

Brazil: The Pantanal and Amazon

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The classic cartoon-like Toco Toucan never fails to entertain

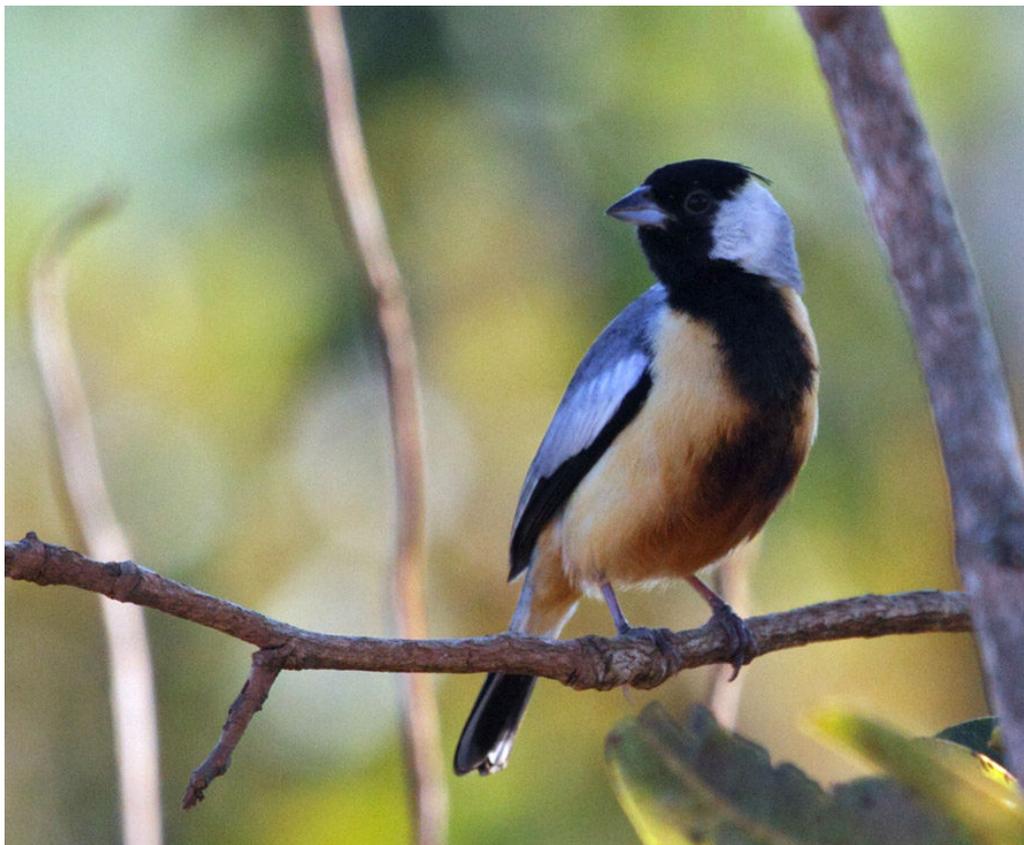
This is a tour I always look forward to, and with good reason. Combine the mega-diverse Amazonian rainforest at Cristalino Jungle Lodge with the vast savannas and wetlands of the Pantanal loaded with birds everywhere you look, add in a dash of scenery and some unique birds on the Chapada dos Guimaraes, throw in some great mammals, and you have a truly unforgettable trip.

We had hot, dry weather throughout the trip; not a drop of rain and so sign of any cold front like we had last year, though one cooler day in the Pantanal may have been a mild one. Birding at Cristalino can be challenging in the dry season as mixed flocks and antswarms were few and far between, but we did quite well in finding most of the specialties including **Black-girdled Barbet**, **Tooth-billed Wren**, **Crimson-bellied Parakeet**, **Gould's Toucanet**, and once again a **Fiery-tailed Awlbill** – nice to have a

repeat performance. The **Harpy Eagle** nest at Alta Floresta was a huge bonus and we even got to see an adult come in to feed the nestling; amazingly we saw another from one of the towers.

What the Pantanal lacks in diversity it makes up in sheer numbers and the ease that you can see them. There were birds everywhere we looked, and one magical day at Piuval got us close to 140 species. Oh, and did I mention **Jaguar**? It was an exceptionally good year for this magnificent beast, and we were treated to four sightings of three different animals, including one carrying a recently-killed **Yellow Anaconda**, such a rare sighting that I have been asked to coauthor a short paper detailing the record.

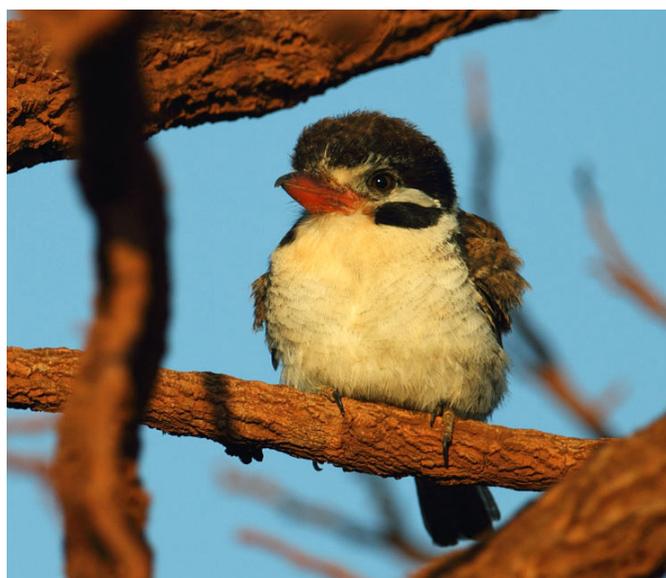
22 July: OK, so the tour started out on a frustrating note when our van was 30 minutes late, with the driver making some lame excuse that he had come from a different time zone and forgot to reset his clock. Luckily that was the only logistical hiccup of the entire tour, and we made great time through the city on the Sunday morning, even having time to stop for some **Curl-crested Jays** before reaching our birding site in the dusty *cerrado* on a scenic escarpment. Birds were all over as we got out of the vehicle, and in a matter of minutes we had already seen **White-banded** and **White-rumped Tanagers**, **White-vented Violetear**, and **Black-throated Saltator**. A flock of small macaws flew over and landed on the roof of a nearby house – they turned out to be **Red-shouldered Macaws**, which are pretty scarce – usually it's Blue-winged that we see here. Birding down the road, the birds piled up quickly with great views of **White-eared Puffbird**, **Yellow-chevroned Parakeet**, **Red-and-green Macaw**, **Blue-tufted Starthroat**, **Rufous-winged Antshrike**, and **Rusty-backed Antwren**. A pair of **Chapada Flycatchers** gave their cool wing-lifting display, but a superb **Coal-crested Finch** may have been my favorite of the day. We spotted a few others including **Black-faced Tanager**, **Plumbeous Seedeater**, and **Red-crested Finch** before seeking some shade in gallery forest a few miles away.



Coal-crested Finch, one of the highlights from the cerrado

The forest had a completely different set of birds – as well as some kind of odd (and very loud) procession of locals on horseback and pickups that fortunately passed fairly quickly, though it took a while for the dust to settle. Mixed flocks along here were pretty good and we picked up **White-wedged**

Piculet, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Plain Antwren, Large-billed Antwren, Sepia-capped Flycatcher, White-bellied Warbler, Guira Tanager, Sirystes, Purple-throated and Thick-billed Euphonias, Fawn-breasted Tanager, and one very unusual sighting. A *Celeus* woodpecker that I thought was going to be Pale-crested turned out to be a **Blond-crested Woodpecker**; it had entirely black underparts, not chestnut like the local race of Pale-crested would have. It was quite a bit west of its published range, though I did find a recent record of it for Cuiabá, so perhaps it is spreading. Heading back to the car, we were stopped dead in our tracks by the fiery glow of a red and yellow **Band-tailed Manakin**, and finally found a **Planalto Slaty-Antshike** that had eluded us earlier in the morning. We had a rather opulent lunch in a restaurant on the edge of the plateau with a marvelous view, and birded here a little while waiting for our rooms to be ready. A **Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle** soared by in nice light and a very inquisitive male **Helmeted Manakin** came into a very close tree. After a short break, we headed out again in late afternoon, stopping for a quick look at some **Burrowing Owls** before reaching a beautiful lookout on the edge of the escarpment. **Cliff Flycatchers** were hawking insects from the top of a dead tree while a **Little Woodpecker** tapped vigorously below. Small finches burst up out of the grass and landed in a tree. After puzzling over the females, fortunately a nice male **Double-collared Seedeater** popped up. We tracked down a pair of singing **Blue-crowned Trogons**, but had no luck with the **Saffron-billed Sparrow** that usually hangs around here. Heading back to the lodge, we stumbled on a pair of **Sooty-fronted Spinetail** for the last bird of the day.



