

Colombia – Llanos and Amazon (custom tour)

This custom tour was similar to our set-departure "Amazon, Foothills and Llanos" tour, but without the foothill section

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Collared Puffbird – a fantastic bird and one of the highlights of Inírida

This was really interesting and fun trip! The Llanos region stretches from eastern Colombia to central Venezuela and is dominated by seasonally flooded grasslands and gallery forest. I hadn't been there since TB stopped running tours to Venezuela many years ago. These grasslands have long been used for raising cattle, and the reserve we stayed in, Hato La Aurora, is also still a working ranch. It felt very much like parts of the Pantanal, and many of the animals are also the same, like the hulking Jabirus and hordes of Capybaras, but is also home to some quite different and distinctive birds including the tiny but fierce-looking Pale-headed Jacamar, the odd White-bearded Flycatcher, handsome Masked Cardinal, ungainly Sharp-tailed Ibis, and flocks of the truly striking Scarlet Ibis (photo below). All of these were easy to see along with many many more species — our daily birdlists were well over 100 species. Jaguars are sometimes seen hear too, but you have to be REALLY lucky, and we didn't find one on this trip.



For the Amazonian section, we were based in the town of Inírida, not far from the Venezuelan border. As neat as the Llanos were, this was even better. I've always enjoyed the primeval forests, snaking rivers, and massive diversity of this area. Inírida (hard to pronounce – it sounds like "ee-NEED-ee-dah") is a small city of around 40000 people next to the river of the same name. Birders have been coming here for a while now, but it was my first visit and I was impressed. It was a bustling, friendly place with a very good hotel, good restaurants, paved roads, and an airport with daily flights – very important since it is not connected by road to the rest of Colombia. It made a great base to explore the surrounding area. Birdwise, Inírida is perhaps best known for three species in particular; it's one of few places in the world to see Orinoco Softtail and Yapacana Antbird, two birds with very small and remote ranges that we saw fairly easily. The third one looks similar to Chestnut-backed Antshrike, but found far from that species' known range. The jury is still out on whether it should be described as a new species or subspecies, but I'd lean towards the former. It's a great looking bird and easy to see in one location accessible by boat from the town. We had tons of other amazing sightings too like Rosebreasted Chat, Collared and Brown-banded Puffbirds, Bronzy Jacamar, Purple-breasted Cotinga, Capuchinbird, Black and Yellow-crowned Manakins, Pale-bellied Mourner, and plenty of others.



Inírida from the air, visible to the upper left below the clouds



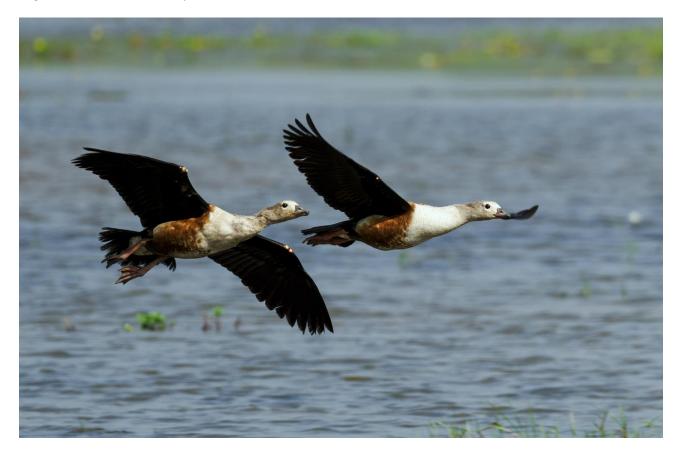
Our trip began in Bogotá, Colombia's capital city located high in the Andes, and the only place on the whole tour where it was ever remotely chilly. We met up with our Colombian guide, Cristian Daza ("Cris"), who would be with us for the Llanos section of the tour. Next morning we took a short flight to Yopal, the capital of Casanare Department, and began the drive to Hato La Aurora. After a few hours on asphalt, the road turned to dirt and suddenly there were birds everywhere! Roadside pools gave us our first views of many of the iconic birds of the Llanos like Scarlet and Sharp-tailed Ibises, Jabiru, and Orinoco Goose. We made a few stops to enjoy them, but Cris assured us that everything along the road would also be at La Aurora, so we headed onward to the reserve and checked into Juan Solito Ecolodge, our base for the next three nights. We had time for some afternoon birding near the lodge and almost immediately connected with two of the star birds of the region, Pale-headed Jacamar (photo left) and White-bearded Flycatcher. Walking along the edge of the Ariporo River got us a nice selection of other species like Scaled Piculet, a roosting Great Potoo, Rufous-vented Chachalaca, Green Ibis, Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant, and Rufous-and-white Wren. The river was full of swimming Capybaras, and as dusk approached the sky filled up with dozens of screeching **Orange-winged Parrots** flying home to roost.

We had two full days and a morning in Hato La Aurora and made the most of our time there. During one full morning and an entire day we drove out through the reserve on a safari truck. This was a converted pickup truck that had padded seats on the back and a cover to keep the sun off, but otherwise open, allowing great views all around. The seats weren't super comfortable, so we sometimes got out to stretch our legs and do some birding by foot. Two of our breakfasts were in the field by a small lake teeming with birds. We had one lunch back at the lodge, and another one at the house of the owners of the Hato deep within the reserve – each place had feeders which were fun to watch in the middle of the day. We also spent one afternoon birding by boat. On our last morning we were happy just to bird by foot - by then our backs had had enough of the safari truck!

