

**Brazil:  
The Pantanal and Amazon**

**25 July – 6 August 2010**



*Agami Heron*

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*All photos were taken on the tour*

With the incredible diversity of the pristine Amazon forests of Cristalino and the unmatched wildlife spectacle of the Pantanal, combined with a series of great lodges, it is impossible not to have a great time on this tour. I never get tired of it, and each year brings different highlights and new surprises. The amorous Crested Eagles at Cristalino may have been the “bird of the trip”, but the bathing pools certainly were the most memorable, attracting nearly 30 shy species, most of which we never would have seen otherwise. As usual, the mind-blowing Hyacinth Macaws stole the show in the Pantanal, but the experience of being here can never be described by a list of birds. It’s the whole *feel* of the place, where there is something cool to see pretty much anywhere you lay your eyes, that makes it so special. Amazingly, a cold snap hit the Pantanal while we were there and the normally furnace-like temperatures dropped lower and lower, shockingly getting down to the upper 40’s F early one morning.



I never imagined I would be sipping *caipirinhas* while trying to stand as close as possible to a roaring campfire while nighthawks and skimmers flew by the river next to us. It was so pleasant at mid-day you could be outside non-stop instead of taking shelter in air-conditioned rooms. A friendly and relaxed group made the tour especially enjoyable, and I think we set a record for number of *caipirinhas* consumed in one tour!

**25 July:** Well, this was just the arrival day, but luckily the airlines cooperated and everyone made it in on time. We discovered that just about everything is shut on Sunday, but luckily there was quite a good pizza place next to the hotel that decided to stay open.

**26 July:** Up bright and early with packed breakfasts, we were quite surprised to find that our driver Leo had once worked in a restaurant in Boston and spoke reasonable English, which was quite helpful. We got on our way and drove up the escarpment of the Chapada dos Guimarães, glowing red in the dawn light. We birded along the dusty Agua Fria road lined

with *cerrado*, a ugly-looking shrubby savanna with some neat birds. It was quieter than normal, with a few expected birds never turning up, but there seemed to be tanagers everywhere, like White-banded, White-rumped, Cinnamon, and Black-faced. We had our first Peach-fronted and Yellow-chevrons Parakeets, and there were a few hummers about including some White-vented Violeaters and a female Blue-tufted Starthroat. Barred and Rufous-winged Antshrikes and some Rusty-backed Antwrens showed well, starting a long list of antbirds. A few other birds we saw there included Curl-crested Jay, Checkered Woodpecker, Gray Monjita, Black-throated Saltator, Red-crested Finch, and Pearl Kite before the morning heated up. We drove a few minutes to a nice, shady stretch of forested road, which was really busy. Some nice mixed flocks held an assortment of birds like Hooded and Guira Tanagers, Chestnut-vented Conebill, White-wedged Piculet, Masked Tityra, and Streaked Flycatcher. A pair of Rufous-tailed Jacamars guarded the roadside while our first Blue-crowned Trogon sallied out from a nearby tree. A shy White-backed Fire-eye put in a brief appearance before some soft metallic calls from a Fiery-capped Manakin drew us off the road a bit. These guys are always tough to see, but Louise spotted one first and a lot of the group managed to get a good look at this brilliant little bird. Heading back to the bus, we had a nice pair of White-eared Puffbirds, one of which is pictured above. We had an opulent lunch at a restaurant with an amazing view (and our only Cliff Flycatcher) before checking in to the lodge and having a short break. The afternoon was fantastic, starting out with a cracking male Helmeted Manakin. At a lookout over the escarpment, we had our first Red-and-green Macaws as well as a flock of Blue-winged Macaws. Soon after, two majestic King Vultures sailed serenely by in great light. Walking down to another lookout, we spotted a Scaled Pigeon perched beautifully, then a huge mob of angry birds appeared in response to a Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl imitation, among them some target birds like Saffron-billed Sparrow and Planalto Slaty-Antshrike. Near the lookout, we met some ladies who were absolutely delighted by a pair of Black-faced Tanagers that were attacking their reflections in the side mirrors of their car. At the lookout, enjoying the magnificent view at dusk, we had the rarest bird of the day, an Orange-breasted Falcon. I have to admit I wasn't convinced at first, having seen the similar Bat Falcon in almost the same spot on a previous visit, but after some careful study of the photos we were able to conclude it was indeed the much rarer Orange-breasted. For some reason the hotel restaurant was closed that night, but Leo managed to find a local bar that was barbecuing meat on a charcoal grill. Combined with some cheap beer and *caipirinhas*, it was a fun night.



*Our Orange-breasted Falcon – notice the large talons, bulky shape, and coarse dark and buff barring on the vest. On the right is the Scaled Pigeon we saw earlier that afternoon.*



*One of the Saffron-billed Sparrows that responded to a pygmy-owl imitation.*

**27 July:** We had another couple of hours to bird the Agua Fria road again, though didn't find a whole lot new. A Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant turned up instead of the hoped-for Rufous-sided, another flock of Blue-winged Macaws flew by, and Dave found our only Swallow-tailed Hummer of the tour. We then

drove to the airport and caught a flight north to the blistering town of Alta Floresta. We drove about an hour and a half to the Teles Pires river, breaking up the journey with a stop at a *Mauritia* palm grove, where we scored the target Point-tailed Palmcreeper and Sulphury Flycatcher. At the Teles Pires river, we met Jorge, who would be our excellent local guide at Cristalino, and boarded a boat for a leisurely trip across the Teles Pires and up the Cristalino river to the lodge. White-winged, White-banded, and Southern Rough-winged Swallows joined us for the trip while stately Capped Herons looked on. We unsuccessfully chased after a flock of Dark-winged Trumpeters, though as it turned out, we needn't have worried. We got to the lodge shortly before dusk, where the lodge manager, Franciane, talked a bit about Cristalino and showed us to our rooms



**28 July:** What a day! Once of the best I can ever recall on any trip I've ever led. This morning we walked the Serra trail, which starts about 15 minutes upriver from the lodge. *Serra* means mountain range in Portuguese, which is a bit of an exaggeration, as it's really just a hill a couple hundred feet above the surrounding rainforest. However, the hilltop is very rocky, and the soil there can't hold much water, so the forest is more deciduous in nature. The forest has a lot of clearings, and it was so dry that the trees had lost their leaves, so it's a lot easier to see birds up there. After stopping for a flock of Santarem Parakeets, we got to a lookout over the forest and were greeted by the site of a perched royal-red Pompadour Cotinga, not a bad way to start! A few minutes later, after enjoying some mega views of Red-and-green and Blue-winged Macaws, Jorge got a very distant raptor in the scope. Despite tremendous distance and 60x, it was immediately clear it was a huge eagle, and proportions and crest shape said Crested Eagle, not Harpy. We could see another birding group watching it from the canopy tower, which would have been much closer, and at lunch they confirmed that they had

seen the same bird. It's one of the rarest birds in the Amazon, but not much of a view – we hoped to see it again when we went up the tower in a few days time. We kept on birding near the lookout, quickly adding White-necked Puffbird and Pied Puffbirds, Paradise Jacamar, Rufous Cassin's, and White-fringed Antwren, before the sound of a Tooth-billed Wren pulled us farther along the trail. The wren showed nicely (though without teeth), then a Black-girdled Barbet started singing. That's one of the star birds of Cristalino, as it's one of the best places in the world to see it, so we spent a lot of time on it, finally getting nice views of a pair. Continuing on through the Serra, we saw Red-stained Woodpecker, Natterer's Slaty-Antshrike, White-chinned and Rufous-throated Sapphires, Amethyst Woodstar, a few tanagers and other birds before Jorge took us to a stakeout for Spotted Puffbird. For once it came right in as the photo above shows. Heading back down into the rainforest, we found a nice little flock with Dot-winged and Pygmy Antwrens and Gray Antbird before heading back downriver. Jorge stopped the boat to scan a little island, then suddenly got really excited. He maneuvered the boat near shore then used a laser to show me something in a little gap in the vegetation. Holy \$&%! There was an anaconda in there that must have been as thick as my thigh. We could only see a tiny bit of it, but a tiny bit of a 26 foot long snake still makes you feel small. Eventually a huge snake head moved into view, making for a better view. It was an amazing morning, but we just getting started. After lunch and a siesta, we got in

the boat and headed upriver, stopping to look unsuccessfully for Flame-crowned Manakin, then getting a pair of Razor-billed Curassows coming down to the river to drink. Jorge stopped the boat on the side of the river a long way upstream, then led us through the forest to a little muddy pool. It used to be part of a small channel flowing through the forest, but after the extended dry period it was all that was left, and it looked like it wouldn't be there in another week. As we sat down on logs and Jorge set up a makeshift blind, there were already birds there. An American Pygmy Kingfisher watched over the pool and occasionally splashed in after something. A Whiskered Flycatcher was hanging around all the time, and a male White-crowned Manakin came in as a sign of things to come. What followed in the next hour and half was one of the most magical and amazing things I've ever witnessed in my birding career. There was a nonstop parade of birds coming down to the water to drink, bathe or both. Most of them were shy understory birds that we never would have seen otherwise. Opal-crowned Manakin was a big hit, and the soon-to-be-split Tapajos Hermit was a nice surprise. There were antbirds, foliage-gleaners, antthrushes, quail-doves, a tinamou... always something to look at. My favorites were the Bare-eyed Antbirds, the last to come in as it was getting almost too dark to see clearly. Here's the full list of what came into what instantly became known as the "magic pool": Great Tinamou, Ruddy Quail-Dove, Tapajos Hermit, Fork-tailed Woodnymph, Black-eared Fairy, American Pygmy Kingfisher, Chestnut-winged Hookbill, Para Foliage-gleaner, Cinereous Antshrike, White-browed Antbird, Black-faced Antbird, Band-tailed Antbird, Bare-eyed Antbird, Dot-backed Antbird, Spot-backed Antbird, Black-faced Antthrush, Chestnut-belted Gnatcatcher, Whiskered Flycatcher, Snow-capped Manakin, White-crowned Manakin, White-winged Shrike-Tanager, Pectoral Sparrow, Red-crowned Ant-Tanager, and Blue-backed Grosbeak. A sense of wonder pervaded all the way back down the river in the dark.



