

The stunning male Horned Sungem (Eduardo Patrial)

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This 2015 Pantanal and Interior Brazil can be easily defined as a very successful tour. From the beginning to the end we delighted some of the best offers from the Cerrado (savannah), Pantanal and Amazon in central Brazil, totalizing 599 birds and 38 mammals recorded. For that we had to cover the big states of Minas Gerais on the east and the even bigger Mato Grosso on the west, in basically three different parts. First the two enchanting and distinct mountain ranges of Serra da Canastra and Serra do Cipó with their superb grasslands and rocky fields. Second the impressive Pantanal and its mega wildlife, plus the fine Cerrado and forests from Chapada dos Guimarães. And third the amazing diversity of the Amazon found in northern Mato Grosso, more precisely at the renowned Cristalino Lodge. This great combination of places resulted again in several memorable moments lived at fascinating landscapes watching some of the best birds (and mammals) from South America. Best remembrances certainly go to Greater Rhea, the rare Brazilian Merganser, Bare-faced and Razor-billed Curassows, Agami and Zigzag Herons, Long-winged Harrier,

White-browed Hawk, Onate Hawk-Eagle, Harpy Eagle, Red-legged Seriema, Sunbittern, Sungrebe, Rufous-sided, Grey-breasted, Yellow-breasted and Ocellated Crakes, Pheasant and Black-bellied Cuckoos, Crested Owl, Band-winged Nightjar, Tapajos Hermit, Hyacinth Visorbearer, Horned Sungem, Blue-necked and Great Jacamars, Caatinga, White-eared, Brown-banded and Collared Puffbirds, Rufous-capped Nunlet, Black-girdled Barbet, Curl-crested, Lettered, Black-necked and Red-necked Aracaris, Checkered, White-fronted, Pale-crested, Ringed and Red-necked Woodpeckers, Hyacinth and Blue-winged Macaws, Golden-capped, Blue-crowned and Santarem Parakeets, Kawall's Amazon, Long-tailed (Cipo) Cinclodes, Campo Miner, Chotoy and Ochre-cheeked Spinetails, Cipo Canastero, Pointe-tailed Palmcreeper, Henna-capped and Bamboo Foliage-Gleaners, Great Rufous and Uniform Woodcreepers, Glossy and Silvery-cheeked Antshrikes, Black-bellied Antwren, Bare-eyed and Banded Antbirds, Alta Floresta Antpitta, Brasilia Tapaculo, Collared Crescentchest, Grey-backed Tachuri, Sharp-tailed Grass and Cock-tailed Tyrants, White-eyed Attila, Southern Antpipit, Amazonian Tyrannulet, Helmeted, Band-tailed, Fiery-capped, Flame-crested and Snow-capped Manakins, Spangled and Pompadour Cotingas, Ochre-breasted Pipit, White-striped Warbler, Blue Finch, Cinereous Warbling Finch, Green-and-gold Tanager, Red-billed Pied-Tanager, Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak and hundreds more.

This classic Pantanal and Interior Brazil tour started on October 4th at Belo Horizonte, capital of Minas Gerais state. From the international airport our group was transferred by van to the spectacular Serra da Canastra in São Roque de Minas, southwest in Minas Gerais. Because of some unexpected delay at the airport, we arrived just before dusk at São Roque de Minas. During our journey we saw some of the common birds in that region such as Southern Crested and Yellow-headed Caracaras, Picazuro Pigeon, Ruddy Ground Dove, Guira Cuckoo and Smooth-billed Ani, White-eyed Parakeet, the stunning Toco Toucan, Roadside, Savanna and White-tailed Hawks and Masked Water Tyrant. Entering our destination a brief stop provided us good views of Curl-crested Jay and Sooty-fronted Spinetail.

October 5th was our first full day at Canastra. Our morning was dedicated to find Brazilian Merganser at the low part of Canastra, more specifically along the beautiful São Francisco River. On our way we spotted few Red-legged Seriemas and Toco Toucans. We looked for the merganser at several known sites but no luck. Meanwhile we enjoyed some common and also some lovely birds – Blue-black Grassquit, Highland Elaenia, Sooty Tyrannulet, a female endemic Stripe-breasted Starthroat, Glittering-bellied Emerald, Ruby-crowned Tanager, the astonishing male Helmeted Manakin, White Woodpecker, Crested Oropendola and the endemic Golden-capped Parakeet. Fortunately after a lot of searching we found a relaxed couple of Brazilian Merganser at a specific section along the river. We enjoyed great looks at that critically endangered species and that was a real prize for the day. With a total population estimated on 250 birds in the nature only, the Brazilian Merganser depends on clear water rivers with rapids, preserved riverine forest and a rich amount of its main diet, small fishes. After that remarkable encounter we entered the low part of the National Park to cover the interesting dense forest which comprises mostly Atlantic Forest representatives. The amazing Helmeted Manakin is common There. We also found the tricky Southern Antpipit and the shy White-eyed Foliage-gleaner this time. A nice mixed flock provided a good number of birds in that forest – White-bellied Warbler (ssp hypoleucus of Golden-crowned Warbler), White-rimmed Warbler, Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner, White-barred Piculet, the endemic Pin-tailed Manakin and Yellow-olive Flatbill. Leaving the forest we still found another flock, smaller this time, and we saw Variable Antshrike, Plain Antvireo and the quite uncommon Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin. Greenish Schiffornis was singing but decided not to show up. On our way back to São Roque de Minas we stopped for Yellow-rumped Marshbird, Firewood Gatherer and the fantastic Streamer-tailed Tyrant. Around three pm we went to the high part of Canastra National Park to explore the vast area of superb grassland habitat. On our first stop up there we spotted a distant Giant Anteater through scopes and much closer, a Pampa Finch and a female Rufous-winged Antshrike. The second stop provided great views of Red-legged Seriema and the lovely localized endemic Grey-backed Tachuri. The São Francisco River's source is always a mandatory stop and there we were lucky to find a really close Giant Anteater, besides some fantastic birds such as a male Cock-tailed Tyrant seen through the scope, the endemic Cinnamon Tanager and the extremely localized Brasilia Tapaculo which was incredibly obliging in its home. At dusk in the same area we saw Least Nighthawk and Band-winged Nightjar really well. Returning to São Roque we spotted a Striped Hog-nosed Skunk. A great day in Canastra!



The low part of Canastra is a great place for Helmeted Manakin (Eduardo Patrial); and for its most dependent and noble inhabitant, the endangered Brazilian Merganser (Tim Marlow)



Always nice to see the little endemic Grey-backed Tachuri; this close view of Giant Anteater was an unforgettable moment (Eduardo Patrial)



After dusk we had this Band-winged Nightjar (Eduardo Patrial)

October 6th was our second full day at Canastra and we had the full day at the National Park's high part. Good stops still before the park's gate provided us some great birds such as the threatened endemic Cinereous Warbling Finch, Rufous-fronted Thornbird, Crested Black Tyrant, Peach-fronted Parakeet, Yellowbellied Elaenia, Laughing Falcon, Long-tailed Tyrant and a close Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle perched for a long time. We also had a good number of Toco Toucans, King Vulture and Plain-crested Elaenia. Later in the park we found a nice male Purple-throated Euphonia, a brief view of the fantastic Blue Finch, the stunning Collared Crescentchest and the endemic Grey-backed Tachuri again. Next to the São Francisco River's source we enjoyed a group of Plumbeous Seedeater, Tawny-headed Swallow, a beautiful male Cock-tailed Tyrant, Burrowing Owl and the uncommon Ochre-breasted Pipit. The lovely Pampas Deer showed up just before our stop for lunch at the stone corral. Nearby we found several Cock-tailed Tyrants, the tiny Sharptailed Grass Tyrant, Greater Rhea, White-tailed Hawk and heard some really close Dwarf Tinamous. Later on the way to Rolinhos Waterfall we checked an isolated small island of forest which provided us great views of Curl-crested Jay and the endemic White-striped Warbler. In the short Cerrado habitat around there we managed to find the peculiar Shrike-like and White-rumped Tanagers. Heading back our local guide Toninho spotted a Giant Anteater with a cub on its back and that was really great to see. Thanks to that stop a serious attempt succeeded. We found a pair of Ocellated Crake and fortunately managed some view. We started our way back to São Roque at dusk. We saw Least Nighthawk and Band-winged Nightjar again and also tried for Sickle-winged Nightjar but this rare species didn't want to show itself this time.





A top highlight, the rare endemic Cinereous Warbling Finch; and the superb view we had of Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle (Eduardo Patrial)





Two fantastic Tyrant species from the grasslands of Canastra: Cock-tailed Tyrant and Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant (Eduardo Patrial)



The central-Brazilian endemic White-striped Warbler is a fine bird from gallery forests; and the notorious lizard Stenocercus sp., an usual encounter that couldn't pass unnoticed (Eduardo Patrial)



Dirt road and grassland at Canastra National Park (Eduardo Patrial)

October 7th. Before heading to our next destination, the hills of Cipó, we spent the morning covering some different places at the low part of Canastra around São Roque. It was productive with good sightings of several nice birds. At our first place close to a slope we saw a good number of Curl-crested Jays, Toco Toucans, Swallow Tanagers, Pale-breasted Spinetail, White-tailed Hawk, White-vented Violetear, an amazing obliging male Blue Finch and Southern Beardless Tyrannulet. Later at a marsh near São Roque we found the lovely Streamer-tailed Tyrant, Peach-fronted Parakeet, Black-capped Donacobius, Green-barred Woodpecker, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Savanna Hawk, Anhinga, more Toco Toucans and finally the uncommon Campo Miner (a stake-out from the Jaguars and Birds tour). Our transfer to Cipó took the whole afternoon and we arrived at the nice Pousada Monjolos at 7:30 pm.





Two nice Cerrado specialties: Curl-crested Jay and the stunning male Blue Finch (Eduardo Patrial)





The fantastic Streamer-tailed Tyrant is always a most wanted species; the uncommon Campo Miner was possible thanks to a previous found on the Jaguars and Birds Tour (Eduardo Patrial)

October 8th, a full day at Cipó! First thing we did in the morning was hiking the "campo rupestre" (rocky field) at the hilltop after the localized endemics Hyacinth Visorbearer and Cipo Canastero. The Hyacinth Visorbearer was seen feeding right at the beginning of our hike, but better views were desired. After a good hike and at the right place, Cipo Canastero took some time but it cooperated at the end showing up very well. It was very windy on the top of the hills that morning and it was a little difficult to watch the birds. Checking some other places we found Cinnamon Tanager, a nice male Rufous-winged Antshrike, Southern Scrub and the localized endemic (tailless) Serra Finch. Finishing the morning we covered a dry forest at the base of the hills (forest somewhat similar to the northeast Caatinga). Mimicking Ferruginous Pygmy Owl we brought an amazing number of species close to us - Hooded and Burnished-buff Tanagers, Pale-breasted Thrush, Glittering-bellied and Sapphire-spangled Emeralds, Planalto and Mouse-coloured Tyrannulets, Tropical Parula, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Black-capped Antwren, Little Woodpecker, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Dacnis and Olivaceous Elaenia. In the afternoon we visited the locality known as Lapinha da Serra, a beautiful stretch of the hills of Cipo. On our way we spotted a couple of Red Tanager (Lowland Hepatic T). At the lovely Lapinha da Serra our main target was the recently discovered endemic Long-tailed Cinclodes subspecies espinhacensis (considered as full species by some taxonomy, Cipo Cinclodes). Arriving at the right place our first bird seen was the rare Cinereous Warbling Finch which also was much appreciated. Then after some playbacks it didn't take long for the localized Long-tailed Cinclodes to show up really well. There we also had a brief view of Orange-headed Tanager, Yellow-rumped Marshbird, South American Snipe, the endemic Band-tailed Hornero and Owl and Ferruginous Pygmy Owl.