Much of our birding time was in the seasonally flooded grasslands, where wildlife clustered along the remaining ponds and lakes. Double-striped Thick-knees were surprisingly common in the shorter grass:



Orinoco geese seemed to be everywhere!:



We were fortunate to come across one lone **Nacunda Nighthawk** sleeping in the grass:



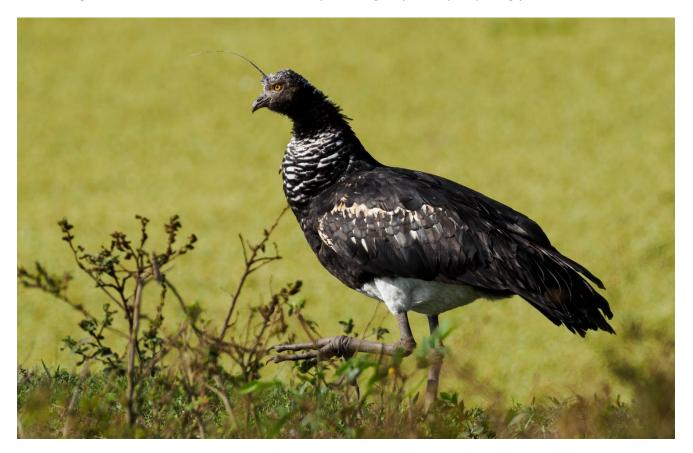
Glowing flocks of **Scarlet Ibis** were hard to ignore:



Oriole Blackbirds were common, sometimes in large flocks:



The hulking Horned Screamers were fantastic. They look ungainly, but fly surprisingly well:



We regularly encountered families of **Crested Bobwhite** – sometimes with tiny chicks:



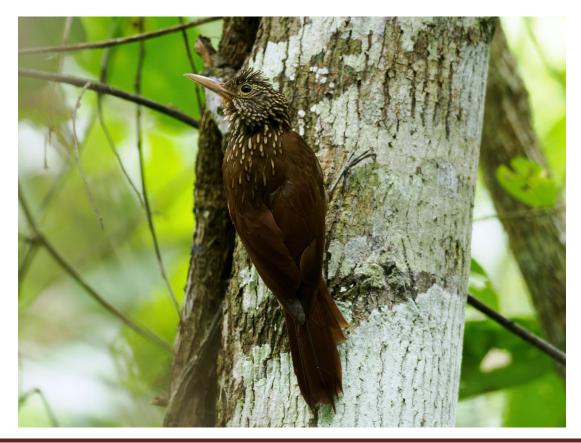
Burrowing Owls glared at us whenever we drove past their homes:



The gallery forest had a very different set of birds. One of the favorites was definitely this **Wire-tailed Manakin**:



After seeing several **Straight-billed Woodcreepers**, we tracked down a **Striped Woodcreeper**:



Some of the other forest and woodland birds we encountered included Two-banded Puffbird, Blackish-gray and Blackcrested Antshrikes, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Spot-breasted Woodpecker, Bicolored Wren, Chestnut-eared Aracari, White-fringed Antwren, Pale-tipped Tyrannulet, Ochre-lored Flycatcher, Pale-bellied Hermit, Northern Scrub-Flycatcher, and Cinereous Becard.

The feeders gave us close up views and nice photos of several near birds, chief among them Masked Cardinal:



Noisy flocks of Violaceous Jays came in to feast on bananas:



However it was the Rufous-vented Chachalacas who ruled the feeders. Everything else scattered when they came in!:



Our boat ride on the Ariporo River one afternoon was a relaxing way to see lots of riverside birds. It was also the only place on the tour we saw Crestless Curassow, with a pair near the edge of the river. It was also great spot to see Hoatzins (photo next page) – the trees along the river were full of these prehistoric-looking birds hissing and fussing in the leaves.

After lunch on our fourth day in La Aurora, we packed up and retraced our route back to Yopal. There are no direct flights from there to Inírida, so we flew back to Bogotá, said goodbye to Cris, and spent another night in the hotel near the airport. Next morning, our flight to Inírida was on fortunately on time (weather delays are frequent), and Daniel, our local guide for this segment of the trip was there to meet us. Daniel is originally from the Llanos, but he moved to Inírida about 7 years ago. He knew nothing about birds back then, when he started working in a hotel. He noticed more and more birders visiting, and was curious about what they were doing, so tagged along with some groups and soon got hooked. In the years since he has become an expert on the region's birds and also started up a local tour operator business, and has forged strong connections with the indigenous communities that own the land where most of the key birding sites are located.



After checking into the hotel and grabbing lunch at a great little restaurant, we were ready to begin birding. We set off in two motocarros, which are small taxis on a motorcycle chassis, much like the tuk-tuks found in parts of Asia. Our first birding site was the Caño Culebra trail, which passes through stunted forest on nutrient-poor sandy soil. One bird that prefers this habitat is Black Manakin, and Daniel had a great stakeout for one where we could see a male perched at close range. Birding was a bit quiet, as often is the case in this habitat especially in the afternoon, but we still saw a nice set of other birds including Green-backed Trogon, Swallow-winged Puffbird, Golden-spangled Piculet, Red-and-green Macaw, Citron-bellied Attila, Plumbeous Euphonia, and Red-legged Honeycreeper. It was also fun to see a Whitebrowed Purpletuft flaring out his namesake purple tufts - most of the time they are completely hidden. We stayed out until dusk to see several Least Nighthawks fluttering over the scrub before heading back to town.



Black Manakin

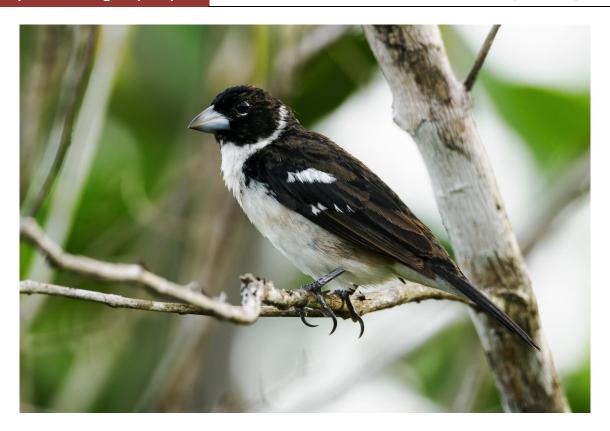


White-browed Purpletuft

We spent the next morning birding in and around an indigenous community called Sabanitas, about 25 minutes by motocarro from the hotel. We walked over a small bridge and skirted the edge of the village, seeing several Scarlet Macaws, an Ivory-billed Aracari, a responsive Amazonian Tyrannulet, and then scoped a couple of distant but very distinctive male Pompadour Cotingas. The trail then passed through clearings and scrubby forest on sandy soil, similar to yesterday, where we found more specialties of that habitat like Cherrie's Antwren, Yellow-crowned Manakin, Brown-headed Greenlet, and this Pale-bellied Mourner:



It looks a lot like a Myiarchus flycatcher, but with very distinctive vocalizations. The trail continued into taller forest, and we followed it for several miles. Daniel was keen to find Capuchinbird, since this was one of the best sites for it, but despite an extended effort we came up empty. We saw various other forest birds during our search including Brownbanded Puffbird, Red-stained and Yellow-throated Woodpeckers, Screaming Piha, White-crowned Manakin, Sulphury Flycatcher, Yellow-green Grosbeak, Opal-rumped Tanager, and Brown-winged Schiffornis. Lunch was at the community leader's house where we feasted on fresh fish and fried plantains while watching a nearby Brown Jacamar. After a midday siesta, we headed south of town to stretch of road locally called "Curva de los Pepes". The habitat was open, scrubby savanna, where we were after a few very specific birds. White-naped Seedeater was at the top of that list and we were lucky to have a male come in and serenade us at close range (photo next page). We also saw Red-shouldered and Burnished-buff Tanagers, Plain-crested Elaenia, Campina Thrush, Green-tailed Goldenthroat, and Russet-crowned Crake, among others.



Next morning we took a short boat ride from Inírida's bustling port to the west side of the river, and birded the Matraca Trail, which passes through seasonally flooded várzea forest. As it was the dry season, the trail was not underwater, however this was the only day of the trip where we had any amount of rain. While it cost of some birding time, we fortunately still saw one of Inírida's star birds, Orinoco Softtail:



Other birds seen along the Matraca Trail include Gilded Barbet, Mealy Parrot, Green-tailed Jacamar, Maroon-tailed Parakeet, Great Antshrike, Amazonian Streaked, White-flanked, and Dot-winged Antwrens, Speckled Spinetail, Dusky, White-browed, and Black-chinned Antbirds, Varzea Schiffornis, Buff-breasted Wren, Golden-bellied and White-vented **Euphonias**, and **Masked Crimson** and **Turquoise Tanagers**.



White-browed Antbird

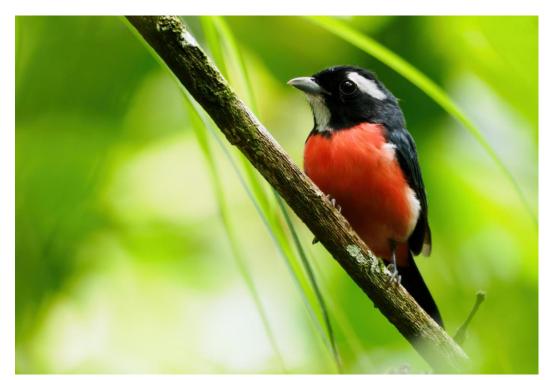


Varzea Schiffornis

In the afternoon, we took the boat up a small tributary of the Inírida River called Caño Cunubén. It was a relaxing way to pass a few hours and perhaps the biggest highlight was watching a playful family of **Giant Otters** for an extended period. As far as birds, some that we saw were **Blue-throated Piping-Guan**, **Short-tailed Swift**, **Collared Plover**, **Yellow-billed** and **Large-billed Terns**, **Black-tailed Trogon**, **Ringed** and **Amazon Kingfishers**, **Black-fronted Nunbird**, **Channel-billed Toucan**, **Cobalt-winged Parakeet**, **Blue-headed Parrot**, **Long-billed** and **Buff-throated Woodcreepers**, **Rusty-backed Spinetail**, **White-banded** and **White-winged Swallows**, **Crested** and **Olive Oropendolas**, and **Red-rumped Cacique**. Just before dusk we flushed a **Ladder-tailed Nightjar**, then tracked it down for mega views:



On the following morning we birded a different trail on the west side of the river called the Paujíl Trail. It was similar to the Matraca Trail, and gave us more chances to see the birds we didn't find there. Activity was surprisingly slow despite what seemed like perfect conditions, but what we did manage to find was often absolutely fantastic. The show-stoppers were beautiful Collared and Chestnut-capped Puffbirds seen at very close range as well as a superb male Rose-breasted Chat. Some of the others we saw this morning were Little Cuckoo, Black-eared Fairy, Boat-billed Heron, Scale-breasted Woodpecker, Mouse-colored Antshrike, Dot-backed Antbird, Strong-billed Woodcreeper, Wire-tailed Manakin, Black-capped Becard, Forest and Yellow-crowned Elaenias, Drab Water Tyrant, Velvet-fronted Grackle, and Gray-headed Tanager.



Rose-breasted Chat



Chestnut-capped Puffbird

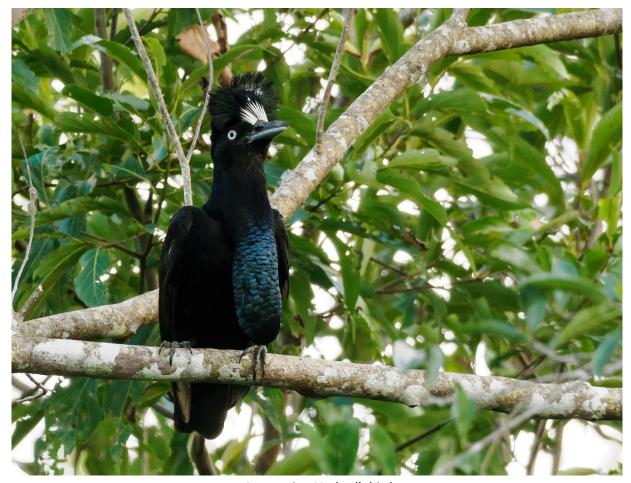
After lunch and a short break, we headed back out on the river, but this time went to the Guaviare River and headed east to a site called Caño La Rompida. This was where an **unusual antshrike** was discovered a few years ago:



It is similar in appearance and voice to Chestnut-backed Antshrike, but that species is only found far to the south, almost 1000 miles away. Sometimes called "Inírida" Antshrike, it is a bit darker on the underparts. More study is needed to determine if it should be treated as a subspecies of Chestnut-backed Antshrike, or a totally new species. Either way, it was great to see it. This area was really birdy, with plenty to look for even during the hot afternoon. A pair of displaying Black-capped Donacobius was fantastic, and a male Amazonian Umbrellabird was even better. White-eared and Greentailed Jacamars posed nicely for photos. Other species included Rufous-breasted Hermit, Rusty-backed and Yellow-chinned Spinetails, Yellow Tyrannulet, Gray-capped Flycatcher, Northern Waterthrush, Yellow and Blackpoll Warblers, Hooded Tanager, Yellow-bellied Dacnis, and Gray Seedeater.



Black-capped Donacobius



Amazonian Umbrellabird

On our fourth full day in the Inírida area, we headed all the way to Venezuela on a faster boat. The Orinoco River serves as the border, and we headed north along it for a while to a young river island on the Colombian side that Daniel had started taking groups to recently. We quickly found the specialty birds we were looking for like Sand-colored Nighthawk, Riverside Tyrant, River Tyrannulet, and Orange-headed Tanager. We spent a lot of time observing an unusual seedeater that matched no known bird that we knew of. It might have been an unusual subadult plumage of Lined Seedeater hybrid. anvone is interested, photos this https://ebird.org/checklist/S126759759. Other birds seen on the island included Pantanal Snipe, Great Black Hawk, Black-crested Antshrike (photo below), Fuscous Flycatcher, Pied Water-Tyrant, Black-collared Swallow, Yellow-browed Sparrow, and Chestnut-bellied and Ruddy-breasted Seedeaters.



Later in the morning, we crossed over to the Colombian mainland and birded a clearing on the bank of the Orinoco, which was pumping with bird activity. Flowering trees were attracting several hummers like Blue-chinned Sapphire, Black-throated Mango, and Glittering-throated Emerald. A Butterfly Coquette put in a very brief appearance but unfortunately most of the group missed it. After a bit of work, Daniel managed to spot an Orinoco Piculet on the other side of a small stream. Ruddy Pigeon, Blue Ground-Dove, Capped Heron, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, Red-throated Caracara, Amazonian Streaked-Antwren, White-winged Becard, Black-tailed Tityra, Gray-crowned Flycatcher, Rufousbrowed Peppershrike, and Yellow-bellied Dacnis were some of the other birds we saw at this site.



Yellow-bellied Dacnis



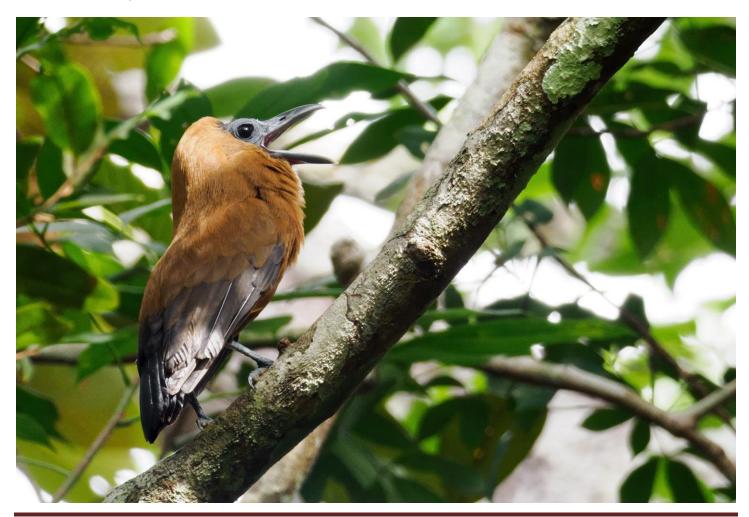
Amazonian Streaked-Antwren



We had lunch and a short siesta at Morú Nature Reserve, then spent a bit of time birding there before heading back. It was hot and quiet in the afternoon, but we managed to add a few new species like Red-capped Cardinal, Amazonian Antshrike, and Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant.

Next morning we started out in the Kenke Reserve, about 25 minutes away in motocarro. This is the most reliable site in the Inírida area for another of its "star" birds, Yapacana Antbird, and Daniel quickly tracked one down for up-close views (photo left). We spent another few hours birding the trails here finding some really cool birds including Tiny

Hawk, Spotted Puffbird, Bronzy Jacamar, Spot-winged Antbird, Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin, Swainson's Flycatcher, and Coraya Wren. However, it was the strange Capuchinbird that really stole the show; we first heard its strange moaning calls and then tracked it down (photo below) - it was great to catch up with it after missing it at Sabanitas a few days earlier.





Bronzy Jacamar

Once activity slowed down in late morning, we headed to the port and boarded a fast boat for a rather long boat ride south along the Inírida River. The Mavecure Hills (photo below) are the most well-known tourist attraction in the region, and it was worth spending a relaxing afternoon seeing this very scenic landmark. We had a very tasty lunch in a small lodge by some rapids where Black-collared Swallows were flitting around and sometimes perching on the rocks. After a siesta, we spent time scanning the cliffs for Orange-breasted Falcons, and after a while we spotted a pair soaring near the top of one of the peaks, sometimes landing in alcove that looked like it could be a nest. They were quite far away, but the scope was helpful to see some detail on them.





Black-collared Swallow

Our time in Inírida had gone by in a flash, but our flight back to Bogotá wasn't until mid-day, so we had time to visit one last site before heading to the airport. We headed to a trail called Caño Vitina, not far from the Kenke reserve, which passes through sandy-soil scrub and forest. A Spangled Cotinga was absolutely gorgeous, but it was then outdone by the even more beautiful Purple-breasted Cotinga. It was nice to see another Yellow-crowned Manakin in better light (photo right), and we added a last few new birds to our growing list, like Scaled Pigeon, Whiteeyed Tody-Tyrant, Chestnut Woodpecker, Epaulet Oriole, and Purple Honeycreeper.