*A Razor-billed Curassow comes down the river to drink.*

**29 July:** We had planned to walk a trail on the other side of the river, but the birds had different plans for us. We got distracted after breakfast by a pair of Bare-faced Curassows that were eating breadcrumbs near the kitchen. One thing led to another and we were soon chasing into the forest after a Collared Puffbird that Jorge had heard. It never pitched up, but it led us to a Rufous-necked Puffbird, which in turn led us to a Striolated Puffbird out in a little clearing they call the Secret Garden, which was full of activity, highlighted by a pair of Brown-banded Puffbirds that sat forever while we enjoyed them in the scope. Heading back to the lodge, the puffbird parade continued with a cute but difficult Rufous-capped Nunlet. After chasing down a Long-billed Woodcreeper, the morning was half over, but it was well worth it! We finally got to the trail on the other side, but it was hot and quiet. Birding got tougher, but we did track down the gaudy Gould's Toucanet, and got to see the new canopy tower under construction. In the afternoon, we cruised down to the Teles Pires and birded Ariosto Island. The endemic Glossy Antshrike was the highlight, but we saw a bunch of other birds too like Amazonian Streaked-Antwren, Chestnut-backed Antshrike and Spotted Tody-Flycatcher. Right before dusk, we went to a different island and watched Amazonian Umbrellabirds displaying, flaring out their wattles and giving low mooring calls.



*Bare-faced Curassows. They can become quite tame in areas where they aren't hunted!*

**30 July:** The 150 ft canopy tower is one of the highlights of Cristalino. There are three levels of the tower, but I always like to go to the highest one at dawn. We got to the top just as the sun came up and were greeted by a pair of squawking Kaway's Parrots in a nearby tree. A brilliant Spangled Cotinga perched nearby, a beautiful Ringed Woodpecker came into playback, and then we spotted a Spix's Guan near a tree full of White-whiskered Spider Monkeys. Our only Violaceous Trogon was perched near the guan, and then we were distracted by a bunch of toucans. A yelping White-throated Toucan was perched up, then gangs of aracarís started moving through, with Red-necked, Lettered, and Curl-crested Aracarís. Another pair of Black-girdled Barbets came through and it was chaos! Somewhere in there was also a perched Channel-billed Toucan. Soon the tallest tree near the tower filled up with birds as a canopy flock moved through, and we spent the next half hour sorting through them finding White-colored Tyrannulet, Gray Elaenia, Tooth-billed Wren, Yellow-backed Tanager, Paradise Tanager, Black-

faced Dacnis, Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak, Red-rumped Cacique, Golden-bellied Euphonia and a few others before it quieted down. There was no time to relax as the much hoped-for Crested Eagle soared into view, soon followed by another! The scope was in high demand as they perched in various trees and even mated once before disappearing from view. Awesome. Suddenly, the sounds of birds well below us meant it was time to move down a level, and we got there just in time to encounter a nice midstory flock, led (as they often are) by a group of White-fronted Nunbirds, our 11<sup>th</sup> species of puffbird in just four days. Soon there were birds everywhere, and we were all trying to see Yellow-throated Woodpecker, Fasciated Antshrike, Sclater's Antwren, Slender-footed Tyrannulet, Dusky-capped Flycatcher, Black-capped Becard, Dusky-capped Greenlet, Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo, Flame-crested Tanager, and some others that we had already seen from the upper level. And then suddenly it was dead quiet; the flock moved on and the show was over. We went down the tower and spent some time on the trails. It was hot and silent, but a few goodies turned up, starting with a chirpy Striated Antbird. A dried up bog



had a little flock of the gorgeous Crimson-bellied Parakeets as well as a few Blue Ground-Doves, a pretty Black-bellied Cuckoo, and the unique Cream-colored Woodpecker. Closer to the lodge, we finally connected with a nice Blue-cheeked Jacamar, and had a very confiding pair of Plain-winged Antshrikes. We took the usual break after lunch, and some of us spent the hot afternoon at the deck on the river, a great place to have a swim, and not bad for birding either. A big flock of swifts dipped into the river, allowing nice comparisons of Amazonian, Short-tailed, Gray-rumped, and Pale-rumped Swifts. Dusky-billed Parrotlets and Santarem Parakeets (photo above) used a nearby bank as a clay lick, and a Greater Yellow-headed Vulture sheepishly came down to have a drink.



*Greater Yellow-headed Vulture*

For the afternoon excursion, we motored upriver, seeing our only Scarlet Macaws of the trip and finding a Brazilian Tapir on the bank of the river. We had another failed attempt at Flame-crowned Manakin, had some glimpses of Bronze Jacamar, then went back to the magic pool for late afternoon. Water levels had dropped considerably in just two days, and there were fewer birds coming in, but numbers ceased to matter as soon as a flock of five Dark-winged Trumpeters came in and drank, fully in the open, at the far edge of the pool. It was certainly the best I'd ever seen them and it was one of my highlights of the tour. A few other new birds for us came in that afternoon, including Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser, Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner, Saturnine Antshrike, and Plain-throated Antwren. Coming back again by spotlight, we found a juvenile Agami Heron, and Karen Pretti, one of the lodge volunteers who had accompanied us to the magic pool, told us all about the Spectacled and Dwarf Caimans were seeing along the edge of the river, and even spotted a rare Paca for us, a nice way to end another memorable day.

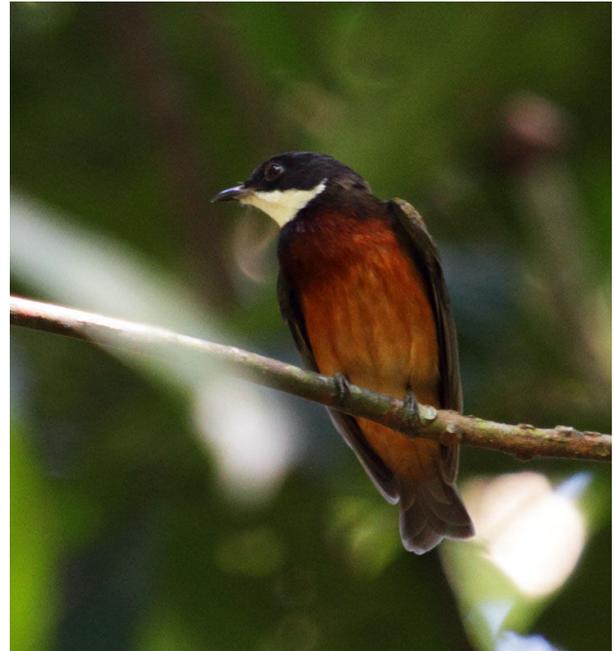


*Brazilian Tapir on the edge of the Cristalino River*



*Dark-winged Trumpeters at the edge of the magic pool*

**31 July:** We birded a different trail today, called the Dr. Haffer Trail, that has a lot of bamboo along it. The forest was super-quiet and it was our toughest day of birding at Cristalino. The Amazon can be like that sometimes, and all you can do is make the best of it. We did get good looks at Black-throated Trogon, Amazonian Antshrike, Manu Antbird, White-backed Fire-eye, Spix's Warbling-Antbird, and Large-headed and Dusky-tailed Flatbills. Rose-breasted Chat, sadly, remained unseen. Later in the morning, we had a final try for Flame-crowned Manakin, and this time came up aces. It must have taken us five or six tries, but it was worth it. We also had better luck with a Bronzy Jacamar that showed well, and spent some time tracking down the absolutely mind-blowing Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin (yes I'm being sarcastic). A local legend says that you can only see it if you are faithful to your partner, but fortunately we all got it! In the afternoon, we headed back up the canopy tower. There wasn't a whole lot of activity there either, but we did finally get decent views of the handsome Red-billed Pied-Tanager, and called in an irate Red-fan Parrot from what must have been half a mile away; it absolutely glowed in the light of the setting sun.



*Tufted Capuchins were often around the lodge looking for handouts, and this is the Flame-crowned Manakin that we finally saw after numerous attempts.*

**1 August:** Hard to believe it was time to leave. Luckily we had a few hours more to bird, finding a pair of Red-necked Woodpeckers and a shy White-crested Spadebill, then stopping on a small river island for Amazonian Tyrannulet, before getting to the boat landing. We loaded into 4WDs and rode the 1h30m back to Alta Floresta, stopped for lunch, and then had an uneventful flight back to Cuiabá. Leo picked us up in his bus, and we headed southwest out of the city. While Cristalino had been fantastic, we still had the Pantanal to look forward to, and spirits were high. We got to our first lodge, Pousada Piuval, shortly after dark, and even had time to unpack and shower before dinner and another round of *caipirinhas*. OK, by now, some of you reading this must be wondering, what the heck is a *caipirinha*? Well, you could always Wikipedia it, but it's a delightfully simple yet delicious cocktail of *cachaça* (a Brazilian sugar cane spirit), lime, ice, and a bit of sugar. You can see how to make one [here](#).

**2 August:** We woke up to a totally different world of vast open spaces interspersed with islands of dry woodland. The first day in the Pantanal is always amazing, as you come to grips with the sheer amount of bird activity going on all around you. We wandered slowly out from the lodge, enjoying the cool, overcast weather, just taking it all in, spotting our first Greater Rheas, Jabirus, Black-collared Hawks, Whistling Herons, and countless others. We had our only Yellowish Pipit not far from the lodge, then found a pair of Great Horned Owls getting seriously harassed by a gang of Purplish Jays, before a flock

of Hyacinth Macaws distracted us. We saw Hyacinths daily in the Pantanal, but today we saw more than any other day, and spent quite a lot of time enjoying them. The birds came fast as we saw Long-tailed Ground-Dove, Red-crested Cardinal, Rufous Cacholote, Sunbittern, White-lored Spinetail, Mato Grosso Antbird, Great Rufous Woodcreeper, and more.



*Hyacinth Macaw*



*Greater Rhea*



*Great Horned Owl*



*Great Rufous Woodcreeper*

Daily bird lists in the Pantanal are usually well over 100, but about 80% of those you'll see each day. Later in the morning, we rode a short distance to the edge of a lake that the locals call the *baía* or bay, finding the hulking Southern Screamer and a slew of passerines like Black-backed Water-Tyrant, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Barred Antshrike, Plain Tyrannulet, Creamy-bellied Thrush, and Masked Gnatcatcher. During our break after lunch, it wasn't too hot, so a lot of us wandered around taking photos. We discovered a bunch of birds coming into scraps near the staff house, including a gorgeous White Woodpecker.