The localized and uncommon endemic Cipo Canastero was the best reward after a good hiking morning; amongst some other birds that morning we had this nice male Rufous-winged Antshrike (Eduardo Patrial)



Two other appreciated localized endemics found that day at Cipo: lacking the tail, Serra Finch; and for the first time on a Birdquest tour,

Long-tailed Cinclodes, ssp. espinhacensis (Eduardo Patrial)



The fascinating landscape at Lapinha da Serra (Eduardo Patrial)

October 9th. On this day we had a full morning for a last exploration at the Cipó area. By early morning we covered the road to Serra Morena which comprises a beautiful rocky Cerrado habitat and also some narrow

gallery forests. First we checked the gallery forest. Our stake-out still is a great place to find the uncommon Henna-capped Foliage-gleaner, which we saw it really well. In the forest we still had Variable Antshrike, Sepia-capped Flycatcher and some other common birds. Back to the rocky Cerrado along the road we found Cinnamon Tanager, Blue Finch, Blue Dacnis, Checkered Woodpecker and two absolutely stunning males Horned Sungem that stayed around us for a good time. We still had time that morning so we decided to go for more looks again at Hyacinth Visorbearer on the top of the hills. Happily we got great views of a fine male and also a roosting Band-winged Nightjar and Southern Scrub Flycatcher. Finishing our morning and our birding time in Cipó, we covered the dry forest from the previous day. There we enjoyed this time good views of Red-legged Seriema, Flavescent Warbler, the near endemic Grey-eyed Greenlet, Black-capped Antwren and the pretty cool Caatinga Puffbird. The dry forest was very kind and provided us a totally unexpected species, an endemic gift from northeast Brazil, a lovely couple of Silvery-cheeked Antshrike which was really contemplated. After lunch we transferred ourselves to the airport for our internal flight to Cuiabá, capital of Mato Grosso state. The flight was fine and we arrived at Cuiabá around 10 pm.





Our stake-out for the uncommon Henna-capped Foliage-gleaner is still very reliable; and the show provided this time by the fabulous

Horned Sungem (Eduardo Patrial)





The Cerrado at Cipó is very good for the nice Checkered Woodpecker; and a real surprise in that area was this cracking male Silverycheeked Antshrike, an endemic gift from NE Brazil (Eduardo Patrial)



Hills of Cipó covered in clouds (Eduardo Patrial)

October 10th. After overnight at Cuiabá, we left near seven am towards Chapada dos Guimarães* under rainy weather. It seemed to be fine when we stopped at the good forest of "Vale da Benção" (valley of blessing), just before arriving the town of Chapada dos Guimarães. Out of the van our first bird incredibly was the cryptic Pheasant Cuckoo, followed by several species spotted in the same place: Lettered Aracari, White-wedged Piculet, Large-billed Antwren, Flavescent Warbler, Grey-headed Tanager, Plumbeous Kite, Rusty-margined Guan and Blue-crowned Trogon. Further down the road the forest was very productive that morning, we saw Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Amazonian Motmot, White-backed Fire-eye briefly, Flame-crested and White-shouldered Tanagers, Piratic Flycatcher, the good-looking Saffron-billed Sparrow, Moustached Wren, the common Silver-beaked Tanager, Variegated Flycatcher, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, a couple of Crested Becard, Yellow-rumped Cacique and the smart Brown Jacamar. A heavy rain started when we just finished our target birds in that truly blessed valley. During lunch by the main square in Chapada we spotted some Swallow-tailed Kites and a big group of Red-shouldered Macaw. In the afternoon we visited another forest, this time the respectable forest at Jamacá Valley. There we first spent a good time admiring two stunning males Band-tailed Manakin at a usual lek spot. Down along the road we still saw Plain Antvireo, much better looks at White-backed Fire-eye, a gorgeous male Fiery-capped Manakin and Euler's Flycatcher. Then a massive fog took the whole plateau of Chapada dos Guimarães just like that. In few minutes birding was practically impossible and moving to other site was a challenge. But we did it, and even in dense fog we luckily managed few birds - Pectoral Sparrow, Planalto Slaty Antshrike, Streaked Xenops and a responsive Tataupa Tinamou caught in the middle of the foggy road, not a good view though. Daylight was about so we finished our day and enjoy an early dinner.

^{*} In the official itinerary Chapada dos Guimarães is the last place visited before the tour-extension to Cristalino Lodge.



The shy Pheasant Cuckoo incredible was our first observation at Vale da Benção; abundant in the forests of Chapada, Amazonian Motmot is always a nice bird to see (Eduardo Patrial)



Brown Jacamar was an appreciated highlight that morning in Chapada; while in the afternoon the show was conducted by this striking male Band-tailed Manakin (Eduardo Patrial)

October 11th. We realized this morning that the cold front and fog that arrived yesterday would get stagnated in Chapada for a few days. Nothing we could do against the weather, we just kept birding and trying to catch up with our target species. For that we went to the good open Cerrado habitat at Água Fria road. It was a bit less foggy there and we managed to see some interesting species such as a pair of Rusty-backed Antwren, Red-pileated Finch, the nice Scaled Pigeon and Black-faced Tanager, Barred Antshrike, Rufous-browed Peppershrike and Black-throated Saltator. We tried insistently to find Chapada Flycatcher at some usual sites, but the bird was not even heard this time. Further on Água Fria we spotted White-eared Puffbird, Rufous-winged Antshrike, the specialists Shrike-like and White-rumped Tanagers, the amazing Collared Crescentchest, Plumbeous Seedeater and a Red-winged Timanou that was walking by the dirt road. Not bad considering that foggy day. From there we drove further the Água Fria, leaving the plateau and getting to lower altitude where we stopped specifically by a nice gallery forest surrounded by tall Cerrado. This site was one of the places we covered last year, and like on the previous tour, we got all our targeted species - two amazingly responsive Point-tailed Palmcreepers, a couple of Sulphury Flycatcher, close views of Redshouldered Macaws plus Swallow-tailed Kites and Neotropical Palm Swift. Returning to Chapada we had a quick random and very successful stop by the plateau of Água Fria where we saw a male Horned Sungem and the rare Rufous-sided Pygmy-Tyrant, a splendid reencounter in Chapada after years. Without any change on the weather, in the afternoon the option was taking the low part of Água Fria again. This time we tried to find another gallery forest area and it wasn't bad. We saw Sibilant Sirystes; a male Frilled Coquette was spotted by Eduardo for a second; we also had Purplish Jay, Greater Ani, Masked Tityra, Little Woodpecker, the smart Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant, good view of Red-bellied Macaw, the stunning Lettered and Chestnut-eared Aracaris and Orange-winged Amazon. Unfortunately the fog didn't dissipate and this time we had to leave behind few target species from the open Cerrado habitat.





Always favouring palm groves, the curious Sulphury Flycatcher; and our great find along Água Fria road, the rare Rufous-sided Pygmy

Tyrant (Eduardo Patrial)

October 12th. Next morning the weather was the same, chilly and foggy but fortunately not rainy. We had an early departure to the lowlands of northern Pantanal, our next destination. Entering the impressive Pantanal is always an evident fun, stopping and watching wildlife at every stop along the famous Transpantaneira dirt road. As usual we saw a lot of things there along our way to the Pixaim area (Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel). Few stops at the beginning of Transpantaneira provided an amazing array of birds with Greater Rheas, Rufescent Tiger Herons, Plumbeous and Green Ibises, Jabirus, Wood Storks, Whistling Heron, Great and Snowy Egrets, Grey-necked Wood Rails, loads of caimans, a pair of Golden-collared Macaw in flight, Southern Screamer, and even some small birds was well as Thrush-like Wren, the good-looking Blackcapped Donacobius, Greyish Saltator and Yellowish Pipit. Later we explore some forested stretches near Pousada Pouso Alegre, being very pleasant and productive with Buff-throated Woodcreeper, Variable Oriole, the handsome White-eyed Attila and some Dark-billed Cuckoos. Close to Pixaim by noon we still stopped for Blue-crowned Parakeet, two notables Marsh Deer (first a male and later a female), a stunning Scarletheaded Blackbird and Greater Thornbird. After check-in, lunch and feeders (several Saffron Finches, Greyish Baywings, Scaled Doves, Yellow-billed Cardinals, Purplish Jays, Giant Cowbirds and some Orangebacked Troupials) at hotel Mato Grosso we spent part of the afternoon walking the good gallery forest trail by the Pixaim River. There we had a couple hours before a lovely boat trip to enjoy Mato Grosso Antbird, Rustyfronted Tody-Flycatcher, Rusty-backed and White-lored Spinetails, some tame Rufous-tailed Jacamars, Great Antshrike, Fuscous Flycatcher and returning to the hotel, Grey-crested Cacholote. After four pm we took the boat and slowly explored the bends of the rich Pixaim River. Capibaras, caimans and several water birds are common along here. We could see all the five kingfisher inhabitants, including the shy Green-andrufous and less shy American Pygmy Kingfisher. Besides the great views we had of the lovely Sungrebe, Sunbittern, several Turquoise-fronted Amazons, a mind-blowing encounter with a family of eight Giant Otters, some amazing Bare-faced Curassows and Blue-throated Piping Guans. The skulking Agami Heron was checked at every known and potential spot but maybe the chilly unusual conditions didn't help us that day. But staying until gets dark on the boat was rewarding watching Band-tailed Nighthawks, Boat-billed Herons and the fantastic little Zigzag Heron.