Spatula discors

We said goodbye to Daniel and the other members of his team that we had met during our time in Inírida, then had an uneventful flight back to Bogotá. We enjoyed the cooler weather (and the hot showers in the hotel) before meeting for a farewell dinner and parting ways. Thanks to all of you for coming on the tour and I hope to bird with you again!

BIRD LIST

The list includes everything that was seen by at least one of the group, including the guide/tour leader. Taxonomy follows Clements, J. F., T. S. Schulenberg, M. J. Iliff, T. A. Fredericks, J. A. Gerbracht, D. Lepage, S. M. Billerman, B. L. Sullivan, and C. L. Wood. 2022. The eBird/Clements checklist of Birds of the World: v2022. Downloaded from https://www.birds.cornell.edu/clementschecklist/download/

H=heard only GO=guide only

Tinamous (Tinamidae)

H Little Tinamou
 H Undulated Tinamou
 Crypturellus soui
 Crypturellus undulatus

Screamers (Anhimidae)

Blue-winged Teal

Horned Screamer Anhima cornuta

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl (Anatidae)
White-faced Whistling-Duck

Dendrocygna viduata

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
Orinoco Goose
Oressochen jubatus
Brazilian Teal
Amazonetta brasiliensis

Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows (Cracidae)

Rufous-vented Chachalaca

H Speckled Chachalaca

Blue-throated Piping-Guan

Crestless Curassow

Ortalis ruficauda

Ortalis guttata

Pipile cumanensis

Mitu tomentosum

New World Quail (Odontophoridae)

Crested Bobwhite Colinus cristatus

Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)
Rock Pigeon
Columba livia

Pale-vented Pigeon Patagioenas cayennensis
Scaled Pigeon Patagioenas speciosa

Patagioenas speciosa

Ruddy Pigeon Patagioenas subvinacea
Common Ground Dove Columbina passerina
Plain-breasted Ground Dove Columbina minuta
Ruddy Ground Dove Columbina talpacoti
Scaled Dove Columbina squammata

Blue Ground Dove

White-tipped Dove

Gray-fronted Dove

Leptotila verreauxi

Leptotila rufaxilla

Eared Dove

Zenaida auriculata

Cuckoos (Cuculidae)
Smooth-billed Ani
Crotophaga ani

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Striped Cuckoo Tapera naevia
Little Cuckoo Coccycua minuta
Squirrel Cuckoo Piaya cayana

Nightjars and Allies (Caprimulgidae)

Nacunda NighthawkChordeiles nacundaLeast NighthawkChordeiles pusillusSand-colored NighthawkChordeiles rupestrisBand-tailed NighthawkNyctiprogne leucopygaCommon PauraqueNyctidromus albicollisLadder-tailed NightjarHydropsalis climacocerca

Potoos (Nyctibiidae)

Great Potoo Nyctibius grandis

Swifts (Apodidae)Chaetura cinereiventrisGray-rumped SwiftChaetura cinereiventrisShort-tailed SwiftChaetura brachyuraFork-tailed Palm SwiftTachornis squamata

Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)

White-necked Jacobin
Rufous-breasted Hermit
Pale-tailed Barbthroat

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White-bearded Hermit
Pale-tailed Hermit
Phaethornis hispidus
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White-bearded Hermit Phaethornis hispidus
Pale-bellied Hermit Phaethornis anthophilus
Black-eared Fairy Heliothryx auritus

Green-tailed Goldenthroat

Black-throated Mango

Butterfly Coquette

Blue-tailed Emerald

Polytmus theresiae

Anthracothorax nigricollis

Lophornis verreauxii

Chlorostilbon mellisugus

Blue-tailed Emerald

Versicolored Emerald

Chirostilbon mellisugus

Chrysuronia versicolor

Glittering-throated Emerald

Blue-chinned Sapphire

Chionomesa fimbriata

Chlorestes notata

Chlorestes notata

Hoatzin Opisthocomus hoazin

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots (Rallidae)

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail Aramides cajaneus
Russet-crowned Crake Anurolimnas viridis

Limpkin (Aramidae)

Limpkin Aramus guarauna
Thick-knees (Burhinidae)

Double-striped Thick-knee Burhinus bistriatus

Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)

Black-necked Stilt

Himantopus mexicanus

Plovers and Lapwings (Charadriidae)

Pied Lapwing Vanellus cayanus
Southern Lapwing Vanellus chilensis
Collared Ployer Charadrius collaris

Collared Plover Charadrius collaris

Jacanas (Jacanidae)

Wattled Jacana Jacana jacana Sandpipers and Allies (Scolopacidae)

Least Sandpiper

Pantanal Snipe

Spotted Sandpiper

Calidris minutilla

Gallinago paraguaiae

Actitis macularius

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Solitary Sandpiper Tringa solitaria
Greater Yellowlegs Tringa melanoleuca
Lesser Yellowlegs Tringa flavipes

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)

Yellow-billed Tern

Large-billed Tern

Black Skimmer

Sternula superciliaris

Phaetusa simplex

Rynchops niger

Sunbittern (Eurypygidae)

Sunbittern Eurypyga helias

Storks (Ciconiidae)
Jabiru Jabiru mycteria

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*

Anhingas (Anhingidae)
Anhinga Anhinga Anhinga

Anninga Anninga anninga

Cormorants and Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)
Neotropic Cormorant
Nannopterum brasilianum

Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns (Ardeidae)

Rufescent Tiger-Heron Tigrisoma lineatum
Cocoi Heron Ardea cocoi

Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Cattle Egret
Bubulcus ibis
GO Striated Heron
Butorides striata

Whistling Heron
Syrigma sibilatrix
Capped Heron
Pilherodius pileatus

Boat-billed Heron Cochlearius cochlearius Ibises and Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)