*Barred Antshrike*



*White Woodpecker*

In the afternoon, we took a boat along the *baía* to a little island with a tower surrounded by a swamp that was teeming with thousands of birds – a feeding frenzy of epic proportions! I wouldn't want to be a fish in that swamp... herons, ducks, Jabirus, Wood Storks, Limpkins, skimmers, Snail Kites, and all sorts of other birds were all trying to get a share of the smorgasbord, startling up flocks of *Nacunda* Nighthawks that were foolishly trying to sleep in the same area. This was classic Pantanal!

**3 August:** We drove back out to the *Transpantaneira* (Trans-Pantanal Highway) and stopped at a nearby culvert. Even this little bit of water was a magnet for birds, and I don't think we walked more than about 20 feet for the first hour of daylight. Some singing Scarlet-headed Blackbirds stole the show, but we also saw the likes of Yellow-collared Macaw, Scaly-headed Parrot, Toco Toucan, Chotoy Spinetail, Greater Thornbird, White-rumped Monjita, Rusty-collared and White-bellied Seedeaters, Unicolored Blackbird, and Grassland Sparrow. Later, we returned to Piuval and spent some more time in the dry woodland, where the highlights were Pale-crested Woodpecker and Large-billed Antwren. After lunch, we packed up and headed south along the dusty highway. It was surprisingly cool and getting cooler, a sign of things to come, so we took our time. One section of the highway with water on both sides of the road was absolutely packed with birds and so many caimans that it was impossible to count them! There were thousands of them piled up everywhere we looked, a truly remarkable sight. I don't think we saw anything new for the trip along that stretch of road other than Little Blue Heron, but it didn't matter. The sheer spectacle of it was enough.



*Scarlet-headed Blackbird*



*Cocoi Heron*



*Yacare Caimans*

We reached our next lodge, Santa Tereza, also known as Pantanal Wildlife Center, just before dusk, but he had enough time to see a nice flock of Nanday Parakeets along the entrance road.

**4-5 August:** The temperature plunged overnight, and we all came to breakfast bundled up in several layers and even gloves. While afternoon temperatures were quite pleasant, our mornings and evenings here were very chilly due to a strong cold front pushing up from the south. It threatened rain the first morning but not a single drop fell. On both our days, we spent the mornings birding the dry scrub and gallery woodland, and the afternoons taking boat trips along the Rio Pixaim that passes by the lodge. After lunch, we had some free time to bird or photograph on our own, and the “Jabiru tower” overlooking an active nest was a nice feature. We finally caught up with the cute White-naped Xenopsaris and the near-endemic Chestnut-bellied Guan along the entrance road, and the trails through the gallery forest had great mixed flocks with Black-fronted Nunbird, Rusty-backed Spinetail, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Great Antshrike, Plain Antvireo, Mato Grosso Antbird, Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant, Flavescent Warbler, and Ashy-headed Greenlet.



*Dave on the Jabiru tower*

The boat rides were a real highlight of the tour. Each time we saw five species of kingfisher, including American Pygmy and Green-and-rufous. A Sungrebe swam by on a couple of occasions, and just about every bank seemed to have a Sunbittern on it, like the photo below. Herons and egrets lined the river, and we even saw two more Agamis, including the one sitting out completely in the open on the cover of this report. A young Boat-billed Heron was out at the edge of the river in broad daylight, very unusual for this nocturnal species. A nearby adult (mommy?) seemed quite upset at this behavior, and eventually flew out of hiding and chased it back into the dark shadows of the forest. An Undulated Tinamou once came down to the edge of the water, and we finally saw this skulker that we had heard almost every day. Our boatman on the second afternoon had a few surprises. First he tracked down a

Giant Otter, then tempted it out onto a sandbar with some bits of raw fish. The beautiful creature loped out onto the sand, snatched the fish, then plunged back into the river where it crunched its prize very loudly. Later, he took us to a big tree near the river, and with a huge smile, challenged us to find the sleeping bird that he knew was there. Sure enough, there was a very photogenic Great Potoo doing a near-perfect imitation of a broken branch.





*A Giant Otter snacking on a piece of fish*



*Green-and-rufous Kingfisher*



*Sungrebe*



*Boat-billed Heron*



**6 August:** We drove a couple of hours south along the Transpantanal Highway, successfully targeting a few birds like Cinereous-breasted Spinetail and Fawn-breasted Wren (left), and finally finding a Buff-bellied Hermit, among the usual massive list of common Pantanal birds. Eventually it was time to leave for Cuiabá, and we drive the dusty road north, finally reaching asphalt again, only to have a spectacular blowout shortly thereafter! How can you spend five days on incredibly rough roads without a flat and then have one on the nice smooth blacktop? Well it was a lot better this way, as there are not exactly a lot of tire repair shops in the Pantanal. Leo changed the tire without any issues, and got us safely back to the hotel for a successful conclusion to another memorable trip, which we celebrated with a jubilant final dinner at a local 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 December 2009.

We saw about 426 bird species, and another 44 were heard only. (E)= endemic to Brazil, (H)=heard only.

### RHEAS

#### Greater Rhea

*Small numbers at Piuval and along the Transpantaneira.*

### TINAMOUS

#### H Gray Tinamou

#### Great Tinamou

*One came in to drink at the magic pool on our first visit. Great views!*

#### Undulated Tinamou

*We saw one at the edge of the Pixaim river on our first boat trip.*

#### H Brazilian Tinamou

#### H Variegated Tinamou

### SCREAMERS

#### Southern Screamer

*Regularly encountered at Piuval and along the Transpantaneira.*

### DUCKS, GEESE, AND WATERFOWL

#### White-faced Whistling-Duck

#### Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

#### Muscovy Duck

#### Brazilian Teal

### GUANS, CHACHALACAS, AND CURASSOWS

#### Chaco Chachalaca

*A bumper crop of them this year in the Pantanal; they seemed to be in every tree!*

#### Spix's Guan

*Just a single bird seen from the Cristalino tower.*

#### Chestnut-bellied Guan

*Scarce this year. We finally had a distant view along the PWC (Pantanal Wildlife Center) entrance track, then got closer views farther south along the Transpantaneira.*

#### Blue-throated Piping-Guan

*We saw a few pure blue-wattled birds at PWC and along the Transpantaneira. Several mixed blue- and red-wattled birds were also noted along the Pixaim river, presumably hybrids with the next species.*

#### Red-throated Piping-Guan

*Numerous sightings at Cristalino, mostly along the river.*

#### Razor-billed Curassow

*Seen several times along the edge of the Cristalino River, coming down to drink. Fantastic views! It's a lot easier to see them this way than to go chasing after them in the forest.*

#### Bare-faced Curassow

*There was a habituated pair coming in to the main clearing at Cristalino to eat bread. For the purists, we saw them again a few times more in the Pantanal in more natural settings.*

### CORMORANTS AND SHAGS

#### Neotropic Cormorant

### ANHINGAS

#### Anhinga

### HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

#### Rufescent Tiger-Heron

*Absurdly common on this tour.*

### RHEIDAE

#### *Rhea americana*

### TINAMIDAE

#### *Tinamus tao*

#### *Tinamus major*

#### *Crypturellus undulatus*

#### *Crypturellus strigulosus*

#### *Crypturellus variegatus*

### ANHIMIDAE

#### *Chauna torquata*

### ANATIDAE

#### *Dendrocygna viduata*

#### *Dendrocygna autumnalis*

#### *Cairina moschata*

#### *Amazonetta brasiliensis*

### CRACIDAE

#### *Ortalis canicollis*

#### *Penelope jacquacu*

#### *Penelope ochrogaster*

#### *Pipile cumanensis*

#### *Pipile cujubi*

#### *Mitu tuberosum*

#### *Crax fasciolata*

### PHALACROCORACIDAE

#### *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

### ANHINGIDAE

#### *Anhinga anhinga*

### ARDEIDAE

#### *Tigrisoma lineatum*

**Cocoi Heron**  
**Great Egret**  
**Snowy Egret**  
**Little Blue Heron**  
**Cattle Egret**  
**Striated Heron**  
**Agami Heron**

**Ardea cocoi**  
**Ardea alba**  
**Egretta thula**  
**Egretta caerulea**  
**Bubulcus ibis**  
**Butorides striata**  
**Agamia agami**

*Great luck with this colorful, sword-billed heron. First we spotlighted a juvenile one evening along the Cristalino River. Then we saw two more, both adults, on our first boat ride along the Pixaim, including one that sat out full in the open. That's the bird that graces the cover of this report.*

**Whistling Heron**

*Seen almost every day in the Pantanal.*

**Syrigma sibilatrix**

**Capped Heron**

*Daily at Cristalino, and seen on most days in the Pantanal.*

**Pilherodius pileatus**

**Black-crowned Night-Heron**

**Boat-billed Heron**

*Daily at Cristalino, and seen on most days in the Pantanal.*

**Nycticorax nycticorax**

**Cochlearius cochlearius**

**IBISES AND SPOONBILLS**

**Green Ibis**

*We saw them virtually every day both at Cristalino and in the Pantanal.*

**THRESKIORNITHIDAE**

**Mesembrinibis cayennensis**

**Bare-faced Ibis**

*Scarce due to the very dry weather. We saw what was likely a single bird on two days at Piuval. Some of the group found some near the Cuiabá airport on the arrival day.*

**Phimosus infuscatus**

**Plumbeous Ibis**

*Small numbers noted daily in the Pantanal.*

**Theristicus caerulescens**

**Buff-necked Ibis**

*A few seem most days in the Pantanal.*

**Theristicus caudatus**

**Roseate Spoonbill**

**Platalea ajaja**

**STORKS**

**Jabiru**

*Daily in the Pantanal, with large numbers of active nests noted. Brian had one fly over one day at Cristalino.*

**CICONIIDAE**

**Jabiru mycteria**

**Wood Stork**

*Hundreds (thousands?) in the Pantanal.*

**Mycteria americana**

**NEW WORLD VULTURES**

**Black Vulture**

**Turkey Vulture**

**Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture**

**Greater Yellow-headed Vulture**

**King Vulture**

*Two birds soared majestically by in the late afternoon light on the Chapada dos Guimarães. Another was seen distantly at Cristalino.*

