



Jaguar - the secretive and largest feline of the Americas is undoubtedly the major star on this tour (Eduardo Patrial)

JAGUARS & BIRDS OF BRAZIL

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In a brilliant way this magnificent tour comprises in two weeks three top-selected birdwatching destinations in central and eastern Brazil, showing the best of Pantanal, the incredibly diverse Atlantic Forest and the singular Cerrado upland grasslands of Serra da Canastra. With this great combination we delightedly built a list containing nothing less than 458 birds recorded, and also a fine selection of twenty mammals. In the heart of South America we admired the mighty Jaguar - naturally among the greatest cats –, the impressive Hyacinth Macaw, hundreds of water birds as Jabirus, Woodstorks, Southern Screamers and even the skulking Least Bittern, huge flocks of *Nacunda* Nighthawks, the comely Nanday Parakeet and a fantastic array of Passerines including Great Rufous Woodcreeper, White-eyed Atilla, Subtropical Doradito, Bearded Tachuri, Red-crested Cardinal, Scarlet-headed Blackbird and hundreds more. Yet at the vast and humid Atlantic Forest of the amazing Intervales State Park (south-eastern São Paulo State) we were hypnotized by

the impressive number of endemics and also fantastic birds, which embraces the threatened Black-fronted Piping Guan, the stunning Red-breasted Toucan and Saffron Toucanet, the skulking Red-and-white Crake, the elegant Rusty-barred Owl, the notorious antbird gallery including Giant, Spot-backed, Tufted and the rare White-bearded Antshrikes, and Ferruginous, Bertoni's, Dusky-tailed, Ochre-rumped and Squamate Antbirds, mind-blowing views of Variegated Antpitta, the endemics Mouse-coloured and White-breasted Tapaculos, the superb Swallow-tailed Cotinga and the noisy Bare-throated Bellbird, and of course, colourful stunning tanagers such as Green-headed, Red-necked, Brassy-breasted and Rufous-headed Tanagers. Finishing up our fantastic journey, the monumental Serra da Canastra and its unique jewels were just the icing on the cake. There we contemplated the critically endangered Brazilian Merganser, the massive Crowned Solitary Eagle, the rare Sickie-winged Nightjar, the irresistible Cock-tailed and Streamer-tailed Tyrants, the tiny Sharp-tailed Tyrant and Grey-backed Tachuri, the localized endemic Brasilia Tapaculo, the threatened and rare Cinereous Warbling Finch, the shinning Blue Finch and the astonishing Gilt-edged Tanager, and besides three fantastic mammals – Pampas Deer, Giant Anteater and the beautiful Maned Wolf.

This Jaguars and Birds of Brazil tour started on Aug 9th around half past two pm at Cuiaba, capital of the state of Mato Grosso. From the meeting point, airport of Cuiaba, we took our van straight to the great Pantanal, having a quick stop after leaving Cuiaba where few birds were spotted along the road: Brazilian Teal, Black-throated Saltator and White-bellied Seedeater. Arriving at the famous Transpantaneira Road almost at five o'clock pm our reception just couldn't be more amazing and appropriated: a pair of the mighty Hyacinth Macaw was sitting low just beside the road. We spent a good time studding this spectacular bird. In the same area we were able to find a small group of Red-shouldered Macaw, only there because of the proximity of slightly higher lands that surrounds the town of Poconé. Usually this species avoids the Pantanal lowland. Here we also had Peach-fronted Parakeet and the commons Palm Tanager and Cattle Tyrant. To finish the daylight we stop further, a sequence of bridges that take the waters of the Bento Gomes River. As always it was a great show for those entering the Pantanal for the first time. We spotted three Bare-faced Curassows, Black-collared Hawk, Snail Kites, many egrets and herons such as Great and Snowy Egrets, Whistling, Striated and Cocoi Herons and Black-crowned Night-Heron. Also loads of Wood Storks and few Jabirus. Some small birds showed up too – Yellow-billed Cardinal, Black-capped Donacobius, Black-backed Water Tyrant and Greater Thornbird. A short walk still provided dozens of Caimans, Limpkins, Turquoise-fronted Amazons, Monk Parakeets, Black Skimmers, Large-billed Terns, Buff-necked Ibises, a large group of Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, Bare-faced Ibises and Nacunda Nighthawks. Heading to our lodge, the Pousada Rio Claro, we stopped by a Jabiru nest just beside the road and we spotted a nice Brown Brocket Deer.



The impressive Hyacinth Macaw greeted us entering the Pantanal; and the very uncommon in the area Red-shouldered Macaw was nicely seen in the same place (Eduardo Patrial)



*Jabiru and Caimans, frequent symbols of the Pantanal; and the good-looking Black-collared Hawk always heady to catch another meal
(Eduardo Patrial)*

Our second day started with the dawn chorus at the Rio Claro lodge. After a beautiful sunrise our first bird spotted was a nice Ferruginous Pygmy Owl. Later the garden was infested of birds including Bare-faced Curassow, several Chestnut-bellied Guans (a Brazilian endemic) and Grey-necked Wood Rail. We took a short trail that covers an interesting gallery forest. There we saw a lot of good birds such as Mato Grosso Antbird, White-lored Spinetail, a male Helmeted Manakin, Rusty-backed Spinetail, a pair of Pale-crested Woodpecker, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Red-billed Scythebill, Ashy-headed Greenlet, Buff-breasted Wren, Forest Elaenia and White-wedged Piculet. After breakfast we managed to see the big star of Rio Claro's garden, the Nanday Parakeet. We put our belongings in the car for a long day on the Transpantaneira road heading south to Porto Jofre. Still at the Rio Claro area we stopped on the way out for few nice species – Rufous-fronted Thornbird, Golden-green Woodpecker and Masked Gnatcatcher. Later on the Transpantaneira we spotted two Greater Rheas. Next to the Pixaim River we had another quick stop, this time we saw a nice pair of Rusty-backed Antwren, Rufous Casiornis, Chotoy Spinetail and the gorgeous Green-backed Becard. Further south we stopped to have our lunch box at the good Santa Izabel Road. The great forest here provided us some good species even at the heat of the day – Lineated and Crimson-crested Woodpeckers, Picui and Blue Ground Doves, Blue-crowned Trogon and Fawn-breasted Wren. Next stop was at the 'campo Jofre', a vast flooded area intercalated by woodland. At a common stake out we spent some time watching a number of species – Great-horned Owl, Common Tody Flycatcher, Grey-crested Cacholote, Orange-backed Troupial, Southern Screamer, American Pygmy Kingfisher, two Maguari Storks (the only site to see it), Great Black Hawk and Cinereous-breasted Spinetail. Not far ahead another stop gave us a new bunch of birds – Great Antshrike, the rare visitor White-banded Mockingbird, Southern Scrub Flycatcher, the secretive Subtropical Doradito, White-bellied Seedeater, Little Cuckoo, the cryptic Least Bittern and an incredible sighting of Grey-breasted Crake. To complete the feast two Giant Otters appeared by the bridge we were and at dusk we saw a few Band-tailed Nighthawks. Arriving at Porto Jofre Hotel we were luckily greeted by two Tapirs crossing the road. What a brilliant day!!!



The charming Pale-crested Woodpecker and the weird-looking but incredible Red-billed Scythebill (Eduardo Patrial)



The big star of Rio Claro lodge, Nanday Parakeet; and the tiny cryptic Subtropical Doradito at the 'campo Jofre' area (Eduardo Patrial)



White-banded Mockingbird, a southern visitor rare to find in the Pantanal; and the very secretive Least Bittern, another difficult bird to spot (Eduardo Patrial)

Our third day was totally dedicated in search of the largest cat of the Americas, the mighty Jaguar. We left early on the boat heading up the Cuiaba River towards a second river called 'Three Brothers'. On the way we saw a large number of Crested Oropendolas and by the banks of the river we spotted Black Skimmers, Yellow-billed and Large-billed Terns. We found our first Jaguar (a female) at 07:15 am entering the Three Brothers. It was quite active along the bank and we managed to get great views, some nice photos and a good time watching the behaviour of this splendid creature. Later a male was found sleeping by the bank.

We stayed with the animal for a good time and suddenly the Jaguar woke up and disappeared in the forest shadow. After that we decided to go after some birds and we did well. We had Toco Toucan, Green Ibis, Orange-backed Troupial and at a sandbank the pretty Pied Plover and Collared Plover. Then we took a narrow channel where with a good feeling we brought up the uncommon White-napped Xenopsaris close to our boat for great looks. Still in this channel a second stop provided us a nice roosting group of Nacunda Nighthawks and a flock of seedeaters, mostly females but we spotted a nice male Tawny-bellied Seedeater. As usual in this area the Giant Otters gave us a nice show feeding on fish and interacting gracefully very close to our boat. After the lunch break we went back to the river. It was much slower but we managed to see another Jaguar, unfortunately it stayed sleeping for a long time. We also had a group of four Black Howler Monkeys. We added few birds more, including a small group in flight of Blue-crowned Parakeet and a pair of the nice Band-tailed Antbird. At dusk hundreds of Band-tailed Nighthawks dominated the river course, including Lesser and Greater Fishing Bats.



The mighty Jaguar sitting relaxed facing us on the boat; the yawning time is also a good chance for checking the size of its fangs (Eduardo Patrial)



The handsome Pied Plover and the uncommon White-napped Xenopsaris were found along the Cuiaba River (Eduardo Patrial)



The Giant Otter, another most wanted mammal, always gives a great show by the rivers of Pantanal (Eduardo Patrial)

We started early after a rich breakfast. The grounds of Porto Jofre Hotel were full of birds and we enjoyed great views of Plumbeous Ibis, Red-billed Scythebill and the beautiful White Woodpecker. Later we birded the nice forest just behind the hotel. There we had a bunch of new birds – Chestnut-vented Conebill, Grey-headed Tanager, Streaked Xenops, White-winged Becard, Variable Oriole, Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Blue-throated Piping Guan and Chestnut bellied Guan, White-bellied Warbler and Green Ibis. Only after a quite long search we finally found the scarce White-eyed Attila and had great views of it. Then we headed to the ‘campo Jofre’ driving slowly our van in search of new sightings. An unexpectedly stop put us in front of two gorgeous Scarlet-headed Blackbirds, a most wanted species in the Pantanal. Few kilometres ahead another stop offered a very nice mixed flock with Mato Grosso Antbird, Moustached Wren, the scarce Large Elaenia, Straight-billed Woodcreeper and the hard to find Orange-headed Tanager. Further ahead, covering some grassy area we delighted some of the best specialties of ‘campo Jofre’ – Subtropical Doradito again and the rare Bearded Tachuri. In the morning we still saw Baywing and Chotoy Spinetail. In the afternoon we passed the ‘campo Jofre’ and went to the Santa Izabel road to bird its excellent forest. Right away our stakeout provided amazing scope views of Great Potoo. Having a nice walk along the road we had a really great time, starting surprisingly with the fine Southern Antpipit. A bunch of other species came after that – Flavescent Warbler, Rusty-fronted Tody Flycatcher, Chestnut-eared Aracari, Saffron-billed Sparrow and the uncommon Great Rufous Woodcreeper, besides an unexpected sighting of a Jaguarundi along the road. We finalized the daylight with a pair of the striking Golden-collared Macaw. At night we tried hard for Mottled Owl. We heard several calls back from a pair but the birds didn’t want to come out. On the way back to Porto Jofre we spotted a very nice Yellow Anaconda.



