

# Guyana

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The rare Crimson Fruitcrow was one of the top birds of the tour

For a nature lover, Guyana really is hard to beat. This former British colony has a tiny population, and away from the coast is breathtakingly wild and almost totally pristine, with just a handful of towns and Amerindian villages scattered about. We had an excellent 13 day tour that visited many of the best ecolodges and birding sites in the country, enjoying almost perfect weather along the way, along with all the friendly hosts, guides, drivers, and staff we met along the way. Even though most of the country lives near the coast, there is still great birding, both outside the capital city of Georgetown as well as inside, in its large parks and gardens. We spent a very productive day here nailing down nice views of Blood-colored Woodepecker, Rufous Crab-Hawk, Scarlet Ibis, and tons of others – in fact, more birds than any other day of the trip. From there we hopped on a plane, and after a short stop visit to the spectacular Kaieteur Falls, our pilot set us down at the edge of the vast rainforests that dominate much of the country. Birding these spectacular

forests gave us colorful cotingas like Guianan Cock-of-the-rock, Crimson Fruitcrow, and Guianan Red-Cotinga, seemingly endless antbirds like the gorgeous Ferruginous-backed Antbird, large numbers of parrots and macaws, the impressive Crimson Topaz, and many, many more. As we moved south, rainforest gave way to vast savannas with a very different avifauna. Long drives on bad roads paid off with superb views of the two "megas" of the region, the gorgeous Sun Parakeet and unique Red Siskin, along with two highly range-restricted birds, Rio Branco Antbird and Hoarythroated Spinetail. In this wild region, it was no surprise that we also had some nice mammal sightings too, with Giant Anteater and Brazilian Tapir both being crowd favorites.



The "interstate" highway from Guyana to Brazil

Our tour started and ended in Georgetown. A few of the group had time on the arrival day to explore the city on their own, and everyone had arrived by dinner. It was a very auspicious start when a Barn Owl landed nearby as we settled down for our meal - the first time I have ever started a tour with an owl! We arose early the next day to drive east out of the city to the Mahaica River, with our first of many excellent local guides, Carlos. We got there just past dawn, and wanting to take advantage of the cooler early morning period, we headed straight out onto the river before breakfast. It was a very easy and relaxing way to start the tour and the birds started coming very fast like the comical Hoatzin, nearendemic Blood-colored Woodpecker, cute Spotted Tody-Flycatcher, tiny White-bellied Piculet, along with many more including Long-winged Harrier, Little Cuckoo, Wing-barred Seedeater, Black-crested Antshrike, Silvered Antbird, Ashyheaded Greenlet, and Yellow Oriole. Our late breakfast back at the boatman's house included two different types of curry along with rice and flatbread – a tasty example of the strong south Asian influence in coastal Guyana. On our way back to Georgetown, we made various stops to see Red-breasted Meadowlark, Rufous Crab Hawk, and nice collection of coastal birds by the sea wall that included the stunning Scarlet Ibis. After a siesta, we headed out to the very close Georgetown Botanical Gardens, which is always very "birdy" at just about any time of the day. An easy stroll around the park got us the hoped-for Festive Parrots, a couple of roosting Great-horned Owls, and many other bird such as Plainbellied Emerald, Pied Lapwing, Black-necked Aracari, Violaceous Euphonia, Turquoise Tanager, Orange-winged Parrot, and Straight-billed Woodcreeper.



Blood-colored Woodpecker along the Mahaica River



Rufous Crab Hawk from the mangroves near the mouth of the river

Our chartered flight was moved up to an earlier time, so there was no chance to return to the Botanical Gardens. After some iffy looking weather, we were finally cleared for takeoff, and our excellent pilot navigated us south over mostly unbroken forest to a low mountain range at the edge of the lowlands. Kaieteur Falls is usually considered among the top 10 waterfalls in the world from the combination of tremendous water volume and the single drop of 741 feet. We circled over the falls a couple of times to get the bird's-eye view, then set down on the airstrip.



Aerial view of Kaieteur Falls

Carlos also joined us for today, and he led us on a walk to various viewpoints. There was no activity at the cock-of-therock lek, but we did see a Golden Saki Monkey. A pair of Orange-breasted Falcons were circling back and forth most of the morning, and it was thrilling seeing them fly by at and below eye level later during our walk. Not wanting to give up on Guianan Cock-of-the-rock (though we would have another chance later in the trip), Carlos took us to another spot where finally we saw two males come in, one of which perched nicely for scope views. There wasn't too much else around in the way of birds, but we did enjoy seeing the endemic Golden Rocket Frogs. After a packed lunch, we took off again for the 30 minute ride to Fair View village, where staff from Iwokrama River Lodge met us and took us to the lodge a few miles away. We settled into our lovely cabins and took a short break before heading out again in the afternoon, this time with two local guides, Marcy and James. Out target was Capuchinbird, a bizarre bald-headed cotinga that

perhaps should be put into its own family. We could hear them mooing as we walked out, and after some patience finally spotted them. As we were doing that, we could hear a Spotted Antpitta nearby, so had to drag ourselves away and go look for it before it stopped singing, and having great success at what is often a tough bird to see. We walked back to the lodge, birding the clearing for a few minutes before calling it a day, adding Epaulet (Moriche) Oriole, Spix's Guan, Red-and-green Macaw, and few other birds.