White-eared Puffbird

23 July: Our hotel provided a sumptuous breakfast at a surprisingly early hour, allowing us to be back in the *cerrado* right at dawn. Almost immediately, a **Collared Crescentchest (right)** started singing near the road, and it came right in and sat in the open. We thought it would be the bird of the day, and on most days it would... After seeing a flock of **Plain-breasted Ground-Doves**, we drove back into some forest on a different road than yesterday. Finally we managed to get our **Saffron-billed Sparrow**, always a beauty, but it was the male **Frilled Coquette** that stole the show, competing with the crescentchest. We added a few others such as **Gray-headed** and **Hooded Tanagers**, and **Black-backed Grosbeak**, but sadly a **Southern Antpipit** was “guide only”. We drove back through Cuiabá to the airport, had an early lunch, and flew north to Alta Floresta, the gateway to Cristalino. There isn’t much forest left around the town itself, but amazingly, in the small 100 hectare fragment that is left, a pair of



Harpy Eagles has lived for many years, nesting successfully near a hotel every three years for the last nine years, and this was one of those years. We had some time before our transfer to Cristalino, so we headed out into the forest to see the nest. A ten-minute walk got us to the huge nesting tree, where a young eagle was sitting in the nest. Despite being nearly fully grown, it was giving rather pathetic-sounding begging calls every few minutes. As I was setting the scope up, someone shouted “ADULT!” Sure enough, I looked up and there it was, amazing! Sorry crescentchest... I grabbed a camera and whipped off a few shots; it was very lucky to have an adult come in during the short time we were there. It must have dropped some food, but we didn't see what.



The hungry fledgling Harpy Eagle calls out...



...and the dutiful parent arrives with a morsel!

That was hard to beat, and we hadn't even gotten to Cristalino yet. We left in a van for the hour or so drive to edge of the Teles Pires river, got in a boat, and headed up the picturesque Cristalino River in the nice late afternoon light, enjoying **Scarlet** and **Blue-and-yellow Macaws**, a roosting **Great Potoo**, **Spangled Cotinga**, lots of **Capped Herons**, and various other common birds before arriving at the lodge right at dusk. The manager and the lodge owner, Vitoria, met us and gave us the grand tour of this beautiful lodge, our home for the next five nights.

24 July: Early starts are the norm here since it gets so hot in the middle of the day. It's better to be out in the cool morning and evening hours and take a long break in the middle of the day. I always like spending the first morning on one of the canopy towers. There's nothing quite like seeing the sun come up over the endless emerald ocean of giant trees spreading towards the horizon. As the light improved, we noticed an accipiter perched in a treetop not far from the tour. It was a **Gray-bellied Hawk**, one of the rarest raptors of the Amazon, and a very cool way to start the morning. Soon after, a pair of



Chestnut-fronted Macaw screeched overhead, and not to be outdone, several pairs of **Kawall's Parrot** cruised around squawking before landing for a good scope view. The scope also really helped for a distant perched **Pompadour Cotinga**, while a tiny **Tooth-billed Wren** came up into the tall tree right next to the tower. **White-cheeked Spider Monkeys** swung and leapt through the treetops, scaring up a hidden **Great Potoo** which landed on a dead snag totally in the open, glaring around before resuming its slumber. A gorgeous male **Gould's Toucanet** was also a hit, though it couldn't match the outrageous colors of the **Paradise Tanagers (above)** that were hanging around. Amazingly, we saw another **Harpy Eagle** perched in a very distant tree. Other birds that we saw from the tower included **Golden-winged Parakeet**, **White-bellied Parrot**, **Long-billed Starthroat**, **White-necked Puffbird**, **White-fronted Nunbird**, **Curl-crested** and **Red-necked Aracaris**, **Channel-billed Toucan**, **Golden-green Woodpecker**, **White-lored** and **Yellow-crowned Tyrannulets**, **Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin**, **Epaulet Oriole**, and **Golden-bellied** and **Rufous-bellied Euphonias**. Later in the morning, we headed down the tower to escape the sun and birded some forest trails. The trails were pretty quiet, but we managed to find a few great things like **Crimson-bellied** and **Santarem Parakeets**, **Dusky-billed Parrotlet**, **Chestnut-winged Hookbill**, **White-eyed Antwren**, some displaying **Red-headed Manakins**, and a troop of the odd **White-nosed Saki Monkey**. After lunch, we had a long siesta while the afternoon cooled down, having our first encounter with the resident pair of **Bare-faced Curassows**. These birds are so tame that some people have hard time believing they are wild, but I think they are. In any case, we had numerous other sightings later in the trip. We then cruised back downriver to some islands in the Teles Pires river. While the diversity isn't as high on the islands, the birds are a lot easier to see, and we quickly picked up **Spotted Tody-Flycatcher** and **Amazonian Tyrannulet** on a small scrubby island, flushing up a number of **Ladder-tailed Nightjars** as we walked around, while nearby sandbars had our first **Pied Lapwings** and **Drab Water Tyrants**. We then headed over to the larger island, quickly finding targets like the handsome **Glossy** and **Chestnut-backed Antshrikes**, tiny **Amazonian Streaked** and **Rufous-winged Antwrens**, and the vociferous **Buff-breasted Wren**. Our boat driver, while not really a birder, knew a spot where **Amazonian Umbrellabirds** came in to display

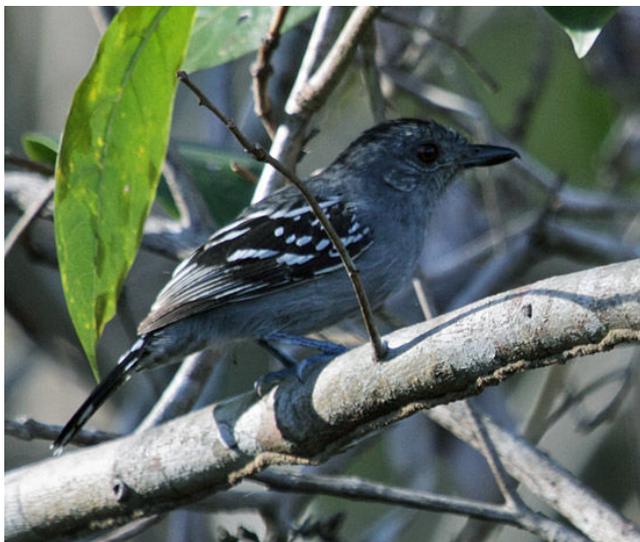
in the evenings, so he headed downriver for a few minutes, got out at another island, and soon were treated to the sight of two male umbrellabirds perched in a tree with wattles extended. We weren't lucky enough to see them displaying this time, but it was still a great way to end the day.