We had great views of the scarce White-eyed Attila; and also the striking Scarlet-headed Blackbird (Eduardo Patrial)



Counting on luck we found the rare and delicate Bearded Tachuri; and the gorgeous Golden-collared Macaw (Eduardo Patrial)

As usual at Porto Jofre Hotel we enjoyed an early half an hour of birding in the hotel's garden and its fantastic birds such as Toco Toucans and Hyacinth Macaws. Then we hit the road back to our first staying, the Rio Claro Lodge. This day was dominated by a cold front bringing overcast weather around noon. A chilly wind helped breaking birds' activity notably. On the way we saw the regular birds, loads of herons, Wood Storks and Jabirus, but a specific stop near the Pixaim area gave us great looks at three of the odd-looking Boat-billed Heron. Arriving at Rio Claro the wind was quite strong and we decided to walk a trail that covers a dense 'acuri' palm forest mainly in search of Planalto Slaty Antshrike. Unfortunately unsuccessfully. Back to the main road to the lodge we found some activity with Rufous-fronted Thornbird, Rusty-backed Antwren, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Variable Oriole, Golden-collared Macaw, Red-billed Scythebill, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper and Orange-backed Troupial. In the afternoon we took a quick look at the riverine forest glimpsing the fine-looking *Celeus* Cream-colored Woodpecker; followed later by a pleasant boat trip where we could get good studies of the shy Sungrebe, Red-throated Pipin Guan and a glimpse of Green-and-rufous Kingfisher. Back to birding along the road finishing the day, a charming close pair of Sunbitterns was formidable. Evening still contributed with great views of Tropical Screech-Owl.



Two astonishing species we just never get tired of taking another look – Toco Toucan and Hyacinth Macaw (Eduardo Patrial)

That was our last morning in the Pantanal and it was still chilly. Our first hours we had a quick swept of terrain where at least a small active flock caught our attention. We got great views of Planalto Woodcreeper, Grey-headed Tanager and further on the road Brown-crested Flycatcher. We were about to leave Rio Claro towards Cuiaba airport when a stunning Red-crested Cardinal decided to show up making that a nice way to say good bye to that area. Leaving Rio Claro we still enjoyed more sightings of Sunbittern and Golden-collared Macaw. We arrived at Cuiaba's airport just before midday. We had a snack lunch and got our direct flight to São Paulo, arriving at Guarulhos airport by evening for our transfer to the famous Intervales State Park, a paradise in the largest continuous Atlantic Forest remnant of Brazil. Dinner was on the way at the

impressive Graal chain of road services. We got ourselves to Intervalas around 11:30 pm, it was quite cold and drizzling.



The nice-looking Grey-headed Tanager and the gorgeous Red-crested Cardinal were some of the last species appreciated in the Pantanal (Eduardo Patrial)



Uncommon in the Pantanal, Planalto Woodcreeper; and the lovely Sunbittern, a species we couldn't leave the Pantanal without a great view (Eduardo Patrial)

The day began grey, a little cold and drizzling from time to time but despite the weather we had an amazing full day of birding in this magnificent state park appreciating several corners of exuberant dense forest. We didn't go far, staying around the lodge and the research station where a complex system of trails depart to different ways. Our first stop after breakfast comprised good second growth full of Atlantic Forest specialties: Orange-breasted Thornbird, Sheer-tailed Grey Tyrant, Rufous-crowned Greenlet, Grey-capped Tyrannulet, Diademed Tanager, Dusky-tailed Antbird, White-rimmed Warbler, Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner, Ochre-faced Tody Flycatcher, Ochre-collared Piculet and good scope views of a fabulous noisy male Bare-throated Bellbird. Later we took a nice trail and a blast of new birds came immediately to our eyes, such as great species as the gorgeous endemic Hooded Berryeater, Bertoni's Antbird, Scale-throated Hermit, Variable Antshrike, Sharpbill, Chestnut-crowned Becard, Wing-barred Piprites, Green-headed and Brassy-breasted

Tanagers; further on a pair of the beautiful Black-throated Trogon, the endemic Mouse-coloured Tapaculo, Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin, Blue Manakin, Rough-legged Tyrannulet and rapidly a Grey-bellied Spinetail. Walking back late morning a very nice mixed flock increased our list with Lesser Woodcreeper, Star-throated Antwren (endemic), Sharp-billed Treehunter, Buff-fronted Foliage-Gleaner, the striking endemic Squamate Antbird, Olive-green Tanager and the fine Yellow-browed Woodpecker. Finishing our morning we had the great pleasure of enjoying superb views and photographing the usually super cryptic Red-and-white Crake which nowadays is being fed with cornmeal by the local guides. The session in the afternoon started early with a visit to an impressive and unusual feeder. Parking the van just beside a bottlebrush tree we got some nice hummers – Violet-capped Woodnymph, Versicolored Emerald, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird and a female Festive Coquette. Back to the fed species we took just the beginning of a trail and then the local guide arranged two logs carefully, took a can full of earthworms, put one or two on the log and gently he tapped the can's bottom. As if by magic a Variegated Antpitta hopped on the log just few meters from us and it stayed there for a long time. The illusory scene left gaping mouths from everyone. We already had our great show that day, but continuing birding we stopped in a good area of forest where a good number of fruiting *Eriobothrya japonica* (a sort of plum) were attracting an amazing number of tanagers and other birds. There we delighted close views of stunning Red-necked, Azure-shouldered and Golden-chevrons Tanagers, Golden-winged Cacique, Green-chinned and Chestnut-bellied Euphonias, Hangnest Tody-tyrant, Scalloped Woodcreeper, White-spotted Woodpecker and a pair of the rare and majestic Swallow-tailed Cotinga. Further on in the same area – an amazing group of Red-breasted Toucans, Surucua Trogon, the mighty Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, Eastern Sirystes, Cliff Flycatcher, the rare Buffy-fronted Seedeater, Rufous-breasted Leaf-tosser and great views of the endemic White-breasted Tapaculo. We finished our fantastic day with a Rufous-capped Antshrike.



Two mega skulking species now reliably seen at the amazing Interales State Park – Red-and-white Crake and Variegated Antpitta (Eduardo Patrial)



The uncommon Green-chinned Euphonia (male) and the adorable odd and rare Swallow-tailed Cotinga (Eduardo Patrial)

Next day at Intervalles we caught up an early tanager flock close to our lodge which had the beautiful endemic Rufous-headed Tanager. We saw some regular species including a nice male Burnished-buff Tanager, a bunch of Red-rumped Caciques and even a Green-barred Woodpecker. Later on we took the famous Carmo road staying birding at its beginning. There a low mist combined with chilly weather disturbed birds' activity a little, but we still managed to see some great birds. Good scope views of Hooded Berryeater, followed by great performance of Black-throated Grosbeak, Rufous-capped Spinetail, White-eyed Foliage-Gleaner and a later flock with Plain and Spot-breasted Antwreos, the gorgeous endemic White-collared Foliage-Gleaner and the cryptic Spotted Bamboowren. Further on Carmo road we found White-throated Spadebill and a numerous group of the uncommon endemic Brown Tanager. Still at Carmo road we added the small Bay-ringed Tyrannulet and Grey Elaenia. On the way back the rare White-bearded Antshrike showed up, unfortunately in bad light and foggy canopy. By the research station we finished our morning with nothing less than a male Giant Antshrike, the largest in the world; and great views of Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper. In the afternoon we took the road towards the 'Lageado' area. We saw a female Tufted Antshrike and a single striking Saffron Toucanet. After that started grizzling but even so we got some nice species. A small flock with Red-crowned Ant-Tanager, Black-capped and White-browed Foliage-Gleaners was much appreciated. Walking back we had great views of Rufous-breasted Leaf-tosser and close to our lodge there were two Slaty-breasted Wood Rails. After dinner we were surprised with an imposing Rusty-barred Owl by the park entrance gate, apparently feeding on moths.



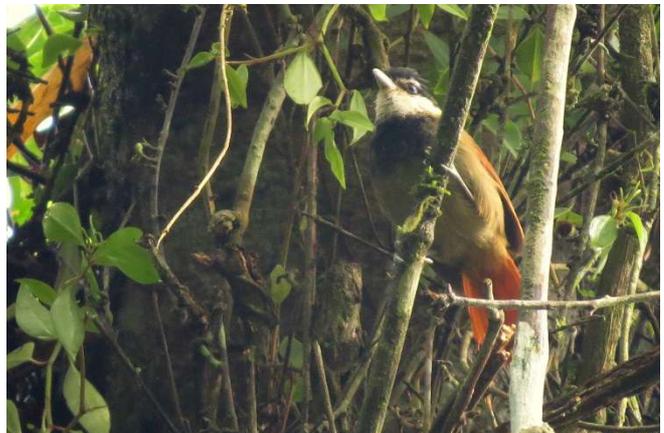
The lovely endemic Spot-breasted Antwreos and the largest representative of Thamnophilidae family, the massive Giant Antshrike, a male (Eduardo Patrial)



The uncommon Spotted Bamboowren is always a hard work to find; and the beautifully marked Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper (Eduardo Patrial)

Next morning was our last one in the amazing Intervalles. The first hours the weather was quite foggy, improving gradually. We took the fantastic 'Mirante' trail (view point trail) for the whole morning, a good walk

through exuberant dense forest with bamboo clumps almost to the top, the latter being covered by a type of cloud forest rather stunted. All the way was very productive, we started with the endemic Yellow-lored Tody Flycatcher, the bamboo specialist Large-headed Flatbill, later on a flock where Tufted Antshrike and Ochre-rumped Antbird were well observed; Red-crowned Ant-Tanager and White-browed Foliage-Gleaner. At some point we spotted a nice Short-tailed Antthrush. Taking the steeper part of the trail we came across with the rare and threatened Black-fronted Pipin Guan performing incredible noisy flights (wing beats). Further on we enjoyed great views of the nice endemics Pale-browed Treehunter and Brown Tanager, followed by Plumbeous Pigeon, Scaly-headed Parrot and a much better views of the gorgeous White-bearded Antshrike. Reaching the top we spotted Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet and, at the top, Cliff Flycatcher and Sheer-tailed Grey Tyrant. On the way back we found the good endemic Rufous-backed Antvireo (usually a bird found at higher elevations, above 1600m), a stunning male Pin-tailed Manakin, the large Spot-backed Antshrike and the good-looking White-collared Foliage-Gleaner. That was the end of our great experience at Intervalles. We left the area right after lunch and by the end of the dirt road we saw two White-eared Puffbirds. Then we hit the highway for a quite long way to our next base, the Fazenda Nova in the little state bordering town of Mococa. Unfortunately an accident blocked the road for at least forty minutes making our arrival only at night.