We were up early next morning enjoying a sumptuous breakfast as the sky brightened over the Essequibo River. We boarded boats and motored downstream, enjoying nice bird activity along the way to the start of the trail to Turtle Mountain. Black-collared Swallows were flitting over the rapids, and a Ladder-tailed Nightjar rested on a rock nearby. A Capped Heron flew over, two Guianan Puffbirds were teed up on snags along with a lone Green Aracari, and a pair of Blue-and-yellow Macaws were perched in really nice light:



We also had a Marail Guan perched up. The trail itself was rather quiet. Since we had seen Orange-breasted Falcon yesterday, we did not need to go all the way up, so we took our time to try to get good views of the birds that were around. These included Green-backed Trogon, Yellow-billed and Great Jacamars, Dusky-throated and Cinereous Antshrikes, Rufous-bellied Antwren, Brown-bellied Stipplethroat, Spot-winged Antbird, Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper, and Screaming Piha. Red-and-black Grosbeaks were calling but eluded us (at least for today). We headed back to the lodge for a late lunch and siesta, then had some easy birding in the afternoon, finding a nice Waved Woodpecker, Golden-winged and Painted Parakeets, Chapman's and Short-tailed Swifts, Black-eared Fairy, and a few

others. After dinner, we did some spotlighting along the river, where the only bird was a sleeping Osprey, though we had several reptiles in the form of Black Caiman, Amazon Tree Boa, and Emerald Tree Boa:



We left Iwokrama River Lodge early in order to get farther down the road before it became too hot and sunny. Our next local guide, Delon, showed up right on time with the driver Ryan, and we would spend much of the rest of the trip with them. Soon after setting out, we found a highly anticipated bird near a wooden bridge, the impressive Crimson Topaz. Delon suggested we stop at a known day roost for Rufous Potoo, and how could we say no to that? On my previous tour the bird wasn't there, but this time it was found quite quickly and showed really well:



We also saw a Guianan Warbling-Antbird along the same trail. The rest of the morning was spent in white sand forest known locally as "mori scrub", seeing various birds typical of this habitat including Rufous-crowned Elaenia, Olivaceous Schiffornis, Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin, and Black Manakin. A flock of Gray-winged Trumpeters was also around, and we enjoyed watching them for a while. One surprise was seeing a Pelzeln's Tody-Tyrant, which was only recently discovered in this area and is otherwise known only from Brazil. It's not a very distinctive bird, and we identified it only by voice (it was also my only lifer of the trip). We reached Atta Lodge in time for lunch, where the hummer feeders were bringing in Fork-tailed Woodnymph, Gray-breasted Sabrewing, and Long-tailed Hermit. We staked out a big fruiting tree at the edge of the lodge clearing during the early afternoon, sitting in shade and hoping for fruitcrows to come in. At first only Purple-throated Fruitcrows were coming, along with Black-necked Aracari and some other common species. But persistence paid off as eventually the incredible Crimson Fruitcrow showed up - the alarm was raised and everyone got there in time to see this marvelous bird in the scope (see the photo on page 1). It turned out to be a good omen since our afternoon was fantastic, by far the best of the trip. We walked up to Atta's famous canopy walkway, and birds started coming thick and fast the moment we got there. Guianan Trogon, Black-spotted Barbet, Guianan Toucanet, Golden-collared and Waved Woodpeckers, Guianan Woodcreeper, Tiny Tyrant-Manakin, Spangled Cotinga, Guianan Tyrannulet, Golden-sided Euphonia, and Yellow-green Grosbeak all put in appearances. Both Spot-tailed and Todd's Antwren also showed well, singing for us to clinch the otherwise difficult ID. We had an appointment with another potoo that we did not want to miss, so after about an hour and a half we headed back to the lodge to grab our flashlights. Before we set out for the White-winged Potoo stakeout, a family of Black Curassows wandered through the lodge clearing, 2 adults and their 2 very young chicks:



The potoo decided to be difficult tonight, calling a few times and remaining unseen. We'd have to try again, and be content with the Short-tailed Nighthawks that we saw while waiting.

Next morning we headed up to the canopy walkway before breakfast. Activity was nowhere near what it was the previous day, and a lot of what we saw was the same as yesterday, like this Guianan Puffbird:



Pompadour Cotinga was a nice addition, along with White-lored Tyrannulet, before we headed back for breakfast. The rest of the morning was spent along the forest trails, and despite some slow periods, we saw some terrific birds. An extended encounter with the gorgeous Ferruginous-backed Antbird ranked highly among the best moments of the trip, and we finally had luck tracking down the rare Red-and-black Grosbeak. A big antswarm along the trail allowed us to see the often difficult Rufous-throated and White-plumed Antbirds. Other birds along the trail included Black-throated Trogon, Long-winged and Gray Antwrens, and Long-billed Gnatwren. In the afternoon we first stopped at the white sand forest to see Bronzy Jacamar, then birded the road, finding quite a lot of neat stuff like Red-throated Caracara, Jabiru, Black Nunbird, Green-tailed and Paradise Jacamars, Guianan Streaked Antwren, and Yellow-throated Flycatcher. As it got dark, Delon took us to a different spot for White-winged Potoo, and this time we found one. It was a bit distant, but with the scope and a powerful light we could see the white in the wing. Then we tried for Black-banded Owl, which responded quickly but kept its distance. We saw it, but not very well. Still, we were very happy to have seen the world's rarest potoo (not to mention the second rarest the previous day).



Green-tailed Jacamar from along the main highway near Atta Lodge

Our pre-breakfast outing targeted the superb **Guianan Red-Cotinga**, which we'd only had glimpses of so far, but this time we had some better views along with more **White-crowned Manakins** and some quick views of **Cayenne Jay** and **Red-rumped Cacique**. After breakfast, we departed Atta and drove south along the main road towards Surama Lodge, making various stops along the way. The forest was very quiet and we did not add much in the way of new birds, though a mixed flock had a **Buff-cheeked Greenlet** and an **Ornate Hawk-Eagle** circled overhead, calling. We walked a short trail to some boulders to see another male **Guianan Cock-of-the-rock**, getting better view than before and some photos:



It was very hot when we arrived at Surama, so took a long break through the early afternoon. Surama has a mix of rainforest and savanna. Savanna dominates much of the landscape in southwestern Guyana, and we would spend much of the rest of the trip in this habitat. Our afternoon outing first took us to the edge of the forest, where the local guides had a Great Potoo staked out, and we also saw a Golden-spangled Piculet and a soaring King Vulture. As the sun got lower, we ventured out into the open savanna with its very different set of birds. Plain-crested and Lesser Elaenias were both seen, along with a Ruddy-breasted Seedeater. White-naped Xenopsaris was the star of the afternoon, with a pair coming in and showing well. As it got darker, both Lesser and Least Nighthawks started feeding over our heads, and later on we spotlit a White-tailed Nightjar before calling it a day.

