



*Jaguar - the show of the largest subspecies of this amazing cat keeps its fame in the Pantanal (Eduardo Patrial)*

# JAGUARS AND BIRDS OF BRAZIL

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The Jaguars and Birds is an already well known tour. In two weeks three fantastic destinations are capable to bring you an awesome overview of what is just a part of the amazing and huge Brazil. We started this tour covering the best of Pantanal, then the incredibly diverse Atlantic Forest and at last the singular Cerrado upland grasslands of Serra da Canastra. With this great combination we delightedly built a list containing nothing less than 440 birds recorded, and also a fine selection of seventeen 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, Sunbitterns and Sungrebes, and even Agami and Zigzag Herons, flocks of Nacunda Nighthawks, the comely Nanday Parakeet, the uncommon White-fronted Woodpecker and a fantastic array of Passerines including Great Rufous Woodcreeper, Black-bellied Antwren, White-eyed Attila, Subtropical Doradito, Red-crested Cardinal, Scarlet-headed Blackbird and hundreds more. Yet at the vast and humid Atlantic Forest of the amazing Intervalles 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 rare Buff-bellied Puffbird, the lovely Saffron and Spot-billed Toucanets, the small Red-and-white Crake, the mind-blowing male Long-trained Nightjar, three species of owls – Black-capped and Long-tufted Screech Owls and Rusty-barred Owl,

the notorious antbird gallery including Giant and Tufted Antshrikes, and Ferruginous, Dusky-tailed and Ochre-rumped Antbirds, mind-blowing views of Variegated Antpitta, the endemics Slaty Bristlefront and White-breasted Tapaculos, the superb male Bare-throated Bellbird, and of course, colourful stunning tanagers such as Green-headed, Red-necked, Brassy-breasted, Rufous-headed and Diademed 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 weird looking Red-legged Seriema, the rare Sickle-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 beautiful Collared Crescentchest, and besides our encounters with fantastic mammals –Giant Anteater and Pampas Deer.

This Jaguars and Birds of Brazil tour started on Aug 16<sup>th</sup> around ten thirty am at the airport of Cuiabá, capital of the state of Mato Grosso. From there we took our mini-bus straight to the great Pantanal, crossing the gate-town of Poconé. Arriving at the famous Transpantaneira Road around midday we had to drive only seven kilometres to our first stay, the nice Piuval Lodge. Even by the heat of noon we got a productive introduction to the area watching a close group of Greater Rheas, loads of water birds including Rufescent Tiger Heron, Limpkins, Great, Snowy, Little Blue and Striated Herons, Snail Kites, Amazon Kingfisher, Buff-necked Ibis, Guira Cuckoos and even three Hyacinth Macaws that were feeding on the ground, our first contact with some of the most wanted birds at Pantanal. Lunch came right after and in the garden we still enjoyed some Monk Parakeets and a nice Crested Oropendola. With a lot to see in the fascinating place we went birding immediately after our rich lunch. We took a way to the woods and had a first stop by some good ponds. There saw another Hyacinth Macaw quite close, ours first Plumbeous Ibis, few White Woodpeckers, also Little Woodpecker, the majestic Black-collared Hawk, Ringed Kingfisher, the noisy Southern Screamer, the huge Jabiru, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, a nice male Crimson-crested Woodpecker, a stunning pair of Golden-collared Macaw, some Yellow-rumped Caciques, the lovely Grey-necked Wood Rail and the notorious Sunbittern. Further into the woods we had chances to find a new array of species such as a female Helmeted Manakin, a pair of the Brazilian endemic Planalto Slaty Antshrike, Barred Antshrike, a very unusual lek of Cinnamon-throated Hermit (where we got amazing views of two birds displaying), Fuscous Flycatcher, Chestnut-vented Conebill, a beautiful male Rusty-backed Antwren, the good-looking Rufous Casiornis, White-wedged Piculet, Large-billed Antwren, Ashy-headed Greenlet, the attractive Rufous-tailed Jacamar, the quite shy Saffron-billed Sparrow and two Turquoise-fronted Amazons (during the section we also heard Black-bellied Antwren which is an important target at Piuval Lodge, one of the few places that houses this species in the northern Pantanal). Approaching the huge lake called “Piuval bay” we stopped to see a nice male of Black Howler Monkey, the Brazilian endemic Chestnut-bellied Guan, a brief view of a male Bare-faced Curassow, Chaco Chachalaca and the rapacious Bat Falcon. At dusk we tried for Great Potoo but without success so we returned to the lodge and made our check-in.



*The Pantanal at first look is always impressive! Arriving at Piuval Lodge we had this Greater Rhea right in front of the reception and not far later the nice Black-collared Hawk posed well for pictures (Eduardo Patrial)*



*This close Jabiru was much appreciated and certainly even more was this stunning pair of Golden-collared Macaw (Eduardo Patrial)*



*Piuval provided thrilling views of Sunbittern ; the beautifully patterned Saffron-billed Sparrow was just one of the nice Passerines we saw on our first day (Eduardo Patrial)*

With a typical dawn chorus we began our second day (August 17<sup>th</sup>) at Piuval Lodge. At the front field we could enjoy some amazing *Nacunda* Nighthawks in low flights and a large flock of Black-bellied Whistling Duck that crossed over us when sun was just about to rise. That was the perfect time to look for a big target at Piuval Lodge, the massive Great Rufous Woodcreeper which we managed superb views after hearing it in the field at some sparse big threes. Not far from there we had time to explore another rewarding corner which yielded great results with five Chestnut-eared Aracaris feeding on flowers in perfect light, two Toco Toucans in flight, Red-crested Cardinal and the uncommon local inhabitant of the Piuval Lodge area, the fantastic White-fronted Woodpecker. Back later to the woods we saw Yellow-olive Flatbill, Forest Elaenia, the fascinating Red-billed Scythebill, Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant and the local target Black-bellied Antwren (male and female very close). Still before breakfast we stopped by the “Piuval bay” for a last look. Here we spotted Striped Cuckoo singing in the open, Black-backed Water Tyrant, Greater Thornbird and Solitary Caciue. Returning for breakfast we saw some Black-tailed Marmosets feeding on the ground at open field, a quite unusual situation. Around nine thirty am we said good bye to Piuval Lodge, we still had a long way to drive along the Transpantaneira Road to our next stay. As usual there, a number of stops came while driving the famous dirt road full of wooden bridges. A nice stop came right after passing the Pantanal gate, a huge marshy area which is normally full of water birds and caimans. Here we saw lots of Large-billed terns, Cooi, Striated and Little Blue Herons, egrets, Black-capped Donacobius and a duetting Buff-breasted Wren, besides hundreds of Yacare Caiman resting by small ponds full of fishes. Before stopping for lunch at Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel, basically half way to our next stay (Porto Joffre Hotel), we stopped for a female Marsh Deer beside the road and a three with some Hyacinth Macaws. During lunch we enjoyed some feeders where were loads of Yellow-billed Cardinals, Greyish Baywings, Scaled Doves, Solitary Caciues, the colourful Orange-backed Troupial, Palm and Silver-beaked Tanagers. Later we kept driving south and

the heat was very intense. Around four o'clock pm we got the huge marshy area called "campo Joffre", already close to our next hotel. Here we finished our first full day in the Pantanal birding this superb area where we encountered the striking American Pygmy Kingfisher, Creamy-bellied Thrush, a nesting pair of Great-horned Owl, the lovely Chotoy Spinetail, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, Great Antshrike, a nice group of Maguari Stork (usually only found here along the Transpantaneira), Common Tody-Flycatcher, Masked Gnatcatcher, Fork-tailed and Vermilion Flycatchers, Rusty-collared Seedeater, Southern Screamers plus herons, ibises and a good number of Capybaras. We arrived at Porto Joffre Hotel at dusk and that was the end of this amazing day of wildlife.



*Two sought-after species at Piuval Lodge, the massive Great Rufous Woodcreeper and the uncommon White-fronted Woodpecker (Eduardo Patrial)*



*The stunning Chestnut-eared Aracari and Hyacinth Macaw never pass unnoticed on a day in the Pantanal (Eduardo Patrial)*



*A common stake-out at "Campo Joffre" for Great Horned Owl; and quite common along the Transpantaneira, Great Antshrike is always a nice bird to see (Eduardo Patrial)*

August 18<sup>th</sup>, the Jaguar Day. After an early breakfast we took the fast boat up the Cuiabá River to reach the branch of the 3 Brothers River, one of the best areas to find the Jaguars. On our way we spotted Black Skimmers, Pied Plovers and Yellow-billed Terns. Around seven thirty am we found our first Jaguar, a huge male walking slowly by the river bank. We were the second boat arriving at the right place and we enjoyed a really prolonged view. The Jaguar was very confident with our presence and decided to give a little spectacle chasing a Capybara on a sand beach in front of several boats. That was such a fantastic moment. Trying to find more Jaguars later, we spotted some interesting birds such as a White-tailed Hawk and Blue-throated Piping Guan. Before noon and returning to the hotel for lunch we found a second Jaguar. This time another male was lying by the river bank, very relaxed. After watching it for a few minutes, the Jaguar stood up and started chewing some grass, certainly to help its digestion. Few minutes more it walked slowly through the bushes and disappeared. Back for lunch we had some time to enjoy the garden of Porto Joffre hotel, full of Hyacinth Macaws, Yellow-rumped Caciques, Monk and Yellow-chevroned Parakeets, Buff-necked Ibis, White Woodpecker, Giant Cowbirds and more. At two thirty pm we were back to river, this time we went up the Piquiri River for a while. We come across a large group of Blue-throated Piping Guan feeding on the bank. It took some time but finally we found what we really wanted, a family of Giant Otters. They were four, as usual patrolling the banks after fish. Watching those creatures interacting and eating right before our eyes was absolutely memorable. The group collected nice photos and no much longer headed to a small channel in the 3 Brothers, with chances to find another jaguar but also to see some nice riverine species of birds such as most of the ones we found: Rusty-backed Spinetail, a male Band-tailed Antbird, Little Cuckoo, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, a pair of Mato Grosso Antbird, a brief female Crimson-crested Woodpecker and many other commonplace species, loads of caimans, capybaras, etc. Returning to Porto Joffre we missed to see our third Jaguar in a matter of minutes, all we got was some movements through the tall grass. At dusk still on the boat we saw a large number of Band-tailed Nighthawks along the river. Later we had a very nice dinner and celebrated this fantastic day.