We had good views of the beautiful skulking Short-tailed Antthrush and the rare White-bearded Antshrike (Eduardo Patrial)



Two Atlantic Forest specialities well and close observed at Intervalles: the lovely Ochre-collared Piculet and the uncommon Brown Tanager (Eduardo Patrial)

We had a nice breakfast at Fazenda Nova and an early half an hour birding in the garden where we saw Masked Water Tyrant and Yellow-chevrons Parakeets. Then we transferred to São Roque de Minas, the gate town of Canastra National Park. We arrived there after lunch, around two thirty pm, and just before reaching the town we saw three Red-legged Seriemas. We did our check in at the Hotel Chapadão da Canastra and hit the park's high part entrance dirt road. The afternoon was quiet but we managed very well in finding some good species such as four Golden-capped Parakeets (endemic) very close; the endemic Cinnamon Tanager and Plain-crested Elaenia. Further on we found Yellow-bellied Elaenia, White-rumped

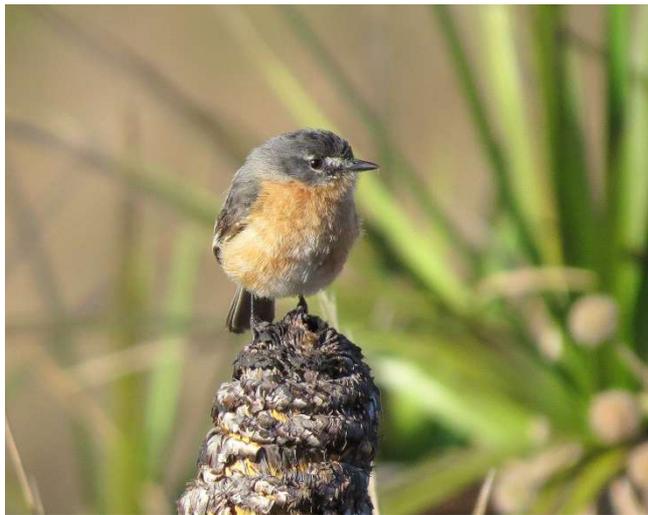
Monjita and group of the striking endemic Gilt-edged Tanager and Little Woodpecker. On the way down we surprisingly came across with a Maned Wolf on the road. That was a magical moment and we could observe it very close behaving through the grassland. Great photos were taken. Later down the hill we saw five amazing Streamer-tailed Tyrants together, a flock of the good-looking Yellow-rumped Marshbird, two Firewood Gatherer and a close perched White-tailed Hawk. Finishing our day we visited the edge of a gallery forest where we included some hummingbirds – Sapphire-spangle Emerald, White-vented Violetear, Planalto Hermit and Swallow-tailed Hummingbird; and great views of Maroon-bellied Parakeet. Undoubtedly a fantastic start at Canastra!



The incredible Maned Wolf was close and in perfect light for photos; and the Gorgeous Streamer-tailed Tyrant and its beautiful display (Eduardo Patrial)

After an early and rich breakfast we headed for a full day of birding at the high part of Canastra National Park. The superb grasslands on the top of this magnificent tableland guard some of the finest bird species of the Cerrado biome. And we started our way up well; a quick stop on the foothill gave us good views of Pileated Finch and the endemic Stripe-breasted Starthroat. When we reached the park's gate (after a steep and a very precarious dirt road) we delighted few minutes with some nice species: we saw through the scope a Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle on the nest; Black-throated Saltator, the impressive Gilt-edged Tanager again and the handsome Rufous-winged Antshrike. After entering the park we covered a short shrubby Cerrado and surprisingly we had a female Horned Sungem. Further on covering a rocky area ('campo rupestre') we got great close views of the delicate localized endemic Grey-backed Tachuri and also a quick view of a striking male of the uncommon Blue Finch. Later on tall grassland we contemplated the amazing Cock-tailed Tyrant, at least four Sharp-tailed Tyrants, Sedge Wren, Wedge-tail Grass-Finch and numerous White-rumped Monjitas. Our next stop was at the famous São Francisco River source, one of the main and longest rivers of Brazil. At the source a small woodland is home of another localized endemic species, the small Brasilia Tapaculo which we managed to see so close that we could almost grab it. By that time the sun was high and activity slowed down. Driving a little further we found a small group of Stripe-tailed Yellow-Finch, one Grey Monjita, few Plumbeous Seedeaters, great views of three Red-legged Seriemas and around ten Pampas Deer, a threatened mammal. Taking the way to the high part of Casca D'anta Waterfall we encountered one single Hellmayr's Pipit. We had our lunch boxes and we enjoyed some birding around the beautiful stretch of the São Francisco River where we could get Southern Yellowthroat and Sooty Tyrannulet. Nearby we walked to another island of woodland and this time we managed to find a pair of the fine endemic White-striped Warbler. Returning, in the afternoon, we took a secondary road towards Rolinho (a different waterfall) where a small fraction of bushy Cerrado can be found. Luckily there we saw a nice pair of White-rumped Tanager and few minutes later a Maned Wolf was spotted. On our way back driving along the main course a sudden stop put us face to face with perhaps the most difficult bird to see in Canastra – the rare endemic Lesser Nothura was crossing the road! That was pure luck. Our last stop by late afternoon was at the São Francisco source and again we counted on luck spotting a pair of the rare and threatened

Crowned Solitary Eagle. We also had a nice Pampa Finch before heading down towards São Roque de Minas. That was definitely a fantastic day.



Two tiny localized endemics: the delicate Grey-backed Tachuri and the woodland confined Brasilia Tapaculo (Eduardo Patrial)



Two amazing grassland specialities in Canastra National Park: the adorable Cock-tailed Tyrant and the tiny Sharp-tailed Tyrant (Eduardo Patrial)



The odd-looking Red-legged Seriema is a must in Canastra; and a nice male Pampas Deer, a threatened species due loss of habitat (Eduardo Patrial)

We departed very early this day towards the little town of Vargem Bonita at the low part of Canastra National Park. Our main target was the extremely demanding and rare Brazilian Merganser (estimated population around 250 birds only), one of rarest birds in South America. Fortunately and also luckily at our first stop we could spot a pair of this incredible bird and appreciate good scope views. Just brilliant and it was still seven am. In the same area we saw two males Helmeted Manakin, another great species. Further on, along the São Francisco River, we had more stops in search of the mergansers. We managed to find though the stunning Curl-crested Jay, Spix's Spinetail, Highland Elaenia, Glittering-bellied Emerald, Amethyst Woodstar (female) and the nice Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper. We also had Sooty Tyrannulet by the river. On our way back we could find three more Brazilian Merganser, one adult and two immature. Unfortunately and despite seeing a nice mammal, a Neotropical River Otter was chasing the mergansers by the time we saw them. This mammal is one of the main predators of this critically endangered bird. Later we stopped at two open quite disturbed areas which provided us few other species: Pale-breasted Spinetail, Fork-tailed Flycatcher and imitating Ferruginous Pygmy Owl we had Cinnamon Tanager, Brown-crested Flycatcher, more jays and Blue-winged Parrotlet. That was the end of a very successful morning. In the afternoon we went to high part of Canastra and it was very good again. This time we saw a striking male Red Tanager (Lowland Hepatic-Tanager) by the park's gate. Further on we managed to see well the beautiful Collared Crescentchest and a Sedge Wren. By late afternoon around the stone corral (a specific site in the park) we found two Giant Anteaters, one of them we saw really close, just great! We enjoyed the sunset at the São Francisco's source and another anteater was spotted there. At dusk we delighted two nightjars, first the nice Band-winged Nightjar and second, the rare and small Sickie-winged Nightjar. That was the end of another great day in Canastra.



The super rare and critically endangered Brazilian Merganser and the beautiful Curl-crested Jay, a Cerrado speciality (Eduardo Patrial)



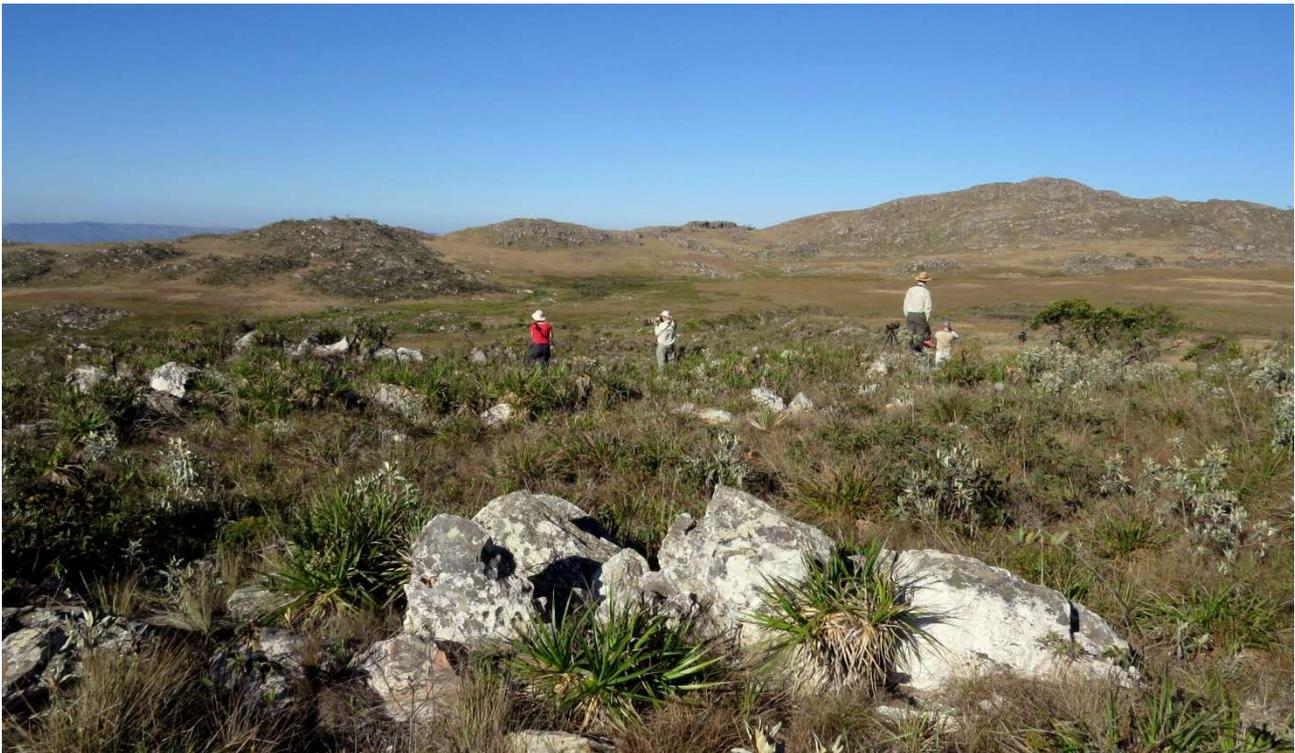
Two very desirable species in the central Brazilian Cerrado: the handsome Collared Crescentchest and the impressive Giant Anteater (Eduardo Patrial)

Today was our last full day of birding and we went early to the high part of Canastra National Park. Before reaching the gate and after several tries, we finally found a pair the rare endemic Cinereous Warbling-Finch. Later in the park we stopped by the rocky area where we had Blue Finch before but this time the bird wasn't there. And actually the day was windy and with very few activity. We managed to see some of the nice previously seen species such as Grey-backed Tachuri, Cock-tailed Tyrant and Brasilia Tapaculo. By the end of the morning and outside the park we tried for some birds in a narrow gallery forest on the way to Vargem Bonita. Whistling the Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl we attracted some nice species – females Helmeted Manakin and Stripe-breasted Starthroat, Glittering-bellied Emerald, the proper Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, Swallow Tanager and Long-tailed Tyrant. We still had two White-eared Puffbirds outside the forest. In the afternoon we decided to go to the Cerradão Private Reserve, a nice area of Cerrado with a narrow gallery forest at the bottom of its valley. Before getting there an interesting marsh by the road provided great views of four Streamer-tailed Tyrants. At the private reserve we did well with some new records – Guira Tanager, Variable Antshrike, White-barred Piculet, Fork-tailed Woodnymph and further on, Sooty-fronted Spinetail. By the gallery forest we saw Hooded Tanager, Flavescent Warbler, Grey Elaenia and Tropical Parula. Finishing our day we stopped at the same marsh on our way back. There we enjoyed few more good species – great views of Rufous-sided Crake and Chestnut-capped Blackbird (we also heard Blackish Rail very close but it didn't come out). Enjoying the sunset we saw from the far a Yellow-faced Amazon, a silhouette view. And finishing our time in Canastra a Great-horned Owl came suddenly and perched right in front of us providing amazing views.