25 July: After breakfast, we took a short boat trip up the Cristalino river to the Serra Nova trail, seeing our only **Razor-billed Curassows** of the tour along the way. Trail birding in the Amazon is often a challenge, especially in the dry season when birds are generally less vocal. However, with a bit of effort you can see a variety very neat birds that you won't see anywhere else. Without a doubt the best bird of the morning was a **Spotted Antpitta** (*right*) that was singing near the trail and remarkably easy to see. The form that occurs at Cristalino has been recently described as a new species, **Alta Floresta Antpitta**, *Hylopezus whittakeri*, and should soon show up checklist updates. Other nice sightings of the morning included a very cooperative **Amazonian Pygmy-Owl**, **Black-tailed Trogon**, **Spix's Woodcreeper**, **Curve-billed**



Scythebill, **Dot-winged Antwren**, **Gray**, **White-browed**, and **Spot-backed Antbirds**, **Dusky-tailed Flatbill**, **Long-billed Gnatwren**, and the very handsome **Rose-breasted Chat**. We tried hard for a vocal Cryptic Forest-Falcon, but it just would not come close enough. In the afternoon, we spent time birding up the river from the boat, finding **Red-throated Piping-Guan**, **Sunbittern**, and **Red-capped Cardinal**. We stretched our legs in an old orchard, spotting **Piratic Flycatcher**, **Gray-chested Greenlet**, **Yellow-bellied Dacnis** and other common species before cruising back down the river as dusk settled upon the rainforest. We cut the engine and listened to the sounds of the night, soon hearing the harsh growl of a **Long-tailed Potoo**. With a bit of playback we had one perched for a moment in the light, though I thought the close flyby right over the boat was a better view. It's a scarce bird and always nice to see (and hear!).

26 July: Leaving early again, we took a short boat trip upriver in the dark, then climbed up the rock hill known locally as the "Serra". The forest up here has a very different, almost deciduous character due to the poor, rocky soil, and there are some great views down off the side of the hill. The first bird of the morning was a perched **White Hawk** that we saw just as we came out onto the rocky outcrop near the top. The morning was soon lit up by bright sunlight and the stunning colors of the **Blue-necked** and **Turquoise Tanagers** that were moving through the clearing. The sad whistles of a pair of **Striolated**



Puffbirds were soon heard and it wasn't too hard to find this attractive bird. A **Lineated Woodcreeper** hitched along a nearby tree, and we enjoyed repeat views of several species of macaw feeding in nearby trees, as well as **Golden-winged Parakeet**. There were **Black-throated Mangos** everywhere, but we inspected the beaks of each one very carefully, finally finding a female **Fiery-tailed Aowlbill** mixed in with them. That's two tours in a row (and four in total) that we've had this rare hummer here; this spot might just be the best place in the world to see it. Continuing our walk around the top of the rocky hill we enjoyed views of the cute **White-browed Purpletuft**, miniscule **Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant**, the very local **Natterer's Slaty-Antshrike** (*left*), an attractive male **Green-backed Trogon**, **Black-crowned Tityra**, and

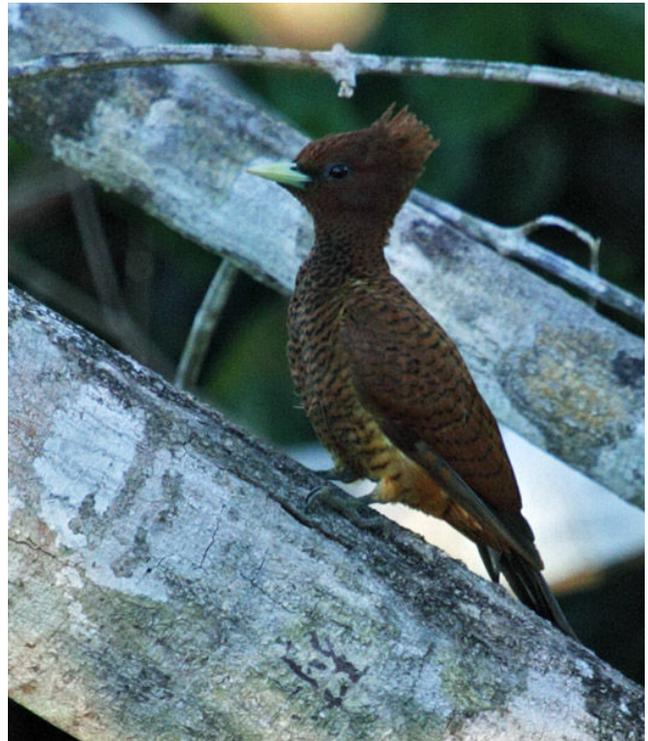
various flycatchers including **Variegated** and **Crowned Slaty**. After a concerted effort, we finally managed to get a great view of the scarce and local **Brown-banded Puffbird**. At that point we were starting to bake in the sun, so we headed off the escarpment and back down to the river. A nearby trail through some seasonally flooded forest (now bone dry) got us the hoped-for **Flame-crowned Manakin** and **Bronzy Jacamar** as well as a few extras like **Grayish Mourner** and **Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper**. We also made a quick stop on another trail near the lodge for **Amazonian Antshrike** before returning for lunch and our usual afternoon siesta. In late afternoon, we hit the trails again behind the lodge. Trail birding in the afternoon can be dire, but we were quite happy to get some nice sightings of birds like **Red-necked Woodpecker** and **Snow-capped Manakin**, though unfortunately a **Variegated Tinamou** slipped away and was “guide only”. In late afternoon, we staked out some small pools in a stream that was in the process of drying up, hoping to see some birds come in to bathe. It was still too early in the season for great activity, but we did have a few new birds such as **Black-eared Fairy**, **Cinereous** and **Saturnine Antshrikes**, **Ochre-bellied Flycatcher**, and **White-winged Shrike-Tanager**. A pair of **Rufous-faced Antbirds** were calling nearby, but unfortunately we had only a few glimpses of this shy endemic.



Snow-capped Manakin, a specialty of the southern Amazon

27 July: We were down to our last full day at Cristalino, and hadn't had any sign of the Black-girdled Barbet, one of the most celebrated birds of the Cristalino area. That clinched the decision to spend another morning on a tower, this time on the new one that only opened the previous year. It was my first visit to this tower, and I was truly impressed. Bird activity was superb throughout the morning, and not only did we have great views of a pair of **Black-girdled Barbets**, we added a bunch of other species we hadn't seen yet, including **Double-toothed Kite**, **Black-necked Aracari**, **Red-stained, Ringed**, and **Scaly-breasted Woodpecker**, **Gray Elaenia**, **Slender-footed Tyrannulet**, **Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher**, **Red-billed Pied Tanager**, **Yellow-backed Tanager**, and a trio of **honeycreepers: Short-billed, Purple**, and **Red-legged**. A flowering tree right next to the platform was absolutely swarming with seven species of hummingbirds, more than I can remember having seen in one place in this part of the Amazon, including **Black-bellied Thorntail**, **Amethyst Woodstar**, **Gray-breasted Sabrewing**, and **White-chinned Sapphire**. At the base of the tower there was one more, a **Reddish Hermit**. Birding our way along the trail back to the river, we first found a **Royal Flycatcher** and **Long-tailed Woodcreeper** near the tower, then finally found a decent mixed species flock (they had been thin on the ground during our stay). Birds were suddenly everywhere, and we managed to pick out **Rufous-tailed** and **Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaners**, **Chestnut-winged Hookbill**, **Spot-winged Antshrike**, **Sclater's** and **Gray Antwrens**, female **White-winged Shrike-Tanagers**, and a few others. Back at the lodge, there was still time for short walk before lunch. We did a short loop, finding

Blue-cheeked Jacamar, Spix's Warbling-Antbird, and White-bellied Tody-Tyrant. I did a little scouting on my own after lunch, looking for more bathing pools, stumbling onto a **Gray Tinamou** in the process. It was a long-awaited lifer for me, though I was sad that I couldn't share the sighting. We did hear it a few times as we walked out for our afternoon session, though only saw **Striated Antbird** in a nearby bamboo patch. The pools once again brought in a few new birds for us: **Plain-throated Antwren, Thrush-like Schiffornis, and White-shouldered Tanager.** Bare-eyed Antbirds were singing nearby but unfortunately would not come in.