White Ibis Eudocimus albus
Scarlet Ibis Eudocimus ruber
Sharp-tailed Ibis Cercibis oxycerca

Green Ibis

Bare-faced Ibis

Buff-necked Ibis

Mesembrinibis cayennensis

Phimosus infuscatus

Theristicus caudatus

Roseate Spoonbill Platalea ajaja

New World Vultures (Cathartidae)
Black Vulture

Coragyps atratus

Turkey Vulture Coragyps atratus

Cathartes aura

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture Cathartes burrovianus
Greater Yellow-headed Vulture Cathartes melambrotus

Osprey (Pandionidae)
Osprey Pandion i

Osprey Pandion haliaetus Hawks, Eagles, and Kites (Accipitridae)

White-tailed Kite

Gray-headed Kite

Leptodon cayanensis

Swallow-tailed Kite

Elanoides forficatus

Tiny Hawk

Microspizias superciliosus

Black-collared Hawk

Plumbeous Kite

Long-winged Harrier

Busarellus nigricollis

Ictinia plumbea

Circus buffoni

Crane Hawk Geranospiza caerulescens

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Savanna Hawk Great Black Hawk Roadside Hawk Short-tailed Hawk

Owls (Strigidae)

H Tropical Screech-OwlH Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

Burrowing Owl

Trogons (Trogonidae)

Black-tailed Trogon Green-backed Trogon

H Amazonian Trogon

Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)

Ringed Kingfisher Amazon Kingfisher

American Pygmy Kingfisher

Green Kingfisher

Puffbirds (Bucconidae)

Brown-banded Puffbird Chestnut-capped Puffbird

Spotted Puffbird Collared Puffbird Two-banded Puffbird Black-fronted Nunbird Swallow-winged Puffbird

Jacamars (Galbulidae) White-eared Jacamar

Brown Jacamar

Pale-headed Jacamar Rufous-tailed Jacamar Green-tailed Jacamar Bronzy Jacamar

New World Barbets (Capitonidae)

Gilded Barbet

Toucans (Ramphastidae)

Lettered Aracari Chestnut-eared Aracari Ivory-billed Aracari White-throated Toucan Channel-billed Toucan

Woodpeckers (Picidae)

Orinoco Piculet

Golden-spangled Piculet

Scaled Piculet

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker Red-crowned Woodpecker

Little Woodpecker

Red-stained Woodpecker

Crimson-crested Woodpecker

Lineated Woodpecker

Buteogallus meridionalis Buteogallus urubitinga Rupornis magnirostris

Buteo brachyurus

Megascops choliba Glaucidium brasilianum Athene cunicularia

Trogon melanurus Trogon viridis Trogon ramonianus

Megaceryle torquata Chloroceryle amazona Chloroceryle aenea Chloroceryle americana

Notharchus ordii
Bucco macrodactylus
Bucco tamatia
Bucco capensis
Hypnelus bicinctus
Monasa nigrifrons

Chelidoptera tenebrosa

Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis Brachygalba lugubris Brachygalba goeringi Galbula ruficauda Galbula galbula Galbula leucogastra

Capito auratus

Pteroglossus inscriptus Pteroglossus castanotis Pteroglossus azara Ramphastos tucanus Ramphastos vitellinus

Picumnus pumilus Picumnus exilis

Picumnus squamulatus Melanerpes cruentatus Melanerpes rubricapillus Dryobates passerinus Dryobates affinis

Campephilus melanoleucos

Dryocopus lineatus

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Scale-breasted Woodpecker Cream-colored Woodpecker Chestnut Woodpecker Yellow-throated Woodpecker

Spot-breasted Woodpecker

Falcons and Caracaras (Falconidae)

H Laughing FalconH Collared Forest-FalconCrested CaracaraRed-throated Caracara

Yellow-headed Caracara Black Caracara

American Kestrel Aplomado Falcon

Bat Falcon

Orange-breasted Falcon

New World and African Parrots (Psittacidae)

H Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet Cobalt-winged ParakeetH Orange-cheeked Parrot

Blue-headed Parrot
Yellow-crowned Parrot

Mealy Parrot

Orange-winged Parrot
Spectacled Parrotlet
Black-headed Parrot
Maroon-tailed Parakeet
Brown-throated Parakeet

Red-bellied Macaw Blue-and-yellow Macaw Chestnut-fronted Macaw

Scarlet Macaw

Red-and-green Macaw

Typical Antbirds (Thamnophilidae)

H Fasciated AntshrikeGreat Antshrike

Black-crested Antshrike

Barred Antshrike

Inirida Antshrike (undescribed form)

Mouse-colored Antshrike Blackish-gray Antshrike Amazonian Antshrike

H Pygmy Antwren

Amazonian Streaked-Antwren

Cherrie's Antwren
White-flanked Antwren

Boot-backed Antwren
Dot-winged Antwren

White-fringed Antwren

H Imeri Warbling-Antbird

Celeus grammicus Celeus flavus Celeus elegans

Piculus flavigula Colaptes punctigula

Herpetotheres cachinnans Micrastur semitorquatus

Caracara plancus Ibycter americanus Daptrius chimachima

Daptrius ater Falco sparverius Falco femoralis Falco rufigularis Falco deiroleucus

Touit huetii

Brotogeris cyanoptera
Pyrilia barrabandi
Pionus menstruus
Amazona ochrocephala
Amazona farinosa
Amazona amazonica
Forpus conspicillatus
Pionites melanocephalus
Pyrrhura melanura
Eupsittula pertinax

Orthopsittaca manilatus Ara ararauna Ara severus Ara macao Ara chloropterus

Cymbilaimus lineatus

Taraba major

Sakesphorus canadensis Thamnophilus doliatus

Thamnophilus [undescribed form]

Thamnophilus murinus
Thamnophilus nigrocinereus
Thamnophilus amazonicus
Myrmotherula brachyura
Myrmotherula multostriata
Myrmotherula cherriei
Myrmotherula axillaris