Two nice species commonly found along the road Transpantaneira: Grey-necked Wood Rail and Plumbeous Ibis (Eduardo Patrial)



A few time spent in woodland provided some great birds such as this smart White-eyed Attila and the seasonal Dark-billed Cuckoo



Some classic sightings at Pantanal: a Jabiru nest and the imposing male Marsh Deer (Eduardo Patrial)





We had an excellent time along the Pixaim River: American Pygmy Kingfisher and the mysterious Zigzag Heron (Eduardo Patrial)

October 13th. Today we spent the whole morning at the Pixaim area. First, before breakfast, we walked the airstrip behind the hotel and covered some open habitats. We had a lot of fun with Chotoy Spinetail, a beautiful male Green-backed Becard, a cute couple of Long-tailed Ground Dove, the small Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant, the handsome Black-collared Hawk, several Turquoise-fronted Amazons flying, Muscovy Duck, Capped Heron, Golden-green Woodpecker, Buff-breasted Wren, Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch, Ashy-headed Greenlet and Masked Gnatcatcher. Right after breakfast we did the trail in the gallery forest trail again, a bit quiet this time but still productive for us with Rufous Casiornis, Greenish Elaenia, the riverine Band-tailed Antbird, Cream-colored and Crimson-creasted Woodpeckers, Helmeted Manakin and the fascinating Redbilled Scythebill. In some open woodland we still saw Chestnut-vented Conebill, Streaked Xenops and Boatbilled Flycatcher. After lunch we said goodbye to the Pixaim area and headed towards Porto Jofre Hotel, our next stay, stopping on the way to collect some great sightings of Southern Screamer, three Scarlet-headed Blackbirds and an amazing group of Hyacinth Macaw. We finish daylight before the reaching the Jofre area, more precisely at the good forest along Santa Isabel Road. There we had a fantastic time watching a nesting pair of Golden-collared Macaw and Bat Falcon, another Crimson-crested Woodpecker, the endemic Chestnut-bellied Guan, the mighty Great Rufous Woodcreeper, Fawn-breasted Wren and the striking Palecrested Woodpecker. Continuing or way to Jofre after dusk, we spotted a baby Yellow Anaconda and surprisingly a huge Brazilian Lancehead (the venomous pit viper Bothrops moojeni).





We had a very pleasant pre-breakfast birding around Mato Grosso Hotel with some nice species such as this Long-tailed Ground Dove and this male Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch (Eduardo Patrial)





Later in the gallery forest our time was productive. Here a male Band-tailed Antbird and fascinating Red-billed Scythebill (Eduardo Patrial)



The forest along Santa Isabel road is replete of nice birds: Bat Falcon and Great Rufous Woodcreeper (Eduardo Patrial)

October 14th. As usual our delightful stay at Porto Jofre Hotel includes the expected day with boat trips along the Cuiabá River and some tributaries, mainly to find the greatest Jaguar by the banks. And definitely that day was 'the day' to see this amazing cat in wild; we had a total of five Jaguars sighted just in the morning. First one came early, around 6:30, a female carefully stalking a capybara on the river bank. We stayed watching it for a long time until its unsuccessful pounce. It was amazing to see that incredibly fast movement to catch its prey. Few minutes later we found a juvenile Jaguar lying down along the same bank. This one was shier and took minutes to disappear in the forest. A pleasant stop for birds happened before taking the tributary Three Brothers, an area where we saw the uncommon in the Pantanal Long-winged Harrier, then Western Osprey, Black Skimmers, Large-billed and Yellow-billed Terns, the adorable Pied Plover and Whiterumped Sandpiper. On the Three Brothers we first luckily spotted a huge male Jaguar, calmly in the water by the bank. It didn't stay very long and we were the only boat present that moment. Few minutes upper river we were awarded with another huge male performing nicely along the bank, finding then a good spot to lie down for a long time. In the same place we saw a nice Grey-headed Kite soaring. We also had in that morning Crane Hawk. Not enough watching four Jaguars, we saw another female hunting along the bank of Cuiabá River still before lunch. To finish this historical morning we spent some time at the tributary Piquiri where a head an affecting encounter with a Giant Otter family relaxing by the sandbank. We also checked a nice Great Potoo day roost in that area. The break for lunch was great and we enjoyed close views of several Hyacinth Macaws and the numerous species in the hotel's garden, even a sleeping Brazilian Porcupine was seen in the garden before our second boat trip. In the afternoon our boat took us to the tributary Negrinho, down the Cuiabá River. We didn't find more Jaguars but we had a nice time there watching a family of Black Howlers, a big family of White-lipped Peccary and some nice birds – Sungrebe, Sunbittern, Blue-throated Piping Guan and Boat-billed Heron. On our way back at dusk we saw Lesser and hundreds Band-tailed Nighthawks, and Greater and Lesser Fishing Bats.



Amazing Jaguar sightings on this day! Here our first female amazingly captured in the air (left – photo by Warren Hardman) and our first male (right) drinking water from the river (Eduardo Patrial)



The Piquiri River is a great place to find the amazing Giant Otter (Eduardo Patrial)



Hyacinth Macaw can be watched that close at Porto Jofre Hotel's grounds (Eduardo Patrial)





We had a nice time at Negrinho tributary river: White-lipped Peccary family and the odd Boat-billed Heron (Eduardo Patrial)

October 15th. On this following day we had a full morning at the Jofre area so we decided to cover the huge floodable fields called Campo Jofre, an amazing array of marshy habitats where we started very nicely with superb views of the skulking Grey-breasted Crake. Later on we enjoyed good views of White-tailed Goldenthroat, Lined Seedeater, Little Cuckoo, Cinereous-breasted Spinetail, the tiny Subtropical Doradito, Rusty-collared Seedeater, a group flying of Black-bellied Whistling Duck, a day roost of Great Horned Owl and mammals as Brazilian Guinea-Pig and Marsh Deer. Back to the hotel we spent some time in the garden watching Toco toucans, Buff-necked Ibis, White Woodpeckers and of course, Hyacinth Macaws. We said goodbye to Porto Jofre after lunch and headed towards the beginning of Transpantaneira Road, our next stay was the fine Piuval Lodge. On our way we finally spotted Great Black Hawk, White-faced Whistling and Muscovy Ducks, Roseate Spoonbill, some Greater Rheas and arriving at Piuval, some close Red-legged Seriemas. Birding the last rays of light at the fantastic area of Piuval Lodge we saw Orange-winged Amazon perched and heard Cinnamon-throated Hermit and Rufous-sided Crake. We also went owling but wihout any success this time. In the evening after dinner we had an amazing night-driving safari with some great mammals spotted – Crab-eating Fox, Tapeti (Brazilian Cottontail), Grey Brocket, the elusive Ocelot and the good-looking Crab-eating Racoon.





At Campo Jofre we saw some interesting Passerines such as this nice male Lined Seedeater and the tiny Subtropical Doradito (Eduardo Patrial)



The marshes at Campo Jofre are good for Little Cuckoo as the garden of Porto Jofre Hotel is for Toco Toucan (Eduardo Patrial)



We just couldn't leave the Transpantaneira without a good view of Great Black Hawk; and arriving at Piuval Lodge, the Red-legged Seriema (Eduardo Patrial)

October 16th. We had a wonderful time on our last main tour's day at Piuval. We spent the day birding different types of woodland, dry forests, and edges of marshes, a good combination that rewarded us some unusual records from Pantanal. First we started early with a pair of White-fronted Woodpecker followed later by an unexpected Ochre-cheeked Spinetail. We also saw Black-bellied Antwren, Black-tailed Marmoset, South American Coati, the secretive Rufous-sided Crake, and by the edge of the lagoon, the skulking Least Bittern and for the first time at Pantanal, the diminutive Yellow-breasted Crake. One of us (Warren) still found a Great Potoo roosting in that morning. It was really hot in the afternoon but we had a lovely time in some forest and later on the top of an observation tower. We certainly enjoyed some nice birds as Ferruginous Pygmy Owl, Hyacinth Macaws, Pale-crested Woodpecker, Black-fronted Nunbird, Orange-backed Troupial, Great Rufous Woodcreeper, Black-backed Water Tyrant and also some primates as Black-striped Capuchin and Black Howler; besides a typically beautiful Pantanal sunset. At dusk we transferred ourselves to Tainá hotel in Cuiabá, having a Six-banded Armadillo across the road on the way.



Uncommon in northern Pantanal, White-fronted Woodpecker (Eduardo Patrial); Yellow-breasted Crake was a fantastic encounter (photo by Tim Marlow)



Some of the frequent species found in the peculiar woodlands of Piuval: Ferruginous Pygmy Owl and Pale-crested Woodpecker (Eduardo Patrial)



Piuval Lodge always provides some mammals: South American Coati and a female Black Howler (Eduardo Patrial)

October 17th. As our internal flight to Alta Floresta was about noon we had a morning off to get fully recovered for our tour extension at Cristalino Lodge. We arrived in Alta Floresta near two pm. A van from Cristalino Lodge collected us at the airport and immediately transferred our group to the bank of the Teles Pires River, the place we get the boat to reach Cristalino. The trip by car lasted around one hour on a dirt road. We crossed a strong but quick storm on the way and by some pasture area we saw a few Red-

breasted Blackbirds. Taking the boat up the pristine Amazon forest along the Cristalino River, we were welcomed by an amazing Ornate Hawk-Eagle perched low by the bank. The lovely boat trip took around twenty minutes and enjoyed some other nice birds on the way – White-banded Swallow, Swallow-winged Puffbird, Black-bellied Cuckoo, White-throated Toucan, Blue Headed Parrot, Black Caracara and Greybreasted Sabrewing by the arrival deck. After a welcome drink and a detailed introduction to the lodge (with a tame couple of Bare-faced Curassow feeding in the garden), we had a few time before sunset to look for some birds around the common areas. In the forest we took the interesting outcrop behind the main building called the Secret Garden. There we saw a juvenile Great Black Hawk, a pair of Black-throated Antbird, Blackish Nightjar and Common Nighthawk. Later we had a fantastic dinner and also planned our itinerary for the next day.





Our arrival at Cristalino Lodge couldn't be better! What a view we got of this adult Ornate Hawk-Eagle (Eduardo Patrial)





Bare-faced Curassow is tame by the lodge's garden while the nice Secret Garden is good for Blackish Nightjar (Eduardo Patrial)

October 18th. We had a busy morning on our first day at Cristalino. After an early breakfast we took the boat up river to the Serra II Trail, a place which combines tall forest and a hilly rocky outcrop at its end. On our way by the river we spotted Razor-billed Curassow and Red-throated Piping Guan. Birding the tall dense forest was not easy but we managed to see a lot of good birds such as the endemics Xingu Scale-backed and Spix's Warbling Antbirds, the mighty Long-billed Woodcreeper, Gould's Toucanet, Cinereous and Plainwinged Antshrikes, colourful Green-and-gold and Yellow-backed Tanagers, a couple of the amazing Black-girdled Barbet, Dot-winged Antwren, a female Snow-capped Manakin and superb views of the endemic Alta Floresta Antpitta. We also had good time on the outcrop with Purple Honeycreeper, the cryptic Striolated Puffbird, Santarem Parakeets in flight, Short-tailed and Mato Grosso Swifts and the small Tooth-billed Wren. Back to get the boat we saw a female Collared Trogon. Still in the morning we checked the entrance of Dr. Haffer's Trail. We tried hard for Bronzy Jacamar but only managed hearing it in the canopy. Returning to the lodge we saw King Vulture and some of the common birds along the river. In the afternoon we started with a nice couple of the endemic Glossy Antshrike right at the floating deck. Then our boat trip down the river

actually didn't bring any new record, so we decided to finish our day sitting and waiting for some birds at the fantastic 'Pocinha' (a small pond in the forest created by the local guides where in the dry season several different birds come every afternoon to have a bath). By late afternoon some species arrived to the pond – a female Red-headed Manakin, Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, a male White-flanked Antwren, a couple of White-winged Shrike-Tanager, the nice Dot-backed Antbird, Wedge-billed and White-chinned Woodcreepers.