Blue-cheeked Jacamar and Scale-breasted Woodpecker from Cristalino Jungle Lodge

28 July: We had a few more hours to bird the next morning before leaving Cristalino, but the trails were shockingly quiet. For a while I thought we weren't going to find anything new, but we did pick up a few good birds in the end such as **Chestnut-throated Spinetail, Para Foliage-gleaner, and Large-headed Flatbill.** We packed up our bags and began our boat, bus, and plane journey back to Cuiabá (stopping to see the Harpy nest again), arriving in mid-afternoon. We made good time south towards the Pantanal, even seeing a tree full of the iconic **Hyacinth Macaw** well before reaching the end of the asphalt. These giant, cartoon-like birds are reason enough to visit the Pantanal! Soon after, our driver spotted a pair of **Red-legged Seriemas** that were climbing up a tree to roost in. Amazed by our excitement over this bird, he proceeded to find about six more during the rest of the trip, but we really didn't mind. We got to Piuval just after dark, in time to get packed and have a drink before dinner.

29 July: There's nothing quite like that first day in the Pantanal. As the sun came up over the mosaic of pasture, wetland, there were birds absolutely everywhere. We saw over 130 species that first day, over half of which were new for the trip. Flocks of **Buff-necked Ibis** marched through the pasture while a hulking **Jabiru**, the first of many, stood stately nearby. Dozens of herons and egrets stalked the edge of the marsh along with **Limpkins** and **Bare-faced Ibis**, while **Snail Kites** and **Black-collared Hawks** flapped overhead. Our first **Greater Rheas** were spotted in the distance, and they soon ambled past a flock of **Whistling Herons.** Walking through the open field, we tracked down a **Yellowish Pipit**, then headed over to a patch of trees that has been good for **Great Rufous Woodcreeper** in the past. Sure enough, a pair of these hulking "tree-huggers" came in very close along with its smaller cousin, the handsome **Narrow-billed Woodcreeper.** More and more birds piled onto the list here including **Plumbeous Ibis, Scaled Dove, Blue-fronted Parrot,** a flyby of some **Yellow-collared Macaws,**

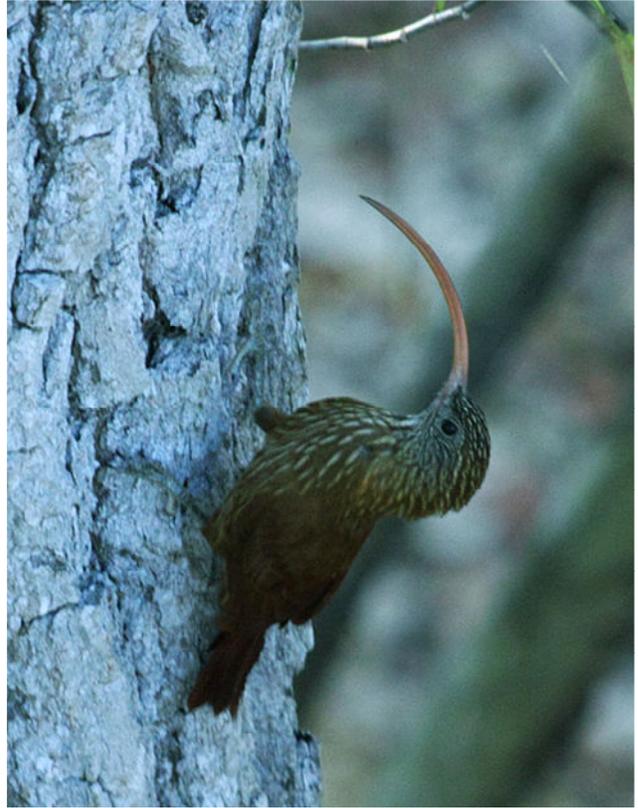
Chaco Chachalaca, Guira Cuckoo, Campo Flicker, Crimson-crested Woodpecker, Rufous Cacholote, White-rumped Monjita, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, Purplish Jay, Red-crested and Yellow-billed Cardinals, Bay-winged Cowbird, Crested Oropendola, and Variable Oriole. After crossing a little bridge, we found a Great Horned Owl on a nest, while the much smaller Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl tooted from a nearby tree. A soft tapping drew our eyes to a White-fronted Woodpecker, quite a scarce bird in the northern Pantanal, and a handsome Green-barred Woodpecker was in the tree next to it. Our bus arrived to take us towards the river, but we had to stop suddenly a couple of times, first for a family of South American Coatis running off into the forest, then for some Chestnut-bellied Guans walking on the ground on the edge. They disappeared behind a tree, so we followed them out to get better looks. Not surprisingly, we got distracted by a bunch of other things, and soon were looking at White-lored Spinetail, Mato Grosso Antbird, and a mob of other passerines that came in to a pygmy-owl imitation. Finally we reached the edge of the river. It's so wide here that it looks more like a lake, and the locals call it the "Bahia" or bay. We saw our first Southern Screamers along with Greater Thornbird, Black-capped Donacobius, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, and Black-backed Water-Tyrant. It was starting to get quite hot, but we birded the nearby gallery forest to squeeze out a last few birds in the morning. It was still surprisingly active, and we managed to add Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant, Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher, Yellow-olive Flycatcher, Rufous Cassiornis, White-wedged Piculet, Moustached Wren, and Flavescent Warbler before driving back to the lodge. Along the way, we stopped for another Red-legged Seriema, and as Stuart was photographing it, a Pale-crested Woodpecker flew in and landed; this is a true Pantanal specialty and a great-looking bird to boot.



A Red-legged Seriema walks through the pasture at Piuval

After lunch, we drove out to the dock again and took a boat to an island with a small canopy tower overlooking the marsh and thousands of birds. There are only a few trees around the tower, but a

steady stream of birds came into them for up-close looks, like **Thrush-like Wren**, **White Woodpecker**, **Solitary Black Cacique**, **Orange-backed Troupial**, **Red-billed Scythebill**, and **Grayish Saltator**. At dusk, **Monk Parakeets** piled into a big nest right next to the tower. That seemed like a good cue to leave, and we cruised back, accompanied by an escort of **Nacunda** and **Band-tailed Nighthawks**, ending an unforgettable day.



Some of the birds we saw from the tower at Piuval: White Woodpecker, Red-billed Scythebill, and...



...Rufous Cacholote



Sunset over the Pantanal, as seen from the Piuval tower

30 July: It was very cloudy the next morning, and a little cooler. There may have been a minor cold front moving through, but it was a welcome break from the heat. We drove back out to the Transpantanal highway and birded along the road, quickly finding the target **Scarlet-headed Blackbird** among the much more common **Unicolored Blackbirds**. **Chotoy Spinetail** was also a huge hit with its impressive tail, and the **Rusty-collared Seedeaters** were also surprisingly pretty. Other birds here included **Aplomado Falcon**, **Purple Gallinule**, **Scaly-headed Parrot**, **Gray-necked Wood-Rail**, **Masked Yellowthroat**, **Grassland Sparrow**, **White-tailed Goldenthrout**, and **Suiriri Flycatcher**, but a singing Red-winged Tinamou was just too far away to spot. In mid-morning we drove back to the lodge, stopping for the awesome sight of eight **Hyacinth Macaws** feeding on fallen fruit then bursting up into the air in a whirlwind of midnight blue. We drove back out to the gallery forest near the river, finding lots of birds but only a few we hadn't seen yesterday: **Chestnut-eared Aracari**, **Ashy-headed Greenlet**, and **Band-tailed Antbird**. After lunch, we loaded up and drove farther south along the highway, stopping at "Caiman Alley", where ditches next to the road were lined with thousands of caimans, not to mention a legion of herons, while **Large-billed Terns** flew overhead. We reached Santa Tereza (sometimes called Pantanal Wildlife Center) in mid-afternoon, and I was shocked to see that the Pixaim River had been completely choked with masses of water hyacinth. It made our afternoon boat trip difficult and less productive than normal, though we did enjoy the spectacle of **Black-collared Hawks** diving at fish thrown out by the boatman. We also saw **Blue-throated Piping-Guan**, **Pale-legged Hornero**, **Lesser Kiskadee**, **Green Kingfisher**, and many other common birds.