Herpsilochmus dorsimaculatus

Microrhopias quixensis Formicivora grisea Hypocnemis flavescens

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Dusky Antbird

H Gray Antbird

White-browed Antbird Black-chinned Antbird Spot-winged Antbird Yapacana Antbird Dot-backed Antbird

- H Common Scale-backed Antbird
- H Black-spotted Bare-eye

Antthrushes (Formicariidae)

H Rufous-capped Antthrush

Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers (Furnariidae)

Olivaceous Woodcreeper Plain-brown Woodcreeper Long-billed Woodcreeper

Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper

Strong-billed Woodcreeper Striped Woodcreeper Buff-throated Woodcreeper Straight-billed Woodcreeper

H Slender-billed Xenops
Rufous-fronted Thornbird

Orinoco Softtail

Rusty-backed Spinetail
Speckled Spinetail
Yellow-chinned Spinetail
Plain-crowned Spinetail
Pale-breasted Spinetail

Manakins (Pipridae)

H Dwarf Tyrant-ManakinSaffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin

Black Manakin

Yellow-crowned Manakin Wire-tailed Manakin White-crowned Manakin

H Golden-headed Manakin

Cotingas (Cotingidae)

Amazonian Umbrellabird

Capuchinbird

Purple-breasted Cotinga

Spangled Cotinga Screaming Piha Pompadour Cotinga Bare-necked Fruitcrow

Tityras and Allies (Tityridae)

Black-tailed Tityra
Varzea Schiffornis
Brown-winged Schiffornis
White-browed Purpletuft
Cinereous Becard

Cercomacroides tyrannina Cercomacra cinerascens Myrmoborus leucophrys Hypocnemoides melanopogon Myrmelastes leucostigma

Myrmelastes leucostigma
Aprositornis disjuncta
Hylophylax punctulatus
Willisornis poecilinotus
Phlegopsis nigromaculata

Formicarius colma

Sittasomus griseicapillus Dendrocincla fuliginosa Nasica longirostris Dendrocolaptes certhia

Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus

Xiphorhynchus obsoletus Xiphorhynchus guttatus Dendroplex picus Xenops tenuirostris Phacellodomus rufifrons Thripophaga cherriei Cranioleuca vulpina Cranioleuca gutturata Certhiaxis cinnamomeus Synallaxis gujanensis

Tyranneutes stolzmanni Neopelma chrysocephalum

Xenopipo atronitens Heterocercus flavivertex

Synallaxis albescens

Pipra filicauda Pseudopipra pipra

Ceratopipra erythrocephala

Cephalopterus ornatus Perissocephalus tricolor

Cotinga cotinga
Cotinga cayana
Lipaugus vociferans
Xipholena punicea
Gymnoderus foetidus

Tityra cayana Schiffornis major Schiffornis turdina Iodopleura isabellae Pachyramphus rufus

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White-winged Becard Black-capped Becard

Sharpbill, Royal Flycatcher, and Allies (Oxyruncidae)

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher

Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)

Sepia-capped Flycatcher

Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant
Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant
Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant

White-eyed Tody-Tyrant Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher Common Tody-Flycatcher

H Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher

Yellow-olive Flycatcher
 Yellow-margined Flycatcher
 Gray-crowned Flycatcher
 Ochre-lored Flycatcher

H White-lored Tyrannulet

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet Northern Mouse-colored Tyrannulet

Yellow Tyrannulet

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet

Forest Elaenia

Yellow-crowned Elaenia Plain-crested Elaenia Yellow-bellied Elaenia River Tyrannulet

Slender-footed Tyrannulet Amazonian Tyrannulet Pale-tipped Tyrannulet

H Euler's FlycatcherFuscous Flycatcher

Northern Scrub-Flycatcher Vermilion Flycatcher Riverside Tyrant Drab Water Tyrant

White-headed Marsh Tyrant

Pied Water-Tyrant

H Rufous-tailed Flatbill
Cinnamon Attila
Citron-bellied Attila

H Bright-rumped Attila
 Pale-bellied Mourner
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher
 Swainson's Flycatcher
 Short-crested Flycatcher
 Brown-crested Flycatcher

Cattle Tyrant Lesser Kiskadee Great Kiskadee Pachyramphus polychopterus Pachyramphus marginatus

Terenotriccus erythrurus

Leptopogon amaurocephalus

Myiornis ecaudatus Lophotriccus galeatus Atalotriccus pilaris Hemitriccus zosterops Poecilotriccus sylvia Todirostrum cinereum

Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum Tolmomyias sulphurescens Tolmomyias assimilis Tolmomyias poliocephalus Tolmomyias flaviventris

Camptostoma obsoletum

Ornithion inerme

Nesotriccus incomta Capsiempis flaveola Tyrannulus elatus Myiopagis gaimardii Myiopagis flavivertex Elaenia cristata Elaenia flavogaster Serpophaga hypoleuca Zimmerius gracilipes Inezia subflava Inezia caudata Lathrotriccus euleri Cnemotriccus fuscatus Sublegatus arenarum Pyrocephalus rubinus Knipolegus orenocensis

Arundinicola leucocephala

Fluvicola pica

Ochthornis littoralis

Ramphotrigon ruficauda
Attila cinnamomeus
Attila citriniventris
Attila spadiceus
Rhytipterna immunda
Myiarchus tuberculifer
Myiarchus swainsoni
Myiarchus ferox
Myiarchus tyrannulus
Machetornis rixosa
Philohydor lictor
Pitangus sulphuratus

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Boat-billed Flycatcher Rusty-margined Flycatcher

Social Flycatcher

Gray-capped Flycatcher

White-bearded Flycatcher

H Yellow-throated Flycatcher

Piratic Flycatcher Sulphury Flycatcher Tropical Kingbird Fork-tailed Flycatcher

Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis (Vireonidae)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike Brown-headed Greenlet

Crows, Jays, and Magpies (Corvidae)