A little obscured, Razor-billed Curassow was spotted on the riverbank; and very common by the river, Swallow-winged Puffbird (Eduardo Patrial)





The beautiful Black-girdled Barbet and the shy Striolated Puffbird were some of the highlights on our first day at Cristalino (Eduardo Patrial)

October 19th. We started this day going to Tower 1, the first built canopy tower in Cristalino (height of fifty meters). It was a bit slow actually, but of course we saw a good number of birds, including Ringed Woodpecker, a flying White-browed Hawk, Red-billed Pied-Tanager, groups of Scarlet and Chestnut-fronted Macaws, Amazonian Trogon, Paradise and Turquoise Tanagers, Paradise Jacamar, Yellow-crowned Amazon, the stunning male Spangled Cotinga, the small White-browed Purpletuft, Curl-crested Aracari, several Bare-necked Fruitcrows, Scaly-breasted Woodpecker and a soaring Double-toothed Kite. Too hot up on the tower by eight o'clock, we walked the 'Saleiro' loop Trail in the forest. Along there we started with a brief view of Great Jacamar, followed by several other birds - Large-headed Flatbill, lovely males Redheaded Manakin, Plumbeous Pigeon, a tricky male Snow-capped Manakin and a mixed flock from which we could see the endemic Spix's Woodcreeper, Saturnine Antshrike, Tawny-crowned Greenlet and Wing-barred Piprites. Still before lunch and just beside the restaurant we enjoyed fascinating day-roosting Crested Owl. For the afternoon we repeated what we did on the previous day, boat trip down the river and 'Pocinha' (gently called 'Magic Pond') until dusk. Surprisingly the boat trip rewarded a breath-taking sighting of Harpy Eagle, during long enough for walkaway views. Just brilliant! The enormous bird was probably drinking and cooling the heat just before we have spotted it quite wet, perched on a low branch. The 'Pocinha' showed its potential today with a male White-crowned Manakin, Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin, White-winged Shrike-Tanager

again, Saturnine Antshrike, a couple of Spot-backed Antbird, White-chinned Woodcreeper, Xingu Scale-backed Antbird and the fantastic endemic Bare-eyed Antbird.





Two beautiful and frequently spotted birds from Tower 1: Spangled Cotinga and Paradise Jacamar (Eduardo Patrial)



Some superb birds of prey seen on that day at Cristalino: Crested Owl at daytime roost and the impressive Harpy Eagle (Eduardo Patrial)

October 20th. We spent the best birding time at the nice Serra I Trail. On our way we saw couple of Silvered Antbird from the boat. Getting to the trail we had to advance the dawn chorus through riverine forest and hike the short hill straight to the top, a rocky hilltop (similar to one at Serra II) with a terrific view over the forest. Our time there was very enjoyable with a Common Potoo at daytime roost, good views of White-throated Toucan, one Red-necked Aracari, two White-necked Puffbirds, Long-tailed Tyrant, Yellow-tufted Woodpeckers, Grey-lined Hawk, Red-and-green Macaw, Spangled Cotinga, Chestnut-crowned Becard, Thick-billed Euphonia and a distant but reasonable scope view of a stunning male Pompadour Cotinga. Later we walked the drier woodland on the rocky outcrop, a peculiar habitat which usually brings peculiar birds. At one of the good stops we played tapes of Amazonian Pygmy Owl and could bring to view a number of species - a couple of Southern White-fringed Antwren, Grey-breasted Sabrewing, White-necked Jacobin, Black-throated Mango, Black-eared Fairy and Purple Honeycreeper. At other area we managed views of two Pied Puffbirds, Natterer's Slaty Antshrike, Paradise Jacamar and the migrant Eastern Wood Pewee. Soon the outcrop got very hot and forest got quiet. It was about noon and we returned to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon we took the boat up river and in an incredible way we brought a Brazilian Tapir back to the river bank using play-back. That was great and we definitely enjoyed watching that huge animal by the river. Soon then we did the Dr. Haffer's Trail mostly aiming the bamboo clumps. But the forest was extremely guiet so fortunately we managed good views of a Rufous-capped Nunlet, and very brief from a Rose-breasted Chat and Slate-colored Grosbeak. Back to the river we happily finished daylight with an immature Agami Heron.

Driving down the river back to the lodge we still got a spectacular view of Zigzag Heron, the second on this trip, and a quick look at a Paca.





Common Potoo could easily have passed unnoticed on the trail; while White-throated Toucan is commonly seen from the viewpoint of Serra I (Eduardo Patrial)





At the hilltop we saw the smart Pied Puffbird, and for the first time on this trip, the migrant Eastern Wood Pewee (Eduardo Patrial)





Brazilian Tapir was definitely a highlight that afternoon; and for the second time on the tour, Zigzag Heron (Eduardo Patrial)

October 21st. We started nicely our morning on the way to Tower II spotting a handsome Blue-necked (B-cheeked) Jacamar. Later on the trail we had rapid but good view of a male Long-winged Antwren. Before climbing the tower we spent some time at its base watching two incredible and uncommon species: first was the singular Banded Antbird with its proper way to behave on the forest floor. The massive Uniform

Woodcreeper came right after as an amazing surprise, being recorded on this Birdquest trip for the first time. The top of Tower II then was regular, good views of Curl-crested Aracari, some close Spangled Cotingas, Reb-billed Pied-Tanager, the endemic Kawall's Amazon in flight, the lovely White-bellied Parrot, Duskycapped Flycatcher, Paradise Jacamar, a perched Double-toothed Kite, Black-bellied Cuckoo, some Purple Martins, a soaring Grey-headed Kite and a group of the endemic primate White-nosed Saki. After Tower II we quickly checked the 'igapó' forest (floodable) near 'Pocinha' but nothing was seen apart from a Dwarf Tyrant Manakin and a heard Zimmer's Tody-Tyrant. Still in the morning we did then part of the Francisco's Trail, reaching it through Tower I where we had our biggest mixed flock of birds at Cristalino this time. In the flock we saw several Tooth-billed Wrens, Grey Antwren, Black-capped Becard, Bar-breasted Piculet, Whiteshouldered Tanager, Chestnut-winged Hookbill, Amazonian Trogon, Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo and Duskycapped Greenlet. Spix's Guan and Red-stained Woodpecker were seen before we continue the trail. Finally at Francisco's Trail by late morning we spotted a Plain-brown Woodcreeper and later, at a bamboo clump, an unexpected Tapajos Hermit hovered in front of us for a few seconds. We also had the bamboo specialist Striated Antbird. Returning for lunch we came across with some White-nosed Saki again. In the afternoon we went up river to the beautiful tall forest of Brazil-nut Trail. Apparently a heavy rain was approaching when we start walking the loop but luckily we had time to complete the trail without any rain. There we heard a quite close Cryptic Forest Falcon that didn't want to play, and enjoyed a noise group of Red-throated Caracara, superb views of the legendary Musician Wren and a nice family of White-cheeked (W-whiskered) Spider-Monkey. And of course we contemplated the mother of all Brazil-nuts from Cristalino and some other centenary trees as huge mahoganies and 'angelins'. The heavy rain caught us on the boat returning to the lodge.





Tower II always provides good views of great birds: Curl-crested Aracari (left) and Red-billed Pied-Tanager (right) (Eduardo Patrial)





More from Tower II: Double-toothed Kite and Black-bellied Cuckoo (Eduardo Patrial)



We also spotted some pretty cool mammals along the river and at Brazil-nut Trail: Proboscis Bat and the endemic White-cheeked (W-whiskered) Spider-Monkey (Eduardo Patrial)

October 22nd. Our last full day at Cristalino Lodge started with nice early surprises: at dawn a Southern Tamandua showed up really well just beside the restaurant after breakfast; down the Cristalino River by boat we saw a Brazilian Tapir calmly crossing the river. Our goal that morning was to explore some riverine islands in the much larger Teles Pires River. A first stop at the right bank of Teles Pires we spotted from the boat a female Amazonian Umbrellabird, a pair of Blackish Antbird and a male White-browed Antbird. Right in that area of Teles Pires the small island (called 'Ilha do Sol') gently invited us when the presence of more Umbrellabirds was noticed there. On the island we spent a few time enjoying fantastic views of male and female Amazonian Umbrellabird and also a small Spotted Tody-Flycatcher. Not far from there we checked another group of small islands, stopping the boat at a bushy sandbank, a habitat where we got good views of Amazonian Tyrannulet, Ladder-tailed Nightiar and White-vented Euphonia. The much bigger Ariosto Island which belongs to Cristalino Lodge was our next stop. With a good flat trail to walk, we spent a good and successful time on this island. Apart from common birds there (e.g. Swallow-winged Puffbird, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Silver-beaked Tanager, etc.) we found a gorgeous male Flame-crested Manakin, the smart Chestnut-backed and Amazonian Antshrikes, the smallest Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant, the good-looking Cinnamon Attila, Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch, White-winged Becard and a Undulated Tinamou walking along the trail. We also checked a rapid beside the island which gave us one Black-collared Swallow and a soaring Hook-billed Kite before we reach by boat the left bank of Teles Pires. On this side of the river we walked part of the Butterfly Trail by late morning. It was very quiet our only good sighting was a Striped Woodcreeper. Back for lunch another good surprise by the river let us euphoric. This time was a huge (nearly 4 meters) Green Anaconda resting on the bank of Cristalino River. For the afternoon we did the superb Cocoa Trail which goes through tall forest and good vine and bamboo clumps. There we began with a perfect view of a male Snow-capped Manakin, followed a male Ornate Antwren, a mixed flock with Longwinged Antwren, Tawny-crowned Greenlet, Cinereous Antshrike and Long-billed Gnatwren. We also came across with a group of Tufted Capuchin and White-nosed Saki. In a forest clearing we used play-back to bring to a great view the uncommon White-browed Hawk (which at first look seemed to be a Black-faced Hawk, a species recorded very few times before in Cristalino). Daylight was dimming in the forest but we still had time to manage views of two bamboo specialists - the uncommon Dusky-tailed Flatbill and the cardosoi subspecies of Curve-billed Scythebill, considered by some taxonomy a separated new species, Tapajos Scythebill.





This beautiful sunrise on the Teles Pires River was followed by breath-taking views of Amazonian Umbrellabird (Eduardo Patrial)





The river-islands on the Teles Pires were a good choice for that morning: Amazonian Tyrannulet (left) and a male Flame-crested

Manakin (right) (Eduardo Patrial)





We had a good time at Cocoa Trail in the afternoon: male Snow-capped Manakin and the uncommon White-browed Hawk (Eduardo Patrial)



A big Green Anaconda at Cristalino River was a nice surprise for after-lunch (Eduardo Patrial)

October 23rd. We had few hours in the morning at Cristalino Lodge before we head to Floresta Amazônia Hotel in Alta Floresta. So right after breakfast we walked the Rocky and part of Francisco's Trail, being very productive by the way. Our notable records were the uncommon Collared Puffbird, a couple of Red-necked Woodpecker, the specialist Bamboo Foliage-gleaner (Dusky-cheeked F-g), two Brown-banded Puffbirds, Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak, White-eyed Antwren, Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner, a closely heard (again!) Cryptic Forest Falcon and a group of the uncommon endemic Emilia's Marmoset. We said goodbye to the amazing Cristalino and transferred ourselves to Alta Floresta for lunch. In the afternoon we started doing the trail in the good forest fragment at the hotel. We heard Elegant Woodcreeper and saw a male Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird and Purus Red Howler, but suddenly a wind storm came strongly and finished with any possibility to keep birding. Later we had a nice dinner with some beers and 'caipirinhas' to celebrate this fantastic tour.