Rusty-collared Seedeater



Greater Rhea



A Black-collared Hawk poised to dive on a fish...

31 July: It was a beautiful, sunny morning, but not too hot. There were lots of birds at the lodge feeders in the morning, including the showy **Toco Toucan** that headlines this report. After breakfast, we drove slowly south along the dusty Transpantanal Highway with its dozens of rickety wooden bridges. Many of the bridges had only small pools of water left under them after months with almost no rain, and around each one was a frenetic horde of hungry birds and caimans. We made various stops along the way finding some new birds for the trip like **Cinereous-breasted** and **Rusty-backed Antwrens**, **Buff-bellied Hermit**, **Fawn-breasted Wren**, **Plain Tyrannulet**, and **Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant**. A flock of handsome **Maguari Storks** was in their usual place not far from the end of the road, and we reached the dock in late morning. Our boatmen were waiting for us, and they loaded our bags on the boat and motored up the Rio Cuiabá to the houseboat that would be our home for the next two nights. Eager to begin our “kitty search”, we downed a quick lunch and were quickly back out on the river. After cruising around for a while, a **Jaguar** report came crackling through the radio, and our boatmen revved up the motors and sped off. We rounded a corner to see a couple of boatloads of people staring at an empty beach. Darn, just missed it! We went downriver a short distance and saw a large but very obscured catlike shape get up and disappear into the woods. We’d have to do better than that... However, our boatman was already on the radio again, and soon set off at a breakneck pace back down the river, the wind whipping through our hair. After about 20 minutes, we rounded a corner and there he was, right out in the open. I recognized him – it was the same animal we had seen so well last year, and very nearly in the same spot. He sat down on the beach near a flock of **Black Vultures** that were very interested in some disgusting morsel near the Jaguar, but were also very nervous at the huge cat a few feet away. They jumped away when he made the slightest movement. I can’t imagine a vulture would be very tasty! After a while, he got up and walked around a bit before finally disappearing into the forest. May he be there again next year! Everyone was pretty ecstatic having seen a Jag so well on the very first afternoon we arrived. Not only that, Stuart had had his 4000th life bird that morning (Fawn-breasted Wren), so he kindly bought a few rounds of *caipirinhas* to celebrate.



Our best Jaguar sighting of the trip. Notice the distinct "W" mark between his eyes. Some of the local guides call him "Lighting".

1 August: With the Jaguar under our belts and virtually no target birds left, we just cruised the river, enjoying the this remarkable wilderness area, and stopping for photos whenever we wanted. Some of the group took part of the day off to take it easy and watch the Olympics. It was a relaxing and enjoyable day. And “Lightning” did put in another appearance, though not as nice as yesterday. Here are some photos from the day’s outings.



Handsome Pied Lapwings dotted the sandbars along the river



This capybara looks surprisingly content as Cattle Tyrants forage on and around it



We encountered several different families of Giant Otter as we explored the rivers



This Blue-throated Piping-Guan came down to the edge of the river to drink

2 August: After breakfast, our bags were loaded onto the boat and we headed back down to the end of the road, seeing a flock of **White-faced Whistling-Ducks** on the way down. About a mile from the dock, we saw two boats stopped on the edge of the river, and around here that can only mean one thing, **Jaguar**. Sure enough, another big male emerged from the bushes, but it seemed to be dragging something – a very large snake! It was an anaconda – not the giant Green Anaconda of lore, but the smaller and rarer **Yellow Anaconda**. I think it was the most remarkable sighting of the trip.



Back on land, we birded our way back north to Santa Tereza, stopping to see another **Great Potoo** and finding **Dull-capped Attila** and **White-throated Kingbird** in the same spot. We took a long break after lunch, though there was quite a lot of activity right around the lodge, including a whole family of **Wattled Jacanas (below)** with baby chicks that were feeding in tiny pool. We walked out late afternoon, finding a **White-bellied Seedeater** and **Laughing Falcon** before it got dark, then walked back to the lodge looking for nightjars, getting the distinctive **Scissor-tailed Nightjar** and a **Pauraque**.



3 August: It was our last morning in the Pantanal, and as is pretty typical on this trip, there weren't many more new birds left that we could target. We had some relaxed birding before breakfast where we saw a few flocks of **Blue-crowned Parakeets** and a **Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant**. After breakfast, some of the stayed back at the lodge to try and photograph the **Orange-backed Troupials** that were coming in the hummer feeder or the surprisingly tame Buff-necked Ibises that were roaming the grounds. The rest of us headed into the gallery forest for a couple of hours, finding two new becards for the trip: **Green-backed** and **White-winged**, as well as lots of other birds we had seen before including the strange **Golden-green Woodpecker** and stunning **Helmeted Manakin**. Before long it was time to get packed up for the return journey north out of the Pantanal. We reached Cuiabá safely and celebrated the successful trip with a terrific feast at a nearby microbrewery.

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 2011.

Totals:

432 bird species seen

48 heard only

H=Heard only

RHEAS

Greater Rhea

TINAMOUS

Gray Tinamou

H Undulated Tinamou

H Brazilian Tinamou

Variiegated Tinamou

Small-billed 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

H 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

RHEIDAE

Rhea americana

TINAMIDAE

Tinamus tao

Crypturellus undulatus

Crypturellus strigulosus

Crypturellus variegatus

Crypturellus parvirostris

Rhynchotus rufescens

ANHIMIDAE

Chauna torquata

ANATIDAE

Dendrocygna viduata

Dendrocygna autumnalis

Cairina moschata

Amazonetta brasiliensis

CRACIDAE

Ortalis canicollis

Penelope jacquacu

Penelope ochrogaster

Pipile cumanensis

Pipile cunjubi

Mitu tuberosum

Crax fasciolata

CICONIIDAE

Ciconia maguari

Jabiru mycteria

Mycteria americana

PHALACROCORACIDAE

Phalacrocorax brasilianus

ANHINGIDAE

Anhinga anhinga

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

Rufescent Tiger-Heron
 Cocoi Heron
 Great Egret
 Snowy Egret
 Little Blue Heron
 Cattle Egret
 Striated Heron
 Whistling Heron
 Capped Heron
 Black-crowned Night-Heron

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS

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

OSPREY

Osprey

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

Snail Kite
 Double-toothed Kite
 Black-collared Hawk
 Gray-bellied Hawk
 Crane Hawk

H White-browed Hawk

White Hawk

Great Black-Hawk

Savanna Hawk

Roadside Hawk

Harpy Eagle

H Black Hawk-Eagle

Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

H Cryptic Forest-Falcon

Black Caracara

Southern Caracara

Yellow-headed Caracara

Laughing Falcon

American Kestrel

Aplomado Falcon

Bat Falcon

SERIEMAS

Red-legged Seriema

SUNBITTERN

Sunbittern

ARDEIDAE

Tigrisoma lineatum
Ardea cocoi
Ardea alba
Egretta thula
Egretta caerulea
Bubulcus ibis
Butorides striata
Syrigma sibilatrix
Pilherodius pileatus
Nycticorax nycticorax

THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Mesembrinibis cayennensis
Phimosus infuscatus
Theristicus caerulescens
Theristicus caudatus
Platalea ajaja

CATHARTIDAE

Coragyps atratus
Cathartes aura
Cathartes burrovianus
Cathartes melambrotus
Sarcoramphus papa

PANDIONIDAE

Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIDAE

Rostrhamus sociabilis
Harpagus bidentatus
Busarellus nigricollis
Accipiter poliogaster
Geranospiza caerulescens
Leucopternis kuhli
Leucopternis albicollis
Buteogallus urubitinga
Buteogallus meridionalis
Buteo magnirostris
Harpia harpyja
Spizaetus tyrannus
Spizaetus melanoleucus

FALCONIDAE

Micrastur mintoni
Daptrius ater
Caracara plancus
Milvago chimachima
Herpetotheres cachinnans
Falco sparverius
Falco femoralis
Falco ruficularis