Ferruginous Pygmy Owl is a constant threat to the small birds in the Cerrado habitats; and the tiny good-looking White-barred Piculet
(Eduardo Patrial)

Our real last day was a long day on the road towards the big city of São Paulo. We left Canastra very early, arriving São Paulo around mid-afternoon. Of course we saw some birds along the road, including Toco Toucans, White-eyed Parakeets and few other ones. For sure everybody had a lot of fun during these two weeks. Great remembrances now are part of our group's mind which delighted some of the finest natural areas in Brazil.



The Jaguars and Birds 2014 group birding the rocky fields at Canastra National Park (Eduardo Patrial)

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

The species names and taxonomy used in the report mostly follows Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). **IOC World Bird Names**. This list is updated several times annually and is available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>.

Species which were heard but not seen are indicated by the symbol (H).

Species which were only recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (LO).

Species which were not personally recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (NL).

Species marked with the diamond symbol (◊) are either endemic to the country or local region or considered 'special' birds for some other reason (e.g. it is only seen on one or two Birdquest tours; it is difficult to see across all or most of its range; the local form is endemic or restricted-range and may in future be treated as a full species).

Solitary Tinamou ◊ *Tinamus solitarius* (H) Heard few times in Intervalles.

Brown Tinamou *Crypturellus obsoletus* (H) Frequently heard in Intervalles.

Undulated Tinamou *Crypturellus undulatus* (H) Heard several times at taller forests in the Pantanal.

Red-winged Tinamou *Rhynchotus rufescens* (H) Heard at the grasslands of Canastra N P.

Lesser Nothura ◊ *Nothura minor* Incredible sighting of one bird crossing the dirt road in Canastra N P.

Greater Rhea *Rhea americana* Few groups seen in the Pantanal and very few individuals in Canastra N P.

Chaco Chachalaca *Ortalis canicollis* Really abundant in the Pantanal – the voice of the same.

Dusky-legged Guan ◊ *Penelope obscura* Few birds seen in Intervalles.

Chestnut-bellied Guan ◊ *Penelope ochrogaster* Good number at Rio Claro and few more on the transpantaneira.

Blue-throated Piping Guan *Pipile cumanensis* Several sightings at the Cuiabá river and the Jofre area. See note.

Red-throated Piping Guan ◊ *Pipile cujubi* Few birds seen at Rio Claro, boat trip. See note.

Black-fronted Piping Guan ◊ *Pipile jacutinga* One observed in flight at Intervalles.

Bare-faced Curassow ◊ *Crax fasciolata* A good number observed in the Pantanal.

Spot-winged Wood Quail ◊ *Odontophorus capueira* (H) Heard a couple times in Intervalles, once very close.

Southern Screamer *Chauna torquata* Seen in numbers at the 'campo Jofre', Pantanal.

Black-bellied Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* Big flock seen at the beginning of the transpantaneira.

Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata* Frequently seen in the Pantanal; few in Canastra.

Brazilian Teal (B Duck) *Amazonetta brasiliensis* Few seen on the way to the Pantanal.

Brazilian Merganser ◊ *Mergus octosetaceus* Great views of at least five birds in Canastra, low part.

Wood Stork (American Wood Ibis) *Mycteria americana* Abundant in the Pantanal.

Maguari Stork *Ciconia maguari* Only two birds seen at the 'campo Jofre' area, Pantanal.

Jabiru *Jabiru mycteria* Common in the Pantanal.

Plumbeous Ibis ◊ *Theristicus caerulescens* A fairly number observed, heard many times. Pantanal.

Buff-necked Ibis *Theristicus caudatus* Common in the Pantanal.

Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis cayennensis* Quite shy on this trip, few birds seen in the Pantanal.

Bare-faced Ibis (Whispering I) *Phimosus infuscatus* Big flock on our first day and few more later, Pantanal.

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja* Small number observed in the Pantanal.

Rufescent Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum* Common in the Pantanal.

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius* Spotted only once along the transpantaneira road.

Least Bittern *Ixobrychus exilis* Amazing scope views of one bird at the 'campo Jofre' area.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* Common in the Pantanal.

Striated Heron (Green-backed H) *Butorides striata* Very common in the Pantanal.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Frequently seen throughout the tour. See note.

Cocoi Heron (White-necked H) *Ardea cocoi* Common in the Pantanal.

Great Egret *Ardea alba* Very common in the Pantanal, more sightings along the tour.

Capped Heron *Pilherodius pileatus* Only two sightings in the Pantanal.

Whistling Heron *Syrigma sibilatrix* Few sightings in the Pantanal.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* (NL) One sighting by some of the clients.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* Common in the Pantanal.

Neotropic Cormorant (Olivaceous C) *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Very common in the Pantanal.

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* Common in the Pantanal.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Frequently seen throughout the tour.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (Savanna V) *Cathartes burrovianus* Common in the Pantanal.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* An everyday bird.



The rare and localized Lesser Nothura was amazingly captured by one of the clients from inside the car (Lena Hansson)

Grey-bellied Hawk *Accipiter poliogaster* (H) Unfortunately only heard a pair very close in Intervalles.

Rufous-thighed Hawk *Accipiter erythronemius* Good views of one bird in Intervalles. See note.

Bicolored Hawk *Accipiter bicolor* One bird seen in flight from the boat at Rio Claro, Pantanal.

Black-collared Hawk *Busarellus nigricollis* Abundant in the Pantanal.

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis* Abundant in the Pantanal.

Crane Hawk *Geranospiza caerulescens* One seen in the Pantanal and another in Canastra.

Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* Common in the Pantanal, few more seen in Canastra.

Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga* Only few seen in the Pantanal.

Crowned Solitary Eagle *Buteogallus coronatus* Unexpected great scope views at the high part of Canastra.

Roadside Hawk *Buteo magnirostris* Commonly seen throughout the tour.

White-tailed Hawk *Geranoaetus albicaudatus* A good number in Canastra.

Black-chested Buzzard-eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* One seen on the nest in Canastra.

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus* (NL) One bird (dark form) was photographed by the client at Fazenda Nova.

Red-legged Seriema *Cariama cristata* A good number seen in the Canastra area.

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias* Few seen in the Pantanal, best views at Rio Claro lodge.

Sungrebe *Heliornis fulica* One well seen at Rio Claro, boat trip.

Rufous-sided Crake *Laterallus melanophaius* Great views of three birds in Canastra.

Grey-breasted Crake *Laterallus exilis* One greatly spotted from a bridge at the 'campo Jofre', Pantanal.

Red-and-white Crake ◊ *Laterallus leucopyrrhus* Being fed at a marsh in Intervalles, at least three seen.

Grey-necked Wood Rail *Aramides cajaneus* A good number seen in the Pantanal, one in Canastra.

Slaty-breasted Wood Rail ◊ *Aramides saracura* Well seen in Intervalles.

Ash-throated Crake *Porzana albicollis* (H) Only heard in the Pantanal.

Blackish Rail *Pardirallus nigricans* (H) Only heard in Canastra, we almost got it.

Purple Gallinule (American P G) *Porphyrio martinicus* (H) Heard in the Pantanal.

Common Gallinule (Laughing Moorhen) *Gallinula galeata* One sighting arriving in Canastra. See note.

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* Common in the Pantanal.

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* Frequently seen throughout the tour.

Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris* Two birds seen on sandbank at the Cuiabá River, Pantanal.

Pied Plover (P Lapwing) *Hoploxypterus cayanus* Few seen on sandbanks by the Cuiabá River, Pantanal.

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* Common in the Pantanal.

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* A fairly number along the Cuiabá River, Pantanal.

Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula superciliaris* Same as above.

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex* Widespread in the Pantanal, numerous along Cuiabá River.

Rock Dove (feral) *Columba livia* As usual found in antropic areas.

Picazuro Pigeon *Patagioenas picazuro* Very common throughout the tour.

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* Some sightings in the Pantanal and few in Canastra.

Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* One through the scope in Intervalles.

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* Hundreds on the way to Canastra; common in Canastra.

Scaled Dove *Columbina squammata* Some observed in the Pantanal and fewer in Canastra.



Jaguar (Eduardo Patrial)

- Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti* Common throughout the tour.
- Picui Ground Dove** *Columbina picui* Few birds seen in the Pantanal.
- Blue Ground Dove** *Claravis pretiosa* Three birds seen only once in the Pantanal.
- Long-tailed Ground Dove** ◊ *Uropelia campestris* Only one bird was seen from the boat, Pantanal.
- White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi* Often recorded throughout the tour.
- Ruddy Quail-dove** *Geotrygon montana* (H) Heard once at Intervalles.
- Guira Cuckoo** *Guira guira* Common in the Pantanal, few more in Canastra.
- Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major* Only one sighting of two birds from the boat, Cuiabá River, Pantanal.
- Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani* Very common in open areas throughout the tour.
- Striped Cuckoo** *Tapera naevia* One bird seen in the pantanal.
- Little Cuckoo** *Coccyzus minuta* Great views of at least four birds at the 'campo Jofre' area, Pantanal.
- Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana* Few seen in Pantanal, Intervalles and Canastra.
- Tropical Screech Owl** *Megascops choliba* Great views of one at Rio Claro, Pantanal.
- Great Horned Owl** *Bubo virginianus* One in the Pantanal and another in Canastra.
- Rusty-barred Owl** ◊ *Strix hylophila* Fantastic spotting of one by the entrance gate of Intervalles.
- Mottled Owl** *Strix virgata* (H) A pair heard at our stakeout in the Pantanal.
- Ferruginous Pygmy Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum* Seen well in the Pantanal and in Canastra.
- Burrowing Owl** *Athene cunicularia* Frequently spotted in the Canastra area.
- Great Potoo** *Nyctibius grandis* One seen at day light in the Pantanal.
- Nacunda Nighthawk** *Chordeiles nacunda* Numerous in the Pantanal.
- Band-tailed Nighthawk** *Nyctiprogne leucopyga* Numerous at dusk by the Cuiabá River, Pantanal.
- Pauraque (Common P)** *Nyctidromus albicollis* Some along the roads in the Pantanal.
- Sickle-winged Nightjar** ◊ *Eleothreptus anomalus* After hearing two, we saw one in flight in Canastra.
- Band-winged Nightjar** *Systellura longirostris* Great view of one in Canastra.
- White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris* A nice group flying low at Canastra.
- Sick's Swift** *Chaetura meridionalis* (NL) Seen by some of the clients at Intervalles. See note.
- Scale-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis eurynome* Few well seen in Intervalles.
- Planalto Hermit** ◊ *Phaethornis pretrei* Quite common in the Canastra area.
- Buff-bellied Hermit** ◊ *Phaethornis subochraceus* (LO) Seen crossing the transpantaneira road.
- Cinnamon-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis nattereri* (NL) Photographed by one of the clients at Rio Claro.
- Swallow-tailed Hummingbird** ◊ *Eupetomena macroura* Seen in Intervalles and Canastra.
- White-vented Violetear** *Colibri serrirostris* Frequent in Canastra.
- Festive Coquette** ◊ *Lophornis chalybeus* One female seen at Intervalles.