*The first Jaguar spotted gave a nice show by the banks of the 3 Brothers River while interested in catching a solitary Capybara (Eduardo Patrial)*



*Despite all its hunting skills, the huge male got to exposed and failed in its attempt (Eduardo Patrial)*



*The second Jaguar found was relaxing by the river bank; later the show continued with the hungry Giant Otter (Eduardo Patrial)*

August 19<sup>th</sup>. As previous day resulted very successfully, today we went birding early at the “campo Joffre” area. It was a bit windy but we managed to see most of targeted species. Stopping at different spots we saw a real close pair of Mato Grosso Antbird, Plain Inezia, Orange-headed Tanager, Variable Oriole, the tiny Subtropical Doradito, White-bellied Seedeater, Sungrebe and heard Grey-breasted and Ash-throated Crakes. So the heat came and we decided to cover the rich forest near the Porto Joffre Hotel. It was very productive where we started with pair of Fawn-breasted Wren. Later a Ferruginous Pygmy Owl got attracted bringing some other birds, including two Gilded Sapphires. We also found Buff-throated Woodcreeper, Blue-crowned Trogon, Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant, the uncommon White-eyed Attila, Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher, Toco Toucan, Chestnut-eared Aracari and Moustached Wren. Back for lunch and some garden birding at Porto Joffre hotel. In the afternoon the wind stopped and we went back to some places at the “campo Joffre”. At some of the bridges we managed good views of the shy Green-and-rufous Kingfisher and in a fabulous way we observed Grey-breasted Crake in the open from above the bridge. Further another stop provided two Subtropical Doraditos together, a large number of Unicolored Blackbirds, Rusty-collared Seedeater and the usual common species. Despite all the effort, the rare Bearded Tachuri wasn't found this time. At dusk we looked for some owls in the forest near hotel but without any success.



*This male Mato Grosso Antbird was close and surprised us behaving so exposed; we can say that the inconspicuous Subtropical Doradito is a specialty from "campo Joffre" (Eduardo Patrial)*



*Some of the interesting birds we found in the forest near Porto Joffre Hotel were the Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant and the uncommon White-eyed Attila (Eduardo Patrial)*



*Southern Screamer is always present at the wetland "campo Joffre"; so as Toco Toucan around the hotel (Eduardo Patrial) August 20<sup>th</sup>. We left Porto Joffre Hotel around six thirty am towards our next stay back along the Transpantaneira, the Rio Claro Lodge. On our way and still near Joffre we made a quick stop for a shining pair of Scarlet-headed Blackbird close to the road. What an amazing blackbird! After that we drove a long period until our next stop near the Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel, the access road to Southwild Pantanal. There we found a nesting pair of Rufous-fronted Thornbird, a nice couple of Green-backed Becard and Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch. Back to the Transpantaneira we stopped for Long-tailed Ground Dove, luckily found beside the road. At the same spot a pair of Chotoy Spinetail and Rusty-backed Antwren got extremely*

close to us. Arriving at Rio Claro for lunch we enjoyed the welcome made by the group of Nanday Parakeet which usually feeds in the mango trees in the garden. In the afternoon we started birding quite early, covering the stretch of riverine forest. Our main target was found in seconds, the lovely Pale-crested Woodpecker. A fig tree nearby was attracting a number of species including some Red-throated Piping Guans. We also had a Great Rufous Woodcreeper at the same spot. Further in the forest we found one Black-tailed Marmoset, a juvenile male Helmeted Manakin, a perched Orange-winged Amazon and a stunning pair of Cream-coloured Woodpecker. For the rest of day light we had a very pleasant boat trip which yielded a group of Golden-collared Macaws in flight, good views of Pale-vented Pigeon, one Giant and one Neotropical River Otter, two Sungrebes and almost at dusk, the confined and gorgeous Agami Heron. And when we thought it was finished, a Zigzag Heron started calling and came to a perch in the same tree that the Agami Heron was, a true event that only the presents can really believe. That was a special way to say good bye to the Pantanal.



*Breath-taking views of Scarlet-headed Blackbird; at Rio Claro Lodge we were welcomed by a nice group of Nanday Parakeet (Eduardo Patrial)*



*Two lovely Celeus woodpecker seen at Rio Claro Lodge, first Pale-crested Woodpecker and later Cream-coloured Woodpecker (Eduardo Patrial)*



*The superb view we've got from Agami Heron was gracefully captured by one of our group (Kevin Schneemilch); minutes later we saw Zigzag Heron, amazing and exactly in the same three (Eduardo Patrial)*

August 21<sup>st</sup>. We had to leave Rio Claro and the Pantanal very early due to our flight to São Paulo around ten o'clock am. We saw hundreds of Shiny Cowbirds and few Toco Toucans at the gas station stop after passing the town of Poconé. We arrived and left the Guarulhos airport towards Intervales State Park around two thirty pm. From the van we spotted a group of five Curl-crested Jays in flight. We stopped for a late lunch at a nice convenience along our way to Intervales, one of the most appreciated birding sites in the Brazilian Atlantic Forest. It was time to change habitat completely and to enjoy few days in the largest continuous stretch of this rich and threatened biome. We arrived at Intervales half past seven pm for dinner.

August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We started early at dawn on our first day at Intervales. Weather and temperature were very pleasant, great expectations for the day. A prior investigation before breakfast already brought some taste from the Atlantic Forest with Dusky-tailed Antbird, Variable Antshrike, Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, the Brazilian endemic Hangnest Tody-Tyrant, Rufous-crowned Greenlet, Scale-throated Hermit, Ochre-collared Piculet, the Brazilian endemic Ferruginous Antbird and Shear-tailed Grey Tyrant. After a nice breakfast we headed to the famous Carmo Road to spend the rest of our morning. At the stop to open the gate of Carmo Road we were lucky to see a calm group of Spot-winged Wood Quail crossing the road, we got great views of this skulking species. Later along Carmo Road our morning was fantastic with good observations of several amazing birds – a pair of Black-throated Trogon, two Black-fronted Piping Guans (a highly threatened bird), the endemic Hooded Berryeater, a male Giant Antshrike, the endemics Ochre-rumped Antbird and Star-throated Antwren, White-eyed and Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaners, great views of the endemics White-breasted Tapaculo and Brown Tanager, the beautiful Green-headed, Red-necked and Brassy-breasted Tanagers, a stunning male Blue Manakin, a pair of Chestnut-bellied Euphonia, the notorious Sharpbill, the rare Buff-bellied Puffbird, the endemic Cinnamon-vented Piha and the a colourful pair of Yellow-fronted Woodpecker. After lunch we checked several different spots in the park. First by the reception we enjoyed a day roosting pair of Tropical Screech Owl. Right in front the reception the marsh is home of the smart skulker Red-and-white Crake. Now being fed by the local guides, this crake was amazingly contemplated by us. Not far from there a corner with a concentration of Araucaria threes provided the lovely specialist Araucaria Tit-Spinetail. Another superb and super-skulking bird being fed at Intervales is Variegated Antpitta. We were lucky to try at the right time, in few minutes we got it attracted by worms on the trail right before our eyes, just like that. Later in a different area we found the endemic Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin and the cryptic Pavonine Cuckoo which was observed for a long time. A short walk in the forest provided an ant swarm with some Black-goggled Tanagers and few White-shouldered Fire-Eyes. In the same place we saw the amazing endemic Slaty Bristlefront, Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper, Rufous-breasted Leafhopper and Black-billed Scythebill. At dusk we waited and managed to see an impressive male Long-trained Nightjar and no longer a brief view of Rusty-barred Owl. That was the end of a brilliant day at Intervales State Park.



*Intervales is a great place to see the Brazilian endemic Hooded Berryeater; the rare Buff-bellied Puffbird was a fantastic surprise at Carmo Road (Eduardo Patrial)*



*There are very few places to see the graceful specialist Araucaria Tit-Spintail at Intervales; and the tame Variegated Antpitta, now a special attraction at some of the trails (Eduardo Patrial)*



*Two cryptic amazing species observed in the afternoon: Pavinine Cuckoo and the fascinating endemic Slaty Bristlefront (Eduardo Patrial)*

August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Just like the previous day we began our morning with a prior session before breakfast. Around the Pica-pau Lodge we spotted some Dusky-legged Guans, an obliging Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner and a pair of Slaty-breasted Wood Rail. Not far from our lodge we decided to check the common area around the

Onça-pintada Lodge, where a flowered exotic Bottlebrush tree was told it was attracting several species of birds. Fortunately we decided for that, the whole place was full of birds not just the bottlebrush tree. We got great views of Planalto Woodcreeper, the endemic Pallid Spinetail, White-necked Thrush and the fantastic number of tanagers - Green-headed, Red-necked, Azure-shouldered, Black-goggled, Rufous-headed, Golden-chevroned, Sayaca, Ruby-crowed, Swallow and Burnished-buff Tanagers plus Blue Dacnis, Violet-capped Woodnymph, Chestnut-bellied Euphonia and the uncommon Golden-rumped Euphonia. After breakfast we spotted few things around the building before heading to Carmo Road, such as a Rufous-thighed Hawk, Planalto Tyrannulet and Hangnest Tody-Tyrant. Carmo Road later was slower than our first day but we could manage a very good rest of morning. The first stop put us a female Surucua Trogon, two Bay-ringed Tyrannulets, the endemic Olive-green Tanager, Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner and the attractive endemic Grey-hooded Attila. The next stop was very special when we could contemplate great looks at a male Bare-throated Bellbird. Further down the Carmo we struggled with a White-bearded Antshrike and White-collared Foliage-gleaner, both birds were not cooperating at all this time. On the other hand we saw in a short walk – the shy Whiskered Myiobius, Maroon-bellied Parakeet, Green-backed Trogon, Three-striped Flycatcher, Sibilant Sirystes and the amazing Atlantic Forest endemics Saffron Toucanet and Spot-billed Toucanet. Before lunch in few other stops we saw Sick's and White-collared Swifts, Long-tailed Tyrant, a nice couple of Yellow-browed Woodpecker and a brief view of Rufous-capped Antshrike and Orange-breasted Thornbird. We started the afternoon excursion with two Diademed Tanagers and White-spotted Woodpecker. Later we took the trail to the viewpoint which is usually very productive. We had a small flock with some of the endemic Oustalet's Tyrannulet, Sharp-billed Treehunter, Chestnut-crowned Becard and Streaked Xenops. Following the flock we still saw two Scalloped Woodcreepers. Later in dense bamboo we attracted a quite distant male Tufted Antshrike which it turned up in close observations. Close to dusk we stopped at some point of the trail near the top and with the last beams of light we saw Brown-breasted Bamboo-Tyrant and Rufous Gnateater. Rufous-capped Motmot sat in the open but it was dark already. The main reason for staying up there until dusk just started singing after the motmot, the cryptic Black-capped Screech Owl which this time posed for a long time on an exposed branch, just great! After this our night birding continued outside the park along the access road and it was remarkably good. We got superb views of Long-tufted Screech Owl (a recent discovery around Intervalles), a fantastic male Long-trained Nightjar and the beautiful Rusty-barred Owl.