CARIAMIDAE

Cariama cristata

EURYPYGIDAE

Eurypyga helias

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

Gray-necked Wood-Rail
Purple Gallinule

LIMPKIN

Limpkin

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

Pied Lapwing
Southern Lapwing
Collared Plover

STILTS AND AVOCETS

Black-necked (White-backed) Stilt

JACANAS

Wattled Jacana

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES

H Lesser Yellowlegs

GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMERS

Yellow-billed Tern
Large-billed Tern
Black Skimmer

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon
Pale-vented Pigeon
Picazuro Pigeon
Plumbeous Pigeon
Ruddy Pigeon
Eared Dove
Plain-breasted Ground-Dove
Ruddy Ground-Dove
Scaled Dove
Picui Ground-Dove
Blue Ground-Dove
Long-tailed Ground-Dove
White-tipped Dove

PARROTS

Crimson-bellied Parakeet
Santarem (Madeira) 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
Dusky-billed Parrotlet
Yellow-chevroned Parakeet
Golden-winged Parakeet
White-bellied Parrot

H Orange-cheeked Parrot

Blue-headed Parrot

RALLIDAE

Aramides cajanea
Porphyrio martinica

ARAMIDAE

Aramus guarauna

CHARADRIIDAE

Vanellus cayanus
Vanellus chilensis
Charadrius collaris

RECURVIROSTRIDAE

Himantopus mexicanus melanurus

JACANIDAE

Jacana jacana

SCOLOPACIDAE

Tringa flavipes

LARIDAE

Sternula superciliaris
Phaetusa simplex
Rynchops niger

COLUMBIDAE

Columba livia
Patagioenas cayennensis
Patagioenas picazuro
Patagioenas plumbea
Patagioenas subvinacea
Zenaida auriculata
Columbina minuta
Columbina talpacoti
Columbina squammata
Columbina picui
Claravis pretiosa
Uropelia campestris
Leptotila verreauxi

PSITTACIDAE

Pyrrhura perlata
Pyrrhura amazonum snethlageae
Myiopsitta monachus
Aratinga acuticaudata
Aratinga leucophthalma
Aratinga aurea
Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus
Ara severus
Ara chloropterus
Ara macao
Ara ararauna
Primolius auricollis
Diopsittaca nobilis
Forpus sclateri
Brotogeris chiriri
Brotogeris chrysoptera
Pionites leucogaster
Pyrilia barrabandi
Pionus menstruus

Scaly-headed Parrot
Blue-fronted Parrot
Kawall's Parrot
Orange-winged Parrot
Mealy Parrot
Red-fan Parrot

CUCKOOS

- H** Little Cuckoo
- Squirrel Cuckoo
- Guira Cuckoo
- Greater Ani
- Smooth-billed Ani

OWLS

- H** Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl
- H** Crested Owl
- Great Horned Owl
- Amazonian Pygmy-Owl
- Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl
- Burrowing Owl

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES

Short-tailed Nighthawk
Nacunda Nighthawk
Band-tailed Nighthawk
Common Pauraque
Blackish Nightjar
Ladder-tailed Nightjar
Scissor-tailed Nightjar

POTOOS

Great Potoo
Long-tailed Potoo

SWIFTS

White-collared Swift
Amazonian Swift(?)
Short-tailed Swift
Gray-rumped Swift
Pale-rumped Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

- White-necked Jacobin
- Reddish Hermit
- Buff-bellied Hermit
- H** Planalto Hermit
- White-vented Violetear
- Black-eared Fairy
- White-tailed Goldenthrout
- Fiery-tailed Awlbill
- Black-throated Mango
- Black-bellied Thorntail
- Frilled Coquette
- Long-billed Starthroat
- Blue-tufted Starthroat
- Amethyst Woodstar
- Gray-breasted Sabrewing
- Swallow-tailed Hummingbird

Pionus maximiliani
Amazona aestiva
Amazona kawalli
Amazona amazonica
Amazona farinosa
Deropterus accipitrinus

CUCULIDAE

Coccyzua minuta
Piaya cayana
Guira guira
Crotophaga major
Crotophaga ani

STRIGIDAE

Megascops watsonii
Lophotrix cristata
Bubo virginianus
Glaucidium hardyi
Glaucidium brasilianum
Athene cunicularia

CAPRIMULGIDAE

Lurocalis semitorquatus
Chordeiles nacunda
Nyctiprogne leucopyga
Nyctidromus albicollis
Caprimulgus nigrescens
Hydropsalis climacocerca
Hydropsalis torquata

NYCTIBIIDAE

Nyctibius grandis
Nyctibius aethereus

APODIDAE

Streptoprocne zonaris
Chaetura viridipennis(?)
Chaetura brachyura
Chaetura cinereiventris
Chaetura egregia

TROCHILIDAE

Florisuga mellivora
Phaethornis ruber
Phaethornis subochraceus
Phaethornis pretrei
Colibri serrirostris
Heliothryx auritus
Polytmus guainumbi
Avocettula recurvirostris
Anthracothorax nigricollis
Discosura langsdorffi
Lophornis magnificus
Heliomaster longirostris
Heliomaster furcifer
Calliphlox amethystina
Campylopterus largipennis
Eupetomena macroura

Fork-tailed Woodnymph
Versicolored Emerald
Glittering-throated Emerald
White-chinned Sapphire

TROGONS

Black-tailed Trogon
Green-backed (White-tailed) Trogon
H Amazonian (Violaceous) Trogon
Blue-crowned Trogon

H Collared Trogon

MOTMOTS

H Amazonian (Blue-crowned) Motmot

KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher
Amazon Kingfisher
Green Kingfisher

PUFFBIRDS

White-necked Puffbird
Brown-banded Puffbird
H Pied Puffbird
H Collared Puffbird
Striolated Puffbird
White-eared Puffbird
H Rufous-capped Nunlet
Black-fronted Nunbird
White-fronted Nunbird
Swallow-winged Puffbird (Swallow-wing)

JACAMARS

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

NEW WORLD BARBETS

Black-girdled Barbet

TOUCANS

Black-necked 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
White Woodpecker
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker
White-fronted Woodpecker
Checkered Woodpecker
Little Woodpecker
Red-stained Woodpecker
Golden-green Woodpecker
Green-barred Woodpecker

Thalurania furcata
Amazilia versicolor
Amazilia fimbriata
Hylocharis cyanus

TROGONIDAE

Trogon melanurus eumorphus
Trogon viridis viridis
Trogon ramonianus
Trogon curucui
Trogon collaris

MOMOTIDAE

Momotus momota simplex

ALCEDINIDAE

Megaceryle torquata
Chloroceryle amazona
Chloroceryle americana

BUCCONIDAE

Notharchus hyperrhynchus
Notharchus ordii
Notharchus tectus
Bucco capensis
Nystalus striolatus
Nystalus chacuru
Nonnula ruficapilla
Monasa nigrifrons
Monasa morphoeus
Chelidoptera tenebrosa

GALBULIDAE

Galbula cyanicollis
Galbula ruficauda
Galbula leucogastra
Galbula dea

CAPITONIDAE

Capito dayi

RAMPHASTIDAE

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

PICIDAE

Picumnus albosquamatus
Melanerpes candidus
Melanerpes cruentatus
Melanerpes cactorum
Veniliornis mixtus
Veniliornis passerinus
Veniliornis affinis
Piculus chrysochloros
Colaptes melanochloros

Campo Flicker
Scale-breasted Woodpecker
Pale-crested Woodpecker
Blond-crested Woodpecker
Ringed Woodpecker
Lineated Woodpecker
Red-necked Woodpecker
Crimson-crested Woodpecker

OVENBIRDS

- H** Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser
- Pale-legged Hornero
- Rufous Hornero
- Chotoy Spinetail
- Sooty-fronted Spinetail
- Pale-breasted Spinetail
- Cinereous-breasted Spinetail
- Chestnut-throated Spinetail
- White-lored Spinetail
- Rusty-backed Spinetail
- Yellow-chinned Spinetail
- Rufous-fronted (Common) Thornbird
- Greater Thornbird
- Rufous (Gray-crested) Cacholote
- Chestnut-winged Hookbill
- Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner
- Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner
- Para Foliage-gleaner