Some special birds on the last few hours at Cristalino: Collared Puffbird for the first time on this tour; and here a poor shot of the specialist Bamboo Foliage-gleaner (Eduardo Patrial)



And a special mammal, the endemic Emilia's Marmoset (Eduardo Patrial)

October 24th. The early morning at Floresta Amazônica Hotel was very birdy and we could catch up with some last target species. We started with a pair of Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper by the forest edge behind the rooms. Later we checked the good lake beside the forest which concentrates an amazing array of parrots, macaws and some other birds. There we recorded Red-and-green, Scarlet, Blue-and-yellow, Chestnut-fronted and Blue-winged Macaws, Yellow-crowned and Mealy Amazons, Blue-head Parrot, Short-tailed Hawk, Hook-billed and Plumbeous Kites, Chestnut-eared and Lettered Aracaris, Green-backed and Black-tailed Trogons, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, Lesser Kiskadee and the stunning Blue-necked Tanager. We also got nice views of Peruvian Spider-Monkeys by the lake. After that we did the forest trail, where we collected a brief but close view of Elegant Woodcreeper and much nicer looks at Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird. By the end of the trail we struggled to see a Red-fawn Parrot that was calling in the canopy, which moved later towards the lake. We ran for that area but unfortunately couldn't find it. On the other hand we found a group of Silvery Marmosets that finished this unforgettable trip to Brazil.





The lake at Floresta Amazônica Hotel is an easy birding spot with great species, such as Blue-winged Macaw and Blue-necked

Tanager (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 (\Diamond) 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).

Grey Tinamou *Tinamus tao* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.

Great Tinamou Tinamus major (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.

Cinereous Tinamou Crypturellus cinereus (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.

Little Tinamou Crypturellus soui (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.

Brown Tinamou Crypturellus obsoletus (H) Heard only at Cacau (Cocoa) Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Undulated Tinamou Crypturellus undulatus Commonly heard at Pantanal, one seen at Ariosto island, Cristalino.

Brazilian Tinamou Orypturellus strigulosus (H) Frequently heard at Cristalino Lodge.

Variegated Tinamou Crypturellus variegatus (H) Heard near tower I, Cristalino Lodge.

Small-billed Tinamou Crypturellus parvirostris (H) Heard in Canastra and Chapada dos Guimarães.

Tataupa Tinamou *Crypturellus tataupa* A view of one on the road in deep fog at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Red-winged Tinamou Rhynchotus rufescens Good views at Canastra and Chapada dos Guimarães.

Spotted Nothura Nothura maculosa (H) Heard at Canastra N P.

Dwarf Tinamou ◊ *Taoniscus nanus* (H) Closely heard at Canastra N P. A sighting would be a miracle.

Greater Rhea Rhea americana One seen at Canastra NP; some groups by the beginning of Transpantaneira.

Southern Screamer *Chauna torquata* Several sightings in the Pantanal.

White-faced Whistling Duck Dendrocygna viduata One single sighting of two birds in the Pantanal.

Muscovy Duck Cairina moschata Seen at Canastra, Pantanal and Cristalino Lodge.

Brazilian Merganser \(\rightarrow \) Mergus octosetaceus \(\rightarrow \) A great view of a pair at Canastra was gratifying.

Chaco Chachalaca Ortalis canicollis Very common at Pantanal.

Spix's Guan Penelope jacquacu Seen at Cristalino Lodge and Hotel Floresta Amazônica

Dusky-legged Guan ◊ Penelope obscura One is a frequent inhabitant at Chapadão da Canastra Hotel.

Chestnut-bellied Guan \(\rightarrow Penelope ochrogaster \) Well observed near Jofre and also at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.

Blue-throated Piping Guan Pipile cumanensis Several sightings at Pantanal. See note.

Red-throated Piping Guan ◊ Pipile cujubi Quite common by the Cristalino River. See note.

Razor-billed Curassow ◊ Mitu tuberosum Just one seen by the Cristalino river.



Anhinga (Eduardo Patrial)

Bare-faced Curassow ◊ Crax fasciolata Many sightings in the Pantanal and fewer at Cristalino.

Wood Stork (American W S) Mycteria americana Hundreds at Pantanal.

Jabiru Jabiru mycteria Hundreds at Pantanal.

Plumbeous Ibis \(\partial \) Theristicus caerulescens \(\text{Quite common at Pantanal.} \)

Buff-necked Ibis Theristicus caudatus First at Canastra, Pantanal and also at Chapada.

Green Ibis Mesembrinibis cayennensis A good number at Pantanal and also at Cristalino River.

Bare-faced Ibis (Whispering I) Phimosus infuscatus Few sightings in the Pantanal.

Roseate Spoonbill Platalea ajaja Few birds seen at Pantanal.

Rufescent Tiger Heron Tigrisoma lineatum Common at Pantanal; also seen at Cristalino Lodge.

Agami Heron (Chestnut-bellied H) Agamia agami An immature at Cristalino river, C Lodge.

Boat-billed Heron Cochlearius cochlearius Several at Pixaim River, Pantanal; a fewer later at Pantanal.

Zigzag Heron Zebrilus undulatus A great view at Pixaim River, Pantanal and another and better at Cristalino.

Least Bittern Ixobrychus exilis Superb views at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.

Black-crowned Night Heron Nycticorax nycticorax Few sightings at Pantanal.

Striated Heron (Green-backed H) Butorides striata Very common in the Pantanal; seen in few other places.

Western Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis Common throughout the tour in open areas (except at Cristalino). See note.

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

Great Egret *Ardea alba* Very common in the Pantanal but also seen in other places.

Capped Heron Pilherodius pileatus Not many sightings at Pantanal.

Whistling Heron Syrigma sibilatrix Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães and Pantanal.

Little Blue Heron Egretta caerulea A few seen in the Pantanal.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* Common in the Pantanal, also observed in few other places.

Neotropic Cormorant (Olivaceous C) Phalacrocorax brasilianus Same as above.

Anhinga Anhinga anhinga Common in the Pantanal, also a good number at Cristalino.

Turkey Vulture Cathartes aura Often seen at Canastra and Cipó, but less in the Pantanal and Cristalino.

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

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture Cathartes melambrotus Common at Cristalino Lodge.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* An everyday bird, common throughout the tour.

King Vulture Sarcoramphus papa Good views at Canastra; more records at Cristalino.

Western Osprey Pandion haliaetus Good views by the Cuiabá River, Pantanal.

Grey-headed Kite Leptodon cayanensis One at Pantanal and another at Cristalino Lodge.

Hook-billed Kite Chondrohierax uncinatus Seen by Ariosto Island and hotel in Alta Floresta.

Swallow-tailed Kite (American S-t K) Elanoides forficatus Seen at Chapada and at Alta Floresta.

Harpy Eagle Harpia harpyja A superb encounter with a male by the Cristalino River in the afternoon.

Ornate Hawk-Eagle Spizaetus ornatus Another superbly seen by the Cristalino River, one adult and one immature.

Double-toothed Kite Harpagus bidentatus Good views on perch from Tower 2, Cristalino Lodge.

Long-winged Harrier *Circus buffoni* One seen along the Cuiabá River, Pantanal.

Plumbeous Kite Ictinia plumbea Seen at Canastra, Pantanal and Cristalino Lodge.

Black-collared Hawk *Busarellus nigricollis* Several sightings at Pantanal.

Snail Kite Rostrhamus sociabilis Scarce this time at Pantanal (too dry), few sightings at Jofre, Pantanal.

Crane Hawk Geranospiza caerulescens One seen along the Cuiabá River, Pantanal.

Savanna Hawk Buteogallus meridionalis First at Canastra and Cipó, common at Pantanal.

Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga* A very few at Pantanal; also seen at Cristalino.

Roadside Hawk Rupornis magnirostris Few sightings throughout the tour.

White-tailed Hawk Geranoaetus albicaudatus Many sightings at Canastra National Park; one leaving Cristalino.

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle Geranoaetus melanoleucus Amazing views at Canastra NP.

White-browed Hawk \(\rightarrow Leucopternis kuhli \) Superb views at Cristalino Lodge.

Grey-lined Hawk Buteo nitidus Seen at Cristalino Lodge. See note.

Short-tailed Hawk Buteo brachyurus One seen at Cristalino Lodge and at Floresta Amazônica Hotel.

Red-legged Seriema Cariama cristata Great views at Canastra, Cipó and Pantanal.

Sunbittern Eurypyga helias Great views at Pantanal and Cristalino Lodge.

Sungrebe Heliornis fulica Great views at Pixaim and Negrinho rivers, Pantanal.

Ocellated Crake \(\text{Micropygia schomburgkii} \) A great surprise, seen at the high part of Canastra NP.

Rufous-sided Crake Laterallus melanophaius Seen at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.

Grey-breasted Crake Laterallus exilis Fantastic views near Porto Jofre Hotel, Pantanal.

Grey-necked Wood Rail Aramides cajaneus Common at Pantanal.

Yellow-breasted Crake Porzana flaviventer Amazing views at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.



Capybaras in row (Eduardo Patrial)

Blackish Rail Pardirallus nigricans (H) Heard at Canastra, marsh in the low part.

Purple Gallinule (American P G) Porphyrio martinicus (NL) Seen from the van at Pantanal.

Common Gallinule Gallinula galeata Seen on the way to Canastra. See note.

Limpkin Aramus guarauna Loads in the Pantanal.

White-backed Stilt Himantopus melanurus Just one sighting from the van at Pantanal. See note.

Southern Lapwing Vanellus chilensis Common throughout the main tour.

Pied Plover (P Lapwing) Hoploxypterus cayanus Some sightings by the Cuiaba River, Pantanal and at Cristalino.

Wattled Jacana Jacana jacana Common in the Pantanal.

South American Snipe Gallinago paraguaiae Splendid views at Lapinha da Serra, Cipó. See note.

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* Just one sighting along the Transpantaneira Road.

Spotted Sandpiper Actitis macularius Seen by the Cuiabá River bank, Pantanal.

White-rumped Sandpiper Calidris fuscicollis One bird seen along the Cuiabá Rive, Pantanal.

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* Few groups by the Cuiaba River, Pantanal.

Yellow-billed Tern Sternula superciliaris Most of sightings by the Cuiaba River, Pantanal.

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex* A number of sightings at Pantanal.

Rock Dove Columba livia Common in anthropic areas.

Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa* Good views at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Picazuro Pigeon *Patagioenas picazuro* Common throughout the main tour.

Pale-vented Pigeon Patagioenas cayennensis Good views at Pantanal.