In past years, Surama had been well known for a staked out Harpy Eagle nest. Sadly we learned that the nest had failed the previous year and the adults had not returned to try again. We still walked out to the old nest, though first spent some time birding along the road. We had our best views of the pretty Caica Parrot along with Red-necked and Ringed Woodpeckers, Black-capped Becard, Buff-breasted Wren, and another Crimson Fruitcrow. The trail to the nest was incredibly quiet and we saw very few birds along the way, mainly just a Gray Antbird and more glimpses of Cayenne Jay. We admired the enormous nesting tree and spent time photographing an Amazon Whipsnake that was coiled up in a sapling nearby. The walk back was also pretty slow, though we did find a mixed flock with a Yellow-throated Woodpecker and Buff-throated Woodcreeper, and saw another Capuchinbird. We left Surama after lunch, with Delon and Ryan joining us again. Not long after leaving Surama, Delon spotted a Lowland Tapir loafing in a little pond by the road:



A boat from our next lodge, Karanambu, was supposed to meet us at the usual spot in Ginep Landing, but they were quite late thanks (as we found out later) to some unexpected motor trouble. Blue-tailed Emerald and Tropical Gnatcatcher kept us entertained for a few minutes at the riverside, but eventually we drove off to find out what was going on, seeing our first Crested Bobwhites along the road. Eventually the message came that the boat was on its way,

so we stopped for a cold drink before heading back to the river and finally boarding our boats. Cruising the Rupununi River was a relaxing way to spent the afternoon, especially when the local guides produced a flask of tasty (and potnt) rum punch just before sunset! There were plenty of birds to keep us occupied with as well including Rufescent Tiger, Cocoi, and Boat-billed Herons, Green Ibis, Great Black Hawk, and Pied Water-Tyrant. As it got darker, flocks of Bandtailed Nighthawks started hunting over the river, and we spotlit a Common Potoo for our fourth species of potoo in as many days. We arrived a bit late at Karanambu Lodge, but still with time to settle in and shower before dinner.

We enjoyed some early morning coffee in the cool, crisp pre-dawn twilight before taking a couple of pickups out into the savanna close to the lodge. Highlights of the morning included the rare **Bearded Tachuri** seen in some pristine grassland and a handsome Maguari Stork. Other species encountered were White-tailed Goldenthroat, Limpkin, White-tailed Hawk, Long-winged Harrier, Brown-chested Martin, Grassland Sparrow, Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch, Grassland Yellow-Finch, and Plumbeous Seedeater. We returned to the lodge for a well-earned breakfast. With the day warming up, we headed into the shade of the gallery forest nearby, enjoying superb birding the rest of the morning. First a pair of Northern Slaty-Antshrikes showed well, and soon after a White-bellied Antbird started singing and was soon located on a low perch:



Not far down the same trail, we homed in on a singing **Black-chinned Antbird**, seeing that well too, then found ourselves in the midst of a big mixed-species flock that had Black Nunbird, Golden-green and Chestnut Woodpeckers, Striped and Wedge-billed Woodcreepers, White-flanked Antwren, and Guianan Trogon. Down the trail we soon found Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant and Blue-backed Manakin before reaching one of the best areas for Spotted Puffbird. None seemed to be around at first, so we went and chased down a singing White-browed Antbird, then called in a Yellow-breasted Flycatcher. Finally, as I was about to give up, the puffbird started singing and with a bit of effort we located it and enjoyed extended views.



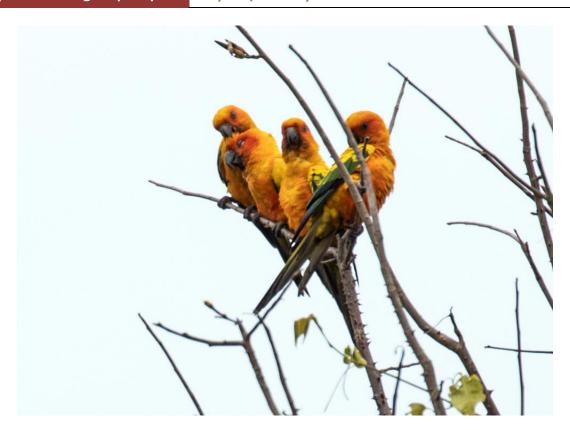
Spotted Puffbird from Karanambu Lodge

After lunch, we had another afternoon boat ride. We were hoping to see Crestless Curassow, but I think the water levels were too high and we had no luck. Most of what we found was the same as yesterday afternoon, though we did see Gray-cowled Wood-Rail, Green-and-rufous Kingfisher, Black Skimmer, and a Bearded Saki Monkey:



Next morning we departed Karanambu quite early. While the original plan was to drive through the savanna back to the main road, the lodge vehicles were being repaired so we instead took the boats to a village where Ryan and Delon were waiting with the van. We drove west, then north towards the village of Karasabai, one of the only places in the world to see the rare and beautiful Sun Parakeet. Needless to say, we were anxious to get there and find this major target, but the roads were slow, and we also could not just drive past a Giant Anteater that one member of our group fortuitously spotted out the window. There was still a long way to go to Karasabai when we were stopped by a wooden bridge with an enormous hole in it. Was this the end of our parakeet hopes? Other frustrated drivers had already carved a rough track around the bridge, but it hardly looked suitable for a van. Ryan was not to be deterred, ordered us out of the vehicle, and somehow managed to reach the other side with minimal damage. Onward! Finally we reached the village and picked up another local guide, who told us the parakeets were farther down the road. Back in the van, we continued until a spot where the road was being dug up by a construction crew. "No worries" said the guide, it's only 200 meters walk to the birds! A mile later and we were still walking, with no birds in sight. Anxiety was reaching terminal levels. Suddenly we heard them, and then the angst evaporated to be replaced by joy and delight as we spotted the first group of Sun Parakeets feeding in a fruiting tree. More and more arrived, and they were pretty much all around us for the rest of the morning.





