

Brazil: Pantanal Photo Tour

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Pat Lavender also shared some photos (thank you!)



The Pantanal is one of the largest wetlands in the world, covering nearly 150,000 km², and most of it is in Brazil. The incredible density of wildlife makes it one of the planet's premier photography destinations. Our 11-day tour covered some of the best areas in this amazingly rich region, including 3 nights in Porto Jofre, by far the easiest place in the world to find Jaguars, and we had several memorable encounters with this magnificent beast. Other highlights included Hyacinth Macaw, Brazilian Tapir, Giant Anteater, Toco Toucan, Red-legged Seriema, Bare-faced Curassow, Giant Otter, and Sungrebe. Here I am sharing some of the photos from the trip as well as the list of birds and mammals that we photographed.



Pink Trumpeter Tree



Cuiaba River



Jaguar



Toco Toucan



Giant Anteater



Hyacinth Macaw

Below you can find a complete list of birds and mammals that we were able to see and photograph.

RHEAS	
Greater Rhea	HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES Swallow-tailed Kite
SCREAMERS	Black-collared Hawk
Southern Screamer	Snail Kite
DUCKS, GEESE, AND WATERFOWL	Crane Hawk
Muscovy Duck	Savanna Hawk
Brazilian Teal	Great Black Hawk
GUANS, CHACHALACAS, CURASSOWS	Roadside Hawk
Chaco Chachalaca	SUNBITTERN
Rusty-margined Guan	Sunbittern
Chestnut-bellied Guan	RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COO
Blue-throated Piping-Guan	Gray-cowled Wood-Rail
Red-throated Piping-Guan	FINFOOTS
Bare-faced Curassow	Sungrebe
STORKS	LIMPKIN
Jabiru	Limpkin
Wood Stork	PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS
CORMORANTS AND SHAGS	Pied Lapwing
Neotropic Cormorant	Southern Lapwing
ANHINGAS	JACANAS
Anhinga	Wattled Jacana
HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS	GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMER
Rufescent Tiger-Heron	Yellow-billed Tern
Cocoi Heron	Large-billed Tern
Great Egret	Black Skimmer
Snowy Egret	PIGEONS AND DOVES
Little Blue Heron	Rock Pigeon
Cattle Egret	Pale-vented Pigeon
Striated Heron	Picazuro Pigeon
Agami Heron	Ruddy Ground-Dove
Whistling Heron	Scaled Dove
Capped Heron	Picui Ground-Dove
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Long-tailed Ground-Dove
IBISES AND SPOONBILLS	White-tipped Dove
Green Ibis	CUCKOOS
Bare-faced Ibis	Guira Cuckoo
Plumbeous Ibis	Smooth-billed Ani
Buff-necked Ibis	Little Cuckoo
Roseate Spoonbill	Ash-colored Cuckoo
NEW WORLD VULTURES	Squirrel Cuckoo
Black Vulture	OWLS
Turkey Vulture	Great Horned Owl
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

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Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

Great Kiskadee

Rusty-margined Flycatcher

Tropical Kingbird Fork-tailed Flycatcher

Purplish Jay

CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES

SWALLOWS

Southern Rough-winged Swallow **Gray-breasted Martin**

Brown-chested Martin

White-winged Swallow

White-rumped Swallow **WRENS**

House Wren **GNATCATCHERS**

Masked Gnatcatcher **DONACOBIUS**

Black-capped Donacobius THRUSHES AND ALLIES

Rufous-bellied Thrush

Creamy-bellied Thrush **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS**

Chalk-browed Mockingbird **TANAGERS AND ALLIES**

Red-crested Cardinal Yellow-billed cardinal

White-lined Tanager Silver-beaked Tanager

Fawn-breasted Tanager

Sayaca Tanager Palm Tanager

Saffron Finch

Rusty-collared Seedeater

Grayish Saltator

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES

Nacunda Nighthawk

POTOOS

Great Potoo

SWIFTS

White-collared Swift

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Planalto Hermit

Gilded Hummingbird (Sapphire)

KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher

Amazon Kingfisher

Green Kingfisher

JACAMARS

Rufous-tailed Jacamar

TOUCANS

Chestnut-eared Aracari

Toco Toucan

WOODPECKERS

White-wedged Piculet

White Woodpecker

Little Woodpecker

Green-barred Woodpecker

Campo Flicker

Cream-colored Woodpecker

Lineated Woodpecker

SERIEMAS

Red-legged Seriema

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

Southern Caracara

PARROTS

Monk Parakeet

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet

Blue-headed Parrot

Turquoise-fronted (Blue-fronted) Parrot

Hyacinth Macaw

Peach-fronted Parakeet

Red-bellied Macaw

Blue-and-yellow Macaw

White-eyed Parakeet

TYPICAL ANTBIRDS

Great Antshrike

Barred Antshrike

OVENBIRDS

Olivaceous Woodcreeper

Great Rufous Woodcreeper

Straight-billed Woodcreeper

Narrow-billed Woodcreeper

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES
Crested Oropendola
Solitary Black Cacique
Yellow-rumped Cacique
Epaulet Oriole
Orange-backed Troupial
Shiny Cowbird
Giant Cowbird
Chopi Blackbird
Grayish Baywing (Bay-winged Cowbird)
Unicolored Blackbird
OLD WORLD SPARROWS
House Sparrow

MAMMALS
Greater Bulldog Bat
Proboscis Bat (Long-nosed Bat)
Black-tailed Marmoset (Silvery Marmoset)
Black-striped (Azara's) Capuchin
Black (Black-and-gold) Howler
Crab-eating Fox
Jaguar
Giant Otter
South American Coati
Marsh Deer
Capybara





Hyacinth Macaw



Brazilian Tapir



Jabiru



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Giant Anteater



Greater Rhea



Azara's Capuchin



Crane Hawk



Capibara



Green Ibis



South American Coati



Southern Screamer



Red-footed Tortoise



Red-crested Cardinal



American Pygmy Kingfisher



Bare-faced Curassow



Black-collared Hawk



Black Skimmer



Burrowing Owl



Buff-necked Ibis



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White-headed Marsh

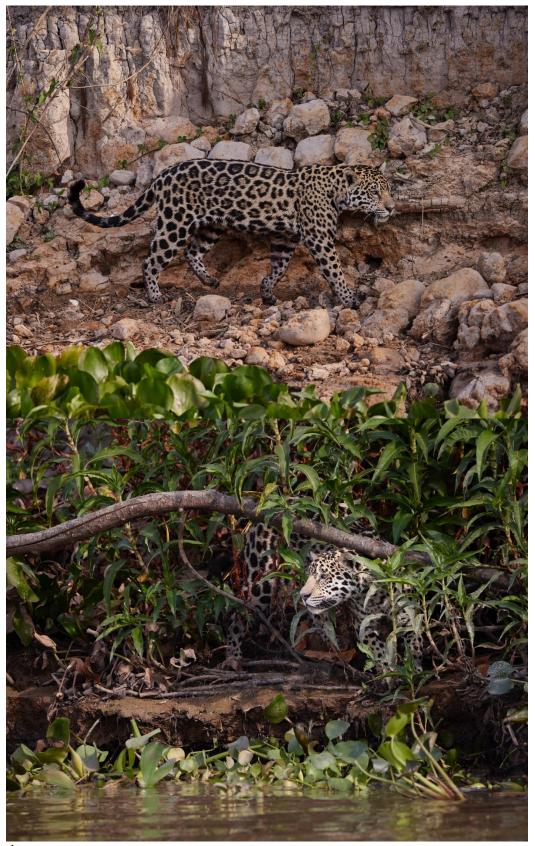


Yellow-billed Cardinal

Thanks to Linda for sharing some photos of her collection.



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Hyacinth Macaw



Golden Howler Monkey



Sunbittern



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