Plumbeous Pigeon Patagioenas plumbea Few sightings at Cristalino Lodge.

Ruddy Pigeon Patagioenas subvinacea (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.

Eared Dove Zenaida auriculata Sightings at Canastra and Cipó.

Scaled Dove Columbina squammata Seen at Canastra, Cipó and Pantanal.

Ruddy Ground Dove Columbina talpacoti Common along the trip in disturbed areas.

Picui Ground Dove Columbina picui Well observed in the Pantanal.

Blue Ground Dove Claravis pretiosa (NL) One spotted at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Long-tailed Ground Dove V Uropelia campestris Superb views at Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel.

White-tipped Dove Leptotila verreauxi Several sightings throughout the tour.

Guira Cuckoo Guira guira Common throughout the main tour.

Greater Ani Crotophaga major This time commonly seen at Pantanal and Cristalino Lodge.

Smooth-billed Ani Crotophaga ani Common throughout the main tour.

Striped Cuckoo Tapera naevia Great view at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.

Pheasant Cuckoo Dromococcyx phasianellus Amazing views at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Little Cuckoo Coccycua minuta Great views in the Pantanal.

Squirrel Cuckoo Piaya cayana Several sightings along the trip.

Black-bellied Cuckoo Piaya melanogaster Good views at Cristalino Lodge.

Dark-billed Cuckoo Coccyzus melacoryphus At least three seen together at Pantanal.

Tropical Screech Owl Megascops choliba Superb view at Cipó.

Tawny-bellied Screech Owl ◊ Megascops watsonii usta (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge. See note.

Great Horned Owl Bubo virginianus Good view at day roost, Pantanal.

Crested Owl Lophostrix cristata Terrific view at day roost in Cristalino Lodge.

Amazonian Pygmy Owl ◊ Glaucidium hardyi (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl Glaucidium brasilianum First seen at Cipó, later at Pantanal.

Burrowing Owl Athene cunicularia Several sightings on the main tour.

Great Potoo Nyctibius grandis Amazing views at Pantanal, day roosts.

Common Potoo Nyctibius griseus Seen at Pantanal and a day roost at Cristalino Lodge.

Least Nighthawk Chordeiles pusillus Great views at Canastra National Park, high part.

Lesser Nighthawk Chordeiles acutipennis One seen well along the Cuiabá River, Pantanal.

Common Nighthawk Chordeiles minor Flocks at dusk at Cristalino Lodge.

Short-tailed Nighthawk (Semi-collared N) Lurocalis semitorquatus One at dusk at Cristalino Lodge.

Band-tailed Nighthawk Nyctiprogne leucopyga Hundreds at dusk by the Cuiaba River, Pantanal.

Blackish Nightjar Nyctipolus nigrescens Day roost at Cristalino Lodge.

Pauraque Nyctidromus albicollis Common at Pantanal.

Band-winged Nightjar Systellura longirostris Superb views at Canastra and Cipó.

Ladder-tailed Nightjar Hydropsalis climacocerca Great views at Cristalino Lodge.

Great Dusky Swift Cypseloides senex Seen at Canastra NP.

White-collared Swift Streptoprocne zonaris Seen at Canastra, Cipó and Chapada dos Guimarães.

Pale-rumped Swift Chaetura egregia Good views at Cristalino.

Grey-rumped Swift Chaetura cinereiventris Seen along the Cristalino River.

Sick's Swift Chaetura meridionalis Seen at Canastra NP. See note.

Mato Grosso Swift (Amazonian S) Chaetura viridipennis Seen at Cristalino Lodge. See note.

Short-tailed Swift Chaetura brachyura Same as above.

Neotropical Palm Swift Tachornis squamata Good views at Chapada dos Guimarães.

White-bearded Hermit Phaethornis hispidus A good view at Cacau Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Planalto Hermit ◊ Phaethornis pretrei Seen at Canastra and Chapada dos Guimarães.

Cinnamon-throated Hermit & Phaethornis nattereri (H) Heard at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal

Reddish Hermit Phaethornis ruber (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.

Tapajos Hermit ♦ *Phaethornis aethopygus* A brief but good views at Francisco's trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Grey-breasted Sabrewing *Campylopterus largipennis* Several sightings at Cristalino Lodge.

Swallow-tailed Hummingbird Eupetomena macroura Quite common at Canastra and Cipó.

White-necked Jacobin Florisuga mellivora Brief view at Serra Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

White-vented Violetear Colibri serrirostris Common at Canastra, Cipó and Chapada dos Guimarães.

Black-throated Mango Anthracothorax nigricollis Seen well at Chapada, Pantanal and Cristalino Lodge.

Frilled Coquette \(\text{Lophornis magnificus} \) A brief view of a male at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Glittering-bellied Emerald Chlorostilbon lucidus Seen at Canastra and Cipó.

Fork-tailed Woodnymph (Common W) Thalurania furcata Several sightings at Pantanal and Cristalino.

Gilded Sapphire (G Hummingbird) Hylocharis chrysura (H) Heard at Pantanal.

White-tailed Goldenthroat *Polytmus guainumbi* Great view at Campo Jofre, Pantanal.

Glittering-throated Emerald Amazilia fimbriata Few sightings at Pantanal.

Sapphire-spangled Emerald Amazilia lactea Seen at Cipó.

Hyacinth Visorbearer ◊ Augastes scutatus Few sightings at Cipó, male and female.



Horned Sungem (Eduardo Patrial)

Black-eared Fairy Heliothryx auritus Seen at Cristalino Lodge.

Horned Sungem \(\rightarrow \) Heliactin bilophus \(\text{Superb views of two males at Cipó, another at Chapada.} \)

Stripe-breasted Starthroat \(\rightarrow \) Heliomaster squamosus \(\rightarrow \) One female seen at Canastra.

Black-tailed Trogon Trogon melanurus One female seen at Hotel Floresta Amazônica, Alta Floresta.

Green-backed Trogon Trogon viridis Seen at Cristalino. See note.

Amazonian Trogon Trogon ramonianus Great views at Cristalino. See note.

Blue-crowned Trogon Trogon curucui A male seen at Chapada; more heard at Pantanal.

Black-throated Trogon Trogon rufus (H) Heard near Tower 1, Cristalino Lodge.

Collared Trogon Trogon collaris A female spotted at Cristalino Lodge.

American Pygmy Kingfisher Chloroceryle aenea Good views at Pantanal.

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher Chloroceryle inda Good view at Pixaim River, Pantanal and at Alta Floresta.

Green Kingfisher Chloroceryle americana Several sightings in the Pantanal and also at Cristalino.

Amazon Kingfisher Chloroceryle amazon Common at Pantanal and Cristalino.

Ringed Kingfisher Megaceryle torquata Same as above.

Amazonian Motmot Momotus momota Great views at Chapada do Guimarães. See note.

Brown Jacamar Brachygalba lugubris Good view of three birds at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Blue-necked Jacamar (Blue-cheeked J) Galbula cyanicollis Great view at Cristalino, way to Towe 2.

Rufous-tailed Jacamar Galbula ruficauda Seen at Canastra, Chapada, Pantanal and Cristalino.

Bronzy Jacamar Galbula leucogastra (H) Despite all the effort, only heard at Cristalino Lodge.

Paradise Jacamar Galbula dea Great views at Cristalino Lodge.

Great Jacamar *Jacamerops aureus* A brief view near Tower 1 and also by the river, Cristalino Lodge.

White-necked Puffbird Notharchus hyperrhynchus Good view at Serra Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Brown-banded Puffbird \Diamond *Notharchus ordii* Great views at Francisco's Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Pied Puffbird Notharchus tectus Great views at Serra Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Collared Puffbird *Bucco capensis* Amazing view near Tower 1, Cristalino Lodge.

White-eared Puffbird Nystalus chacuru Good views at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Striolated Puffbird *Nystalus striolatus torridus* Great view at Serra 2 Trail, Cristalino. See note.

Caatinga Puffbird \(\rightarrow \textit{Nystalus maculatus} \) Great view this time at Cip\(\text{cip} \).

Rufous-capped Nunlet ◊ *Nonnula ruficapilla* Well observed at Dr. Haffer's Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Black-fronted Nunbird Monasa nigrifrons Common at Pantanal and Cristalino.

Swallow-winged Puffbird (Swallow-wing) Chelidoptera tenebrosa First at Chapada, common at Cristalino.

Black-girdled Barbet ◊ Capito dayi Great view of a pair at Serra 2 Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Lettered Aracari Pteroglossus inscriptus First at Chapada, later at Cristalino and Alta Floresta.

Red-necked Aracari ◊ Pteroglossus bitorquatus Just one sighting at Serra Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Black-necked Aracari Pteroglossus aracari The rare aracari in Cristalino; one seen by the river.

Chestnut-eared Aracari Pteroglossus castanotis Seen at Chapada, Pantanal and Alta Floresta.

Curl-crested Aracari Pteroglossus beauharnaesii Better views from Tower 2, Cristalino.

Gould's Toucanet & Selenidera gouldii A male scoped at Serra 2 Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Channel-billed Toucan Ramphastos vitellinus First at Chapada, later at Cristalino. See note.

Toco Toucan Ramphastos toco Common at Canastra. Also seen at Cipó, Chapada and Pantanal.

White-throated Toucan (Red-billed T) Ramphastos tucanus Common at Cristalino Lodge. See note.

Bar-breasted Piculet ◊ (Golden-fronted P) Picumnus aurifrons Seen in mixed flock, Cristalino Lodge.

White-barred Piculet ◊ Picumnus cirratus Good views at Canastra National Park low part.

White-wedged Piculet ◊ Picumnus albosquamatus Seen well at Chapada and Pantanal. See note.

White Woodpecker Melanerpes candidus Seen at Canastra and Pantanal.

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker Melanerpes cruentatus First at Chapada; common at Cristalino Lodge.

White-fronted Woodpecker \(\rightarrow \) Melanerpes cactorum \(\text{Close views of a pair at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.} \)

Little Woodpecker Veniliornis passerinus Several sightings along the main tour.

Checkered Woodpecker Veniliornis mixtus Good view at of a pair at Serra Morena Road, Cipó.

Red-stained Woodpecker Veniliornis affinis Seen well at Cristalino Lodge.

Yellow-throated Woodpecker *Piculus flavigula* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.

Golden-green Woodpecker *Piculus chrysochloros* Close views of a female, Pantanal.

Green-barred Woodpecker Colaptes melanochloros Seen at Canastra and Cipó.

Campo Flicker Colaptes campestris Several sightings along the main tour.

Scaly-breasted Woodpecker (Scale-breasted W) Celeus grammicus Great views of Tower 1, Cristalino Lodge.

Pale-crested Woodpecker & Celeus lugubris Amazing views at Pantanal.

Cream-colored Woodpecker Celeus flavus Good view at Pixaim gallery forest, Pantanal.

Ringed Woodpecker Celeus torquatus Great sightings from Tower 1, Cristalino Lodge.

Lineated Woodpecker Dryocopus lineatus Brief view at Cipó and Cristalino Lodge.

Red-necked Woodpecker Campephilus rubricollis Great views of a pair at Francisco's Trail, Cristalino.