**CATHARTIDAE**

**Coragyps atratus**

**Cathartes aura**

**Cathartes burrovianus**

**Cathartes melambrotus**

**Sarcoramphus papa**

**HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES**

**Swallow-tailed Kite**

**Pearl Kite**

*Only a single seen in the cerrado on the Chapada dos Guimarães.*

**ACCIPITRIDAE**

**Elanoides forficatus**

**Gampsonyx swainsonii**

**Snail Kite**

**Rostrhamus sociabilis**

**Plumbeous Kite**

**Ictinia plumbea**

**Black-collared Hawk**

**Busarellus nigricollis**

*A handsome bird, abundant in the Pantanal. I love how they growl like dogs!*

**Sharp-shinned (Rufous-thighed) Hawk**

**Accipiter striatus erythronemius**

*Dave had one fly over near the hotel in Cuiabá.*

**Crane Hawk**

**Geranospiza caerulescens**

Great Black-Hawk  
Savanna Hawk  
Roadside Hawk  
Gray Hawk  
Short-tailed Hawk  
White-tailed Hawk  
Crested Eagle

*One of the tour favorites! Only the second and third times I've seen this impressive raptor, which is even rarer than a Harpy. Our first sighting was from a tremendous distance from the Serra at Cristalino; two days later we had a pair from the tower, which stayed around for several minutes and even copulated! How do you top that?*

## FALCONS AND CARACARAS

Barred Forest-Falcon  
*Some fly-by views on the Chapada.*

- H Cryptic Forest-Falcon
- Black Caracara
- H Red-throated Caracara
- Southern Caracara
- Yellow-headed Caracara
- Laughing Falcon
- American Kestrel
- Aplomado Falcon
- Seen on most days in the Pantanal.*
- Bat Falcon
- Orange-breasted Falcon

*The culmination of that magical afternoon on the Chapada. It was a male, so not much bigger than a Bat Falcon, which I've seen in the same spot. After careful scrutiny of photos, we determined it to be the much rarer Orange-breasted, based on the bulky proportions, large feet and talons, and the pattern on the vest.*

## RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

- H Rufous-sided Crake
- Gray-necked Wood-Rail
- Common as chickens in the Pantanal!*
- Purple Gallinule

## FINFOOTS

Sungrebe

*Seen on both boat trips on the Pixaim river, one time nice and close! A few of the group saw another one in a pool along the Transpantaneira.*

## SUNBITTERN

Sunbittern

*No tour can match this one for Sunbittern; we saw them on seven days, including one in the middle of the road!*

## LIMPKIN

Limpkin

*Daily in the Pantanal.*

## TRUMPETERS

Dark-winged Trumpeter

*After the Crested Eagles, this was my second favorite of the trip. We narrowly missed them on our first afternoon at Cristalino, but they stole the show on our second visit to the magic pool when a group of five came in to drink.*

*Buteogallus urubitinga*  
*Buteogallus meridionalis*  
*Buteo magnirostris*  
*Buteo nitidus*  
*Buteo brachyurus*  
*Buteo albicaudatus*  
*Morphnus guianensis*

## FALCONIDAE

*Micrastur ruficollis*

*Micrastur mintoni*  
*Daptrius ater*  
*Ibycter americanus*  
*Caracara plancus*  
*Milvago chimachima*  
*Herpetotheres cachinnans*  
*Falco sparverius*  
*Falco femoralis*

*Falco rufigularis*

*Falco deiroleucus*

## RALLIDAE

*Laterallus melanophaius*  
*Aramides cajanea*

*Porphyrio martinica*

## HELIORNITHIDAE

*Heliornis fulica*

## EURYPYGIDAE

*Eurypyga helias*

## ARAMIDAE

*Aramus guarauna*

## PSOPHIIDAE

*Psophia viridis*

## **SERIEMAS**

**Red-legged Seriema**

*The first view of two birds galloping away from the bus down a trail at Piuval was not very nice. Next day they finally settled down and we could enjoy them as long as we wanted. Dana was overjoyed and pointed out to us that Seriemas are the closest living relatives of the long-extinct Terrorbirds, which measured up to ten feet tall and were thought to be the dominant predators of South America for millions of years.*

## **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS**

**Pied Lapwing**

*Several along sand bars in the Teles Pires river, and a few on the Cristalino.*

**Southern Lapwing**

## **JACANAS**

**Wattled Jacana**

## **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES**

**Solitary Sandpiper**

## **GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMERS**

**Yellow-billed Tern**

**Large-billed Tern**

**Black Skimmer**

*We saw a big flock from the tower at Piuval, but it was the trio that was silently skimming at dusk among the nighthawks on the Pixaim on our last night that made us really appreciate the elegance of these birds.*

## **PIGEONS AND DOVES**

**Rock Pigeon**

**Pale-vented Pigeon**

**Scaled Pigeon**

*One was glowing in the late afternoon sunlight on the Chapada. Gotta be the prettiest pigeon in South America.*

**Picazuro Pigeon**

**Plumbeous Pigeon**

**Ruddy Pigeon**

**Eared Dove**

**Ruddy Ground-Dove**

**Scaled Dove**

*We didn't encounter these cuties until PWC, where they were always around the lodge.*

**Picui Ground-Dove**

*Common in the Pantanal.*

**Blue Ground-Dove**

**Long-tailed Ground-Dove**

*We had our best view on the first morning at Piuval, but had occasional sightings elsewhere in the Pantanal.*

**White-tipped Dove**

*An astonishing abundance of them in the Pantanal this year!*

**Gray-fronted Dove**

*A decent view of a bird along the edge of the Cristalino River one afternoon.*

**Ruddy Quail-Dove**

*Two birds visited the magic pool on our first visit, and one bird came on our second visit. Another shy bird we never would have gotten without Jorge and his pool!*

## **PARROTS**

**Nanday Parakeet**

*A specialty of PWC, and we had a nice flock perched close before we even arrived. A nice start, and it's a bird we missed last year.*

**Crimson-bellied Parakeet**

*A specialty of Cristalino, as this species is restricted to SW Amazonia. Sharp-eyed Dave spotted it first near the usual stakeout at the saleiro, and we had great views of several perched birds.*

## **CARIAMIDAE**

***Cariama cristata***

## **CHARADRIIDAE**

***Vanellus cayanus***

***Vanellus chilensis***

## **JACANIDAE**

***Jacana jacana***

## **SCOLOPACIDAE**

***Tringa solitaria***

## **LARIDAE**

***Sternula superciliaris***

***Phaetusa simplex***

***Rynchops niger***

## **COLUMBIDAE**

***Columba livia***

***Patagioenas cayennensis***

***Patagioenas speciosa***

*One was glowing in the late afternoon sunlight on the Chapada. Gotta be the prettiest pigeon in South America.*

***Patagioenas picazuro***

***Patagioenas plumbea***

***Patagioenas subvinacea***

***Zenaida auriculata***

***Columbina talpacoti***

***Columbina squammata***

*always around the lodge.*

***Columbina picui***

***Claravis pretiosa***

***Uropelia campestris***

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***Leptotila verreauxi***

***Leptotila rufaxilla***

***Geotrygon montana***

## **PSITTACIDAE**

***Nandayus nenday***

***Pyrrhura perlata***

**Santarem (Madeira) Parakeet**

*There was always a small flock near the deck at Cristalino, since the birds were using part of the beach as a clay lick. The taxonomy is in a state of flux. It was formerly lumped with Painted Parakeet, and some experts believe the subspecies snethlagae should be split off as Madeira Parakeet.*

**Monk Parakeet**

*Abundant in the Pantanal. They often build their huge nests underneath Jabiru nests.*

**White-eyed Parakeet**

*Common in the Chapada and at Cristalino, often in large flocks.*

**Peach-fronted Parakeet**

*They were common on the Chapada, but only small numbers were seen in the Pantanal this year.*

**Hyacinth Macaw**

*Words cannot possibly describe how amazing this bird is. They thrive in the Pantanal, where we saw them every day, including five in one tree on our first morning at Piuval. While they do occur locally in the eastern Amazon, the Pantanal is THE place to see them.*

**Chestnut-fronted Macaw**

*We saw small numbers on three days at Cristalino.*

**Red-and-green Macaw**

*While we first saw them on the Chapada, they were especially common at Cristalino this year, where we saw them nearly every day.*

**Scarlet Macaw**

*Amazingly, we saw them just once, a pair in a fruiting tree along the Cristalino River. We usually see more of them. Can't complain about the view though.*

**Blue-and-yellow Macaw**

*Such an amazing bird... The most common macaw at Cristalino.*

**Blue-winged Macaw**

*We saw two flocks on the Chapada, both in flight and neither seen particularly well.*

**Yellow-collared (Golden-collared) Macaw**

*A scarce bird in the Pantanal during dry periods. We only had them in flight, though the view at the culvert on the Transpantaneira was decent if you got on them quickly.*

**Dusky-billed Parrotlet**

*These mini sparrow-sized parrots were almost always around the lodge or the deck at Cristalino.*

**Yellow-chevroned Parakeet**

*Common in the Pantanal and Chapada. The Florida contingent was happy to see these in their natural habitats!*

**Golden-winged Parakeet**

*Several nice sightings of perched birds at Cristalino.*

**White-bellied Parrot**

*One of the most colorful parrots in the New World. Most of our views were of flying birds, but we did get some perched up nicely by the edge of the Cristalino River one evening.*

**Blue-headed Parrot****Scaly-headed Parrot**

*Seen only once in the Pantanal, when a small flock flew by closely near the culvert.*

**Blue-fronted Parrot**

*The most common parrot in the Pantanal.*

**Kawall's Parrot**

*A specialty of Cristalino. We saw them well from the top of the canopy tower.*

**Orange-winged Parrot**

*We had good scope views of two perched birds at the entrance to Piuval. They are far outnumbered by the similar Blue-fronted, and seem to vanish a little bit farther south.*

**Red-fan Parrot**

*I called one in from what must have been almost a kilometer away on our afternoon visit to the Cristalino tower. It flew in close right at dusk and squawked at us for a while.*

***Pyrrhura amazonum snethlagae******Myiopsitta monachus******Aratinga leucophthalma******Aratinga aurea******Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus******Ara severus******Ara chloropterus******Ara macao******Ara ararauna******Primolius maracana******Primolius auricollis******Forpus sclateri******Brotogeris chiriri******Brotogeris chrysoptera******Pionites leucogaster******Pionus menstruus******Pionus maximiliani siy******Amazona aestiva******Amazona kawalli******Amazona amazonica******Deroptryus accipitrinus***

## CUCKOOS

### Little Cuckoo

*It was a pain at the Piuval tower, but some of the group saw it.*

### Squirrel Cuckoo

### Black-bellied Cuckoo

*This "Coral-billed Squirrel-Cuckoo" showed really well at the saleiro at Cristalino, and some even saw it from the deck during an afternoon siesta.*

