES

- Purple-throated Euphonia
Thick-billed Euphonia
H Golden-bellied (White-lored) Euphonia
Rufous-bellied Euphonia

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow

Euphonia chlorotica
Euphonia laniirostris
Euphonia chrysopasta
Euphonia rufiventris

PASSERIDAE

Passer domesticus

MAMMAL LIST

- Greater Bulldog Bat
Proboscis Bat (Long-nosed Bat)
Tufted Capuchin (Brown Capuchin)
Black-striped Capuchin
Red-handed Howler
H Black Howler
White-cheeked (White-whiskered) Spider Monkey
Crab-eating Fox
Jaguar
Giant Otter
South American Coati
Brazilian Tapir
Collared Peccary
Gray Brocket Deer
Capybara
Wild guinea pig sp. (cavy)

Noctilio leporinus
Rhynchonycteris naso
Cebus apella
Cebus libidinosus
Alouatta belzebul
Alouatta caraya
Ateles marginatus
Cerdocyon thous
Panthera onca
Pteronura brasiliensis
Nasua nasua
Tapirus terrestris
Pecari tajacu
Mazama gouazoubira
Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris
Cavia sp. or Galea sp.

MISCELLANEOUS OTHER CRITTERS

- Spectacled Caiman
Yacare Caiman
(the snake in the Pantanal, no English name)

Caiman crocodilus
Caiman yacare
Chironius laurenti