They are truly fantastic birds, and everyone thought it was well worth the effort. A few other birds were around too, including White-fringed Antwren, Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher, Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant, Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, and Finsch's Euphonia. We had lunch at the brand new HQ of the reserve (they said we were their first guests) and then departed, heading back south towards the town of Lethem. We once again survived the broken bridge and arrived safely at Manari Ranch (our lodge for the next two nights). With a very early start looming for our search for Red Siskin, we just did some easy birding near Manari, adding a few things like Bicolored Wren and Red-bellied Macaw, before having an early dinner.

Several 4x4 pickups trundled up at 3:30am (and Ryan was happy to have break!). We soon set off to the south, deep into the Rupunini Savanna. We reached the little town of Sand Creek shortly after sunrise, and continued on a bit to the base of some low hills, stopping briefly for some **Buff-necked Ibises** and a perched **Aplomado Falcon**. Finally we reached the spot, and had our field breakfast as we started looking for siskins. One of the first birds we saw was a scrub-flycatcher. On my previous visit, the local guides had called these Amazonian Scrub-Flycatchers, but this time they called it Southern. I thought that quite strange since Southern is thought to be an austral migrant, and in January they should all be in the southern part of the continent. We took some photos, and on returning home I looked more deeply into the matter. Based on plumage and the voice (which other birders had recorded on previous visits), I had to conclude that it was indeed **Southern Scrub-Flycatcher**, though I have to wonder if there is some sort of undescribed non-migratory taxon here (more at: <a href="https://ebird.org/checklist/S64098500">https://ebird.org/checklist/S64098500</a>). We also saw **Mouse-colored Tyrannulet** and **Hepatic Tanager** before walking along the base of the hills to continue our search. Still no little red birds, but at least we added **White-barred Piculet**, **Piratic Flycatcher**, **White-throated Kingbird**, **Gray** and **Yellow-bellied Seedeaters**, and **Grayish Saltator**.

Finally, as we were starting to get a bit worried, we heard some siskin-like calls across a field, and then there they were! A small flock of **Red Siskins** was feeding in a tree, and then later another group of them arrived:



We spent a long time with them and it was all worth it in the end. Once they had left, we drove back to town, signed the obligatory visitor log, and then headed over to Wichabai Ranch, where we had very enjoyable lunch while seeing Pearl Kite, Purple Gallinule, Laughing Falcon, and even a Eastern Meadowlark. From there we made the long drive back to Manari, not really seeing much along the way, and enjoyed an afternoon rest once we finally got back.



Pearl Kite at Wichabai Ranch

It was our last morning, but there were still some very important targets to be found. Our 4x4's turned up again (fortunately not nearly as early, and they were a bit delayed as the drivers struggled to tie a big rowboat to the top of one of the vehicles:



This was an unexpected development... Turns out that recent bush fires and poor road conditions meant that we had to go to a different spot and to be prepared to cross the Takutu River and make a brief foray into Brazil!

We were up for anything as long as we saw the birds... We first started by trying to find **Hoary-throated Spinetail**, and that proved to be a challenge. Our first few attempts were fruitless as the bird called a few times but never came in. We went to another spot and still it seemed hopeless, but finally a lone spinetail came in and showed quite nicely. The boat was ready by then, and the jeep drivers conspired to smuggle us over the border, but only briefly as it turns out as **Rio Branco Antbird** came in at the very first place we tried. Mission accomplished, though we also had other birds of course that morning, including **Rufous-tailed Jacamar**, **Pale-tipped Tyrannulet**, and **Collared Plover**. Our flight back to Georgetown was at 4:30pm, so we just chilled out at Manari until we had to head to the airport. Our flight was nearly on time, and we got to our hotel in time for a nice farewell dinner, though this time without any owls. Once again it was a memorable trip, and thanks to everyone for helping make it a great success!

# **BIRD LIST**

The list includes everything that was seen by at least one of the group, including the guide/tour leader. Taxonomy follows: Clements, J. F., T. S. Schulenberg, M. J. Iliff, D. Roberson, T. A. Fredericks, B. L. Sullivan, and C. L. Wood. 2019. The eBird/Clements checklist of birds of the world: v2019. Downloaded from http://www.birds.cornell.edu/clementschecklist/download/

365 bird species seen 21 x heard only

H=heard only GO=guide only

#### **TINAMIDAE (TINAMOUS)**

H Great Tinamou Tinamus major
H Cinereous Tinamou Crypturellus cinereus

**ANATIDAE (DUCKS, GEESE, AND WATERFOWL)** 

White-faced Whistling-Duck Dendrocygna viduata

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck Dendrocygna autumnalis autumnalis

Muscovy Duck

Masked Duck

Cairina moschata

Nomonyx dominicus

CRACIDAE (GUANS, CHACHALACAS, AND CURASSOWS)

Variable Chachalaca (Little) Ortalis motmot motmot

Marail Guan Penelope marail

Spix's Guan (Grant's)

Penelope jacquacu granti

Black Curassow Crax alector

ODONTOPHORIDAE (NEW WORLD QUAIL)

Crested Bobwhite Colinus cristatus sonnini

PODICIPEDIDAE (GREBES)

Least Grebe Tachybaptus dominicus
Pied-billed Grebe Podilymbus podiceps

COLUMBIDAE (PIGEONS AND DOVES)

Rock Pigeon Columba livia

Pale-vented Pigeon Patagioenas cayennensis

H Scaled Pigeon Patagioenas speciosa

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Plumbeous Pigeon

Ruddy Pigeon

Common Ground Dove

Plain-breasted Ground Dove

Ruddy Ground Dove

White-tipped Dove

**Eared Dove** 

**CUCULIDAE (CUCKOOS)** 

Smooth-billed Ani

Striped Cuckoo

Little Cuckoo Squirrel Cuckoo

CAPRIMULGIDAE (NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES)

Nacunda Nighthawk

Least Nighthawk

Lesser Nighthawk

Short-tailed Nighthawk

Band-tailed Nighthawk

Common Pauraque

White-tailed Nightjar

Ladder-tailed Nightjar

NYCTIBIIDAE (POTOOS)