Crimson-crested Woodpecker Campephilus melanoleucos Good views at Pantanal.

Black Caracara Daptrius ater Quite common at Cristalino.

Red-throated Caracara Ibycter americanus Well observed at Brazil Nut Trail, Cristalino.

Southern Crested Caracara (Southern C) Caracara plancus Common throughout the main tour. See note.

Yellow-headed Caracara Milvago chimachima Same as above.

Laughing Falcon Herpetotheres cachinnans Seen at Canastra, Cipó and Pantanal.

Cryptic Forest Falcon & Micrastur mintoni (H) Only heard this time at Cristalino; very shy. See note.



Black-capped Donacobius (Eduardo Patrial)

American Kestrel Falco sparverius Seen at Cipó few times.

Bat Falcon Falco rufigularis First at Pantanal, later at Cristalino.

Hyacinth Macaw Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus Good sightings in the Pantanal.

Blue-and-yellow Macaw Ara ararauna Seen at Cristalino Lodge.

Scarlet Macaw Ara macao Great views at Cristalino Lodge and Alta Floresta.

Red-and-green Macaw Ara chloropterus Same as above.

Chestnut-fronted Macaw Ara severus Seen at Cristalino Lodge and better views at Alta Floresta's hotel.

Red-bellied Macaw Orthopsittaca manilatus Good view in flight at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Blue-winged Macaw \(\rightarrow \) Primolius maracana \(\text{Good view at Água Fria Road, Chapada; better view at Alta Floresta.} \)

Golden-collared Macaw (Yellow-collared M) Primolius auricollis brilliant views at Sta Isabel Road, Pantanal.

Red-shoudered Macaw Diopsittaca nobilis Close good views at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Golden-capped Parakeet ◊ *Aratinga auricapillus* Fantastic views at Canastra. See note.

Peach-fronted Parakeet Eupsittula aurea Quite common along the main tour.

Blue-crowned Parakeet Thectocercus acuticaudatus Close view along the Transpantaneira road, Pantanal.

White-eyed Parakeet Psittacara leucophthalmus Seen at several places, very common at Canastra.

Maroon-bellied Parakeet *Pyrrhura frontalis* Only seen at Canastra, low part.

Crimson-bellied Parakeet ◊ Pyrrhura perlata (H) Only heard this time at Cristalino and Alta Floresta. See note.

Santarem Parakeet ◊ Pyrrhura amazonum Well observed at Cristalino Lodge. See note.

Monk Parakeet Myiopsitta monachus Quite common at Pantanal.

Blue-winged Parrotlet Forpus xanthopterygius Great view at Lapinha da Serra, Cipó.

Dusky-billed Parrotlet Forpus modestus (H) Heard at Ariosto Island, Cristalino Lodge.

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet Brotogeris chiriri Seen at Cipó, Chapada and Pantanal. See note.

Golden-winged Parakeet Brotogeris chrysoptera Seen few times at Cristalino Lodge.

White-bellied Parrot Pionites leucogaster Good view from Tower 2, Cristalino Lodge.

Orange-cheeked Parrot Pyrilia barrabandi (H) Heard from the trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Blue-headed Parrot Pionus menstruus Common at Cristalino.

Scaly-headed Parrot Pionus maximiliani (H) Heard at Cipó.

Turquoise-fronted Amazon (Blue-f A, T-f Parrot) Amazona aestiva Common at Pantanal.

Yellow-crowned Amazon (Y-c Parrot) Amazona ochrocephala Seen well at Hotel in Alta Floresta.

Orange-winged Amazon (O-w Parrot) Amazona amazonica Seen at Chapada and Pantanal.

Kawall's Amazon ◊ (K Parrot) Amazona kawalli Flight view from Tower 2, Cristalino Lodge. See note.

Mealy Amazon (M Parrot) Amazona farinosa A small group seen well at hotel in Alta Floresta.

Red-fan Parrot Deroptyus accipitrinus (H) This time it was only heard at hotel in Alta Floresta.

Campo Miner ◊ Geositta poeciloptera One seen outside Canastra NP, the same watched on Jags & Birds Tour.

Long-tailed Cinclodes ◊ Cinclodes pabsti espinhacensis Great view at Lapinha da Serra, Cipó. See note.

Band-tailed Hornero \(\phi\) Furnarius figulus Great views at Lapinha da Serra, Cip\(\phi\).

Pale-legged Hornero Furnarius leucopus Quite common in the Pantanal.

Rufous Hornero Furnarius rufus Common along the main tour.

Cipo Canastero ◊ Asthenes luizae Very good views of one at our stakeout in Cipó (good hiking!)

Chotoy Spinetail Schoeniophylax phryganophilus Excellent views at Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel.

Ochre-cheeked Spinetail \(\rightarrow \) Synallaxis scutata \(\rightarrow \) fantastic record at Piuval Lodge.

Sooty-fronted Spinetail Synallaxis frontalis Seen at Canastra and Cipó.

Pale-breasted Spinetail Synallaxis albescens Good view at Canastra.

Cinereous-breasted Spinetail & Synallaxis hypospodia Close good view at Campo Jofre, Pantanal.

Spix's Spinetail (Chicli S) Synallaxis spixi Well observed at Canastra N P, high part.

White-lored Spinetail \(\) Synallaxis albilora \(\) Good observations at Pantanal, forested areas.

Rusty-backed Spinetail *Cranioleuca vulpina* Great views at Pixaim River gallery forest, Pantanal.

Yellow-chinned Spinetail Certhiaxis cinnamomeus Seen at Canastra and Pantanal.

Rufous-fronted Thornbird (Plain T, Common T) Phacellodomus rufifrons Good view at Canastra and Cipó.

Greater Thornbird Phacellodomus ruber Many sightings at Pantanal.

Firewood-Gatherer Anumbius annumbi Good view at Canastra, low and high parts.

Grey-crested Cacholote (Rufous C) Pseudoseisura unirufa Many sightings at Pantanal. See note.

Point-tailed Palmcreeper Berlepschia rikeri Great views of a pair at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Chestnut-winged Hookbill Ancistrops strigilatus Seen in mixed flock, Cristalino Lodge.

Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner Philydor erythrocercum (H) Heard once in mixed flock at Cristalino Lodge.

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner *Philydor rufum* Good view at Canastra NP, low part.

Bamboo Foliage-gleaner (Dusky-cheeked F-G) Anabazenops dorsalis Last morning target well seen at Cristalino.

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner Automolus ochrolaemus Seen on Rocky Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

White-eyed Foliage-gleaner \(\rightarrow \) Automolus leucophthalmus Seen at Canastra NP, low part.

Henna-capped Foliage-gleaner \Diamond (Chestnut-c F-G) Hylocryptus rectirostris Again at stakeout in Cipó, mega! Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper Lochmias nematura (H) Only heard at Canastra N P.



Blue-crowned Parakeet (Eduardo Patrial)

Streaked Xenops Xenops rutilans Seen at Chapada and Pantanal.

Long-tailed Woodcreeper Deconychura longicauda (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge, Cacau Trail.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper Sittasomus griseicapillus Seen at Chapada and Pantanal, heard at Cristalino.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper Glyphorynchus spirurus Seen at Cristalino Lodge.

Long-billed Woodcreeper Nasica longirostris Seen at Serra 2 Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper Dendrexetastes rufigula Good view at Floresta Amazônica Hotel.

Uniform Woodcreeper ◊ Hylexetastes uniformis A rare encounter at Tower 2, Cristalino Lodge.

Strong-billed Woodcreeper Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus (H) Heard at dawn, Cristalino Lodge.

Great Rufous Woodcreeper ◊ *Xiphocolaptes major* Superb views at Pantanal.

Black-banded Woodcreeper Dendrocolaptes picumnus (H) Heard near Tower 1, Cristalino Lodge.

Straight-billed Woodcreeper Dendroplex picus Good views at Pantanal.

Striped Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus obsoletus* Seen at Butterfly Trail by Teles Pires River, Cristalino Lodge.

Elegant Woodcreeper ◊ Xiphorhynchus elegans A brief close view at Floresta Amazônica Hotel.

Spix's Woodcreeper \(\rightarrow \) Xiphorhynchus spixii \quad Seen in mixed flock at Cristalino Lodge.

Buff-throated Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* Very good views at Pantanal, heard at Cristalino.

Narrow-billed Woodcreeper Lepidocolaptes angustirostris At Canastra and Pantanal.

Layard's Woodcreeper Lepidocolaptes layardi (H) Heard once from Tower 1, Cristalino Lodge. See note.

Red-billed Scythebill Campylorhamphus trochilirostris Amazing views at Pantanal.

Curve-billed (Tapajos) Scythebill Campylorhamphus p. cardosoi Brief views at Cacau Trail, Cristalino. See note.

Fasciated Antshrike Cymbilaimus lineatus (H) Heard in several places at Cristalino.

Great Antshrike Taraba major Quite common at Pantanal.

Silvery-cheeked Antshrike & Sakesphorus cristatus An amazing surprise at Cipó, gift from NE Brazil.

Glossy Antshrike ◊ Sakesphorus luctuosus Good view of a pair at Cristalino Lodge.

Barred Antshrike Thamnophilus doliatus Good view at Chapada, Pantanal and Cristalino.

Chestnut-backed Antshrike Thamnophilus palliatus Seen at Ariosto Island, Cristalino Lodge. See note.

Plain-winged Antshrike Thamnophilus schistaceus Seen at Cristalino Lodge.

Natterer's Slaty Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus stictocephalus* Seen at Serra Trail, Cristalino Lodge. See note.

Planalto Slaty Antshrike ◊ Thamnophilus pelzelni Seen at Chapada and Piuval Lodge, Pantanal. See note.

Amazonian Antshrike Thamnophilus amazonicus Seen well at Ariosto Island, Cristalino Lodge.

Variable Antshrike Thamnophilus caerulescens Seen well at Canastra and Cipó.

Rufous-winged Antshrike \(\) Thamnophilus torquatus \(\) Great views at Canastra, Cipó and Chapada.

Plain Antvireo Dysithamnus mentalis Seen at Canastra and Chapada.

Saturnine Antshrike \(\) Thamnomanes saturninus First in mixed flock, later at the amazing Pocinha, Cristalino.

Cinereous Antshrike Thamnomanes caesius A couple sightings at Cristalino, a mixed flock leader.

Spot-winged Antshrike Pygiptila stellaris Impressive view of a pair having a bath at Pocinha, Cristalino Lodge.

White-eyed Antwren Epinecrophylla leucophthalma Last morning sighting at Cristalino Lodge.

Ornate Antwren Epinecrophylla ornata Good view at Cacau Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Pygmy Antwren Myrmotherula brachyura (H) Heard at several places at Cristalino Lodge.

Amazonian Streaked Antwren Myrmotherula multostriata Great view at the river deck of Cristalino Lodge.

Sclater's Antwren \(\text{Myrmotherula sclateri} \) (H) Heard at several places at Cristalino Lodge.

Long-winged Antwren *Myrmotherula longipennis* Seen twice at Cristalino Lodge.