- H** Chestnut-crowned Foliage-gleaner
- Plain Xenops

WOODCREEPERS

- H** Plain-brown Woodcreeper
- H** White-chinned Woodcreeper
- Olivaceous Woodcreeper
- Long-tailed Woodcreeper
- Wedge-billed Woodcreeper
- H** Long-billed Woodcreeper
- H** Red-billed (Uniform) Woodcreeper
- Great Rufous Woodcreeper
- Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper
- Straight-billed Woodcreeper
- H** Striped Woodcreeper
- Spix's Woodcreeper
- Buff-throated Woodcreeper
- H** Buff-throated (Dusky-billed) Woodcreeper
- Narrow-billed Woodcreeper
- Lineated Woodcreeper
- Red-billed Scythebill
- Curve-billed Scythebill

TYPICAL ANTbirds

- H** Fasciated Antshrike
- Great Antshrike
- Glossy Antshrike
- Barred Antshrike

Colaptes campestris
Celeus grammicus
Celeus lugubris
Celeus flavescens
Celeus torquatus
Dryocopus lineatus
Campephilus rubricollis
Campephilus melanoleucos

FURNARIIDAE: FURNARIINAE

Sclerurus mexicanus
Furnarius leucopus
Furnarius rufus
Schoeniophylax phryganophilus
Synallaxis frontalis
Synallaxis albescens
Synallaxis hypospodia
Synallaxis cherriei
Synallaxis albilora
Cranioleuca vulpina
Certhiaxis cinnamomeus
Phacellodomus rufifrons
Phacellodomus ruber
Pseudoseisura unirufa
Ancistrops strigilatus
Philydor ruficaudatum
Philydor erythrocerum
Automolus paraensis
Automolus rufipileatus
Xenops minutus

FURNARIIDAE: DENDROCOLAPTINAE

Dendrocincla fuliginosa
Dendrocincla merula
Sittasomus griseicapillus transitivus
Deconychura longicauda
Glyphorhynchus spirurus
Nasica longirostris
Hylexetastes perrotii uniformis
Xiphocolaptes major
Dendrocolaptes certhia
Dendroplex picus
Xiphorhynchus obsoletus
Xiphorhynchus spixii
Xiphorhynchus guttatus dorbignyanus
Xiphorhynchus guttatus eytoni
Lepidocolaptes angustirostris
Lepidocolaptes albolineatus
Campylorhamphus trochilirostris
Campylorhamphus procurvoldes

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
 Amazonian Antshrike
 Plain Antwreio
 Saturnine Antshrike
 Cinereous Antshrike
 Spot-winged Antshrike
 White-eyed Antwren
 Pygmy Antwren
 Sclater's Antwren
 Amazonian Streaked-Antwren
 Plain-throated Antwren
H White-flanked Antwren
 Gray Antwren
 Large-billed Antwren
 Rufous-winged Antwren
 Dot-winged Antwren
 White-fringed Antwren
 Rusty-backed Antwren
 Striated Antbird
 Gray Antbird
 Mato Grosso Antbird
H White-backed Fire-eye
 White-browed Antbird
 Spix's Warbling-Antbird
 Band-tailed Antbird
 Rufous-faced Antbird
H Bare-eyed Antbird
 Spot-backed Antbird
H Dot-backed Antbird
H (Xingu) Scale-backed Antbird
ANTPITTAS
 Spotted Antpitta
H Thrush-like Antpitta
CRESCENTCHESTS
 Collared Crescentchest
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS
 White-lored Tyrannulet
 Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet
 Suiriri Flycatcher
 Chapada Flycatcher
 Yellow Tyrannulet
 Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet
 Forest Elaenia
 Gray Elaenia
 Yellow-bellied Elaenia
 Plain-crested Elaenia
 Lesser Elaenia
 Ochre-bellied Flycatcher
 Sepia-capped Flycatcher

Thamnophilus torquatus
Thamnophilus palliatus
Thamnophilus schistaceus
Thamnophilus stictocephalus
Thamnophilus pelzelni
Thamnophilus amazonicus
Dysithamnus mentalis
Thamnomanes saturninus
Thamnomanes caesius
Pygiptila stellaris
Epinecrophylla leucophthalma
Myrmotherula brachyura
Myrmotherula sclateri
Myrmotherula multostriata
Myrmotherula hauxwelli
Myrmotherula axillaris axillaris
Myrmotherula menetriesii
Herpsilochmus longirostris
Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus
Microrhopias quixensis emiliae
Formicivora grisea
Formicivora rufa
Drymophila devillei subochracea
Cercomacra cinerascens
Cercomacra melanaria
Pyriglena leuconota
Myrmoborus leucophrys
Hypocnemis striata
Hypocnemoides maculicauda
Schistocichla rufifacies
Rhegmatorhina gymnops
Hylophylax naevius
Hylophylax punctulatus
Willisornis poecilinotus vidua
GRALLARIIDAE
Hylopezus macularius
Myrmothera campanisona
MELANOPAREIDAE
Melanopareia torquata
TYRANNIDAE
Ornithion inerme
Camptostoma obsoletum
Suiriri suiriri suiriri
Suiriri islerorum
Capsiempis flaveola
Tyrannulus elatus
Myiopagis gaimardii
Myiopagis caniceps
Elaenia flavogaster
Elaenia cristata
Elaenia chiriquensis
Mionectes oleagineus
Leptopogon amaurocephalus

Planalto Tyrannulet
 Slender-footed Tyrannulet
 Plain Tyrannulet
 Amazonian Tyrannulet
 Southern Antpiper
 Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant
 Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant
 Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant
 White-bellied Tody-Tyrant
 Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant
 Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant
 Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher
 Spotted Tody-Flycatcher
 Common Tody-Flycatcher
 Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher
 Yellow-olive Flycatcher
H Gray-crowned Flycatcher
 Yellow-breasted (Ochre-lored) Flycatcher
H Cinnamon-crested Spadebill
H White-crested Spadebill
 (Amazonian) Royal Flycatcher
 Cliff Flycatcher
 Fuscous Flycatcher
 Vermilion Flycatcher
 Drab Water Tyrant
 White-rumped Monjita
 Black-backed Water-Tyrant
 White-headed Marsh Tyrant
 Long-tailed Tyrant
 Cattle Tyrant
 Large-headed Flatbill
 Dusky-tailed Flatbill
 Dull-capped (White-eyed) 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
 Streaked Flycatcher
 Piratic Flycatcher
 Variegated Flycatcher
 Crowned Slaty Flycatcher
 White-throated Kingbird
 Tropical Kingbird
 Fork-tailed Flycatcher
COTINGAS
 Spangled Cotinga

Phyllomyias fasciatus
Zimmerius gracilipes
Inezia inornata
Inezia subflava
Corythopis delalandi
Euscarthmus meloryphus
Myiornis ecaudatus
Lophotriccus galeatus
Hemitriccus griseipectus
Hemitriccus striaticollis
Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer
Poecilotriccus latirostris
Todirostrum maculatum
Todirostrum cinereum
Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum
Tolmomyias sulphurescens pallescens
Tolmomyias poliocephalus
Tolmomyias flaviventris subsimilis
Platyrinchus saturatus
Platyrinchus platyrhynchos
Onychorhynchus coronatus coronatus
Hirundinea ferruginea bellicosa
Cnemotriccus fuscatus
Pyrocephalus rubinus
Ochthornis littoralis
Xolmis velatus
Fluvicola albiventer
Arundinicola leucocephala
Colonia colonus
Machetornis rixosa
Ramphotrigon megacephalum
Ramphotrigon fuscicauda
Attila bolivianus
Attila spadiceus
Sirystes sibilator albocinereus
Casiornis rufus
Rhytipterna simplex
Myiarchus tuberculifer
Myiarchus ferox
Myiarchus tyrannulus
Pitangus lictor
Pitangus sulphuratus
Megarynchus pitangua
Myiozetetes cayanensis
Myiodynastes maculatus
Legatus leucophaeus
Empidonomus varius
Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus
Tyrannus albogularis
Tyrannus melancholicus
Tyrannus savana
COTINGIDAE
Cotinga cayana