Great Potoo

Common Potoo

White-winged Potoo

Rufous Potoo

**APODIDAE (SWIFTS)** 

Chapman's Swift

**Short-tailed Swift** 

Band-rumped Swift

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift

TROCHILIDAE (HUMMINGBIRDS)

Crimson Topaz

Long-tailed Hermit

Reddish Hermit

Black-eared Fairy

White-tailed Goldenthroat

Black-throated Mango

Blue-tailed Emerald

**Gray-breasted Sabrewing** 

Fork-tailed Woodnymph

White-chested Emerald

Plain-bellied Emerald

Glittering-throated Emerald

Rufous-throated Sapphire

Patagioenas plumbea

Patagioenas subvinacea purpureotincta

Columbina passerina

Columbina minuta

Columbina talpacoti

Leptotila verreauxi brasiliensis

Zenaida auriculata

Crotophaga ani

Tapera naevia

Coccycua minuta

Piaya cayana cayana

Chordeiles nacunda

Chordeiles pusillus

Chordeiles acutipennis

Lurocalis semitorquatus semitorquatus

Nyctiprogne leucopyga leucopyga

Nyctidromus albicollis

Hydropsalis cayennensis

Hydropsalis climacocerca

Nyctibius grandis

Nyctibius griseus

Nyctibius leucopterus

Nyctibius bracteatus

Chaetura chapmani

Chaetura brachyura brachyura

Chaetura spinicaudus spinicaudus

Tachornis squamata

Topaza pella

Phaethornis superciliosus

Phaethornis ruber

Heliothryx auritus

Polytmus guainumbi

Anthracothorax nigricollis

Chlorostilbon mellisugus

Campylopterus largipennis largipennis

Thalurania furcata

Amazilia brevirostris

Amazilia leucogaster

Amazilia fimbriata

Hylocharis sapphirina

**OPISTHOCOMIDAE (HOATZIN)** 

Hoatzin Opisthocomus hoazin

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail (Gray-cowled)

Aramides cajaneus cajaneus

Purple Gallinule Porphyrio martinica

ARAMIDAE (LIMPKIN)

Limpkin Aramus guarauna guarauna

**PSOPHIIDAE (TRUMPETERS)** 

Gray-winged Trumpeter Psophia crepitans crepitans

CHARADRIIDAE (PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS)

RALLIDAE (RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS)

Pied Lapwing Vanellus cayanus

Southern Lapwing Vanellus chilensis cayennensis

Collared Plover Charadrius collaris

**JACANIDAE (JACANAS)** 

Wattled Jacana (Chestnut-backed)

Jacana jacana jacana

SCOLOPACIDAE (SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES)

Spotted Sandpiper Actitis macularius
Solitary Sandpiper Tringa solitaria

Greater Yellowlegs Tringa melanoleuca

LARIDAE (GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMERS)

Laughing Gull Leucophaeus atricilla

Lesser Black-backed Gull Larus fuscus

Yellow-billed Tern Sternula superciliaris
Large-billed Tern Phaetusa simplex

Black Skimmer Rynchops niger cinerascens

**CICONIIDAE (STORKS)** 

Maguari Stork Ciconia maguari
Jabiru Jabiru mycteria

Wood Stork Mycteria americana

FREGATIDAE (FRIGATEBIRDS)

Magnificent Frigatebird Fregata magnificens

**ANHINGIDAE (ANHINGAS)** 

Anhinga Anhinga Anhinga

PHALACROCORACIDAE (CORMORANTS AND SHAGS)

Neotropic Cormorant Phalacrocorax brasilianus

PELECANIDAE (PELICANS)

Brown Pelican Pelecanus occidentalis

ARDEIDAE (HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS)

Rufescent Tiger-Heron Tigrisoma lineatum

Cocoi Heron Ardea cocoi

Great Egret Ardea alba egretta
Snowy Egret Egretta thula

Little Blue Heron Egretta caerulea
Tricolored Heron Egretta tricolor

Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis ibis

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Striated Heron Capped Heron

Black-crowned Night-Heron Yellow-crowned Night-Heron Boat-billed Heron (Southern)

THRESKIORNITHIDAE (IBISES AND SPOONBILLS)

Scarlet Ibis
Green Ibis
Buff-necked Ibis

**CATHARTIDAE (NEW WORLD VULTURES)** 

King Vulture Black Vulture Turkey Vulture

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture Greater Yellow-headed Vulture

**PANDIONIDAE (OSPREY)** 

Osprey

**ACCIPITRIDAE (HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES)** 

White-tailed Kite Swallow-tailed Kite Ornate Hawk-Eagle

Snail Kite

Pearl Kite

Plumbeous Kite Long-winged Harrier Rufous Crab Hawk Savanna Hawk Great Black Hawk Roadside Hawk

White Hawk (Black-tailed)

Gray-lined Hawk Short-tailed Hawk

White-tailed Hawk

**TYTONIDAE (BARN-OWLS)** 

Barn Owl

STRIGIDAE (OWLS)

Great Horned Owl
Amazonian Pygmy-Owl

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

Black-banded Owl

**TROGONIDAE (TROGONS)** 

H Black-tailed Trogon
Green-backed Trogon
Guianan Trogon
Black-throated Trogon

Butorides striata striata

Pilherodius pileatus

Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli

Nyctanassa violacea

Cochlearius cochlearius cochlearius

Eudocimus ruber

Mesembrinibis cavennensis

Theristicus caudatus

Sarcoramphus papa

Coragyps atratus
Cathartes aura ruficollis
Cathartes burrovianus

Cathartes melambrotus

Pandion haliaetus

Gampsonyx swainsonii

Elanus leucurus
Elanoides forficatus
Spizaetus ornatus
Rostrhamus sociabilis

Ictinia plumbea Circus buffoni

Buteogallus aequinoctialis
Buteogallus meridionalis
Buteogallus urubitinga
Rupornis magnirostris
Geranoaetus albicaudatus
Pseudastur albicollis albicollis