Glittering-bellied Emerald *Chlorostilbon lucidus* Few observed in Canastra. See note.
Fork-tailed Woodnymph (Common W) *Thalurania furcata* Two birds seen in Canastra.
Violet-capped Woodnymph *Thalurania glaucopsis* Frequent in Intervales.
White-throated Hummingbird *Leucochloris albicollis* One seen in Intervales.
Versicolored Emerald *Amazilia versicolor* One seen in Intervales.
Glittering-throated Emerald *Amazilia fimbriata* Two birds seen in the Pantanal.
Sapphire-spangled Emerald *Amazilia lactea* Two birds observed in Canastra.
Brazilian Ruby ◊ *Clytolaema rubricauda* A nice view of a male at Intervales.
Horned Sungem ◊ *Heliactin bilophus* One female observed at the high part of Canastra.
Stripe-breasted Starthroat ◊ *Helimaster squamosus* A juvenile male and one female seen in Canastra.
Amethyst Woodstar *Calliphlox amethystina* One seen in Intervales and another in Canastra.
Blue-crowned Trogon *Trogon curucui* Seen twice in the Pantanal.
Surucua Trogon *Trogon surrucura* Nice views at Intervales.
Black-throated Trogon *Trogon rufus* A nice pair very close at Intervales.
American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea* Good views at stakeout in the Pantanal.
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher *Chloroceryle inda* Brief views of one at Rio Claro, Pantanal. Boat trip.
Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* A fair number seen at Pantanal.
Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona* Common in the Pantanal.
Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* Common in the Pantanal.
Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda* A fair number observed in the Pantanal.
White-eared Puffbird *Nystalus chacuru* Two birds seen when leaving Intervales, two more at Canastra.
Black-fronted Nunbird *Monasa nigrifrons* Seen in the Pantanal.
Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis* Close views of few birds in the Pantanal.
Saffron Toucanet ◊ *Pteroglossus bailloni* One single bird observed at Intervales.
Green-billed Toucan (Red-breasted T) *Ramphastos dicolorus* A nice group well observed at Intervales.
Toco Toucan *Ramphastos toco* First in the Pantanal, quite common in the Canastra area.
White-barred Piculet *Picumnus cirratus* Great views at Cerradão Private Reserve, Canastra.
Ochre-collared Piculet ◊ *Picumnus temminckii* Really close views at Intervales.
White-wedged Piculet ◊ *Picumnus albosquamatus* Good views in the Pantanal. See note.
White Woodpecker *Melanerpes candidus* Seen at Pantanal, Intervales and Canastra.
Little Woodpecker *Veniliornis passerinus* Good observations at Pantanal and Canastra.
White-spotted Woodpecker ◊ *Veniliornis spilogaster* Good view at Intervales.



Great Antshrike (Eduardo Patrial)

Golden-green Woodpecker *Piculus chrysochloros* Great views of a pair at Rio Claro, Pantanal.
Yellow-browed Woodpecker ◊ (White-browed W) *Piculus aurulentus* One very close at Intervalles.
Green-barred Woodpecker *Colaptes melanochloros* Seen at Intervalles and Canastra.
Campo Flicker *Colaptes campestris* Seen at Pantanal and more frequently at Intervalles and Canastra.
Pale-crested Woodpecker ◊ *Celeus lugubris* At least three times seen in the Pantanal.
Cream-colored Woodpecker *Celeus flavus* Brief views of one at the gallery forest of Rio Claro, Pantanal.
Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* One seen at Pantanal.
Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos* A pair nesting offered great views in the Pantanal.
Southern Crested Caracara (Southern C) *Caracara plancus* See note.
Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima* Frequently seen at Canastra.
Barred Forest Falcon *Micrastur ruficollis* (H) Heard in Intervalles.
American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* Few seen at Canastra.
Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis* A sighting on the way to Pantanal and later in Canastra.
Hyacinth Macaw ◊ *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus* Greeted us on the transpantaneira, more later at Porto Jofre.
Golden-collared Macaw ◊ (Yellow-collared M) *Primolius auricollis* A pair at Santa Isabel road, more at Rio Claro.
Red-shouldered Macaw *Diopsittaca nobilis* A small group right at the beginning of the transpantaneira.
Blue-crowned Parakeet *Aratinga acuticaudata* Seen twice in the Pantanal, but quite far views.
White-eyed Parakeet *Aratinga leucophthalma* Common around Canastra.
Golden-capped Parakeet ◊ *Aratinga auricapillus* Great views of four of this stunning species at Canastra. See note.
Peach-fronted Parakeet *Aratinga aurea* Frequent at Pantanal and Canastra.
Nanday Parakeet ◊ (Black-hooded P) *Aratinga nenday* A small group is the star of Rio Claro's garden.
Maroon-bellied Parakeet (M-b Conure) *Pyrrhura frontalis* Quite common in Intervalles.
Monk Parakeet *Myiopsitta monachus* Quite common in the Pantanal.
Blue-winged Parrotlet *Forpus xanthopterygius* Good views at Canastra.
Plain Parakeet ◊ *Brotogeris tirica* Seen only in flight at Intervalles.
Yellow-chevroned Parakeet *Brotogeris chiriri* Frequent in the Pantanal, few more at Canastra. See note.
Pileated Parrot ◊ (Red-capped Parrot) *Pionopsitta pileata* (H) Only heard at Intervalles.
Yellow-faced Parrot ◊ *Alipiopsitta xanthops* A single bird briefly seen from the far at Canastra.
Scaly-headed Parrot *Pionus maximiliani* Great views in the Pantanal and the other subspecies at Intervalles.
Turquoise-fronted Amazon (T-f Parrot, Blue-fronted P) *Amazona aestiva* Frequent in the Pantanal.
Orange-winged Amazon *Amazona amazonica* Only one sighting at Rio Claro, Pantanal.
Blue-bellied Parrot ◊ *Tricharia malachitacea* (H) (LO) Only heard from the far by the leader at Intervalles.
Band-tailed Hornero ◊ (Wing-banded H) *Furnarius figulus* Close studies of one bird at Canastra.
Pale-legged Hornero *Furnarius leucopus* A good number seen at Pantanal.
Rufous Hornero *Furnarius rufus* Common throughout the tour.
Chotoy Spinetail *Schoeniophylax phryganophilus* Great views of few birds in the Pantanal.
Rufous-capped Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis ruficapilla* Good views in Intervalles.
Grey-bellied Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis cinerascens* Brief views in Intervalles.
Sooty-fronted Spinetail *Synallaxis frontalis* Nice view at Cerradão Reserve, Canastra.
Pale-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albescens* Good view in Canastra.
Cinereous-breasted Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis hypospodia* Good view at the 'campo Jofre', Pantanal.
Spix's Spinetail (Chicli S) *Synallaxis spixi* Great views in Canastra.
White-lored Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis albilora* A good number observed in the Pantanal. See note.
Rusty-backed Spinetail *Cranioleuca vulpina* Observed a couple times in riverine forest, Pantanal.
Pallid Spinetail ◊ *Cranioleuca pallida* Good views at Intervalles.
Yellow-chinned Spinetail (Yellow-throated S) *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* Well seen at Pantanal.
Rufous-fronted Thornbird (Plain T, Common T) *Phacellodomus rufifrons* Nice views at Rio Claro and Canastra.
Greater Thornbird *Phacellodomus ruber* Frequently seen in the Pantanal.
Orange-breasted Thornbird ◊ (Red-eyed T) *Phacellodomus ferrugineigula* A nice pair well seen at Intervalles.
Firewood-Gatherer *Anumbius anumbi* Well observed in Canastra.
Grey-crested Cacholote ◊ (Rufous C) *Pseudoseisura unirufa* A couple times observed at Pantanal. See note.
White-browed Foliage-Gleaner ◊ *Anabacerthia amaurotis* Well seen in mixed flocks at Intervalles.
Buff-browed Foliage-Gleaner *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata* Good views at Intervalles.
Ochre-breasted Foliage-Gleaner ◊ *Philydor lichtensteini* (H) Only heard at Intervalles.



Giant Otter (Eduardo Patrial)

- Black-capped Foliage-Gleaner** ◊ *Philydor atricapillus* Well seen in mixed flocks at Intervals.
- Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner** *Philydor rufum* Same as above.
- White-collared Foliage-Gleaner** ◊ *Anabazenops fuscus* An endemic bamboo specialist, well seen at Intervals.
- Pale-browed Treehunter** ◊ *Cichocolaptes leucophrus* Great views of one at Intervals.
- White-eyed Foliage-gleaner** ◊ *Automolus leucophthalmus* Well observed at Carmo Road, Intervals.
- Rufous-breasted Leaf-tosser** ◊ *Sclerurus scansor* It gave us some work, but we got good views, Intervals.
- Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper** *Lochmias nematura* Seen firstly in Intervals, better and longer views in Canastra.
- Sharp-billed Treehunter** ◊ *Heliobletus contaminates* Good views at Intervals.
- Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans* One in the Pantanal and another at Intervals.
- Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus* Close views at Intervals.
- Great Rufous Woodcreeper** ◊ *Xiphocolaptes major* A pair well seen at Santa Izabel Road, Pantanal.
- Planalto Woodcreeper** ◊ *Dendrocolaptes platyrostris* One at Pantanal, heard at Intervals.
- Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus* Close studies of two at the 'campo Jofre', Pantanal.
- Lesser Woodcreeper** ◊ *Xiphorhynchus fuscus* Good views at Intervals.
- Buff-throated Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* (H) Only heard at Pantanal.
- Narrow-billed Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes angustirostris* Seen a couple times in the Pantanal, later in Canastra.
- Scalloped Woodcreeper** ◊ *Lepidocolaptes falcinellus* Well seen at Intervals. See note.
- Red-billed Scythebill** *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris* Great views of this weird species in the Pantanal.
- Spot-backed Antshrike** ◊ *Hypodaleus guttatus* Seen very well at Intervals.
- Giant Antshrike** ◊ *Batara cinerea* Amazing sighting of a male at Intervals.
- Tufted Antshrike** ◊ *Mackenziaena severa* A skulking bird, but we managed to get quite good views in Intervals.
- Great Antshrike** *Taraba major* Frequently seen at Pantanal.
- White-bearded Antshrike** ◊ *Biatas nigropectus* Great observation of a male at Intervals.
- Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus* Some great sighting in the Pantanal.
- Variable Antshrike** *Thamnophilus caeruleus* Good sightings at Intervals and also at Canastra.
- Rufous-winged Antshrike** ◊ *Thamnophilus torquatus* A nice male well observed in Canastra.
- Rufous-capped Antshrike** ◊ *Thamnophilus ruficapillus* A quick view of one bird at Intervals.
- Spot-breasted Antwren** ◊ *Dysithamnus stictothorax* A decent view at Intervals.
- Rufous-backed Antwren** ◊ *Dysithamnus xanthopterus* Good views on the hill top of Intervals, a great surprise.
- Plain Antwren** *Dysithamnus mentalis* Seen in Intervals.
- Star-throated Antwren** ◊ *Myrmotherula gularis* Great views of this nice endemic at Intervals.
- Large-billed Antwren** ◊ *Herpsilochmus longirostris* Few sightings at riverine forest in the Pantanal.