### Guira Cuckoo

### Smooth-billed Ani

## OWLS

### H Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl

*Nightbirding was absolutely horrendous at Cristalino, probably because it was so dry. This owl sang a few times in the middle of the night, but was silent when we went out looking for it.*

### H Crested Owl

*Ditto for this one.*

### Great Horned Owl

*A pair seen in broad daylight at Piuval. A flock of Purplish Jays came in to mob them from a LONG way away.*

### Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

### Burrowing Owl

## NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES

### Band-tailed Nighthawk

*Common along rivers at dawn and dusk in the Pantanal.*

### Nacunda Nighthawk

*What a neat bird! We first saw them roosting from the tower at Piuval. Or trying to roost. There was so much bird pandemonium there that they were always getting flushed up. We also saw them every night at PWC.*

### Common Pauraque

### H Ocellated Poorwill

*A very uncooperative bird. I still can't believe we didn't see it...*

### Spot-tailed Nightjar

*We spotlighted one on our night drive at PWC, though it was not immediately obvious what it was.*

### Blackish Nightjar

*Daily at Cristalino, where they roost under the eaves of the cabins.*

### Ladder-tailed Nightjar

*A female spotlighted along the Cristalino River, and a male flushed up on Tyrannulet Island.*

## POTOOS

### Great Potoo

*Jorge knew of a nesting bird along the Cristalino, but the one that our boatman showed us on the second boatride on the Pixaim River was truly amazing, blending in so well and low enough we could snap nice photos.*

### H Common Potoo

## SWIFTS

### White-collared Swift

### Amazonian (Chapman's) Swift

*These were the brown-rumped swifts we saw at Cristalino.*

### Short-tailed Swift

### Gray-rumped Swift

### Pale-rumped Swift

*It's not easy to tell this one from the more common Gray-rumped Swift. The best views were of birds coming down to drink near the deck at Cristalino.*

## CUCULIDAE

### *Coccyca minuta*

### *Piaya cayana*

### *Piaya melanogaster*

### *Guira guira*

### *Crotophaga ani*

## STRIGIDAE

### *Megascops watsonii*

### *Lophostrix cristata*

### *Bubo virginianus*

### *Glaucidium brasilianum*

### *Athene cunicularia*

## CAPRIMULGIDAE

### *Nyctiprogne leucopyga*

### *Podager nacunda*

### *Nyctidromus albicollis*

### *Nyctiphrynus ocellatus*

### *Caprimulgus maculicaudus*

### *Caprimulgus nigrescens*

### *Hydropsalis climacocerca*

## NYCTIBIIDAE

### *Nyctibius grandis*

### *Nyctibius griseus*

## APODIDAE

### *Streptoprocne zonaris*

### *Chaetura (chapmani) viridipennis*

### *Chaetura brachyura*

### *Chaetura cinereiventris*

### *Chaetura egregia*

## HUMMINGBIRDS

### Little (Tapajos) Hermit

*One bird was bathing in the magic pool on our first visit. This is an imminent and long-overdue split, and when it finally happens, will become my sole lifer of this tour (yay!). It was briefly thought to be a hybrid, but recent evidence shows that it is clearly a distinct species, and not even closely related to Little Hermit.*

### Buff-bellied Hermit

*A single bird seen feeding on flowers along the Transpantaneira about 15km south of PWC.*

### Planalto Hermit

*This may have been "guide only" as two birds were briefly feeding behind that car that was being attacked by Black-faced Tanagers on the Chapada. We were distracted by the spectacle and then by the delighted ladies who owned the car...*

### Gray-breasted Sabrewing

*A single in the Secret Garden at Cristalino.*

### Swallow-tailed Hummingbird

*One in the Chapada along the Agua Fria road.*

### White-vented Violetear

*A few in the Chapada along the Agua Fria road.*

### Black-throated Mango

### Glittering-bellied Emerald

*A female in the Chapada along the Agua Fria road.*

### Fork-tailed Woodnymph

### Rufous-throated Sapphire

*A male was doing display flights at Cristalino. It was flying way too fast for any of us to have a good view.*

### White-chinned Sapphire

*A perched male at Cristalino on the Serra.*

### Gilded Hummingbird (Sapphire)

*We saw only one on one of the trails at PWC.*

### White-tailed Goldenthrout

*I think John was the only one to get a good look at this one at PWC.*

### Versicolored Emerald

*A single on the Serra at Cristalino, not seen by all.*

### Glittering-throated Emerald

### Black-eared Fairy

*A few at Cristalino, but best seen bathing in the magic pool.*

### Long-billed Starthroat

*We saw several on the Chapada.*

### Blue-tufted Starthroat

*A couple of females were seen on the Chapada.*

### Amethyst Woodstar

*A perched male at Cristalino on the Serra.*

## TROGONS

### Black-tailed Trogon

### Green-backed (White-tailed) Trogon

*Races east of the Andes have now been split from those west of the Andes, which retained the name White-tailed Trogon. I think this might have been guide only, but everyone heard it.*

### Violaceous Trogon

*Races east of the Andes have now been split from those west of the Andes, which got a new name, Gartered Trogon. We saw a nice male from the tower at Cristalino.*

### Blue-crowned Trogon

*The only trogon in the Pantanal and Chapada, but we also saw a pair at the Secret Garden at Cristalino.*

### Black-throated Trogon

*One male seen on the Haffer trail at Cristalino.*

### H Collared Trogon

## TROCHILIDAE

### *Phaethornis longuemareus aethopyga*

### *Phaethornis subochraceus*

### *Phaethornis pretrei*

### *Campylopterus largipennis*

### *Eupetomena macroura*

### *Colibri serrirostris*

### *Anthracothorax nigricollis*

### *Chlorostilbon aureoventris*

### *Thalurania furcata*

### *Hylocharis sapphirina*

### *Hylocharis cyanus*

### *Hylocharis chrysur*

### *Polytmus guainumbi*

*I think John was the only one to get a good look at this one at PWC.*

### *Amazilia versicolor*

### *Amazilia fimbriata*

### *Heliothryx auritus*

### *Heliomaster longirostris*

### *Heliomaster furcifer*

### *Calliphlox amethystina*

## TROGONIDAE

### *Trogon melanurus eumorphus*

### *Trogon viridis viridis*

### *Trogon violaceus ramonianus*

### *Trogon curucui*

### *Trogon rufus*

### *Trogon collaris*

## MOTMOTS

H Blue-crowned Motmot

H Broad-billed Motmot

## KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher

Amazon Kingfisher

Green Kingfisher

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher

*Miriam and I had a glimpse of one at Cristalino, but we had multiple sightings in the Pantanal, mostly along the Pixaim river.*

**American Pygmy Kingfisher**

*First seen at the magic pool, but we saw them several more times along the Pixaim river.*

## PUFFBIRDS

**White-necked Puffbird**

*Three sightings at Cristalino.*

**Brown-banded Puffbird**

*We found a pair in the Secret Garden at Cristalino on that magical puffbird morning.*

**Pied Puffbird**

*A pair at the lookout on the Serra at Cristalino.*

**Spotted Puffbird**

*We tried Jorge's stakeout on the Serra, and it came in straight away. But then it was like that with the puffbirds this year, we had great luck with them.*

H **Collared Puffbird**

*Jorge heard one that we chased after. Never found it, but managed to score three other puffbirds in the process!*

**Striolated Puffbird**

*Got it in the Secret Garden on that same morning. If anyone missed it, it followed us back to the lodge and we kept on seeing them.*

**White-eared Puffbird**

*We saw them a couple of times on the Chapada, a really cool looking bird.*

**Rufous-necked Puffbird**

*One bird seen very well (with patience) on the trail to the Secret Garden.*

**Rufous-capped Nunlet**

*One bird between the dock and Cristalino Lodge on "puffbird morning". It was perching high and moving a lot, so a few of the group missed it.*

**Black-fronted Nunbird**

*Common both at Cristalino and the Pantanal, seen on ten days.*

**White-fronted Nunbird**

*Several from the Cristalino tower, the harbingers of that terrific mixed flock.*

**Swallow-winged Puffbird (Swallow-wing)**

*Amazingly common along the Cristalino River.*

## JACAMARS

**Brown Jacamar**

*A pair seen along the Cristalino River.*

**Blue-cheeked Jacamar**

*It took a few tries, but we finally had a nice view near the lodge at Cristalino.*

**Rufous-tailed Jacamar**

**Bronzy Jacamar**

*Poor views the first time, but we tried again next morning and saw one really well at Cristalino.*

**Paradise Jacamar**

*They were everywhere this year at Cristalino.*

## MOMOTIDAE

*Momotus momota*

*Electron platyrhynchum*

## ALCEDINIDAE

*Megaceryle torquata*

*Chloroceryle amazona*

*Chloroceryle americana*

*Chloroceryle inda*

*Chloroceryle aenea*

## BUCCONIDAE

*Notharchus hyperrhynchus*

*Notharchus ordii*

*Notharchus tectus*

*Bucco tamatia*

*Bucco capensis*

*Nystalus striolatus*

*Nystalus chacuru*

*Malacoptila rufa*

*Nonnula ruficapilla*

*Monasa nigrifrons*

*Monasa morphoeus*

*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*

## GALBULIDAE

*Brachygalba lugubris*

*Galbula cyanicollis*

*Galbula ruficauda*

*Galbula leucogastra*

*Galbula dea*

## NEW WORLD BARBETS

### Black-girdled Barbet

*One of the superstars of Cristalino. Didn't have to sweat it this year with a pair first on the Serra then another from the tower.*

## TOUCANS

### Lettered Aracari

### Red-necked Aracari

*We saw it only on one day, first from the Cristalino tower, then from the ground the near the tower.*

### Chestnut-eared Aracari

### Curly-crested Aracari

*Best seen from the tower at Cristalino.*

### Gould's Toucanet

*A showy toucan that we worked hard for and eventually got a great view of a male, on the Cacao trail at Cristalino.*

### Toco Toucan

*Gotta love these guys. Great views on most days in the Pantanal.*

### White-throated (Cuvier's) Toucan

### Channel-billed Toucan

## WOODPECKERS

### White-wedged Piculet

*We saw a cute pair tapping together on the Chapadam, then eventually saw another on in the Pantanal.*

### White Woodpecker

*A whole tree full of them at Piuval in the distance, but we got amazingly close to this beauty near the lodge itself.*