Buteo nitidus

Buteo brachyurus

Tyto alba hellmayri

Bubo virginianus nacurutu

Glaucidium hardyi

Glaucidium brasilianum phaloenoides

Ciccaba huhula

Trogon melanurus melanurus

Trogon viridis viridis Trogon violaceus Trogon rufus

### **MOMOTIDAE (MOTMOTS)**

H Amazonian Motmot

**ALCEDINIDAE (KINGFISHERS)** 

Ringed Kingfisher
Amazon Kingfisher

Green Kingfisher

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher

**BUCCONIDAE (PUFFBIRDS)** 

Guianan Puffbird Spotted Puffbird Black Nunbird

Swallow-winged Puffbird

**GALBULIDAE (JACAMARS)** 

Yellow-billed Jacamar

Rufous-tailed Jacamar Green-tailed Jacamar

Bronzy Jacamar

Paradise Jacamar

**Great Jacamar** 

**CAPITONIDAE (NEW WORLD BARBETS)** 

Black-spotted Barbet

**RAMPHASTIDAE (TOUCANS)** 

Green Aracari

Black-necked Aracari Guianan Toucanet

White-throated Toucan (Red-billed)

Channel-billed Toucan

PICIDAE (WOODPECKERS)

Golden-spangled Piculet (Buffon's)

White-bellied Piculet

White-barred Piculet (Marajo)

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker

Golden-collared Woodpecker

Blood-colored Woodpecker Red-necked Woodpecker

Crimson-crested Woodpecker

Lineated Woodpecker

Ringed Woodpecker

Waved Woodpecker

Cream-colored Woodpecker

Chestnut Woodpecker

Yellow-throated Woodpecker

Golden-green Woodpecker (Bar-throated)

**FALCONIDAE (FALCONS AND CARACARAS)** 

H Barred Forest-Falcon

Momotus momota

Megaceryle torquata torquata

Chloroceryle amazona

Chloroceryle americana

Chloroceryle inda

Notharchus macrorhynchos

Bucco tamatia

Monasa atra

Chelidoptera tenebrosa

Galbula albirostris albirostris

Galbula ruficauda ruficauda

Galbula galbula

Galbula leucogastra

Galbula dea

Jacamerops aureus

Capito niger

Pteroglossus viridis

Pteroglossus aracari

Selenidera piperivora

Ramphastos tucanus tucanus

Ramphastos vitellinus vitellinus

Picumnus exilis buffonii

Picumnus spilogaster

Picumnus cirratus confusus(?)

Melanerpes cruentatus

Dryobates cassini

Dryobates sanguineus

Campephilus rubricollis

Campephilus melanoleucos Dryocopus lineatus lineatus

Celeus torquatus torquatus

Celeus undatus

Celeus flavus

Celeus elegans hellmayri

Piculus flavigula

Piculus chrysochloros capistratus

Micrastur ruficollis

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H Lined Forest-Falcon

Black Caracara

Red-throated Caracara

Crested Caracara

Yellow-headed Caracara

Laughing Falcon American Kestrel Aplomado Falcon

Bat Falcon

Orange-breasted Falcon

Peregrine Falcon

**PSITTACIDAE (NEW WORLD AND AFRICAN PARROTS)** 

Golden-winged Parakeet

Caica Parrot Dusky Parrot

Blue-headed Parrot

Festive Parrot (Northern)

H Blue-cheeked Parrot

Yellow-crowned Parrot

Mealy Parrot (Southern)

Orange-winged Parrot

Green-rumped Parrotlet Black-headed Parrot

Red-fan Parrot

Painted Parakeet

**Brown-throated Parakeet** 

Sun Parakeet

Red-bellied Macaw

Blue-and-yellow Macaw

Scarlet Macaw

Red-and-green Macaw

Red-shouldered Macaw (Northern)

THAMNOPHILIDAE (TYPICAL ANTBIRDS)

H Fasciated Antshrike

Black-crested Antshrike

H Barred Antshrike

H Mouse-colored Antshrike

Northern Slaty-Antshrike (Guianan)

Dusky-throated Antshrike Cinereous Antshrike

Rufous-bellied Antwren

Brown-bellied Stipplethroat (Antwren)

H Pygmy Antwren

Guianan Streaked-Antwren
White-flanked Antwren

Micrastur gilvicollis

Daptrius ater

Ibycter americanus

Caracara cheriway

Milvago chimachima

Herpetotheres cachinnans

Falco sparverius isabellinus

Falco femoralis

Falco rufigularis

Falco deiroleucus

Falco peregrinus

Brotogeris chrysoptera

Pyrilia caica

Pionus fuscus

Pionus menstruus menstruus

Amazona festiva bodini

Amazona dufresniana

Amazona ochrocephala

Amazona farinosa farinosa

Amazona amazonica

Forpus passerinus

Pionites melanocephalus

Deroptyus accipitrinus

Pyrrhura picta picta

Eupsittula pertinax surinama

Aratinga solstitialis

Orthopsittaca manilatus

Ara ararauna

Ara macao

Ara chloropterus

Diopsittaca nobilis nobilis

Cymbilaimus lineatus

Sakesphorus canadensis trinitatis

Thamnophilus doliatus doliatus

Thamnophilus murinus

Thamnophilus punctatus punctatus

Thamnomanes ardesiacus

Thamnomanes caesius

Isleria guttata

Epinecrophylla gutturalis

Myrmotherula brachyura

Myrmotherula surinamensis

Myrmotherula axillaris axillaris

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Long-winged Antwren

Gray Antwren

Spot-tailed Antwren

Todd's Antwren

White-fringed Antwren (Southern)

Guianan Warbling-Antbird

H Dusky Antbird

Gray Antbird

Rio Branco Antbird

White-browed Antbird

Black-chinned Antbird

Silvered Antbird

Spot-winged Antbird

White-bellied Antbird

Ferruginous-backed Antbird

White-plumed Antbird

Rufous-throated Antbird

### **GRALLARIIDAE (ANTPITTAS)**

Spotted Antpitta

### **FURNARIIDAE (OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS)**

Plain-brown Woodcreeper (Line-throated)