Screaming Piha
Pompadour Cotinga
Bare-necked Fruitcrow
Amazonian Umbrellabird

MANAKINS

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin
Fiery-capped Manakin
Snow-capped Manakin
Helmeted Manakin
H Blue-backed Manakin
Flame-crowned (Flame-crested) Manakin
Band-tailed Manakin
Red-headed Manakin

H Wing-barred Piprites

TITYRAS AND ALLIES

Black-crowned Tityra
Masked Tityra
Thrush-like Schiffornis
Cinereous Mourner
White-browed Purpleuft
Green-backed Becard
White-winged Becard
Black-capped Becard

VIREOS

Gray-chested Greenlet
Ashy-headed Greenlet
H Dusky-capped Greenlet
Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo
Rufous-browed Peppershrike

CROWS AND JAYS

Purplish Jay
Curl-crested 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
H House Wren

GNATCATCHERS

Long-billed Gnatwren
Masked Gnatcatcher

DONACOBIUS

Black-capped Donacobius

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

Pale-breasted Thrush
H Hauxwell's Thrush

Lipaugus vociferans
Xipholena punicea
Gymnoderus foetidus
Cephalopterus ornatus

PIPRIDAE

Tyranneutes stolzmanni
Machaeropterus pyrocephalus
Lepidothrix nattereri
Antilophia galeata
Chiroxiphia pareola
Heterocercus linteatus
Pipra fasciicauda
Pipra rubrocapilla
Piprites chloris

TITYRIDAE

Tityra inquisitor
Tityra semifasciata
Schiffornis turdina amazona
Laniocera hypopyrra
Iodopleura isabellae
Pachyramphus viridis viridis
Pachyramphus polychopterus
Pachyramphus marginatus

VIREONIDAE

Hylophilus semicinereus
Hylophilus pectoralis
Hylophilus hypoxanthus
Vireolanius leucotis
Cyclarhis gujanensis

CORVIDAE

Cyanocorax cyanomelas
Cyanocorax cristatellus

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 dumicola

DONACOBIIDAE

Donacobius atricapilla

TURDIDAE

Turdus leucomelas
Turdus hauxwelli

Rufous-bellied Thrush
Creamy-bellied Thrush
MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

Chalk-browed Mockingbird
WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

Yellowish Pipit
NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Masked Yellowthroat
Tropical Parula
White-bellied (Golden-crowned) Warbler
Flavescent Warbler

BANANAQUIT
Bananaquit

TANAGERS AND ALLIES

Black-faced Tanager
White-banded Tanager
Red-billed Pied Tanager
Hooded Tanager
White-rumped Tanager
Chestnut-vented Conebill
Guira Tanager
Yellow-backed Tanager
Gray-headed Tanager
White-winged Shrike-Tanager
White-shouldered Tanager
White-lined Tanager
Silver-beaked Tanager
Blue-gray Tanager
Sayaca Tanager
Palm Tanager
Fawn-breasted Tanager
Turquoise Tanager
Paradise Tanager
Bay-headed Tanager
Burnished-buff Tanager
Blue-necked Tanager
Black-faced Dacnis
Yellow-bellied Dacnis
Blue Dacnis
Short-billed Honeycreeper
Purple Honeycreeper
Red-legged Honeycreeper
Swallow Tanager
Black-throated Saltator
Grayish Saltator
Buff-throated Saltator

H Slate-colored Grosbeak
BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, AND ALLIES

Blue-black Grassquit
Plumbeous Seedeater
Rusty-collared Seedeater
Yellow-bellied Seedeater
Double-collared Seedeater

Turdus rufiventris
Turdus amaurochalinus
MIMIDAE

Mimus saturninus
MOTACILLIDAE

Anthus lutescens
PARULIDAE

Geothlypis aequinoctialis velata
Setophaga pitiayumi
Basileuterus (culicivorus) hypoleucus
Myiothlypis flaveolus

COEREBIDAE
Coereba flaveola

THRAUPIDAE

Schistochlamys melanopsis
Neothraupis fasciata
Lamprospiza melanoleuca
Nemosia pileata
Cypsnagra hirundinacea
Conirostrum speciosum
Hemithraupis guira
Hemithraupis flavicollis
Eucometis penicillata
Lanio versicolor
Tachyphonus luctuosus
Tachyphonus rufus
Ramphocelus carbo
Thraupis episcopus
Thraupis sayaca
Thraupis palmarum
Pipraeidea melanonota
Tangara mexicana boliviana
Tangara chilensis
Tangara gyrola
Tangara cayana
Tangara cyanicollis
Dacnis lineata
Dacnis flaviventer
Dacnis cayana
Cyanerpes nitidus
Cyanerpes caeruleus
Cyanerpes cyaneus
Tersina viridis
Saltator atricollis
Saltator coerulescens
Saltator maximus
Saltator grossus

EMBERIZIDAE

Volatinia jacarina
Sporophila plumbea
Sporophila collaris
Sporophila nigricollis
Sporophila caerulescens

White-bellied Seedeater
Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch
Saffron Finch
Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch
Red-crested Cardinal
Red-capped Cardinal
Yellow-billed Cardinal
Coal-crested Finch
Red-crested Finch
H Pectoral Sparrow
Saffron-billed Sparrow
Grassland Sparrow
CARDINALS AND ALLIES
Black-backed Grosbeak
Rose-breasted Chat
TROUPIALS AND ALLIES
Chopi Blackbird
Scarlet-headed Blackbird
Unicolored Blackbird
Bay-winged Cowbird
Shiny Cowbird
Giant Cowbird
Epaulet Oriole
Variable Oriole
Orange-backed Troupial
Solitary Black Caci que (Solitary Caci que)
Yellow-rumped Caci que
Crested Oropendola
SISKINS, CROSSBILLS, AND ALLIES
Purple-throated Euphonia
Thick-billed Euphonia
Golden-bellied (White-lored) Euphonia
Rufous-bellied Euphonia
OLD WORLD SPARROWS
House Sparrow

Sporophila leucoptera
Oryzoborus angolensis
Sicalis flaveola
Emberizoides herbicola
Paroaria coronata
Paroaria gularis
Paroaria capitata
Charitospiza eucosma
Coryphospingus cucullatus
Arremon taciturnus
Arremon flavirostris
Ammodramus humeralis
CARDINALIDAE
Pheucticus aureoventris
Granatellus pelzelni
ICTERIDAE
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
FRINGILLIDAE
Euphonia chlorotica
Euphonia laniirostris
Euphonia chrysopasta
Euphonia rufiventris
PASSERIDAE
Passer domesticus

MAMMALS

Greater Bulldog Bat	<i>Noctilio leporinus</i>
Black-tailed Marmoset (Silvery Marmoset)	<i>Callithrix melanura</i>
Tufted Capuchin (Brown Capuchin) (<i>Amazon</i>)	<i>Cebus apella</i>
Black-striped Capuchin (<i>Pantanal</i>)	<i>Cebus libidinosus</i>
H Red-bellied (Dusky) Titi	<i>Callicebus moloch</i>
White-nosed Saki	<i>Chiropotes albinasus</i>
H Red-handed Howler (<i>Amazon</i>)	<i>Alouatta belzebul</i>
Black Howler (<i>Pantanal</i>)	<i>Alouatta caraya</i>
White-cheeked (White-whiskered) Spider Monkey	<i>Ateles marginatus</i>
Jaguar	<i>Panthera onca</i>
Giant Otter	<i>Pteronura brasiliensis</i>
South American Coati	<i>Nasua nasua</i>
Collared Peccary	<i>Pecari tajacu</i>
Marsh Deer	<i>Blastocerus dichotomus</i>
brocket deer sp.	<i>Mazama sp.</i>
Brazilian Squirrel (Guianan Squirrel)	<i>Sciurus aestuans</i>
Capybara	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>
Azara's Agouti	<i>Dasyprocta azarae</i>