### Yellow-tufted Woodpecker

### Checkered Woodpecker

*A single in the cerrado on the Chapada.*

### Little Woodpecker

### Red-stained Woodpecker

### Yellow-throated Woodpecker

*Nice close views from the tower at Cristalino.*

### Campo Flicker

### H Scale-breasted Woodpecker

### Pale-crested Woodpecker

*We saw this beauty twice, once at Piuval and once at PWC.*

### Cream-colored Woodpecker

*Only seen once, near the saleiro at Cristalino.*

### Ringed Woodpecker

*Good views of a responsive bird in the scope from the top of the tower at Cristalino.*

### Lineated Woodpecker

### Red-necked Woodpecker

*After hearing it a few times, we finally had a pair right near the lodge on our last morning at Cristalino.*

### Crimson-crested Woodpecker

## OVENBIRDS

### Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser

*It visited the magic pool on our second visit, but it was so dim that I don't think many saw it. It sang a few times after it left the pool.*

### Pale-legged Hornero

### Rufous Hornero

### Chotoy Spinetail

*A pretty one. We saw it a few times in the Pantanal, first at the culvert. A monotypic genus, meaning, more or less, "watcher of the rushes".*

## CAPITONIDAE

### Capito dayi

## RAMPHASTIDAE

### Pteroglossus inscriptus

### Pteroglossus bitorquatus

*We saw it only on one day, first from the Cristalino tower, then from the ground the near the tower.*

### Pteroglossus castanotis

### Pteroglossus beauharnaesii

### Selenidera gouldii

### Ramphastos toco

### Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri

### Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus

## PICIDAE

### Picumnus albosquamatus

### Melanerpes candidus

### Melanerpes cruentatus

### Veniliornis mixtus

### Veniliornis passerinus

### Veniliornis affinis

### Piculus flavigula magnus

### Colaptes campestris

### Celeus grammicus

### Celeus lugubris

### Celeus flavus

### Celeus torquatus

### Dryocopus lineatus

### Campephilus rubricollis

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### Campephilus melanoleucos

## FURNARIIDAE: FURNARIINAE

### Sclerurus mexicanus

### Furnarius leucopus

### Furnarius rufus

### Schoeniophylax phryganophilus

**Cinereous-breasted Spinetail**

*One of our targets on the jaunt south along the Transpantaneira. We saw it reasonably well, but it was skulky.*

**White-lored Spinetail**

*Nearly endemic to the pantanal. It's a common bird in it's limited range, and we saw it on several occasions.*

**Rusty-backed Spinetail**

*They were common in the gallery forest at PWC.*

**Yellow-chinned Spinetail****Rufous-fronted (Common) Thornbird****Greater Thornbird**

*We saw them a few times in the Pantanal.*

**Rufous (Gray-crested) Cacholote**

*Daily in the Pantanal.*

**Point-tailed Palmcreeper**

*One bird eventually came in at the stakeout between Alta Floresta and the Teles Pires River.*

**Chestnut-winged Hookbill****Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner**

*One came in to bathe in the magic pool on our second visit; it even showed it's rufous rump.*

**H Cinnamon-rumped Foliage-gleaner****H Dusky-cheeked (Crested) Foliage-gleaner****Para Foliage-gleaner**

*They were taking baths in the magic pool on both of our visits.*

**H Plain Xenops****WOODCREEPERS****Plain-brown Woodcreeper****Olivaceous Woodcreeper****H Long-tailed Woodcreeper****Wedge-billed Woodcreeper****Long-billed Woodcreeper**

*One bird came in near the main clearing at Cristalino.*

**H Strong-billed Woodcreeper****Great Rufous Woodcreeper**

*Great view of a single bird at the edge of one of the forest islands at Piuval on our first morning there. It even tried to bomb us!*

**Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper**

*One finally seen (after having heard it a few times) near the main clearing at Cristalino on the last morning.*

**Straight-billed Woodcreeper****H Striped Woodcreeper****H Spix's Woodcreeper****H Buff-throated (Lafresnaye's) Woodcreeper****Buff-throated (Dusky-billed) Woodcreeper**

*The subspecies that occurs at Cristalino has a dark bill, and has occasionally been considered a distinct species.*

**Narrow-billed Woodcreeper**

*A common and confiding bird in the Pantanal.*

**H Lineated Woodcreeper****Red-billed Scythebill**

*Several nice sightings in the Pantanal. Vocal differences throughout its range suggest that there may be more than one species involved. The subspecies in the Pantanal has a very fast song.*

**TYPICAL ANTbirds****Fasciated Antshrike**

*One in the big mixed flock from the middle level of the Cristalino tower.*

**Great Antshrike*****Synallaxis hypospodia******Synallaxis albilora******Cranioleuca vulpina******Certhiaxis cinnamomeus******Phacellodomus rufifrons******Phacellodomus ruber******Pseudoseisura unirufa******Berlepschia rikeri******Ancistrops strigilatus******Philydor erythrocerum******Philydor pyrrhodes******Anabazenops dorsalis******Automolus paraensis******Xenops minutus*****FURNARIIDAE:DENDROCOLAPTINAE*****Dendrocincla fuliginosa******Sittasomus griseicapillus transitivus******Deconychura longicauda******Glyphorhynchus spirurus******Nasica longirostris******Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus******Xiphocolaptes major******Dendrocolaptes certhia******Dendroplex picus******Xiphorhynchus obsoletus******Xiphorhynchus spixii******Xiphorhynchus guttatus dorbignyanus******Xiphorhynchus guttatus eytoni******Lepidocolaptes angustirostris******Lepidocolaptes albolineatus******Campylorhamphus trochilirostris******lafresnayanus*****THAMNOPHILIDAE*****Cymbilaimus lineatus******Taraba major***

<b>Glossy Antshrike (E)</b>	<b>Sakesphorus luctuosus</b>
<i>We saw a nice responsive male on Ilha Ariosto in the Teles Pires river.</i>	
<b>Barred Antshrike</b>	<b>Thamnophilus doliatus</b>
<b>Rufous-winged Antshrike</b>	<b>Thamnophilus torquatus</b>
<i>Great views of a pair on the Agua Fria road on the first day.</i>	
<b>Chestnut-backed Antshrike</b>	<b>Thamnophilus palliatus</b>
<i>A pair eventually came in to playback on Ilha Ariosto in the Teles Pires river.</i>	
<b>Plain-winged Antshrike</b>	<b>Thamnophilus schistaceus</b>
<b>Natterer's Slaty-Antshrike</b>	<b>Thamnophilus stictocephalus</b>
<i>A couple of birds called in on the serra at Cristalino.</i>	
<b>Planalto Slaty-Antshrike</b>	<b>Thamnophilus pelzelni</b>
<i>Seen best on the way to the lookout at Pousada Penhasco.</i>	
<b>Amazonian Antshrike</b>	<b>Thamnophilus amazonicus</b>
<i>A pair seen at Cristalino on the Haffer trail.</i>	
<b>Plain Antvireo</b>	<b>Dysithamnus mentalis</b>
<b>Saturnine Antshrike</b>	<b>Thamnomanes saturninus</b>
<i>Several at the magic pool on our second visit.</i>	
<b>Cinereous Antshrike</b>	<b>Thamnomanes caesius</b>
<i>They came in during both our visits to the magic pool.</i>	
<b>Pygmy Antwren</b>	<b>Myrmotherula brachyura</b>
<b>Sclater's Antwren</b>	<b>Myrmotherula sclateri</b>
<i>Everyone eventually got it in the flock we saw from the middle level of the Cristalino tower.</i>	
<b>Amazonian Streaked-Antwren (Amazonian Antwren)</b>	<b>Myrmotherula multostriata</b>
<i>We saw a pair well on Ariosto Island in the Teles Pires river.</i>	
<b>Plain-throated Antwren</b>	<b>Myrmotherula hauxwelli</b>
<i>At the magic pool.</i>	
<b>White-flanked Antwren</b>	<b>Myrmotherula axillaris axillaris</b>
<b>H Gray Antwren</b>	<b>Myrmotherula menetriesii</b>
<b>H Banded Antbird</b>	<b>Dichrozona cincta</b>
<b>Large-billed Antwren</b>	<b>Herpsilochmus longirostris</b>
<i>Rather large for an antwren, and not just the bill. We saw several pairs at Piuval and PWC.</i>	
<b>H Rufous-winged Antwren</b>	<b>Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus</b>
<b>Dot-winged Antwren</b>	<b>Microrhophias quixensis emiliae</b>
<i>The various races of this species differ mainly in the amount of rufous on the underparts of the female. The ones at Cristalino have rufous restricted to the breast.</i>	
<b>White-fringed Antwren</b>	<b>Formicivora grisea</b>
<i>We saw it only in the strange, scrubby microhabitat on the Serra at Cristalino.</i>	
<b>Rusty-backed Antwren</b>	<b>Formicivora rufa</b>
<i>A super-cool antwren that is quite easy to see as it inhabits open, scrubby habitat. We had them in the Chapada and Pantanal.</i>	
<b>Striated Antbird</b>	<b>Dryophila devillei subochracea</b>
<i>One seen in bamboo at Cristalino.</i>	
<b>Gray Antbird</b>	<b>Cercomacra cinerascens</b>
<b>Mato Grosso Antbird</b>	<b>Cercomacra melanaria</b>
<b>Manu Antbird</b>	<b>Cercomacra manu</b>
<i>They were grunting and rasping all over the place on the Haffer trail, but it took a concerted effort and some bushwhacking to finally see a pair.</i>	
<b>White-backed Fire-eye</b>	<b>Pyriglena leuconota</b>
<i>Seen by most on the Chapada, but we had one even better on the Haffer trail at Cristalino.</i>	
<b>White-browed Antbird</b>	<b>Myrmoborus leucophrys</b>
<i>Nice views at the magic pool.</i>	
<b>Black-faced Antbird</b>	<b>Myrmoborus myotherinus</b>
<i>Same here.</i>	

**Spix's Warbling-Antbird**

*Seen a couple of times at Cristalino.*

**Band-tailed Antbird**

*We saw them both at the magic pool and in gallery forest at PWC.*

**Bare-eyed Antbird**

*The highlight of our first visit to the magic pool, when three birds came in just before dusk. This species is restricted to a relatively small area of south-central Amazonia, and is a "professional" army ant follower.*