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper

Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper

Black-banded Woodcreeper

Striped Woodcreeper

Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper

**Buff-throated Woodcreeper** 

Straight-billed Woodcreeper

Guianan Woodcreeper

Plain Xenops

Pale-legged Hornero

Yellow-chinned Spinetail

H Pale-breasted Spinetail

Hoary-throated Spinetail

### PIPRIDAE (MANAKINS)

Tiny Tyrant-Manakin

Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin

Blue-backed Manakin

Black Manakin

White-crowned Manakin

Golden-headed Manakin

#### **COTINGIDAE (COTINGAS)**

Guianan Red-Cotinga

Guianan Cock-of-the-rock

Myrmotherula longipennis

Myrmotherula menetriesii

Herpsilochmus sticturus

Herpsilochmus stictocephalus

Formicivora grisea grisea

Hypocnemis cantator

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Cercomacroides tyrannina

Cercomacra cinerascens

Cercomacra carbonaria

Myrmoborus leucophrys

Hypocnemoides melanopogon

Sclateria naevia

Myrmelastes leucostigma leucostigma

Myrmeciza longipes

Myrmoderus ferrugineus

Pithys albifrons

Gymnopithys rufigula

Hylopezus macularius macularius

Dendrocincla fuliginosa fuliginosa

Glyphorynchus spirurus spirurus

Dendrexetastes rufigula rufigula

Dendrocolaptes certhia certhia

Dendrocolaptes picumnus picumnus

Xiphorhynchus obsoletus

Xiphorhynchus pardalotus

Xiphorhynchus guttatus polystictus

Dendroplex picus

Lepidocolaptes albolineatus

Xenops minutus ruficaudus

Furnarius leucopus leucopus

Certhiaxis cinnamomeus

Synallaxis albescens

Synallaxis kollari

Tyranneutes virescens

Neopelma chrysocephalum

Chiroxiphia pareola

Xenopipo atronitens

Dixiphia pipra pipra

Ceratopipra erythrocephala

Phoenicircus carnifex

Rupicola rupicola

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Crimson Fruitcrow

Purple-throated Fruitcrow

Capuchinbird

Purple-breasted Cotinga

Spangled Cotinga Screaming Piha

Pompadour Cotinga

TITYRIDAE (TITYRAS AND ALLIES)

Black-tailed Tityra
Olivaceous Schiffornis

GO Dusky Purpletuft

White-naped Xenopsaris
Black-capped Becard

Pink-throated Becard

OXYRUNCIDAE (SHARPBILL, ROYAL FLYCATCHER, AND ALLIES)

Whiskered Flycatcher

**TYRANNIDAE (TYRANT FLYCATCHERS)** 

White-crested Spadebill Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant

Pelzeln's Tody-Tyrant

Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher Spotted Tody-Flycatcher Common Tody-Flycatcher Painted Tody-Flycatcher

Yellow-olive Flycatcher (Guianan)

Yellow-margined Flycatcher (examinatus)

Gray-crowned Flycatcher

Yellow-breasted Flycatcher (Ochre-lored)

White-lored Tyrannulet

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet Mouse-colored Tyrannulet

Bearded Tachuri

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet

Forest Elaenia

Plain-crested Elaenia Rufous-crowned Elaenia Yellow-bellied Elaenia

Lesser Elaenia

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet

Guianan Tyrannulet
Pale-tipped Tyrannulet
Bran-colored Flycatcher

Southern Scrub-Flycatcher

Vermilion Flycatcher

Haematoderus militaris

Querula purpurata

Perissocephalus tricolor

Cotinga cotinga

Cotinga cayana

Lipaugus vociferans Xipholena punicea

хірпоівна ринісва

Tityra cayana cayana Schiffornis olivacea

Iodopleura fusca

lodopleura fusca

Xenopsaris albinucha

Pachyramphus marginatus

Pachyramphus minor

Myiobius barbatus barbatus

Platyrinchus platyrhynchos

Lophotriccus galeatus

Atalotriccus pilaris

Hemitriccus inornatus

Poecilotriccus sylvia

Todirostrum maculatum

Todirostrum cinereum

Todirostrum pictum

Tolmomyias sulphurescens cherriei

Tolmomyias assimilis examinatus

Tolmomyias poliocephalus

Tolmomyias flaviventris aurulentus

Ornithion inerme

Camptostoma obsoletum Phaeomyias murina

Polystictus pectoralis

Tyrannulus elatus

Myiopagis gaimardii

Elaenia cristata

Elaenia ruficeps

Elaenia flavogaster Elaenia chiriquensis

Phyllomyias griseiceps

Tryttorriylas griscice

Zimmerius acer Inezia caudata

Myiophobus fasciatus fasciatus

Sublegatus modestus

Pyrocephalus rubinus saturatus

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Drab Water Tyrant Pied Water-Tyrant

White-headed Marsh Tyrant

Long-tailed Tyrant

H Rufous-tailed Flatbill Swainson's Flycatcher

Short-crested Flycatcher Brown-crested Flycatcher

Lesser Kiskadee Great Kiskadee

Boat-billed Flycatcher

Rusty-margined Flycatcher

Yellow-throated Flycatcher

Streaked Flycatcher
Piratic Flycatcher
Sulphury Flycatcher
White-throated Kingbird

Tropical Kingbird Gray Kingbird

Fork-tailed Flycatcher

#### **VIREONIDAE (VIREOS, SHRIKE-BABBLERS, AND ERPORNIS)**

H Rufous-browed Peppershrike

Ashy-headed Greenlet Lemon-chested Greenlet

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo

GO Tawny-crowned Greenlet (Olive-crowned)