*The endemic Rufous-headed Tanager feeding on bottlebrush flower; at Carmo Road the highlight of our morning was this male Bare-throated Bellbird (Eduardo Patrial)*



*Some of the Atlantic Forest woodpeckers observed on this day at Intervalles: Yellow-browed Woodpecker and White-spotted Woodpecker (Eduardo Patrial)*



*Owling was great on this evening and we added two screech owls to our list: the cryptic Black-capped Screech Owl and the recently discovered in the area, Long-tufted Screech Owl (Eduardo Patrial)*

August 24<sup>th</sup>. It was drizzling on our last morning at Intervalles. Despite that I thought our pre-breakfast birding was actually pretty good with views of Rufous-capped Motmot, Grey-breasted Spinetail, Green-winged Saltator, Black-throated Grosbeak and the tricky Spotted Bamboowren. Bananas from breakfast brought some colours on the feeder at our lodge – Azure-shouldered, Green-headed, Red-necked, Golden-chevrons and Ruby-crowned Tanagers, Blue Dacnis, Green-winged Saltator, Creamy-bellied Thrush, Planalto and Southern Beardless Tyrannulets and Pallid Spinetail. Later we covered some places near the research station and local guide's house. We got much better views of Grey-breasted Spinetail and Dusky-tailed Antbird; we also saw a male Blue Manakin, Olive-green Tanagers, Three-striped Flycatcher, Scalloped Woodcreeper, Shear-tailed Grey-Tyrant and an obliging Rufous-capped Antthrush. Then we had an earlier lunch and left Intervalles right after towards our next stay, the Fazenda Nova in Mococa. We had only one stop leaving Intervalles, a good stake-out for the nice endemic Half-collared Sparrow. Besides the good view of the sparrow we also saw Tropical Pewee and Diademed Tanager. Our way to Fazenda Nova was long we and arrived there by seven o'clock pm. The lodge is a typical old and cosy farmhouse with over 120 years. We enjoyed a very nice dinner and celebrated Edwin's birthday.



*Impossible to resist a group of Red-necked Tanagers on the feeder; and the common but beautiful Blue Manakin (Eduardo Patrial)*

August 25<sup>th</sup>. We woke up to have breakfast at six thirty am and from seven to eight am we enjoyed some garden birding at Fazenda Nova before continuing to Canastra in São Roque de Minas. This one pleasant hour provided a Streamer-tailed Tyrant in flight, two Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher, Sapphire-spangled Emerald, Saffron-billed Sparrow, a nice male White-barred Piculet, a family of Black-tufted Marmoset, two Masked Water-Tyrants, Social Flycatcher and a group of White-eyed Parakeet perched. We arrived at São Roque de Minas after lunch around one thirty pm and made our check-in at the nice Chapadão da Canastra Hotel. A feeder by the reception was full of males Purple-throated Euphonias and even some Black-tufted Marmostes showed up too. For the rest of our afternoon we went birding a nice marsh near the town and later the Cerradão Private Reserve until dusk. The marsh was very good and kept us busy with great views of four Streamer-tailed Tyrants, White-rumped Monjita, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Bran-coloured Flycatcher, the endemic Golden-capped Parakeet, Chestnut-capped Blackbird, a group of Yellow-rumped Marshbirds in flight and a shiny male Glittering-bellied Emerald. Just a bit further along the dirt road we spotted an adorable Red-legged Seriema which we stopped for scope studies. Meanwhile watching the Seriema and some Burrowing Owls, Edwin mentioned a different bird on the ground behind us. And really lucky we were. It was the uncommon Campo Miner feeding on crops by the edge of the road. We got superb views of this difficult species to find. Later in the Reserve the group spotted a female of the endemic Stripe-breasted Starthroat and White-eared Puffbird while Eduardo was dealing to get permission to go in. Permission acquired we walked the lovely Cerrado of the reserve down to a narrow gallery forest. Mimicking Ferruginous Pygmy Owl and enjoyed a group of several females Helmeted Manakins, a nice Grey-headed Tanager and finally later a stunning male Helmeted Manakin. That was our start in the Canastra area.



*The good-looking Masked Water-Tyrant is common at São Roque de Minas; at the marsh Streamer-tailed Tyrant displaying is a most wanted species (Eduardo Patrial)*



*The uncommon Campo Miner was the best surprise on our first day at São Roque de Minas (Eduardo Patrial)*

August 26<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful sunny day spent at the fascinating high part of Canastra National Park, exploring vast areas of tall grasslands and also some small islands of forest. On our way up we stopped few times achieving views of Crested Black-Tyrant, Chopi Blackbird, Yellow-browed Tyrant, Plain-crested Elaenia, Hooded Siskin, Golden-capped Parakeet, Pale-breasted Spinetail, a female Plumbeous Seedeater, the nice Rufous-winged Antshrike, a male Dubois's Seedeater, a Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle flying and some lovely Toco Toucans. Entering the National Park we spotted White-eared Puffbird and some Grassland Sparrows. A specific stop at some "campo rupestre" (rocky Cerrado) provided us great views of a cracking male Blue Finch and the localized endemic Grey-backed Tachuri. Driving further we had another quick stop, this time at a small glen where we struggled to get one brief view of the endemic White-striped Warbler. The small woodland at the São Francisco River's source still provides being a great place to see Brasilia Tapaculo, what a view we got and for long time. Around the source we also saw some White-vented Violetear and the handsome Cinnamon Tanager. At some good grassland few hundred meters further we spotted a couple of Borrowing Owl and our first amazing male Cock-tailed Tyrant. We stopped for lunch at the nice area called Stony Corral. It was warm but in a quick scan we got a nesting pair of Firewood Gatherer, Stripe-tailed Yellow-Finch and at the nearby Cerrado habitat, some Campo Flickers and for the first time in Canastra NP, Checkered Woodpecker. After having lunch we carried on towards a good stretch of Cerrado habitat (area with small trees and bushes), stopping along the grasslands when necessary, like when we spotted a group of four Sharp-tailed Grass-Tyrants and two Wedge-tailed Grass-Finches. Reaching the Cerrado stretch we found our two targets species, the Cerrado specialties Shrike-like and White-rumped Tanagers. Very close to there we checked a small island of woodland which was worth it. We got spectacular views of the endemic White-striped Warbler and another first sighting in Canastra, a female Large-billed Antwren. By late afternoon and returning for dusk near the São Francisco's source we flushed two Red-winged Tinamous and no longer we spotted two Giant Anteaters, a bit far though. Birding was slow until we get to the source just before dusk. Few minutes later two Least Nighthawks started flying around. We waited more and soon we got good views of a male Sickie-winged Nightjar in flight and also a Band-winged Nightjar perched close on a rock. We left the National Park around seven pm.



Two "campo rupestre" specialists: the stunning male Blue Finch and the tiny restricted Grey-backed Tachuri (Eduardo Patrial)



The endemic Brasilia Tapaculo was an exceptional show while the surprise of the day was this nice Checkered Woodpecker (Eduardo Patrial)



The Cerrado specialist White-rumped Tanager was much appreciated, as well as this amazingly close Band-winged Nightjar (Eduardo Patrial)

August 27<sup>th</sup> was the day dedicated to find Brazilian Merganser at the low part of Serra da Canastra. With an estimated population of only 250 birds, seeing this species in its natural habitat is a special gift. And luckily we managed to see four Mergansers at our first stop along the São Francisco River. They were feeding on the river rapids and near hundred meters distant. Our group managed reasonable views while the shy mergansers were moving up river. In attempt to find them at a further stop, we got the four swimming along a calm stretch, but as soon as we got to the bank the mergansers rapidly ran to the other way and disappeared at the corner. We still tried to locate the same group again at different spots, but without any

luck. At some of the places we have stopped, the gallery forest provided great views of an obliging male Helmeted Manakin plus White-bellied Warbler, Sepia-capped and Brown-crested Flycatchers, Sooty Tyrannulet and Highland Elaenia. A last attempt after the merganser resulted on a lot of small ticks but also a nice group of Crested Oropendolas and Plush-crested Jays. Finally by late morning we entered the gate of the National Park's low part. Here the Canastra foothill is covered on nice pockets of forest, mixing features from the Atlantic Forest and Cerrado gallery forest. Happily our time in the National Park was very productive with two Grey-eyed Greenlets, Helmeted Manakin (again), a couple Black-capped Antwren, Rufous-tailed Jacamar and a great performance of Southern Antpipit. The view of Casca D'anta Waterfall was beautiful and even better was the mixed flock we got further in taller forest with: Rufous-headed, Guira and Burnished-buff Tanagers, Chestnut-vented Conebill, Helmeted and Pin-tailed Manakins, Grey Elaenia, Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner and Streaked Xenops. On our way back we found a Black-fronted Titi, an endemic primate (*Callicebus*) from SE Brazil. We got great scope views of it. Latter we enjoyed a typical lunch from Minas Gerais at the lovely village São José do Barreiro. Back to the hotel at São Roque de Minas, we finished our day birding the adjacent area of Rio do Peixe. It was very windy and we couldn't find many things. Although we saw a nice group of Yellow-rumped Marshbird, heard a distant Collared Crescentchest, saw a distant Crimson-crested Woodpecker and a Rufous-fronted Thornbird in the nest. The end of this good day was celebrated later during a very nice dinner at Hotel Chapadão da Canastra.