Rusty-backed Antwren ◊ *Formicivora rufa* Few pair well observed at Pantanal.
Ferruginous Antbird ◊ *Drymophila ferruginea* Reasonable view at Intervalles.
Bertoni's Antbird ◊ (Rufous-necked A) *Drymophila rubricollis* Great views in dense bamboo, Intervalles.
Ochre-rumped Antbird ◊ *Drymophila ochropyga* Same as above.
Dusky-tailed Antbird ◊ *Drymophila malura* Excellent views on second growth at Intervalles.
Streak-capped Antwren ◊ *Terenura maculata* (H) Heard at Intervalles.
Mato Grosso Antbird ◊ *Cercomacra melanaria* Great views of male and female in the Pantanal.
White-shouldered Fire-Eye *Pyriglena leucoptera* A show given by a male at Intervalles.
Band-tailed Antbird *Hypocnemoides maculicauda* Well observed in riverine forest in the Pantanal.
Squamate Antbird ◊ *Myrmeciza squamosa* Great views of a stunning male at Intervalles.
Short-tailed Antthrush *Chamaeza campanisona* Good studies of one bird amazingly spotted at Intervalles.
Variegated Antpitta *Grallaria varia* Unreal views of this usually mega-skulker, now being fed at Intervalles.
Rufous Gnateater *Conopophaga lineata* Well observed at Intervalles.
Spotted Bamboowren ◊ *Psilorhamphus guttatus* A reasonable view at Intervalles.
White-breasted Tapaculo ◊ *Eleoscytalopus indigoticus* Fantastic views at Intervalles.
Mouse-coloured Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus speluncae* Amazing views at dense trail in Intervalles.
Brasilia Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus novacapitalis* At our feet in the high part of Canastra.
Collared Crescentchest ◊ *Melanopareia torquata* Long views at Canastra high part.
Wing-barred Piprites (W-b Manakin) *Piprites chloris* Very well seen at low level in Intervalles.
Planalto Tyrannulet ◊ *Phyllomyias fasciatus* One seen at Intervalles.
Rough-legged Tyrannulet ◊ *Phyllomyias burmeisteri* Good views of one bird at Intervalles.
Grey-capped Tyrannulet ◊ *Phyllomyias griseocapilla* At least two birds seen at Intervalles.
Forest Elaenia *Myiopagis gaimardii* One bird well observed in the Pantanal.



The beautiful forest of Intervalles State Park (Eduardo Patrial)

Grey Elaenia *Myiopagis caniceps* Firstly at Intervalles, later much better views at Cerradão Reserve, Canastra.
Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* A good number observed in Canastra.
Large Elaenia *Elaenia spectabilis* Great views of this uncommon bird in the Pantanal.
Plain-crested Elaenia *Elaenia cristata* Well seen in Canastra.
Highland Elaenia *Elaenia obscura* Same as above.
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum* Frequently seen throughout the tour.
Sooty Tyrannulet *Serpophaga nigricans* Good observations in Canastra.
White-crested Tyrannulet *Serpophaga subcristata* Two birds seen in Canastra.
Bearded Tachuri *Polystictus pectoralis* Amazing encounter at stakeout in the Pantanal, a rare bird.
Grey-backed Tachuri ◊ *Polystictus supercilialis* Really close views at Canastra high part.

Subtropical Doradito ◊ *Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis* Great views of at least two birds at 'campo Jofre', Pantanal.
Southern Antpipit *Corythopis delalandi* A very nice surprise at Santa Izabel Road, Pantanal. Great views.
Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes ventralis* Good views at hill top trail in Intervales.
Sao Paulo Tyrannulet ◊ *Phylloscartes paulista* (H) Unfortunately only heard at Intervales.
Oustalet's Tyrannulet ◊ *Phylloscartes oustaleti* Nice studies of this little endemic at Intervales.
Bay-ringed Tyrannulet ◊ *Phylloscartes sylviolus* Another one well observed at Intervales.
Grey-hooded Flycatcher ◊ *Mionectes rufiventris* A glimpse of one bird at Intervales.
Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus* A widespread species, seen at Intervales.
Southern Scrub Flycatcher *Sublegatus modestus* Great views at 'campo Jofre', Pantanal. See note.
Plain Inezia ◊ (P Tyrannulet) *Inezia inornata* (H) Heard in the Pantanal.
Bran-coloured Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus* Seen once in the Pantanal and later in Canastra.
Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant ◊ (S-t Tyrant) *Culicivora caudacuta* Great views at Canastra, an uncommon species.
Drab-breasted Bamboo Tyrant ◊ (D-b Pygmy Tyrant) *Hemitriccus diops* (H) Heard at Intervales.
Brown-breasted Bamboo Tyrant ◊ (B-b Pygmy Tyrant) *Hemitriccus obsoletus* A brief view at Intervales.
Hangnest Tody-tyrant ◊ *Hemitriccus nidipendulus* Well observed at Intervales.
Pearly-vented Tody-tyrant *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer* Good views at Pantanal, heard at Canastra.
Eared Pygmy Tyrant ◊ *Myiornis auricularis* Great views at Intervales.
Ochre-faced Tody-flycatcher *Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps* Same as above.
Rusty-fronted Tody-flycatcher ◊ *Poecilotriccus latirostris* Close views at Santa Izabel Road, Pantanal.
Yellow-lored Tody-flycatcher ◊ (Grey-headed T-f) *Todirostrum poliocephalum* Seen at Intervales and Mococa.
Common Tody-flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* well observed in the Pantanal.
Yellow-olive Flatbill (Y-o Flycatcher) *Tolmomyias sulphurescens* Good views at Intervales and also in Canastra.
White-throated Spadebill *Platyrinchus mystaceus* Well seen twice at Intervales.
Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea* Good observations at Intervales. See note.
Fuscous Flycatcher *Cnemotriccus fuscatus* One bird well seen in the Pantanal.
Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* Frequently recorded in the Pantanal.
Crested Black Tyrant ◊ *Knipolegus lophotes* Frequently recorded in Canastra.
Yellow-browed Tyrant *Satrpa icterophrys* (NL) Seen in Canastra by one of the clients.
Grey Monjita *Xolmis cinereus* Seen twice in Canastra.
White-rumped Monjita *Xolmis velatus* Firstly seen at Rio Claro, Pantanal, common in Canastra.
Streamer-tailed Tyrant ◊ *Gubernetes yetapa* At least five birds gave us a nice show at our first day in Canastra.
Shear-tailed Grey Tyrant ◊ *Muscipipra vetula* Seen at least twice in Intervales.
Black-backed Water Tyrant *Fluvicola albiventer* Few encounters in the Pantanal. See note.
Masked Water Tyrant *Fluvicola nengeta* First spotted at Fazenda Nova, Mococa, later in Canastra.
White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala* Few encounters in the Pantanal.
Cock-tailed Tyrant ◊ *Alectrurus tricolor* An amazing bird! Not many observed this time in Canastra high part.
Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus* Best views in Canastra.
Cattle Tyrant *Machetornis rixosa* Frequently seen throughout the tour.
Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis* Few encounters in the Pantanal.
Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* Firstly at Intervales and more at Canastra.
Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* Common throughout the tour.
Lesser Kiskadee *Philohydor lictor* A couple encounters in the Pantanal, river edge.
Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus* (NL) Seen by some of the clients in the Pantanal.
Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* Two birds seen at Rio Claro, Pantanal.
Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Seen in the Pantanal and Canastra.
Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana* Well observed at Canastra.
Eastern Sirystes *Sirystes sibilator* Great views at Intervales. See note.
Rufous Casiornis *Casiornis rufus* Good views at Pantanal and one later in Canastra, unusual.
Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox* A couple times in the Pantanal.
Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus* Well observed at Pantanal and Canastra.
Large-headed Flatbill *Ramphotrigon megacephalum* A bamboo specialist, well seen at Intervales.
White-eyed Attila (Dull-capped A) *Attila bolivianus* Great views at the Porto Jofre forest, Pantanal.
Grey-hooded Attila ◊ *Attila rufus* (H) Not responding well, it was only heard.
Hooded Berryeater ◊ *Carpornis cucullata* Great views at Intervales, beautiful endemic.

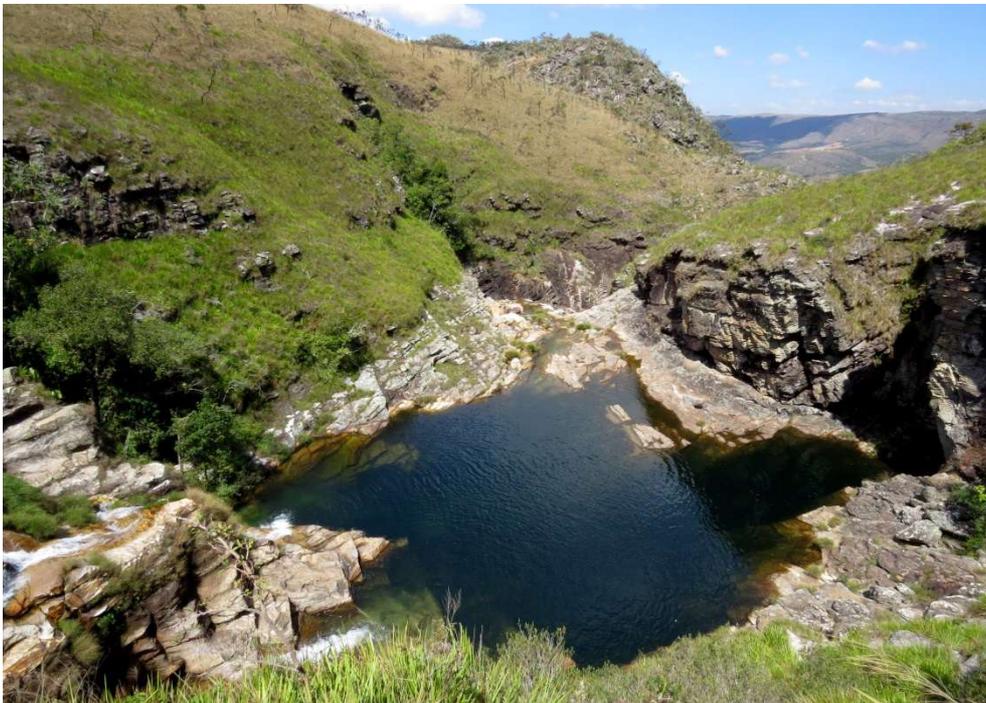
Bare-throated Bellbird ◊ *Procnias nudicollis* Scope views of a nice male at Intervalles.
Cinnamon-vented Piha ◊ *Lipaugus lanioides* (H) Only heard at Intervalles.
Red-ruffed Fruitcrow *Pyroderus scutatus* Breath-taking view at Intervalles.
Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin ◊ *Neopelma chrysolophum* Close observation at Intervalles. See note.
Pin-tailed Manakin ◊ *Ilicura militaris* A stunning male well observed at Intervalles.
Helmeted Manakin ◊ *Antilophia galeata* Firstly at Rio Claro, Pantanal; commonly seen at Cerradão, Canastra.
Blue Manakin ◊ (Swallow-tailed M) *Chiroxiphia caudata* Good views at Intervalles.
Sharpbill *Oxyruncus cristatus* Quick but good view at Intervalles.