**Buff-cheeked Greenlet** 

Chivi Vireo

## **CORVIDAE (CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES)**

Cayenne Jay

# **HIRUNDINIDAE (SWALLOWS)**

Black-collared Swallow White-banded Swallow

Southern Rough-winged Swallow

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

#### POLIOPTILIDAE (GNATCATCHERS)

Long-billed Gnatwren
Tropical Gnatcatcher

## **TROGLODYTIDAE (WRENS)**

House Wren
Bicolored Wren
Coraya Wren
Buff-breasted Wren

Ochthornis littoralis
Fluvicola pica

Arundinicola leucocephala

Colonia colonus

Ramphotrigon ruficauda Myiarchus swainsoni

Myiarchus ferox

Myiarchus tyrannulus tyrannulus

Pitangus lictor

Pitangus sulphuratus

Megarynchus pitangua pitangua

Myiozetetes cayanensis

Conopias parvus

Myiodynastes maculatus Legatus leucophaius Tyrannopsis sulphurea Tyrannus albogularis Tyrannus melancholicus Tyrannus dominicensis Tyrannus savana

Cyclarhis gujanensis gujanensis

Hylophilus pectoralis

Hylophilus thoracicus griseiventris

Vireolanius leucotis leucotis

Tunchiornis ochraceiceps luteifrons

Pachysylvia muscicapina

Vireo chivi vividior

Cyanocorax cayanus

Pygochelidon melanoleuca

Atticora fasciata

Stelgidopteryx ruficollis
Progne chalybea
Progne tapera tapera
Tachycineta albiventer

Ramphocaenus melanurus albiventris

Polioptila plumbea plumbea

Troglodytes aedon clarus Campylorhynchus griseus Pheugopedius coraya Cantorchilus leucotis MIMIDAE (MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS)

Tropical Mockingbird Mimus gilvus melanopterus

**TURDIDAE (THRUSHES AND ALLIES)** 

Pale-breasted Thrush Turdus leucomelas

FRINGILLIDAE (FINCHES, EUPHONIAS, AND ALLIES)

Finsch's Euphonia Euphonia finschi Violaceous Euphonia Euphonia violacea Golden-sided Euphonia Euphonia cayennensis

Red Siskin Spinus cucullatus

PASSERELLIDAE (NEW WORLD BUNTINGS AND SPARROWS)

Ammodramus humeralis Grassland Sparrow

**ICTERIDAE (TROUPIALS AND ALLIES)** Eastern Meadowlark Sturnella magna praticola

Red-breasted Meadowlark Leistes militaris

Psarocolius viridis Green Oropendola

Crested Oropendola Psarocolius decumanus

Yellow-rumped Cacique (Amazonian) Cacicus cela cela

Cacicus haemorrhous Red-rumped Cacique

**Epaulet Oriole** Icterus cayanensis cayanensis Orange-backed Troupial Icterus croconotus

Yellow Oriole Icterus nigrogularis Shiny Cowbird Molothrus bonariensis Giant Cowbird Molothrus oryzivorus Carib Grackle Quiscalus lugubris

Yellow-hooded Blackbird

Chrysomus icterocephalus PARULIDAE (NEW WORLD WARBLERS)

Yellow Warbler Setophaga petechia

Blackpoll Warbler Setophaga striata

**CARDINALIDAE (CARDINALS AND ALLIES)** Hepatic Tanager (Lowland) Piranga flava macconnelli

Yellow-green Grosbeak Caryothraustes canadensis Red-and-black Grosbeak Periporphyrus erythromelas

THRAUPIDAE (TANAGERS AND ALLIES)

Red-capped Cardinal Paroaria gularis gularis Flame-crested Tanager Tachyphonus cristatus intercedens

Fulvous-crested Tanager Tachyphonus surinamus

Silver-beaked Tanager Ramphocelus carbo Blue-backed Tanager Cyanicterus cyanicterus

Thraupis episcopus episcopus Blue-gray Tanager

Palm Tanager Thraupis palmarum Spotted Tanager Ixothraupis punctata Burnished-buff Tanager (Rufous-crowned) Stilpnia cayana cayana

Turquoise Tanager Tangara mexicana mexicana

GO Paradise Tanager Tangara chilensis

Rose-breasted Chat

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Granatellus pelzelni pelzelni

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Opal-rumped Tanager Bay-headed Tanager Swallow Tanager Black-faced Dacnis

Blue Dacnis

Purple Honeycreeper Red-legged Honeycreeper Green Honeycreeper Yellow-backed Tanager Chestnut-vented Conebill Grassland Yellow-Finch Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch Blue-black Grassquit

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater Ruddy-breasted Seedeater

**Gray Seedeater** 

Wing-barred Seedeater Yellow-bellied Seedeater Plumbeous Seedeater

Bananaquit Grayish Saltator

#### **MAMMALS**

Black-eared (Common) Opossum

Giant Anteater

Guianan Red Howler Monkey Guiana (Black) Spider Monkey

Bearded Saki

Golden-faced (White-faced) Saki

Red-rumped Agouti

Tayra Giant Otter

Lowland (Brazilian) Tapir White-lipped Peccary

Proboscis Bat Greater Bulldog Bat

### **OTHERS**

Amazon Tree Boa Emerald Tree Boa Amazon Whipsnake Golden Rocket Frog Tangara velia velia Tangara gyrola gyrola

Tersina viridis

Dacnis lineata lineata

Dacnis cayana

Cyanerpes caeruleus
Cyanerpes cyaneus
Chlorophanes spiza
Hemithraupis flavicollis
Conirostrum speciosum
Sicalis luteola luteola
Emberizoides herbicola

Volatinia jacarina

Sporophila castaneiventris

Sporophila minuta Sporophila intermedia Sporophila americana Sporophila nigricollis Sporophila plumbea

Coereba flaveola guianensis Saltator coerulescens olivascens

Didelphis marsupialis Myrmecophaga tridactyla

Alouatta macconnelli

Ateles paniscus

Chiropotes chiropotes
Pithecia pithecia
Dasyprocta leporina

Eira barbara

Pteronura brasiliensis Tapirus terrestris Tayassu pecari

Rhynchonycteris naso Noctilio leporinus

Corallus hortulana
Corallus caninus
Chironius carinatus
Anomaloglossus beebei