*Finding the critically endangered Brazilian Merganser is always a challenge; and what to say about this striking male Helmeted Manakin? (Eduardo Patrial)*



*The curious Grey-eyed Greenlet and good-looking Southern Antpipit were some of the nice birds found at the low part of Canastra NP (Eduardo Patrial)*



*The fantastic view of Casca D'anta Waterfall at Canastra NP; and the nice Yellow-rumped Marshbird (Eduardo Patrial)*

August 28<sup>th</sup>. For our last full day of an extremely pleasant wildlife trip, we decided to spend our time covering the grasslands at the high part of Canastra National Park. On our way up a lucky stop provided a very responsive Cinereous Warbling Finch immediately before our eyes, a rare and threatened central-Brazilian endemic. In the park we struggled to get a view of Collared Crescentchest, one of our most wanted species. First we heard one distantly and approaching attempts were unfortunately in vain, the bird was at the other side of the valley. Meanwhile at the visitors centre we rescued from the bathroom a Band-winged Nightjar that certainly got stuck last night when feeding favoured by the lights of the building. The bird was OK and quickly released to its natural habitat. However our Crescentchest quest was not over yet, so we tried again in a further and quite reliable area. After a distant response we followed our intuition and finally heard the bird singing only few meters away. Spotting it came naturally and really rewarding. The bird sat in the open and kept calling for a good time. Scope views were terrific. Not far from this area we tried to locate some pipits but unsuccessfully. We spotted some Red-legged Seriemas and close to the source of São Francisco at a rocky outcrop we spotted a stunning male Blue Finch with two females. Few other further stops were not very productive until one that Eduardo spotted a distant Giant Anteater next to a marshy area. We realised we could take the access road to Rolinhos to get better views. Getting there was easy; the difficult part was to know where the anteater was walking. Our local guide from Canastra imposed a long walk through the grassland to locate it but nothing. Nothing was found around the group either and Eduardo felling a bit uncomfortable decided for a last investigation down towards the marsh. And a happy decision it was when finally a huge male Giant Anteater was spotted. It was a remarkable experience getting close to this fascinating mammal, our group was just exhilarated. In the same place and just before having our lunch, we found a nice Sedge Wren. Taking the road back we spotted a female Pampas Deer and another Giant Anteater. This one was close and crossed the road right in front of us. We could see its size and shape really well at the open road. Later from the van we saw Spotted Nothura running across the road, a male Cock-tailed Tyrant, one solitary Greater Rhea and another female Pampas Deer at the Sone Corral. The afternoon was good for mammals and getting close to the São Francisco's source we spotted another Giant Anteater, this time a female with a cub on its back. A pair of Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant was just by the road and in beautiful light for photos. We also stopped at several places to look for Maned Wolf and Black-masked Finch but unlucky this time. We left the park satisfied and celebrated later the end of a splendid tour.



Two top quality species on our last day at Canastra National Park: the rare and threatened endemic Cinereous Warbling Finch and the adorable Collared Crescentchest (Eduardo Patrial)



A Giant Anteater day! That was the first one spotted on this last day of Canastra (Eduardo Patrial)



Keeping the day good for mammals – the beautiful female Pampas Deer and a huge Giant Anteater crossing the road (Eduardo Patrial)



Two fantastic Tyrannidae from the grasslands of Canastra National Park: the emblematic Cock-tailed Tyrant and the tiny Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant (Eduardo Patrial)

August 29th. It was day transfer to Guarulhos airport (São Paulo). We left São Roque de Minas before seven am. From the vain we spotted the usual species by the road like Black and Turkey Vultures, caracaras, Roadside Hawk, Great Egret, Common Gallinule, some Toco Toucans, Picazuro Pigeons, Eared Doves, Smooth-billed Ani and Guira Cuckoos, Great Kiskadee, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Rufous Horneros, etc. We arrived at Guarulhos airport near four o'clock pm, in good time for all international flights. That was the end of another successful Jaguars & Birds tour!

## 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) Heard in Intervalles.

**Undulated Tinamou** *Crypturellus undulatus* (H) Commonly heard in the Pantanal.

**Small-billed Tinamou** *Crypturellus parvirostris* (H) Heard at Cerradão Private Reserve, Canastra area.

**Red-winged Tinamou** *Rhynchotus rufescens* Seen in flight at Canastra N P.

**Spotted Nothura** *Nothura maculosa* Brief view of one crossing the road at Canastra NP.

**Greater Rhea** *Rhea americana* A good number at Piuval Lodge and Transpantaneira road and very few in Canastra.

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

**Dusky-legged Guan** ◊ *Penelope obscura* Some birds seen at Intervalles and hotel in São Roque de Minas.

**Chestnut-bellied Guan** ◊ *Penelope ochrogaster* Seen at Piuval and Rio Claro Lodge, Pantanal.

**Blue-throated Piping Guan** *Pipile cumanensis* Several sightings along the Cuiabá river. See note.

**Red-throated Piping Guan** ◊ *Pipile cunjubi* Few birds seen at Rio Claro. See note.

**Black-fronted Piping Guan** ◊ *Pipile jacutinga* Few observations at Intervalles.

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

**Spot-winged Wood Quail** ◊ *Odontophorus capueira* A group seen crossing the road at Intervalles.

**Southern Screamer** *Chauna torquata* Numerous this time at Pantanal.

**Black-bellied Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis* At least two large flocks seen at Pantanal.

**Muscovy Duck** *Cairina moschata* Few seen in the Pantanal and also at Canastra.

**Brazilian Teal (B Duck)** *Amazonetta brasiliensis* Few seen in the Pantanal.

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

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

**Maguari Stork** *Ciconia maguari* A group around twenty birds at the 'campo Jofre' area, Pantanal.

**Jabiru** *Jabiru mycteria* Common in the Pantanal.

**Plumbeous Ibis** ◊ *Theristicus caerulescens* Quite common at Pantanal.

**Buff-necked Ibis** *Theristicus caudatus* Common in the Pantanal, also seen at Canastra.

**Green Ibis** *Mesembrinibis cayennensis* Several seen in the Pantanal.

**Bare-faced Ibis** *Phimosus infuscatus* A number of groups seen at Pantanal.

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

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

**Agami Heron** *Agamia agami* Amazing view of one bird on boat trip at Rio Claro Lodge, Pantanal.

**Boat-billed Heron** *Cochlearius cochlearius* Spotted only once along the river at Rio Claro Lodge, Pantanal.

**Zigzag Heron** *Zebrilus undulatus* Found at dusk in the same tree where Agami Heron was.

**Least Bittern** *Ixobrychus exilis* (H) Heard at Transpantaneira road.

**Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* Not many sightings at 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 (hundreds) in the Pantanal.

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

**Capped Heron** *Pilherodius pileatus* One sighting of three birds at the 3 Brothers River in the Pantanal.

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

**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea* Several sightings in the Pantanal.

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* Common (hundreds) 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.



*Large-billed Tern (Eduardo Patrial)*

**Rufous-thighed Kite** *Harpagus diodon* One seen in flight at Intervalles.

**Rufous-thighed Hawk** *Accipiter erythronemius* A pair soaring over the lodge at Intervalles. See note.

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

**Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis* It was abundant this time in the Pantanal.

**Crane Hawk** *Geranoospiza caerulescens* A brief view of one along the Transpantaneira road.

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

**Great Black Hawk** *Buteogallus urubitinga* Few sightings in the Pantanal, most by the Cuiabá River.

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

**White-tailed Hawk** *Geranoaetus albicaudatus* A few in the Pantanal, a good number in Canastra.

**Black-chested Buzzard-eagle** *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* One seen in flight near the gate of Canastra NP.

**Red-legged Seriema** *Cariama cristata* First heard at Piuval Lodge, seen later at Canastra area.

**Sunbittern** *Eurypyga helias* Great view of a pair at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.

**Sungrebe** *Heliornis fulica* One spotted at the “campo Joffre” area, two later on boat trip at Rio Claro Lodge.

**Rufous-sided Crake** *Laterallus melanophaius* (H) Heard at the low part of Canastra.

**Grey-breasted Crake** *Laterallus exilis* Great view of one from a bridge at the ‘campo Joffre’, Pantanal.

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

**Grey-necked Wood Rail** *Aramides cajaneus* Common in the Pantanal, also seen at Canastra.

**Slaty-breasted Wood Rail** ◊ *Aramides saracura* A pair seen at Intervalles.

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

**Blackish Rail** *Pardirallus nigricans* (H) Only heard, Intervalles and Canastra.

**Purple Gallinule (American P G)** *Porphyrio martinicus* (NL) Seen near Cuiabá’s airport by some of us.

**Common Gallinule (Laughing Moorhen)** *Gallinula galeata* Spotted along the road leaving Canastra. See note.

**Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna* Common in the Pantanal.

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

**White-backed Stilt** *Himantopus melanurus* One bird seen along the Transpantaneira road. See note

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

**Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana* Common in the Pantanal.

**Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria* One seen by the Cuiabá River bank, Pantanal.

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius* One spotted by the bank of the 3 Brothers River, Pantanal.