White-shouldered Fire-Eye (Eduardo Patrial)

Greenish Schiffornis (G Manakin) *Schiffornis virescens* Good view at Intervalles.
White-naped Xenopsaris *Xenopsaris albinucha* Great found from boat at the Cuiabá River, Pantanal.
Green-backed Becard *Pachyramphus viridis* Excellent views of a pair in the Pantanal.
Chestnut-crowned Becard *Pachyramphus castaneus* A good number observed at Intervalles.
White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus* Good views at Porto Jofre forest, Pantanal.
Swallow-tailed Cotinga ◊ *Phibalura flavirostris* Amazing sightings of a pair at Intervalles.
Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* Well seen in the Pantanal, heard later.
Rufous-crowned Greenlet ◊ *Hylophilus poicilotis* Great sightings at Intervalles.
Ashy-headed Greenlet ◊ *Hylophilus pectoralis* Well observed in the Pantanal.
Purplish Jay ◊ *Cyanocorax cyanomelas* Frequent at Pantanal.
Curly-crested Jay ◊ *Cyanocorax cristatellus* Two groups well observed in Canastra.
White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* A good number at Pantanal.
White-rumped Swallow *Tachycineta leucorrhoa* Few observed in the Pantanal.
Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* Same as above.
Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera* Same as above.
Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* Seen at Intervalles and higher number in Canastra.
Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* A good number at Pantanal, common in Canastra.
Tawny-headed Swallow *Alopocheidon fucata* Great views at Canastra.
Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla* Frequently recorded in the Pantanal. See note.
Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus* Great views at Pantanal.
Sedge Wren *Cistothorus platensis* Well observed twice in Canastra. See note.
Moustached Wren *Pheugopedius genibarbis* Well observed in the Pantanal.
Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis* Same as above.

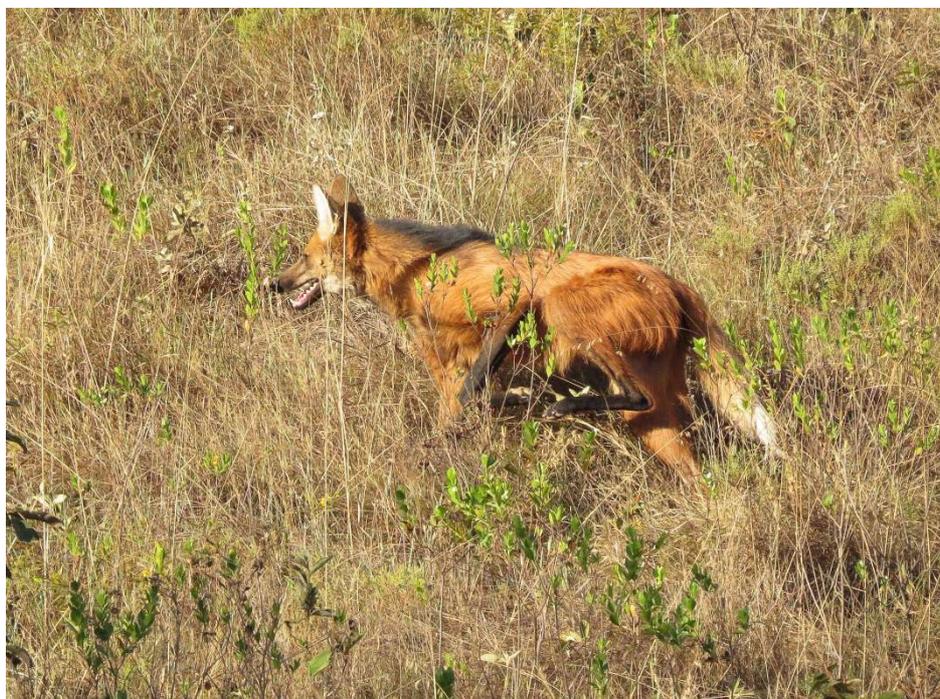
Fawn-breasted Wren ◊ *Cantorchilus guarayanus* Nice views at Santa Izabel Road, Pantanal.
House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* Observed at Intervalles and Canastra. See note.
Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus* (H) Heard at Intervalles.
Masked Gnatcatcher *Poliophtila dumicola* A couple encounters in the Pantanal.
Chalk-browed Mockingbird *Mimus saturninus* Frequently recorded along the tour.
White-banded Mockingbird *Mimus triurus* One bird found at the 'campo Jofre', a southern visitor.
Yellow-legged Thrush *Turdus flavipes* Abundant in Intervalles.
Eastern Slaty Thrush ◊ *Turdus subalaris* (H) Only heard its metallic calls at Intervalles.
Rufous-bellied Thrush *Turdus rufiventris* Frequently recorded along the tour.
Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas* Seen a couple time in Canastra.
Creamy-bellied Thrush *Turdus amaurochalinus* One in the Pantanal and another in Intervalles.
White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* (H) Always deep in the forest, only heard at Intervalles.
House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* Frequent at antropic areas.
Yellowish Pipit *Anthus lutescens* (H) Heard at Pantanal.
Hellmayr's Pipit *Anthus hellmayri* One single bird close observed at Canastra high part.
Purple-throated Euphonia *Euphonia chlorotica* Heard at Pantanal, well seen at Canastra.
Green-chinned Euphonia ◊ (Green-throated E) *Euphonia chalybea* Great views at Intervalles.
Chestnut-bellied Euphonia ◊ *Euphonia pectoralis* Same as above.



The beginning of the mighty São Francisco River at Serra da Canastra (Eduardo Patrial)

Hooded Siskin *Carduelis magellanica* Nice views at Canastra.
Southern Yellowthroat *Geothlypis velata* Well observed in Canastra. See note.
Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitaiayumi* Sightings at Intervalles and Canastra.
White-striped Warbler ◊ *Myiothlypis leucophrys* A pair greatly observed at Canastra high part.
Flavescent Warbler *Myiothlypis flaveola* Good views at Pantanal and Canastra.
White-rimmed Warbler ◊ (White-browed W) *Myiothlypis leucoblephara* Well seen at Intervalles.
Riverbank Warbler (Neotropical River W) *Myiothlypis rivularis* (H) Heard at Intervalles.
Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus* A couple sightings at Intervalles.
White-bellied Warbler ◊ *Basileuterus hypoleucos* Well observed at Pantanal and Canastra. See note.
Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* A good number in the Pantanal, fewer in Canastra.
Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* Frequent at the gardens of Porto Jofre Hotel, Pantanal.
Red-rumped Cacique *Cacicus haemorrhous* Nice views at Intervalles.
Golden-winged Cacique ◊ *Cacicus chrysopterus* Same as above.

Solitary Cacique (S Black C) *Cacicus solitarius* Many times in the Pantanal.
Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus* A couple sightings in the Pantanal. See note.
Variable Oriole *Icterus pyrrhopterus* Few sightings at Pantanal. See note.
Chopi Blackbird *Gnorimopsar chopi* Seen at Pantanal and in higher number at Canastra.
Scarlet-headed Blackbird ◊ ***Amblyramphus holosericeus*** fantastic views of a pair at 'campo Jofre', Pantanal.
Unicolored Blackbird *Agelasticus cyanopus* Abundant in the Pantanal.
Chestnut-capped Blackbird *Chrysomus ruficapillus* Few birds seen at a marsh in Canastra.
Yellow-rumped Marshbird ◊ ***Pseudoleistes guirahuro*** Frequent around Canastra.



Maned Wolf and its long dark legs (Eduardo Patrial)

Baywing (Bay-winged Cowbird) *Agelaioides badius* Few birds observed this time in the Pantanal.
Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* A couple sightings in the Pantanal.
Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* A couple sightings in the Pantanal and Canastra.
White-browed Blackbird *Sturnella supercilialis* Only one seen from the boat at Cuaibá River, Pantanal.
Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* Few sightings, Pantanal, Interales and Canastra.
Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* Frequent from Interales to Canastra.
Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus humeralis* Quite common at Canastra.
Blue Finch ◊ (Yellow-billed B F) ***Porphyrospiza caerulescens*** Only one male quickly seen at Canastra high part.
Saffron-billed Sparrow *Arremon flavirostris* Great views at Santa Izabel road, Pantanal.
Brown Tanager ◊ ***Orchesticus abeillei*** Great views of this uncommon endemic at Interales.
Red-crested Cardinal *Paroaria coronata* Only two birds seen at Rio Claro, Pantanal.
Yellow-billed Cardinal ◊ ***Paroaria capitata*** Abundant in the Pantanal.
Cinnamon Tanager ◊ ***Schistochlamys ruficapillus*** Quite frequent at Canastra.
Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* A brief view of one bird in Canastra.
Hooded Tanager *Nemosia pileata* Great views at Cerradão Private Reserve, Canastra.
Olive-green Tanager ◊ ***Orthogonys chloricterus*** Good views of this large tanager at Interales.
Orange-headed Tanager *Thlypopsis sordida* Nice encounter of one bird at 'campo Jofre', Pantanal.
White-rumped Tanager ◊ ***Cypsnagra hirundinacea*** A nice pair observed in Canastra.
Black-goggled Tanager *Trichothraupis melanops* A couple sightings at Interales.
Grey-headed Tanager *Eucometis penicillata* A couple sightings at Pantanal.
Ruby-crowned Tanager ◊ ***Tachyphonus coronatus*** Quite common at Interales, few more sightings at Canastra.
White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus* A male seen at Rio Claro, Pantanal.
Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* Common in the Pantanal.

Sayaca Tanager *Thraupis sayaca* Frequent along the tour.

Azure-shouldered Tanager ◊ *Thraupis cyanoptera* Few sightings of this nice endemic at Intervalles.

Golden-chevroned Tanager ◊ *Thraupis ornate* Same as above.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* A couple records throughout the tour.