**Spot-backed Antbird**

*Yet another visitor to the magic pool...*

**Dot-backed Antbird**

*...as well as this one...*

**Scale-backed Antbird**

*...and this one.*

**H Black-spotted Bare-eye****ANTTHRUSHES****Black-faced Antthrush**

*One at the magic pool on our first visit.*

**ANTPITTAS****H Spotted Antpitta****GNATEATERS****Chestnut-belted Gnateater**

*One bird came to bathe in the magic pool. A rather unfortunately-located tree may have prevented a couple of the group from seeing it.*

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS****White-lored Tyrannulet**

*The tower is the place to see this squeaky canopy-loving sprite.*

**Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet****Suiriri Flycatcher**

*Several in the pantanal.*

**Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet****Forest Elaenia****Gray Elaenia****Plain-crested Elaenia**

*There were a handful along the Agua Fria road.*

**Sepia-capped Flycatcher****Slender-footed Tyrannulet****Plain Tyrannulet**

*First seen on Isla Ariosto, where it may be one of very few records for the Cristalino area. They were abundant in the Pantanal.*

**Amazonian Tyrannulet**

*A last minute stop at "tyrannulet island" in the Teles Pires river got us this cute little flycatcher.*

**Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant**

*Lots of them this year, both in the Chapada and Pantanal. This rather odd since we usually don't see any.*

**Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant**

*It's one of the most common birds (by voice) in the forest at Cristalino, but getting a decent look at it is another story entirely. Most of the group did, but probably not all.*

**Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant**

*A scarce bird, but we finally tracked one down in the gallery forest at PWC.*

**Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant****Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher****Spotted Tody-Flycatcher**

*A pair on Ariosto Island in the Teles Pires river.*

**Hypocnemis striata****Hypocnemoides maculicauda****Rhegmatorhina gymnops****Hylophylax naevius****Hylophylax punctulatus****Willisornis poecilinotus****Phlegopsis nigromaculata****FORMICARIIDAE****Formicarius analis****GRALLARIIDAE****Hylopezus macularius****CONOPOPHAGIDAE****Conopophaga aurita snethlageae****TYRANNIDAE****Ornithion inermis****Camptostoma obsoletum****Suiriri suiriri suiriri****Tyrannulus elatus****Myiopagis gaimardii****Myiopagis caniceps****Elaenia cristata****Leptopogon amaurocephalus****Zimmerius gracilipes****Inezia inornata****Inezia subflava****Euscarthmus meloryphus****Lophotriccus galeatus****Hemitriccus striaticollis****Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer****Poecilotriccus latirostris****Todirostrum maculatum**

- Common Tody-Flycatcher  
H Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher  
Yellow-olive Flycatcher  
H Yellow-margined Flycatcher  
Gray-crowned Flycatcher  
H Yellow-breasted (Ochre-ored) Flycatcher  
H Cinnamon-crested Spadebill  
White-crested Spadebill  
*One of the last birds we got at Cristalino before we left, though it wasn't easy.*  
H Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher  
Cliff Flycatcher  
Whiskered Flycatcher  
*A single bird was watching over the magic pool on our first visit.*  
Fuscous Flycatcher  
*A common but inconspicuous bird in the Pantanal.*  
Vermilion Flycatcher  
Drab Water Tyrant  
Gray Monjita  
*A single bird along the Agua Fria road.*  
White-rumped Monjita  
*A few in the Pantanal.*  
Black-backed Water-Tyrant  
*We saw this handsome little flycatcher a few times in the Pantanal.*  
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant  
Cattle Tyrant  
Large-headed Flatbill  
*We saw it twice in different bamboo patches at Cristalino.*  
Dusky-tailed Flatbill  
*A nice find in the bamboo at Cristalino; it's quite a scarce bird.*  
H Cinnamon Attila  
H Bright-rumped Attila  
Rufous Casiornis  
*First seen at Cristalino on the Serra, where it seems out of place. We saw them several more times in the Pantanal, where they are much more expected.*  
H Grayish Mourner  
Dusky-capped Flycatcher  
Short-crested Flycatcher  
Brown-crested Flycatcher  
Lesser Kiskadee  
Great Kiskadee  
Boat-billed Flycatcher  
Rusty-margined Flycatcher  
H Dusky-chested Flycatcher  
Streaked Flycatcher  
Piratic Flycatcher  
Sulphury Flycatcher  
*Two birds called in at the Mauritia grove en route to Cristalino.*  
Tropical Kingbird  
Fork-tailed Flycatcher  
*A couple of small flocks flying along the Cristalino were probably migrating.*  
**COTINGAS**  
Spangled Cotinga  
*A male and female seen from the top of the Cristalino tower.*
- Todirostrum cinereum*  
*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*  
*Tolmomyias sulphurescens pallescens*  
*Tolmomyias assimilis assimilis*  
*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*  
*Tolmomyias flaviventris subsimilis*  
*Platyrinchus saturatus*  
*Platyrinchus platyrhynchos*  
*Terenotriccus erythrus*  
*Hirundinea ferruginea bellicosa*  
*Myiobius barbatus insignis?*  
*Cnemotriccus fuscatus*  
*Pyrocephalus rubinus*  
*Ochthornis littoralis*  
*Xolmis cinereus*  
*Xolmis velatus*  
*Fluvicola albiventer*  
*Arundinicola leucocephala*  
*Machetornis rixosa*  
*Ramphotricon megacephalum*  
*Ramphotricon fuscicauda*  
*Attila cinnamomeus*  
*Attila spadiceus*  
*Casiornis rufus*  
*Rhytipterna simplex*  
*Myiarchus tuberculifer*  
*Myiarchus ferox*  
*Myiarchus tyrannulus*  
*Pitangus lictor*  
*Pitangus sulphuratus*  
*Megarynchus pitangua*  
*Myiozetetes cayanensis*  
*Myiozetetes luteiventris*  
*Myiodynastes maculatus*  
*Legatus leucophaeus*  
*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*  
*Tyrannus melancholicus*  
*Tyrannus savana*  
**COTINGIDAE**  
*Cotinga cayana*

**Screaming Piha**

*After hearing them daily for 4 days at Cristalino, we finally took the time to track one down for a scope view of a real screamer.*

**Pompadour Cotinga**

*A single male was perched on a treetop near the Serra lookout, for a nice scope view. It's a truly superb bird!*

**Bare-necked Fruitcrow****Amazonian Umbrellabird**

*The afternoon stakeout along the Teles Pires river paid off beautifully with three males seen displaying in a treetop right at dusk.*

**MANAKINS****Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin**

*We heard a bunch at Cristalino before finally spending a few minutes to track down this rather uninspiring bird.*

**Fiery-capped Manakin**

*It can be one of the most frustrating birds to see. I think about half the group got it up on the Chapada, but unfortunately we only heard it at Cristalino.*

**Snow-capped Manakin**

*A key bird at Cristalino as it has a fairly limited range in the southern Amazon, and it's really pretty too! Again the magic pool came to the rescue, as a male and female came in very close on our first visit.*

**Helmeted Manakin**

*A real beauty. The first view of a male on the Chapada was probably the best, though some of the group saw another male from the boat at PWC. We saw the duller females much more often.*

**H Blue-backed Manakin****Flame-crowned (Flame-crested) Manakin**

*I think it took five or six tries, but we finally nailed it! It was worth it.*

**White-crowned Manakin**

*A male and female came to the magic pool on our first visit.*

**Red-headed Manakin**

*The most common manakin at Cristalino; we all saw it well eventually.*

**TITYRAS AND ALLIES****Masked Tityra****Thrush-like Schiffornis****Cinereous Mourner**

*One bird perched briefly by the trail as we were heading back to Cristalino to pack up. Only a few of the group got it.*

**White-naped Xenopsaris**

*Just a single male along the PWC entrance road. It showed poorly th first time, so we went for it again the next day, and it put on a better show.*

**Chestnut-crowned Becard****Black-capped Becard****VIREOS****Red-eyed Vireo****H Gray-chested Greenlet****Ashy-headed Greenlet**

*Seen at Piuval briefly, then we ot it much better at PWC.*

**Dusky-capped Greenlet**

*There were a few in the big flock that came by us while we were on the middle level of the Cristalino tower.*

**Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo**

*A single bird came through in the same flock.*

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike****CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES****Purplish Jay**

*Loads in the Pantanal and a couple on the Chapada.*

**Lipaugus vociferans****Xipholena punicea****Gymnoderus foetidus****Cephalopterus ornatus****PIPRIDAE****Tyranneutes stolzmanni****Machaeropterus pyrocephalus****Lepidothrix nattereri****Antilophia galeata****Chiroxiphia pareola****Heterocercus linteatus****Pipra pipra****Pipra rubrocapilla****TITYRIDAE****Tityra semifasciata****Schiffornis turdina amazona****Laniocera hypopyrra****Xenopsaris albinucha****Pachyramphus castaneus****Pachyramphus marginatus****VIREONIDAE****Vireo olivaceus****Hylophilus semicinereus****Hylophilus pectoralis****Hylophilus hypoxanthus****Vireolanius leucotis****Cyclarhis gujanensis****CORVIDAE****Cyanocorax cyanomelas**

**Curl-crested Jay**

*Great views of this funky-looking bird on both visits to the Agua Fria road.*

**SWALLOWS****White-banded Swallow****Southern Rough-winged Swallow****Gray-breasted Martin****Brown-chested Martin****White-winged Swallow****White-rumped Swallow****WRENS****Thrush-like Wren****Tooth-billed Wren**

*A tiny little canopy wren of the southern Amazon. We had terrific eye-level views from the Cristalino canopy tower of a bird climbing in and out of big seed pods. We also saw a pair on the Serra.*

**Moustached Wren**

*A few of the group saw it on the Chapada, but he found it again and had great looks in the Pantanal. We also heard one in some bamboo at Cristalino.*

**Buff-breasted Wren**

*A common (but often hard to see) bird in the northern part of the Pantanal. Farther south it is replaced by the next species. We had a few good looks.*

**Fawn-breasted Wren**

*We drove a long way south along the Transpantaneira to finally get this bird. It looks pretty much the same as Buff-breasted Wren, but has a slightly different voice, and is perhaps less tied to water edge.*

**H House Wren****H Scaly-breasted Wren****DONACOBIUS****Black-capped Donacobius**

*Once again separated as a monotypic family. They're common in the Pantanal.*

**GNATCATCHERS****H Long-billed Gnatwren****Masked Gnatcatcher**

*They were almost always the first to respond to a pygmy-owl imitation in the Pantanal.*