Violaceous Jay

Donacobius (Donacobiidae) Black-capped Donacobius

Swallows (Hirundinidae) Black-collared Swallow White-banded Swallow

Southern Rough-winged Swallow

Gray-breasted Martin Brown-chested Martin White-winged Swallow

Barn Swallow

Gnatcatchers (Polioptilidae)

Tropical Gnatcatcher

Wrens (Troglodytidae)

House Wren Bicolored Wren Thrush-like Wren Coraya Wren

Rufous-and-white Wren Buff-breasted Wren

Mockingbirds and Thrashers (Mimidae)

Tropical Mockingbird

Thrushes and Allies (Turdidae)

Pale-breasted Thrush
H Hauxwell's Thrush
GO Spectacled Thrush
Black-billed Thrush
Campina Thrush

Wagtails and Pipits (Motacillidae)

H Yellowish Pipit

Great Thrush

Finches, Euphonias, and Allies (Fringillidae)

Plumbeous Euphonia Purple-throated Euphonia Golden-bellied Euphonia White-vented Euphonia Thick-billed Euphonia Megarynchus pitangua Myiozetetes cayanensis Myiozetetes similis

Myiozetetes granadensis Phelpsia inornata

Conopias parvus Legatus leucophaius Tyrannopsis sulphurea Tyrannus melancholicus

Tyrannus savana

Cyclarhis gujanensis Hylophilus brunneiceps

Cyanocorax violaceus

Donacobius atricapilla

Pygochelidon melanoleuca

Atticora fasciata

Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

Progne chalybea Progne tapera

Tachycineta albiventer

Hirundo rustica

Polioptila plumbea

Troglodytes aedon
Campylorhynchus griseus
Campylorhynchus turdinus
Pheugopedius coraya
Thryophilus rufalbus

Mimus gilvus

Cantorchilus leucotis

Turdus leucomelas
Turdus hauxwelli
Turdus nudigenis
Turdus ignobilis
Turdus arthuri
Turdus fuscater

Anthus lutescens

Euphonia plumbea Euphonia chlorotica Euphonia chrysopasta Euphonia minuta Euphonia laniirostris

H Orange-bellied Euphonia

New World Sparrows (Passerellidae)

Yellow-browed Sparrow

Troupials and Allies (Icteridae)

Eastern Meadowlark Red-breasted Meadowlark Crested Oropendola

Olive Oropendola Yellow-rumped Cacique Red-rumped Cacique

Epaulet Oriole

Venezuelan Troupial

Yellow Oriole Shiny Cowbird Giant Cowbird Carib Grackle

Velvet-fronted Grackle

Oriole Blackbird

New World Warblers (Parulidae)

Northern Waterthrush Yellow Warbler Blackpoll Warbler

Cardinals and Allies (Cardinalidae)

Yellow-green Grosbeak Rose-breasted Chat **H** Amazonian Grosbeak

Tanagers and Allies (Thraupidae)

Masked Cardinal Red-capped Cardinal Black-faced Tanager Hooded Tanager

Orange-headed Tanager Gray-headed Tanager Flame-crested Tanager White-lined Tanager Red-shouldered Tanager Silver-beaked Tanager Masked Crimson Tanager

Blue-gray Tanager Palm Tanager

Burnished-buff Tanager
Turquoise Tanager
Opal-rumped Tanager
Swallow Tanager
Yellow-bellied Dacnis
Purple Honeycreeper
Red-legged Honeycreeper
Chestnut-vented Conebill

Saffron Finch

Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch

Euphonia xanthogaster

Ammodramus aurifrons

Sturnella magna Leistes militaris

Psarocolius decumanus Psarocolius bifasciatus

Cacicus cela

Cacicus haemorrhous
Icterus cayanensis
Icterus icterus
Icterus nigrogularis
Molothrus bonariensis
Molothrus oryzivorus
Quiscalus lugubris
Lampropsar tanagrinus
Gymnomystax mexicanus

Parkesia noveboracensis Setophaga petechia Setophaga striata

Caryothraustes canadensis

Granatellus pelzelni Cyanoloxia rothschildii

Paroaria nigrogenis Paroaria gularis

Schistochlamys melanopis

Nemosia pileata
Thlypopsis sordida
Eucometis penicillata
Loriotus cristatus
Tachyphonus rufus
Tachyphonus phoenicius
Ramphocelus carbo
Ramphocelus nigrogularis

Thraupis episcopus
Thraupis palmarum
Stilpnia cayana
Tangara mexicana
Tangara velia
Tersina viridis
Dacnis flaviventer
Cyanerpes caeruleus
Cyanerpes cyaneus
Conirostrum speciosum

Sicalis flaveola

Emberizoides herbicola

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Blue-black Grassquit

GO Chestnut-bellied Seedeater

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater

Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch

Gray Seedeater

White-naped Seedeater

Yellow-bellied Seedeater

Bananaguit

Buff-throated Saltator

Olive-gray Saltator

H Bluish-gray Saltator

GO Slate-colored Grosbeak

MAMMALS

Southern Tamandua **Brown-throated Sloth**

Giant Otter

Collared Peccary

White-tailed Deer

Amazon River Dolphin (Boto)

Brown (Tufted) Capuchin

Black Titi

Colombian Red Howler Monkey

Black Agouti

Capybara

Northern Amazon Red Squirrel

REPTILES

Green Iguana

Shaw's Dark Ground Snake

Spectacled Caiman

Gold Tegu

Volatinia jacarina

Sporophila castaneiventris

Sporophila minuta

Sporophila angolensis

Sporophila intermedia

Sporophila fringilloides

Sporophila nigricollis

Coereba flaveola

Saltator maximus

Saltator olivascens

Saltator coerulescens

Saltator grossus

Tamandua tetradactyla

Bradypus variegatus

Pteronura brasiliensis

Pecari tajacu

Odocoileus virginianus

Inia geoffrensis

Cebus apella

Cheracebus lugens

Alouatta seniculus

Dasyprocta fuliginosa

Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris

Sciurus igniventris

Iguana iguana

Erythrolamprus melanotus

Caiman crocodilus Tupinambis teguixin