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

**Yellow-billed Tern** *Sternula superciliaris* Same as above, also seen by the “campo Joffre”.

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

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

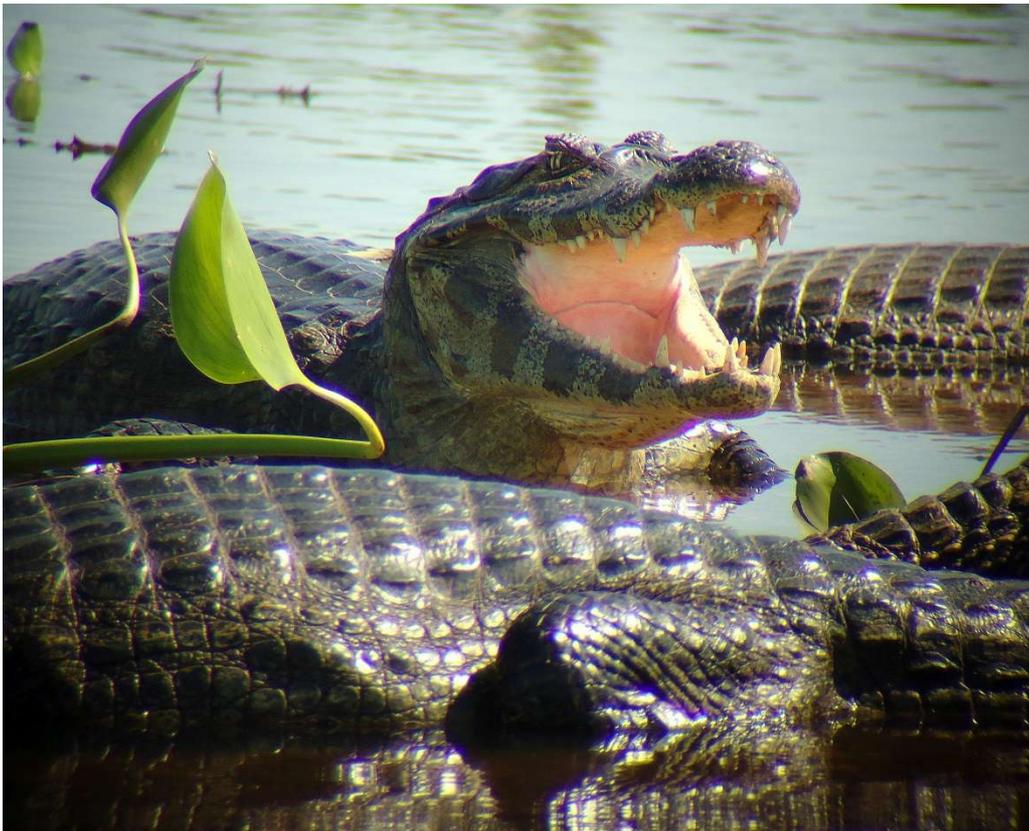
**Picazuro Pigeon** *Patagioenas picazuro* Very common throughout the tour.

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

**Plumbeous Pigeon** *Patagioenas plumbea* Good view of one at Intervalles.

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

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



*Yacare Caiman (Eduardo Patrial)*

- Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti* Common throughout the tour.
- Picui Ground Dove** *Columbina picui* Few birds seen in the Pantanal.
- Long-tailed Ground Dove** ◊ *Uropelia campestris* A pair spotted along the Transpantaneira road.
- White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi* Often recorded throughout the tour.
- Grey-fronted Dove** *Leptotila rufaxilla* One bird spotted at Intervales.
- Ruddy Quail-dove** *Geotrygon montana* (H) Heard once at Intervales.
- Guira Cuckoo** *Guira guira* Common in the Pantanal, also seen at Canastra and during drives.
- Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani* Very common in open areas throughout the tour.
- Striped Cuckoo** *Tapera naevia* Good view of one at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
- Pavonine Cuckoo** *Dromococcyx pavoninus* Breath-taking view of one at Intervales.
- Little Cuckoo** *Coccyzua minuta* Great views on boat trip along the Cuiabá River, Pantanal.
- Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana* (H) Amazingly only heard on this trip.
- Tropical Screech Owl** *Megascops choliba* A pair roosting by the reception of Intervales.
- Black-capped Screech Owl** ◊ *Megascops atricapilla* Fantastic view of one at Intervales.
- Long-tufted Screech Owl** ◊ *Megascops sanctaecatarinae* Same as above.
- Great Horned Owl** *Bubo virginianus* A pair at the “campo Joffre”, Pantanal; day roost.
- Rusty-barred Owl** ◊ *Strix hylophila* Fantastic spotting of one by the access road to Intervales.
- Ferruginous Pygmy Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum* One seen well near Porto Joffre Hotel, Pantanal.
- Burrowing Owl** *Athene cunicularia* A few spotted in the Canastra area.
- 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* Seen at Rio Claro Lodge, Pantanal; commonly heard.
- Sickle-winged Nightjar** ◊ *Eleothreptus anomalus* Well seen in flight at the high part of Canastra NP.
- Band-winged Nightjar** *Systellura longirostris* Amazing close view of one at Canastra NP, high part.
- White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris* A large group flying low at Intervales.
- Sick's Swift** *Chaetura meridionalis* See at Intervales. See note.
- Scale-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis eurynome* Great views at Intervales.
- Planalto Hermit** ◊ *Phaethornis pretrei* Frequent at our hotel in São Roque de Minas, Canastra area.

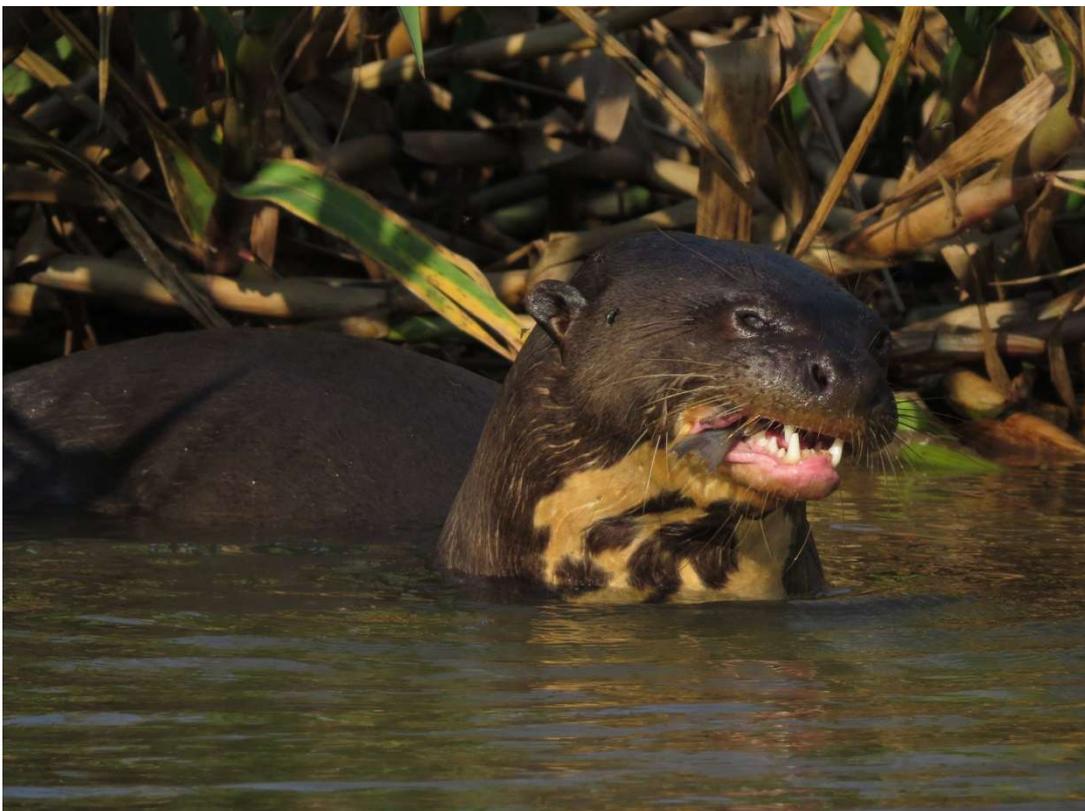
**Buff-bellied Hermit** ◊ *Phaethornis subochraceus* Seen on boat trip at the Cuiabá River, Pantanal.  
**Dusky-throated Hermit** ◊ *Phaethornis squalidus* Brief sightings along Carmo Road, Intervales.  
**Cinnamon-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis nattereri* Splendid views of two displaying at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.  
**Swallow-tailed Hummingbird** ◊ *Eupetomena macroura* Few seen at Canastra.  
**White-vented Violetear** *Colibri serrirostris* Frequent in Canastra.  
**Festive Coquette** ◊ *Lophornis chalybeus* (NL) One male photographed by one of us at Intervales.  
**Glittering-bellied Emerald** *Chlorostilbon lucidus* Few observed in Canastra. See note.  
**Fork-tailed Woodnymph (Common W)** *Thalurania furcata* One seen in the Pantanal.  
**Violet-capped Woodnymph** *Thalurania glaucopis* Common at Intervales.  
**Glittering-throated Emerald** *Amazilia fimbriata* Few seen in the Pantanal.  
**Sapphire-spangled Emerald** *Amazilia lactea* One seen at Fazenda Nova.  
**Stripe-breasted Starthroat** ◊ *Helimaster squamosus* A female seen at Cerradão Reserve and also by our hotel.  
**Amethyst Woodstar** *Calliphlox amethystina* One male seen at Intervales.  
**Green-backed Trogon** *Trogon viridis* A pair well seen at Intervales. See note.  
**Blue-crowned Trogon** *Trogon curucui* Good view near Porto Joffre Hotel, Pantanal.  
**Surucua Trogon** ◊ *Trogon surrucura* A female seen 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* Good view of one by a bridge at “campo Joffre”, Pantanal.  
**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana* A fair number seen at Pantanal.  
**Amazon Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle amazona* Common in the Pantanal, also seen at Canastra.  
**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata* Same as above.  
**Rufous-capped Motmot** ◊ *Baryphthengus ruficapillus* Seen by dusk and dawn at Intervales.  
**Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda* A fair number observed in the Pantanal, also seen at Canastra low part.  
**Buff-bellied Puffbird** ◊ *Notharchus swainsoni* A pair at Intervales was an amazing surprise.  
**White-eared Puffbird** *Nystalus chacuru* At least three sightings at Canastra.  
**Black-fronted Nunbird** *Monasa nigrifrons* Seen in the Pantanal.  
**Chestnut-eared Aracari** *Pteroglossus castanotis* Close views of five at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.  
**Saffron Toucanet** ◊ *Pteroglossus bailloni* Good views of three birds along Carmo road, Intervales.  
**Spot-billed Toucanet** ◊ *Selenidera maculirostris* Good views of a female at Carmo Road, Intervales.  
**Green-billed Toucan** ◊ (Red-breasted T) *Ramphastos dicolorus* (H) Heard distantly at Intervales.  
**Toco Toucan** *Ramphastos toco* Several sightings at Pantanal, common in the Canastra area.  
**White-barred Piculet** *Picumnus cirratus* Great views at Fazenda Nova, heard later at Canastra.  
**Ochre-collared Piculet** ◊ *Picumnus temminckii* Great views at Intervales.  
**White-wedged Piculet** ◊ *Picumnus albosquamatus* Good views in the Pantanal. See note.  
**White Woodpecker** *Melanerpes candidus* Seen well at Pantanal.  
**Yellow-fronted Woodpecker** ◊ *Melanerpes flavifrons* Fantastic view of a pair at Carmo Road, Intervales.  
**White-fronted Woodpecker** ◊ *Melanerpes cactorum* Brilliant encounter of a pair at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.  
**Little Woodpecker** *Veniliornis passerinus* Good observations at Pantanal and Canastra.  
**White-spotted Woodpecker** ◊ *Veniliornis spilogaster* Good view at Intervales.  
**Checkered Woodpecker** *Veniliornis mixtus* A great surprise at Canastra NP, high part.