**THRUSHES AND ALLIES****Pale-breasted Thrush**

*A few in the Chapada.*

**Rufous-bellied Thrush**

*Really common in the Pantanal.*

**Creamy-bellied Thrush**

*A few in the Pantanal.*

**White-necked Thrush**

*One came in to bathe in the magic pool.*

**MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS****Chalk-browed Mockingbird****WAGTAILS AND PIPITS****Yellowish Pipit**

*We tracked one down at Piuval for a nice close view, but heard them elsewhere in the Pantanal.*

**NEW WORLD WARBLERS****Tropical Parula****Masked Yellowthroat**

*A single male on the Chapada was it.*

**Cyanocorax cristatellus****HIRUNDINIDAE****Atticora fasciata****Stelgidopteryx ruficollis****Progne chalybea****Progne tapera****Tachycineta albiventer****Tachycineta leucorrhoa****TROGLODYTIDAE****Campylorhynchus turdinus unicolor****Odontorchilus cinereus****Thryothorus genibarbis****Thryothorus leucotis****Thryothorus guarayanus****Troglodytes aedon****Microcerculus marginatus****DONACOBIIDAE****Donacobius atricapilla****POLIOPTILIDAE****Ramphocaenus melanurus****Polioptila dumicola****TURDIDAE****Turdus leucomelas****Turdus rufiventris****Turdus amaurochalinus****Turdus albicollis****MIMIDAE****Mimus saturninus****MOTACILLIDAE****Anthus lutescens****PARULIDAE****Parula pitiayumi****Geothlypis aequinoctialis velata**

**White-bellied Warbler**

*Several seen in forested areas up on the Chapada.*

**Flavescent Warbler**

*They were numerous in the gallery forest at PWC.*

**BANANAQUIT****Bananaquit****TANAGERS AND ALLIES****Black-faced Tanager**

*Only up on the Chapada, where they were numerous, including a pair fiercely attacking the side mirrors of a car near the Penhasco lookout, much to the owners' delight.*

**Cinnamon Tanager**

*A few seen along the Agua Fria road.*

**White-banded Tanager**

*There seemed to be a lot more than normal along the Agua Fria road this year. Another proposed name for it is "Shrike-like Tanager", which does make some sense.*

**Red-billed Pied Tanager**

*Small numbers seen on both visits to the top of the Cristalino tower.*

**Hooded Tanager**

*A very handsome bird that we saw on the Chapada then again at PWC.*

**White-rumped Tanager**

*We saw several noisy pairs along the Agua Fria road.*

**Chestnut-vented Conebill****Guira Tanager****Yellow-backed Tanager**

*Seen best from the Cristalino tower.*

**Gray-headed Tanager**

*Several in the gallery forest at PWC.*

**White-winged Shrike-Tanager**

*Another visitor to the magic pool, which was lucky as we had no sign of this handsome bird elsewhere.*

**Flame-crested Tanager****White-lined Tanager****Silver-beaked Tanager****Blue-gray Tanager****Sayaca Tanager****Palm Tanager****Turquoise Tanager****Paradise Tanager****Green-and-gold Tanager****Bay-headed Tanager****Burnished-buff Tanager**

*We saw them only on the Chapada.*

**Masked Tanager**

*A pair was in the secret garden at Cristalino.*

**Black-faced Dacnis****Yellow-bellied Dacnis**

*We saw them a few times at Cristalino.*

**Blue Dacnis****Swallow Tanager****Black-throated Saltator**

*A common bird along the Agua Fria road.*

**Grayish Saltator****Buff-throated Saltator****H Slate-colored Grosbeak*****Basileuterus hypoleucus******Basileuterus flaveolus*****COEREBIDAE*****Coereba flaveola*****THRAUPIDAE*****Schistochlamys melanopis******Schistochlamys ruficapillus******Neothraupis fasciata******Lamprospiza melanoleuca******Nemosia pileata******Cypsnagra hirundinacea******Conirostrum speciosum******Hemithraupis guira******Hemithraupis flavicollis******Eucometis penicillata******Lanio versicolor******Tachyphonus cristatus******Tachyphonus rufus******Ramphocelus carbo******Thraupis episcopus******Thraupis sayaca******Thraupis palmarum******Tangara mexicana boliviana******Tangara chilensis******Tangara schrankii******Tangara gyrola******Tangara cayana******Tangara nigrocincta******Dacnis lineata******Dacnis flaviventer******Dacnis cayana******Tersina viridis******Saltator atricollis******Saltator coerulescens******Saltator maximus******Saltator grossus***

**Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak**

*Terrific in-your-face views from the Cristalino tower.*

**BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, AND ALLIES****Blue-black Grassquit****Plumbeous Seedeater**

*One male and a few presumed females in the cerrado on the Agua Fria road.*

**Rusty-collared Seedeater**

*We saw it only near the culvert near Piuval, where several were noted.*

**Double-collared Seedeater****White-bellied Seedeater**

*A few in the Pantanal.*

**Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch****Saffron Finch****Red-crested Cardinal**

*This genus of "cardinals" has been merged with the tanagers by the SACC (South American Checklist Committee), though it hasn't been changed in the Clements list yet. This is an incredibly handsome bird that we saw in the Pantanal a few times, best at Piuval.*

**Red-capped Cardinal**

*We saw a few pairs along the Cristalino river.*

**Yellow-billed Cardinal**

*A very common bird in the Pantanal.*

**Red-crested Finch**

*Plenty up on the Chapada.*

**Pectoral Sparrow**

*Totally silent on this trip, but luckily one came in to the magic pool on both visits.*

**Saffron-billed Sparrow**

*This pretty little dry forest bird showed well both on the Chapada and at Piuval.*

**Grassland Sparrow****CARDINALS AND ALLIES****Red-crowned Ant-Tanager**

*A lone female came to the magic pool on the first afternoon.*

**Blue-black Grosbeak**

*Ditto.*

**H Rose-breasted Chat**

*We heard several in the bamboo thickets at Cristalino, but they were totally unresponsive, which really sucked!*

**TROUPIALS AND ALLIES****Chopi Blackbird****Scarlet-headed Blackbird**

*Spectacular. We saw a few at the culvert near Piuval; while it is a fairly widespread bird, the Pantanal is one of the easier places to see it.*

**Unicolored Blackbird**

*A common bird in the Pantanal.*

**Bay-winged Cowbird**

*This species is likely to be split soon. The northeastern subspecies is much paler. It seems unfair to call them "cowbirds", since they aren't brood parasites. "Baywing" has always been the alternate name, and it may be adopted when it gets split.*

**Shiny Cowbird****Giant Cowbird****Parkerthraustes humeralis****EMBERIZIDAE****Volatinia jacarina****Sporophila plumbea****Sporophila collaris****Sporophila caerulescens****Sporophila leucoptera****Oryzoborus angolensis****Sicalis flaveola****Paroaria coronata****Paroaria gularis****Paroaria capitata****Coryphospingus cucullatus****Arremon taciturnus****Arremon flavirostris****Ammodramus humeralis****CARDINALIDAE****Habia rubica****Cyanocompsa cyanoides****Granatellus pelzelni****ICTERIDAE****Gnorimopsar chopi****Amblyramphus holosericeus****Agelasticus cyanopus****Agelaioides badius badius****Molothrus bonariensis****Molothrus oryzivorus**

**Epaulet (Variable) Oriole**

*This has just been split by the SACC, and will appear in the next Clements checklist update. More like an unclump. Prior to the Clements list merging with SACC, two species were already recognized. Just to confuse things, the former name of Moriche Oriole for one of the northern subspecies has been discarded! It, along with the nominate subspecies retain the name Epaulet Oriole, and all the southern subspecies, which were always known as Epaulet Oriole, now get called Variable Oriole. Confusing, isn't it?*

**Orange-backed Troupial****Solitary Black Cacique (Solitary Cacique)**

*Plenty in the Pantanal.*

**Red-rumped Cacique**

*A single bird seen from the Cristalino canopy tower. They're quite rare here, unlike in other parts of their range.*

**Yellow-rumped Cacique****Crested Oropendola****Olive (Amazonian) Oropendola**

*Sadly we only found one bird, near the Bronzy Jacamar, and a lot of the group missed it.*

**SISKINS, CROSSBILLS, AND ALLIES****Purple-throated Euphonia****Thick-billed Euphonia****Golden-bellied (White-lored) Euphonia****Rufous-bellied Euphonia****OLD WORLD SPARROWS****House Sparrow*****Icterus cayanensis periporphyrus******Icterus croconotus******Cacicus solitarius******Cacicus haemorrhous******Cacicus cela******Psarocolius decumanus******Psarocolius bifasciatus*****FRINGILLIDAE*****Euphonia chlorotica******Euphonia laniirostris******Euphonia chrysopasta******Euphonia rufiventris*****PASSERIDAE*****Passer domesticus*****MAMMALS****Nine-banded Armadillo****Proboscis Bat (Long-nosed Bat)****Sac-winged Bat sp.****Tufted Capuchin (Brown Capuchin)****Black-striped Capuchin****H Red-bellied (Dusky) Titi****Red-handed Howler****Black Howler****White-cheeked (White-whiskered) Spider Monkey****Crab-eating Fox****Neotropical River Otter (Southern River Otter)****Giant Otter****South American Coati****Brazilian Tapir****Collared Peccary****Red Brocket****Capybara****Azara's Agouti****Red-rumped Agouti****Paca****Brazilian Rabbit*****Dasypus novemcinctus******Rhynchonycteris naso******Saccopteryx* sp.*****Cebus apella******Cebus libidinosus******Callicebus moloch******Alouatta belzebul******Alouatta caraya******Ateles marginatus******Cerdocyon thous******Lontra longicaudis******Pteronura brasiliensis******Nasua nasua******Tapirus terrestris******Pecari tajacu******Mazama americana******Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris******Dasyprocta azarae******Dasyprocta leporina******Cuniculus paca******Sylvilagus brasiliensis***

## **OTHER WILDLIFE**

**Anaconda**  
**Cat-eyed Snake**  
**Yellow-foot Tortoise**  
**Geoffroy's Side-necked Turtle**  
**Yellow-spotted Amazon River Turtle**  
**Common Ameiva**  
**Spectacled Caiman**  
**Yacare Caiman**  
**Dwarf Caiman**

***Eunectes murinus***  
***Leptodeira sp.***  
***Geochelone denticulata***  
***Phrynops geoffroanus***  
***Podocnemis unifilis***  
***Ameiva ameiva***  
***Caiman crocodilus***  
***Caiman yacare***  
***Paleosuchus palpebrosus***