Diademed Tanager ◊ *Stephanophorus diadematus* Nice views at Intervalles.

Fawn-breasted Tanager *Pipraeidea melanonota* Two birds well seen at Intervalles.

Shrike-like Tanager ◊ (White-banded T) *Neothraupis fasciata* (LO) Briefly seen by the leader in Canastra.

Green-headed Tanager ◊ *Tangara seledon* A good number at Intervalles, stunning bird.

Red-necked Tanager ◊ *Tangara cyanocephala* Fewer at Intervalles, another stunning tanager.

Brassy-breasted Tanager ◊ *Tangara desmaresti* A nice group very close at Intervalles, superb tanager.

Gilt-edged Tanager ◊ *Tangara cyanoventris* Amazing sightings at Canastra of this incredible endemic.

Burnished-buff Tanager *Tangara cayana* First at Intervalles, more common at Canastra.

Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis* A good number at Canastra.

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* First at Intervalles, more common at Canastra.

Guira Tanager *Hemithraupis guira* Great view at Cerradão Private Reserve, Canastra.

Rufous-headed Tanager ◊ *Hemithraupis ruficapilla* Well seen at Intervalles.

Chestnut-vented Conebill *Conirostrum speciosum* Good observation at Pantanal.

Grey Pileated Finch (Pileated F) *Coryphospingus pileatus* Good view at Canastra.

Red Pileated Finch (Red-crested F) *Coryphospingus cucullatus* One seen in the Pantanal.

Uniform Finch ◊ *Haplospiza unicolor* (H) Only heard at Intervalles.

Cinereous Warbling Finch ◊ *Poospiza cinerea* After trying so hard, a great found going to the high part of Canastra.

Stripe-tailed Yellow Finch *Sicalis citrina* Seen at the high part of Canastra.

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* Loads in the Pantanal.

Wedge-tailed Grass Finch *Emberizoides herbicola* Good views at Canastra.

Pampa Finch (Great P F) *Embernagra platensis* Nice view of one bird in Canastra.

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* Few sightings at Canastra.



Golden-capped Parakeet (Eduardo Patrial)

Buffy-fronted Seedeater ◊ *Sporophila frontalis* A nice and rare surprise at Intervalles.

Plumbeous Seedeater *Sporophila plumbea* A fair number at Canastra.

Rusty-collared Seedeater *Sporophila collaris* Couple sightings in the Pantanal.

Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis* (NL) One bird seen at our hotel in Canastra.

Dubois's Seedeater ◊ *Sporophila ardesiaca* Well observed at Cerradão Private Reserve, Canastra.

Double-collared Seedeater *Sporophila caeruleascens* Same as above.

White-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila leucoptera* Couple sightings in the Pantanal.
Tawny-bellied Seedeater ◊ *Sporophila hypoxantha* A small group observed at the Three Brothers River, Pantanal.
Red Tanager (Lowland Hepatic-Tanager) *Piranga flava* Amazing male seen at Canastra. See note.
Red-crowned Ant Tanager *Habia rubica* Well observed at Intervalles.
Black-throated Grosbeak ◊ *Saltator fuliginosus* Same as above. See note.
Green-winged Saltator *Saltator similis* Seen at Intervalles and Canastra.
Greyish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* Several times in the Pantanal.
Black-throated Saltator ◊ *Saltator atricollis* Firstly on the way to Pantanal, later in Canastra.

MAMMALS

Giant Anteater *Myrmecophaga tridactyla* Great and close views of three at the high part of Canastra.
Guianan Squirrel *Sciurus aestuans* One observed at Intervalles.
Azara's Agouti *Dasyprocta azarai* A couple sightings in the Pantanal.
Capybara *Hydrochaerus hydrochaeris* Common in the Pantanal.
Jaguarundi *Felis yagouarondi* An amazing encounter of one at Santa Izabel Road.
Jaguar *Panthera onca* Three individuals in one day at the Three Brothers River, Pantanal. Boat trip.
Maned Wolf *Chrysocyon brachyurus* Super views of two individuals at Canastra.
Neotropical River Otter (Southern River O) *Lutra longicaudis* Best view at Canastra, São Francisco River.
Giant Otter *Pteronura brasiliensis* First a pair at 'campo Jofre', later from the boat trips in the Pantanal.
South American Coati *Nasua nasua* Good view at Rio Claro, Pantanal.
Greater Fishing Bat (G Bulldog B) *Noctilio leporinus* At dusk by the Cuiabá River, Pantanal.
Lesser Fishing Bat (Lesser Bulldog Bat) *Noctilio albiventris* Numerous at dusk in the Pantanal.
Black-tufted Marmoset *Callithrix penicillata* Frequent at garden of our hotel in Canastra.
Black-striped Tufted Capuchin *Cebus libidinosus* A nice group seen in the forest around Porto Jofre, Pantanal.
Black-tufted Capuchin *Cebus nigrinus* (H) Heard at Intervalles.
Black Howler Monkey *Alouatta caraya* Best views at Rio Claro lodge, Pantanal.
Pampas Deer ◊ *Ozotoceros bezoarticus* Great sightings at Canastra high part.
Brown Brocket (B B Deer) *Mazama gouazoubira* Seen once along the transpantaneira.
Marsh Deer *Blastocerus dichotomus* Only one female spotted along the transpantaneira.
Brazilian Tapir *Tapirus terrestris* Two crossing the transpantaneira at night arriving at Porto Jofre.



Brazilian Tapir (Eduardo Patrial)

NOTES TO THE SYSTEMATIC LIST

Blue-throated Piping Guan *Pipile cumanensis*

The population found in south-western Brazil and Bolivia (the one possible on this tour) has a mainly white dewlap and is sometimes split off as a separate species White-throated Piping Guan *P. grayi*.

Red-throated Piping Guan *Pipile cunjubi*

This form is sometimes lumped in Blue-throated Piping Guan *P. cumanensis*, with the name Common Piping Guan being used for the enlarged species. Many of the birds in the Pantanal appear to be hybrids between the two otherwise allopatric forms *cumanensis* and *cunjubi*.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Many authors use the name Cattle Egret for this species, but it has been renamed following the splitting off of Eastern Cattle Egret *B. coromandus*.

Rufous-thighed Hawk *Accipiter erythronemius*

Many authors lump this form in Sharp-shinned Hawk *A. striatus*.

Southern Crested (or Southern) Caracara *Caracara plancus*

Northern Crested Caracara (or Northern Caracara) *C. cheriway* is often lumped in this species, with the name Crested Caracara being used for the enlarged species.

Common Gallinule (or Laughing Moorhen) *Gallinula galeata*

This species was formerly lumped in Common Moorhen *G. chloropus* of the Old World, with the name Common Gallinule (in the New World) and Common Moorhen (in the Old World) being used for the enlarged species.

Golden-capped Parakeet *Aratinga auricapillus*

This form is sometimes lumped in Sun Parakeet *A. solstitialis*

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet *Brotogeris chiriri*

This form is sometimes lumped in Canary-winged Parakeet *B. versicolurus*.

Sick's Swift *Chaetura meridionalis*

This species was formerly known as Ashy-tailed Swift *C. andrei*. However, the nominate form *andrei* has now been reassigned to Vaux's Swift *C. vauxi* rendering the name invalid and as a result, the residual forms have been renamed Sick's Swift *C. meridionalis*.

Glittering-bellied Emerald *Chlorostilbon lucidus*

Many authors still use the specific name *aureoventris* for this species, but this name was shown to be mistaken by J.F. Pacheco and B.M. Whitney in 2006.

White-wedged Piculet *Picumnus albosquamatus*

The form concerned is sometimes lumped in Guianan (or Arrowhead) Piculet *P. minutissimus*.

White-lored Spinetail *Synallaxis albilora*

Most authors now split this form from the Plain-crowned Spinetail *S. gujanensis* which occurs further north in the Amazon basin.

Grey-crested (or Rufous) Cacholote *Pseudoseisura unirufa*

Recent studies have shown that the two populations of the original Rufous Cacholote *P. cristata* are better treated as separate species, with the form concerned *P. unirufa* (of south-western Brazil and adjacent Bolivia) being named Grey-crested Cacholote (or retaining the name Rufous Cacholote) and *P. cristata* (of arid north-eastern Brazil) being named Caatinga Cacholote.

Scalloped Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes falcinellus*

Some authors lump this form (which occurs from Itatiaia National Park southwards) in Scaled Woodcreeper *L. squamatus*.

Southern Scrub Flycatcher *Sublegatus modestus*

This form was previously called Scrub Flycatcher (or Short-billed Flycatcher), but it is now known as Southern Scrub Flycatcher to differentiate it from Northern Scrub Flycatcher *S. arenarum* which has been split off as a separate species.

Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea*

The form concerned is sometimes split off as a separate species: Swallow Flycatcher *Hirundinea bellicosa*.

Black-backed Water Tyrant *Fluvicola albiventer*

This form is sometimes lumped in Pied Water Tyrant *F. pica*.

Eastern Sirystes *Sirystes sibilator*

The name Eastern Sirystes is used to differentiate this form from Western Sirystes *S. albogriseus* (of Panama to western Ecuador), which has been split off as a separate species.

Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin *Neopelma chrysolophum*

Some authors still lump this form in Wied's Tyrant-Manakin *N. aurifrons*.

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla*

The affinities of this species remain uncertain. The IOC World List places it in a family of its own (Donacobiidae) between the Locustellidae (grassbirds and allies) and Bernieridae (Malagasy warblers). Other authors consider it to be Incertae Sedis.

Sedge Wren *Cistothorus platensis*

The form concerned is sometimes split off as a separate species: Grass Wren *C. platensis*. The North American form would then be called Sedge Wren *C. stellaris*.

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*

The form concerned is sometimes split off as a separate species: Southern House Wren *T. musculus*.

Southern Yellowthroat *Geothlypis velata*

Many authors lump this form (occurring in south-central South America) in Masked Yellowthroat *G. aequinoctialis* of northern South America.

White-bellied Warbler *Basileuterus hypoleucos*

The IOC World List treats this form (occurring in south-central Brazil and eastern Paraguay) as a subspecies of the widespread Golden-crowned Warbler *B. culicivorus*, as some hybridization is known to occur.

Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus*

This form was formerly lumped in Venezuelan Troupial *I. icterus*, with the name Troupial being used for the enlarged species.

Variable Oriole *Icterus pyrrhopterus*

The IOC World List treats this form (occurring in south-central South America) as a separate species, while most other authors lump it in Epaulet Oriole *I. cayanensis* of northern South America. Three of the four subspecies of *pyrrhopterus* (the nominate, *periporphyrus* and *valenciobuenoi*) have tawny epaulets, while *tibialis* (of eastern Brazil) has yellow epaulets similar to *cayanensis*.

Red Tanager (or Lowland Hepatic-Tanager) *Piranga flava*

Many authors lump this form (occurring in South America) with Hepatic Tanager *P. hepatica* (of North America), using the name Hepatic Tanager *P. flava* for the enlarged species.

Black-throated Grosbeak *Saltator fuliginosus*

This species was formerly included in the genus *Pitylus*.



Sunset at Cuaiba River, Pantanal (Eduardo Patrial)