*Female Marsh Deer (Eduardo Patrial)*

- Yellow-browed Woodpecker** ◊ (White-browed W) *Piculus aurulentus* A stunning pair at Intervalles.
- Green-barred Woodpecker** *Colaptes melanochloros* Good view of one at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
- Campo Flicker** *Colaptes campestris* Seen at Pantanal and more frequently at Intervalles and Canastra.
- Pale-crested Woodpecker** ◊ *Celeus lugubris* A beautiful pair at Rio Claro Lodge, Pantanal.
- Cream-colored Woodpecker** *Celeus flavus* Same as above.
- Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus* (H) Heard at Pantanal and Intervalles.
- Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos* Two sightings at Pantanal, one at Canastra.
- Southern Crested Caracara (Southern C)** *Caracara plancus* Common throughout the tour. See note.
- Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima* Seen at Intervalles, more at Canastra.
- Barred Forest Falcon** *Micrastur ruficollis* (H) Heard at Intervalles.
- American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* Few seen during journeys, also at Canastra.
- Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis* (NL) One spotted on the way to Canastra.
- Bat Falcon** *Falco ruficularis* Good view at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
- Hyacinth Macaw** ◊ *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus* A good number seen at several places in the Pantanal.
- Golden-collared Macaw** ◊ (Yellow-collared M) *Primolius auricollis* A pair Piuval Lodge, also seen at Rio Claro.
- White-eyed Parakeet** *Aratinga leucophthalma* Very common around Canastra.
- Golden-capped Parakeet** ◊ *Aratinga auricapillus* Great views at Canastra. See note.
- Peach-fronted Parakeet** *Aratinga aurea* Seen at Pantanal, better views at Canastra.
- Nanday Parakeet** ◊ (Black-hooded P) *Aratinga nenday* About twenty birds at Rio Claro's garden.
- Maroon-bellied Parakeet (M-b Conure)** *Pyrrhura frontalis* Seen at Intervalles, mostly in flight.
- Monk Parakeet** *Myiopsitta monachus* Quite common in the Pantanal.
- Blue-winged Parrotlet** *Forpus xanthopterygius* Heard at Intervalles, seen in flight at Fazenda Nova.
- Plain Parakeet** ◊ *Brotogeris tirica* A pair 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* Quick view in flight at Intervalles.
- Scaly-headed Parrot** *Pionus maximiliani* Seen in flight at Pantanal, better views at Intervalles.
- Turquoise-fronted Amazon (T-f Parrot, Blue-fronted P)** *Amazona aestiva* Frequent in the Pantanal.
- Orange-winged Amazon** *Amazona amazonica* In flight at Piuval Lodge, Seen perched at Rio Claro, Pantanal.
- Band-tailed Hornero** ◊ (Wing-banded H) *Furnarius figulus* (H) Heard at Canastra, low part.
- Pale-legged Hornero** *Furnarius leucopus* Few sightings at Pantanal.
- Rufous Hornero** *Furnarius rufus* Common throughout the tour.
- Chotoy Spinetail** *Schoeniophylax phryganophilus* Great views of few birds in the Pantanal, Transpantaneira road.

**Rufous-capped Spinetail** ◊ *Synallaxis ruficapilla* Good views at Intervals.  
**Grey-bellied Spinetail** ◊ *Synallaxis cinerascens* Great view at Intervals.  
**Pale-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis albescens* Good view at Canastra.  
**Cinereous-breasted Spinetail** ◊ *Synallaxis hypospodia* Good view at the 'campo Joffre', Pantanal.  
**Spix's Spinetail (Chicli S)** *Synallaxis spixi* Reasonable view at Intervals.  
**White-lored Spinetail** ◊ *Synallaxis albilora* Excelent views at Pantanal. See note.  
**Rusty-backed Spinetail** *Cranioleuca vulpina* Observed a couple times in riverine forest, Pantanal.  
**Pallid Spinetail** ◊ *Cranioleuca pallida* Good views at Intervals.  
**Yellow-chinned Spinetail (Yellow-throated S)** *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* Well seen at Pantanal.  
**Rufous-fronted Thornbird (Plain T, Common T)** *Phacellodomus rufifrons* Nice views at Pantanal and Canastra.  
**Greater Thornbird** *Phacellodomus ruber* Few sightings at Pantanal.  
**Orange-breasted Thornbird** ◊ (Red-eyed T) *Phacellodomus ferrugineigula* Brief view of a pair at Intervals.  
**Firewood-Gatherer** *Anumbius annumbi* Well observed at Canastra NP, high part.  
**Grey-crested Cacholote** ◊ (Rufous C) *Pseudoseisura unirufa* A couple times observed at Pantanal. See note.  
**Buff-browed Foliage-Gleaner** *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata* Good views at Intervals.



*Giant Otter (Eduardo Patrial)*

**Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner** *Philydor rufum* Quite common in mixed flocks at Intervals.  
**White-collared Foliage-Gleaner** ◊ *Anabazenops fuscus* Very brief view of one at Intervals.  
**Pale-browed Treehunter** ◊ *Cichocolaptes leucophrus* (H) Only heard at Intervals.  
**White-eyed Foliage-gleaner** ◊ *Automolus leucophthalmus* Well observed at Carmo Road, Intervals.  
**Rufous-breasted Leaf-tosser** ◊ *Sclerurus scansor* Seen at Intervals.  
**Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper** *Lochmias nematura* Good view at Intervals, heard at Canastra.  
**Sharp-billed Treehunter** ◊ *Heliobletus contaminatus* Good views at Intervals, mixed flock.  
**Plain Xenops** *Xenops minutus* One seen at Intervals.  
**Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans* Seen at Intervals and Canastra.  
**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus* Good views at Intervals.  
**White-throated Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes albicollis* (H) One heard at Intervals.  
**Great Rufous Woodcreeper** ◊ *Xiphocolaptes major* Three birds at Piuval Lodge, one at Rio Claro, Pantanal.  
**Planalto Woodcreeper** ◊ *Dendrocolaptes platyrostris* Well seen at Intervals.

**Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus* Good view at Pantanal.  
**Buff-throated Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* One seen near Porto Jofre Hotel, Pantanal.  
**Narrow-billed Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes angustirostris* Seen a couple times in the Pantanal, later in Canastra.  
**Scalloped Woodcreeper** ◊ *Lepidocolaptes falcinellus* Well seen at Intervalles. See note.  
**Red-billed Scythebill** *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris* Great views at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.  
**Black-billed Scythebill** ◊ *Campylorhamphus falcularius* One seen at dusk at Intervalles.  
**Spot-backed Antshrike** ◊ *Hypodaleus guttatus* (H) Only heard at Intervalles.  
**Giant Antshrike** ◊ *Batara cinerea* Amazing sighting of a male at Intervalles.  
**Tufted Antshrike** ◊ *Mackenziaena severa* A skulking bird, but we managed good views at Intervalles.  
**Great Antshrike** *Taraba major* Few sightings at Pantanal, heard many times.  
**White-bearded Antshrike** ◊ *Biatas nigropectus* (H) Despite all the effort we only heard at Intervalles.  
**Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus* A nice male at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.  
**Planalto Slaty Antshrike** ◊ *Thamnophilus pelzelni* Close views at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal. See note.  
**Variable Antshrike** *Thamnophilus caerulescens* Good sightings at Intervalles.  
**Rufous-winged Antshrike** ◊ *Thamnophilus torquatus* Well observed at Canastra.  
**Rufous-capped Antshrike** ◊ *Thamnophilus ruficapillus* A quick view of one bird at Intervalles.  
**Spot-breasted Antwren** ◊ *Dysithamnus stictothorax* (H) Only heard at Intervalles.  
**Plain Antwren** *Dysithamnus mentalis* (H) Same as above.  
**Star-throated Antwren** ◊ *Myrmotherula gularis* Great views of this nice endemic at Intervalles.  
**Black-capped Antwren** *Herpsilochmus atricapillus* A pair well seen at Canastra NP, low part.  
**Large-billed Antwren** ◊ *Herpsilochmus longirostris* Few sightings at Pantanal and one female at Canastra.  
**Black-bellied Antwren** ◊ *Formicivora melanogaster* Close views of a pair at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.  
**Rusty-backed Antwren** ◊ *Formicivora rufa* Amazing close views of a pair at Pantanal.  
**Ferruginous Antbird** ◊ *Drymophila ferruginea* Reasonable view at Intervalles.  
**Bertoni's Antbird** ◊ (Rufous-necked A) *Drymophila rubricollis* (H) Only heard at Intervalles.  
**Ochre-rumped Antbird** ◊ *Drymophila ochropyga* Great views at Carmo Road, Intervalles.  
**Dusky-tailed Antbird** ◊ *Drymophila malura* Good 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 at Pantanal.  
**White-shouldered Fire-Eye** *Pyriglena leucoptera* Brief views at Intervalles.  
**Band-tailed Antbird** *Hypocnemoides maculicauda* A male well observed at the 3 Brothers River, Pantanal.  
**Squamate Antbird** ◊ *Myrmeciza squamosa* Brief views of a female at Intervalles.  
**Rufous-capped Antthrush** *Formicarius colma* Fantastic view of one bird at Intervalles.  
**Short-tailed Antthrush** *Chamaeza campanisona* (H) Heard at Intervalles.  
**Cryptic Antthrush** ◊ (Such's A) *Chamaeza meruloides* (H) Heard at Intervalles.  
**Variegated Antpitta** *Grallaria varia* Paralysing views of this usually mega-skulker, now being fed at Intervalles.  
**Rufous Gnatcatcher** *Conopophaga lineata* Seen at Intervalles.  
**Spotted Bamboowren** ◊ *Psilorhamphus guttatus* A good effort, but superb view at the end, Intervalles.  
**Slaty Bristlefront** ◊ *Merulaxis ater* Fantastic views of a male at Intervalles.  
**White-breasted Tapaculo** ◊ *Eleoscytalopus indigoticus* Fantastic views at Intervalles.  
**Brasilia Tapaculo** ◊ *Scytalopus novacapitalis* At our feet in the high part of Canastra NP.  
**Collared Crescentchest** ◊ *Melanopareia torquata* Hard work but great view at the end, Canastra NP.  
**Wing-barred Piprites (W-b Manakin)** *Piprites chloris* (H) Only heard at Intervalles.  
**Planalto Tyrannulet** ◊ *Phyllomyias fasciatus* Seen at Intervalles and Cerradão Private Reserve.  
**Rough-legged Tyrannulet** ◊ *Phyllomyias burmeisteri* (H) Heard at Intervalles.  
**Forest Elaenia** *Myiopagis gaimardii* One bird well observed in the Pantanal, heard several times.



Red-and-white Crake (Eduardo Patrial)

- Grey Elaenia** *Myiopagis caniceps* One seen in mixed flock at Canastra NP, low part.
- Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster* Well seen at Canastra area.
- Plain-crested Elaenia** *Elaenia cristata* Well seen at Canastra.
- Highland Elaenia** *Elaenia obscura* Same as above. Also heard at Intervals.
- Southern Beardless Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum* Frequently seen throughout the tour.
- Sooty Tyrannulet** *Serpophaga nigricans* Good observations at Canastra, low part (São Francisco River).
- White-crested Tyrannulet** *Serpophaga subcristata* (H) Heard at Intervals.
- Grey-backed Tachuri** ◊ *Polystictus superciliaris* Really close views at Canastra NP, high part.
- Subtropical Doradito** ◊ *Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis* Great views at 'campo Jofre', Pantanal.
- Southern Antpipit** *Corythopis delalandi* Superb views at Canastra NP, low part.
- Oustalet's Tyrannulet** ◊ *Phylloscartes oustaleti* Nice studies of this little endemic at Intervals.
- Bay-ringed Tyrannulet** ◊ *Phylloscartes sylviolus* Another one well observed at Intervals.
- Grey-hooded Flycatcher** ◊ *Mionectes rufiventris* Few sightings at Intervals.
- Sepia-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon amaurocephalus* A widespread species, but seen only at Canastra.
- Southern Scrub Flycatcher** *Sublegatus modestus* (H) Heard at Pantanal. See note.
- Plain Inezia** ◊ (P Tyrannulet) *Inezia inornata* Seen well at Pantanal.
- Bran-coloured Flycatcher** *Myiophobus fasciatus* Seen at 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 Intervals.
- Brown-breasted Bamboo Tyrant** ◊ (B-b Pygmy Tyrant) *Hemitriccus obsoletus* Good views at Intervals.
- Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant** ◊ *Hemitriccus striaticollis* Great views near Porto Jofre Hotel, Pantanal.
- Hangnest Tody-Tyrant** ◊ *Hemitriccus nidipendulus* Well observed at Intervals.
- Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer* Good views at Pantanal, heard at Canastra.
- Eared Pygmy Tyrant** ◊ *Myiornis auricularis* Great views at Intervals.
- Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher** *Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps* Same as above.
- Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher** ◊ *Poecilotriccus latirostris* Seen near Porto Jofre Hotel, Pantanal.
- Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher** ◊ (Grey-headed T-f) *Todirostrum poliocephalum* Seen at Fazenda Nova.
- Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum* well observed in the Pantanal, heard at Canastra.
- Yellow-olive Flatbill** (Y-o Flycatcher) *Tolmomyias sulphurescens* Good views at Pantanal and Intervals.

**White-throated Spadebill** *Platyrinchus mystaceus* Well seen at Intervalles, heard at Canastra low part.  
**Cliff Flycatcher** *Hirundinea ferruginea* Good observations at Intervalles and Canastra. See note.  
**Fuscous Flycatcher** *Cnemotriccus fuscatus* Few sightings at Pantanal.  
**Tropical Pewee** *Contopus cinereus* Seen along road outside Intervalles State Park.  
**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus* Frequently recorded at Pantanal.  
**Crested Black Tyrant** ♦ *Knipolegus lophotes* Frequently recorded at Canastra.  
**Yellow-browed Tyrant** *Satrapa icterophrys* Seen at Canastra.  
**Grey Monjita** *Xolmis cinereus* At least two sightings at Canastra.  
**White-rumped Monjita** *Xolmis velatus* Quite common at Canastra NP, high part.  
**Streamer-tailed Tyrant** ♦ *Gubernetes yetapa* Superb views at a marsh in Canastra.  
**Shear-tailed Grey Tyrant** ♦ *Muscipipra vetula* Few sightings at Intervalles.  
**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 at Canastra.  
**White-headed Marsh Tyrant** *Arundinicola leucocephala* Few encounters at Pantanal, also seen at Canastra.  
**Cock-tailed Tyrant** ♦ *Alectrurus tricolor* An amazing bird! Not many observed this time in Canastra high part.  
**Long-tailed Tyrant** *Colonia colonus* Seen at Intervalles and Canastra.  
**Cattle Tyrant** *Machetornis rixosa* Frequently seen throughout the tour.  
**Rusty-margined Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes cayanensis* Just one sighting at Pantanal.  
**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis* Seen at Intervalles.  
**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* Common throughout the tour.  
**Lesser Kiskadee** *Philohydor lictor* A couple encounters at Pantanal, river edge.  
**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* Two birds seen at Rio Claro, Pantanal.  
**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* Few spotted at Pantanal.  
**Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savana* Seen at Pantanal and Canastra.  
**Sibilant (Eastern) Sirystes** *Sirystes sibilator* Good view at Intervalles. See note.  
**Rufous Casiornis** *Casiornis rufus* Good views at Pantanal.  
**Short-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus ferox* Several seen at Pantanal, also seen at Canastra.  
**Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus* Well observed at Canastra.  
**Large-headed Flatbill** *Ramphotrigon megacephalum* (H) Heard at Intervalles.  
**White-eyed Attila (Dull-capped A)** *Attila bolivianus* Great views near Porto Jofre Hotel, Pantanal.  
**Grey-hooded Attila** ♦ *Attila rufus* Amazing view of one at Carmo Road, Intervalles.  
**Hooded Berryeater** ♦ *Carpornis cucullata* Great views at Intervalles, beautiful endemic.  
**Bare-throated Bellbird** ♦ *Procnias nudicollis* A stunning male closely observed at Intervalles.  
**Cinnamon-vented Piha** ♦ *Lipaugus lanioides* Good view of one at Intervalles.  
**Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin** ♦ *Neopelma chrysolophum* Close view at Intervalles. See note.  
**Pin-tailed Manakin** ♦ *Ilicura militaris* A female at Intervalles, a male later at Canastra NP low part.  
**Helmeted Manakin** ♦ *Antilophia galeata* A female at Pantanal; terrific views at Canastra.  
**Blue Manakin** ♦ (Swallow-tailed M) *Chiroxiphia caudata* Good views at Intervalles.  
**Sharpbill** *Oxyruncus cristatus* Excelent view at Intervalles.  
**Whiskered Myiobius (W Flycatcher)** *Myiobius barbatus* Brief view of one at Intervalles. See note.



Orange-winged Amazon (Eduardo Patrial)

- Greenish Schiffornis (G Manakin) *Schiffornis virescens*** Good view at Intervalles.
- Green-backed Becard *Pachyramphus viridis*** Excellent views of a pair at Pantanal.
- Chestnut-crowned Becard *Pachyramphus castaneus*** Seen at Intervalles.
- White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus* (H)** Heard at Pantanal.
- Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*** Seen at Pantanal, heard later at Intervalles.
- Rufous-crowned Greenlet ◊ *Hylophilus poicilotis*** Great sightings at Intervalles.
- Grey-eyed Greenlet ◊ *Hylophilus amaurocephalus*** Two birds well seen at Canastra NP, low part.
- Ashy-headed Greenlet ◊ *Hylophilus pectoralis*** Well observed at Pantanal.
- Purplish Jay ◊ *Cyanocorax cyanomelas*** Frequent at Pantanal.
- Curly-crested Jay ◊ *Cyanocorax cristatellus*** Only seen from the van on our way to Intervalles.
- Plush-crested Jay *Cyanocorax chrysops*** Close views of a small group at Canastra, low part.
- White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer*** Common at Pantanal.
- White-rumped Swallow *Tachycineta leucorrhoa*** Quite common at Canastra NP, high part.
- Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*** Commonly spotted along the tour.
- Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera*** Commonly spotted at Pantanal.
- Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*** Seen at Intervalles and Canastra.
- Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*** A good number at Pantanal, common at Canastra.
- Tawny-headed Swallow *Alopocheilidon fucata*** Great views at Canastra.
- Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla*** Frequently recorded at Pantanal. See note.
- Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus*** Great views at Pantanal.
- Sedge Wren *Cistothorus platensis*** Only one bird seen at Canastra NP. See note.
- Moustached Wren *Pheugopedius genibarbis*** Well observed at Pantanal.
- Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis*** Same as above.
- Fawn-breasted Wren ◊ *Cantorchilus guarayanus*** Nice views near Porto Jofre hotel, Pantanal.
- House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*** Observed at Intervalles and Canastra. See note.
- Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus* (H)** Heard at Intervalles.
- Masked Gnatcatcher *Polioptila dumicola*** A couple encounters at Pantanal.
- Chalk-browed Mockingbird *Mimus saturninus*** Frequently recorded along the tour.
- Yellow-legged Thrush *Turdus flavipes*** Abundant in Intervalles.
- Rufous-bellied Thrush *Turdus rufiventris*** Frequently recorded along the tour.
- Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas*** First at Pantanal, later at Canastra.
- Creamy-bellied Thrush *Turdus amaurochalinus*** First at Pantanal, later at Intervalles and Canastra.

**White-necked Thrush** *Turdus albicollis* Good views at Intervalles.  
**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* Frequent at anthropic areas.  
**Purple-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia chlorotica* A female at Pantanal, common by the feeder at hotel in Canastra.  
**Golden-rumped Euphonia** *Euphonia cyanocephala* A pair well seen at Intervalles.  
**Chestnut-bellied Euphonia** ◊ *Euphonia pectoralis* Good views at Intervalles.



*Brasilia Tapaculo (Eduardo Patrial)*

**Hooded Siskin** *Carduelis magellanica* Nice views at Canastra.  
**Southern Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis velata* Well observed at Canastra NP, high part. See note.  
**Tropical Parula** *Setophaga pitiayumi* Sightings at Intervalles.  
**White-striped Warbler** ◊ *Myiothlypis leucophrys* Great views of this endemic at Canastra NP, high part.  
**Flavescent Warbler** *Myiothlypis flaveola* Good views at Pantanal.  
**White-rimmed Warbler** ◊ (White-browed W) *Myiothlypis leucoblephara* Well seen at Intervalles.  
**Golden-crowned Warbler** *Basileuterus culicivorus* A couple sightings at Intervalles.  
**White-bellied Warbler** ◊ *Basileuterus hypoleucos* Well observed at Canastra, low part. See note.  
**Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus* A good number at Pantanal, fewer at Canastra.  
**Yellow-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus cela* Frequent at the gardens of Porto Jofre Hotel, Pantanal.  
**Golden-winged Cacique** ◊ *Cacicus chrysopterus* Good views at Intervalles.  
**Solitary Cacique (S Black C)** *Cacicus solitarius* Seen many times at Pantanal.  
**Orange-backed Troupial** *Icterus croconotus* Good views at Pantanal. See note.  
**Variable Oriole** *Icterus pyrrhopterus* Few sightings at Pantanal, also seen at Canastra. 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 at the "campo Jofre" area, Pantanal.  
**Chestnut-capped Blackbird** *Chrysomus ruficapillus* Few birds seen at a marsh in Canastra.  
**Yellow-rumped Marshbird** ◊ *Pseudoleistes guirahuro* Good close views at Canastra.



Sedge Wren (Eduardo Patrial)

- Greyish Baywing (Baywing) *Agelaioides badius*** Common at Pantanal. See note.
- Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus*** Several seen at Pantanal.
- Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*** A huge flock on our back to Cuiabá.
- White-browed Blackbird *Sturnella superciliaris*** Good views along the Transpantaneira road, Pantanal.
- Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*** Sightings at Pantanal, Intervalas and Canastra.
- Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*** Frequent from Intervalas to Canastra.
- Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus humeralis*** Quite common at Canastra.
- Blue Finch ◊ (Yellow-billed B F) *Porphyrospiza caerulescens*** Two amazing sightings at Canastra NP, high part.
- Half-collared Sparrow ◊ *Arremon semitorquatus*** Great view of one bird outside Intervalas State Park. See note.
- Saffron-billed Sparrow *Arremon flavirostris*** Great views at Santa Izabel road, Pantanal.
- Brown Tanager ◊ *Orchesticus abeillei*** Great views of this uncommon endemic at Intervalas.
- Red-crested Cardinal *Paroaria coronata*** Only two birds seen at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
- Yellow-billed Cardinal ◊ *Paroaria capitata*** Common at Pantanal.
- Cinnamon Tanager ◊ *Schistochlamys ruficapillus*** Great views at Canastra NP, high part.
- Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus*** Good views at Intervalas.
- Olive-green Tanager ◊ *Orthogonys chloricterus*** Good views of this large tanager at Intervalas.
- Orange-headed Tanager *Thlypopsis sordida*** One bird spotted at the 'campo Jofre', Pantanal.
- White-rumped Tanager ◊ *Cypsnagra hirundinacea*** Great views at Canastra NP, high part.
- Black-goggled Tanager *Trichothraupis melanops*** Several sightings at Intervalas.
- Grey-headed Tanager *Eucometis penicillata*** A couple sightings at Pantanal.
- Ruby-crowned Tanager ◊ *Tachyphonus coronatus*** Quite common at Intervalas, few more sightings at Canastra.
- White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus*** Seen at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
- Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo*** Common at Pantanal.
- Sayaca Tanager *Thraupis sayaca*** Frequent along the tour.
- Azure-shouldered Tanager ◊ *Thraupis cyanoptera*** Several sightings of this nice endemic at Intervalas.
- Golden-chevroned Tanager ◊ *Thraupis ornate*** Few sightings at Intervalas.
- Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*** Few records throughout the tour.
- Diademed Tanager ◊ *Stephanophorus diadematus*** Few spotted at Intervalas.
- Shrike-like Tanager ◊ (White-banded T) *Neothraupis fasciata*** Superb views at Canastra NP, high part.

**Green-headed Tanager** ◊ *Tangara seledon* Quite common 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 endemic.  
**Burnished-buff Tanager** *Tangara cayana* First at Intervalles, more common at Canastra.  
**Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis* A good number at Canastra, also seen at fazenda Nova.  
**Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana* Seen at Pantanal, Intervalles and Canastra.  
**Guira Tanager** *Hemithraupis guira* One seen in mixed flock at Canastra NP, low part.  
**Rufous-headed Tanager** ◊ *Hemithraupis ruficapilla* Great views at Intervalles and Canastra.  
**Chestnut-vented Conebill** *Conirostrum speciosum* Seen at Pantanal and Canastra.  
**Red Pileated Finch (Red-crested F)** *Coryphospingus cucullatus* Well seen at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.  
**Cinereous Warbling Finch** ◊ *Poospiza cinerea* One found on our last day in Canastra, a rare endemic.  
**Stripe-tailed Yellow Finch** *Sicalis citrina* Seen at the high part of Canastra.  
**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola* Loads at Pantanal, also common at Canastra.  
**Wedge-tailed Grass Finch** *Emberizoides herbicola* Good views at Canastra.  
**Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina* First at Pantanal, later at Canastra.



*male Helmeted Manakin (Eduardo Patrial)*

**Buffy-fronted Seedeater** ◊ *Sporophila frontalis* (H) Heard distantly at Intervalles.  
**Plumbeous Seedeater** *Sporophila plumbea* A female seen at Canastra.  
**Rusty-collared Seedeater** *Sporophila collaris* Couple sightings at Pantanal.  
**Yellow-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila nigricollis* Good view of a male at Cerradão Private Reserve, Canastra.  
**Dubois's Seedeater** ◊ *Sporophila ardesiaca* A male well observed on the way up to Canastra NP.  
**Double-collared Seedeater** *Sporophila caerulescens* Same as above.  
**White-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila leucoptera* Couple sightings at Pantanal.  
**Black-throated Grosbeak** ◊ *Saltator fuliginosus* Good view at Intervalles. See note.  
**Green-winged Saltator** *Saltator similis* Seen at Intervalles and Canastra.  
**Greyish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* Several times at Pantanal.

## MAMMALS

**Giant Anteater** *Myrmecophaga tridactyla* Remarkable close views Canastra NP, high part.

**Guianan Squirrel** *Sciurus aestuans* (NL) One observed at Intervalles.

**Azara's Agouti** *Dasyprocta azarae* One seen at Rio Claro Lodge, Pantanal.

**Brazilian Guinea-Pig** *Cavia aperea* Two seen at Canastra low part.

**Capybara** *Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris* Common at Pantanal, some spotted at Guarulhos airport.

**Jaguar** *Panthera onca* Two males seen, one at the 3 Brothers River, and another by the Cuiabá, Pantanal. Boat trip.

**Neotropical River Otter (Southern River O)** *Lutra longicaudis* A brief view of one at Rio Claro Lodge (boat trip).

**Giant Otter** *Pteronura brasiliensis* Fantastic view of four by the mouth of Piquiri River, later one at Rio Claro.

**South American Coati** *Nasua nasua* Two seen at Pantanal.

**Lesser Fishing Bat (Lesser Bulldog Bat)** *Noctilio albiventris* Numerous at dusk in the Pantanal.

**Black Howler Monkey** *Alouatta caraya* Good view of a male at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal

**Black-striped Tufted Capuchin** *Cebus libidinosus* At least four sightings at Pantanal.

**Black-tufted Marmoset** *Callithrix penicillata* First a small group at Fazenda Nova, later at our hotel in Canastra.

**Black-tailed Marmoset** *Callithrix melanura* Great views of a small group at Piuval Lodge, one later at Rio Claro.

**Black-fronted Titi** ◊ *Callicebus nigrifrons* One seen at Canastra NP, low part, a very nice surprise!

**Pampas Deer** ◊ *Ozotoceros bezoarticus* Two females seen at Canastra NP, high part.

**Marsh Deer** *Blastocercus dichotomus* Close view of a female along the Transpantaneira.



Jaguar (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 cujubi*

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 *cujubi*.

**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*.

**Black-throated Grosbeak** *Saltator fuliginosus*

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