Grey Antwren Myrmotherula menetriesii Reasonable views in mixed flock at Cristalino Lodge.

Black-capped Antwren Herpsilochmus atricapillus Good views at Cipó.

Large-billed Antwren \quad Herpsilochmus longirostris Good views at Chapada and Pantanal.

Rufous-winged Antwren Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus (H) Commonly heard at Cristalino Lodge.

Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhopias quixensis* Good sightings in bamboo clumps at Cristalino Lodge.

Southern White-fringed Antwren Formicivora grisea Good view of a pair at Serra Trail, Cristalino.

Black-bellied Antwren \(\rightarrow \) Formicivora melanogaster Great view of a male at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.

Rusty-backed Antwren Formicivora rufa Good views at Chapada and Pantanal.

Striated Antbird Drymophila devillei A bamboo specialist, seen at Cristalino Lodge. See note.

Grey Antbird Cercomacra cinerascens (H) Commonly heard at Cristalino.

Blackish Antbird Cercomacra nigrescens Close views of a pair by the Teles Pires River, Cristalino Lodge.

Mato Grosso Antbird ◊ Cercomacra melanaria Close views at Pantanal.

White-backed Fire-Eye Pyriglena leuconota Good views of a pair at Chapada.



Pied Plover (Eduardo Patrial)

White-browed Antbird Myrmoborus leucophrys A male seen by the Teles Pires River, Cristalino.

Spix's Warbling Antbird ♦ *Hypocnemis striata* Seen at Cristalino Lodge. See note.

Band-tailed Antbird Hypocnemoides maculicauda Great view at Pixaim gallery forest, Pantanal; also at Cristalino.

Silvered Antbird Sclateria naevia Very good view of a pair along the Cristalino River.

Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird Myrmeciza hemimelaena Seen well at Alta Floresta. See note.

Black-throated Antbird Myrmeciza atrothorax Good views of a pair at Cristalino Lodge.

Bare-eyed Antbird & Rhegmatorhina gymnops Superb views at Pocinha (magic pond), Cristalino Lodge.

Spot-backed Antbird *Hylophylax naevius* Same as above.

Dot-backed Antbird Hylophylax punctulatus Same as above.

Xingu Scale-backed Antbird \(\psi \) Willisornis vidua \(\text{Great views at Cristalino Lodge. See note.} \)

Black-spotted Bare-Eye *Phlegopsis nigromaculata* (H) Heard near Tower 2, Cristalino Lodge.

Alta Floresta Antpitta \(\rightarrow \) Hylopezus whittakeri \(\rightarrow \) Fantastic views at Serra 2 Trail, Cristalino. See note.

Thrush-like Antpitta Myrmothera campanisona (H) Heard from Tower 2, Cristalino Lodge.

Brasilia Tapaculo ◊ Scytalopus novacapitalis Unbelievable close view at Canastra N P.

Collared Crescentchest \(\phi \) Melanopareia torquata First at Canastra, later in Chapada, fantastic views.

Wing-barred Piprites (W-b Manakin) Piprites chloris Good view at Cristalino Lodge.

Planalto Tyrannulet \(\rightarrow \) Phyllomyias fasciatus \(\text{Seen well at Cip\(\text{Cip\(\)} \).

Forest Elaenia Myiopagis gaimardii Seen at Chapada and Cristalino Lodge.

Greenish Elaenia Myiopagis viridicata Seen at Pantanal.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia Elaenia flavogaster Quite common along the main tour.

Olivaceous Elaenia \(\text{ Elaenia mesoleuca} \) Seen at Cip\(\text{cip} \).

Plain-crested Elaenia Elaenia cristata Seen at Canastra, Cipó and Chapada.

Lesser Elaenia Elaenia chiriquensis First at Cipó, later at Chapada.

Highland Elaenia Elaenia obscura Good views at Canastra N P.

White-lored Tyrannulet Ornithion inerme (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet Camptostoma obsoletum Several sightings along the main tour.

Sooty Tyrannulet Serpophaga nigricans Good close views at Canastra N P.

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet *Phaeomyias murina* Seen at Cipó.

Grey-backed Tachuri \(\rightarrow \) Polystictus superciliaris \(\text{Great close views at Canastra.} \)

Subtropical Doradito ◊ Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis Good views at Campo Jofre, Pantanal.

Ringed Antpipit Corythopis torquatus (H) Heard near Pocinha, Cristalino Lodge.

Southern Antpipit ◊ Corythopis delalandi Seen at Canastra NP; heard and tried at Chapada.

Rufous-sided Pygmy Tyrant \(\phi\) Euscarthmus rufomarginatus \(A\) splendid reencounter in Chapada after years.

Sepia-capped Flycatcher Leptopogon amaurocephalus Seen at Cipó and Pantanal.

Southern Scrub Flycatcher Sublegatus modestus Good views at Cipó. See note.

Amazonian Inezia (A Tyrannulet) Inezia subflava Good view near Ariosto Island, Cristalino Lodge.

Bran-colored Flycatcher Myiophobus fasciatus Seen at Canastra and Cipó.



Blue-throated Piping Guan (Eduardo Patrial)

Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant ◊ Culicivora caudacuta Great views at Canastra N P, high part.

White-bellied Tody-Tyrant ◊ Hemitriccus griseipectus (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge. See note.

Zimmer's Tody-Tyrant ◊ Hemitriccus minimus (H) Heard at Pocinha, Cristalino Lodge.

Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant \(\rightarrow \) Hemitriccus striaticollis \(\text{Great views at Chapada dos Guimarães.} \)

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer Good view at Pantanal.

Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant Myiornis ecaudatus Great views at Ariosto Island, Cristalino Lodge.

Helmeted Pygmy Tyrant Lophotriccus galeatus (H) Heard several times at at Cristalino Lodge.

Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher \Diamond *Poecilotriccus latirostris* Good sightings at Pantanal.

Spotted Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum maculatum* Seen at Teles Pires River, Cristalino Lodge.

Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher \Diamond (Grey-headed T-F) *Todirostrum poliocephalum* (H) Heard at Canastra.

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* Seen at Pantanal.

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.

Yellow-olive Flatbill (Y-o Flycatcher) Tolmomyias sulphurescens Well observed at Canastra and Pantanal.

Zimmer's Flatbill (Z Flycatcher) Tolmomyias assimilis Seen at Cristalino Lodge. See note.

Ochre-lored Flatbill (Yellow-breasted F) Tolmomyias flaviventris (H) Heard at Serra Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Cinnamon-crested Spadebill \(\text{Platyrinchus saturatus} \) (H) Heard near Tower 1, Cristalino Lodge.

Golden-crowned Spadebill Platyrinchus coronatus (H) Heard at few trails at Cristalino Lodge.

White-crested Spadebill Platyrinchus platyrinchos (H) Heard near Tower 1, Cristalino Lodge.

Cliff Flycatcher Hirundinea ferruginea Seen at Canastra. See note.

Euler's Flycatcher Lathrotriccus euleri Seen at Vale do Jamaca, Chapada dos Guimarães.

Fuscous Flycatcher Cnemotriccus fuscatus Few sightings at Pantanal.

Easter Wood Pewee Contopus virens Seen at Serra Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Crested Black Tyrant \(\rightarrow \) Knipolegus lophotes \(\text{Quite common at Canastra.} \)

Drab Water Tyrant *Ochthornis littoralis* Seen from the boat by the Cristalino River.

Yellow-browed Tyrant Satrapa icterophrys One seen at Lapinha da Serra, Cipó.

Grey Monjita Xolmis cinereus Seen at Canastra, Cipó and Chapada.

White-rumped Monjita Xolmis velatus Common at Canastra high part.

Streamer-tailed Tyrant ◊ Gubernetes yetapa Great view at marsh in São Roque de Minas, Canastra.

Black-backed Water Tyrant Fluvicola albiventer Seen at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal. See note.

Masked Water Tyrant Fluvicola nengeta Seen at Canastra and Cipó.

White-headed Marsh Tyrant Arundinicola leucocephala Few sighting at Pantanal.

Cock-tailed Tyrant \(\times \) Alectrurus tricolor Great views of a good number at Canastra N P, high part.

Long-tailed Tyrant Colonia colonus Seen at Canastra and Cristalino Lodge.

Cattle Tyrant *Machetornis rixosa* Several sightings along the main tour.

Piratic Flycatcher Legatus leucophaius Seen at Chapada and Pantanal.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher Myiozetetes cayanensis Seen at Pantanal and Cristalino.

Social Flycatcher Myiozetetes similis Seen at Canastra.

Dusky-chested Flycatcher Myiozetetes luteiventris Seen from Serra 2 Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Great Kiskadee Pitangus sulphuratus Common throughout the tour.

Lesser Kiskadee Philohydor lictor Good views at Pantanal and Alta Floresta.

Streaked Flycatcher Myiodynastes maculatus Seen at Canastra and Pantanal.

Boat-billed Flycatcher Megarynchus pitangua Seen at Pantanal.

Sulphury Flycatcher Tyrannopsis sulphurea A nice pair at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Variegated Flycatcher Empidonomus varius Seen at Chapada.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Common throughout the tour.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana* Several sightings along the main tour.

Greyish Mourner Rhytipterna simplex (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.



Harpy Eagle (Eduardo Patrial)

Sibilant Sirystes Sirystes sibilator Good view at Chapada dos Guimarães. See note.

Rufous Casiornis Casiornis rufus Seen at Pantanal and heard at Cristalino.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher Myiarchus tuberculifer Good view from Tower 2, Cristalino.

Swainson's Flycatcher *Myarchus swainsoni* (H) Heard at Lapinha da Serra, cipó.

Short-crested Flycatcher *Mylarchus ferox* Several sightings along the tour.

Brown-crested Flycatcher Myiarchus tyrannulus Seen well at Cipó.

Large-headed Flatbill Ramphotrigon megacephalum Seen in bamboo at Cristalino Lodge.

Rufous-tailed Flatbill Ramphotrigon ruficauda Nice view at the Saleiro Loop, Cristalino Lodge.

Dusky-tailed Flatbill ◊ Ramphotrigon fuscicauda Seen in bamboo at Cacau Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Cinnamon Attila Attila cinnamomeus Seen at Ariosto Island, Cristalino Lodge.

White-eyed Attila ◊ Attila bolivianus Great views at Pantanal.

Bright-rumped Attila Attila spadiceus Seen from viewpoint of Serra Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Spangled Cotinga Cotinga cayana Better views from Tower 2, Cristalino Lodge.

Screaming Piha Lipaugus vociferans (H) Commonly heard at Cristalino Lodge.

Pompadour Cotinga Xipholena punicea A male scoped at viewpoint of Serra Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Bare-necked Fruitcrow Gymnoderus foetidus Several sightings at Cristalino Lodge.

Red-ruffed Fruitcrow Pyroderus scutatus (H) Heard from the far at Canastra low part.

Amazonian Umbrellabird Cephalopterus ornatus Great views at the Teles Pires River near Cristalino Lodge.

Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin \(\rightarrow \) Neopelma pallescens \(\text{Good view at Canastra NP, low part.} \)

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin Tyranneutes stolzmanni Good view at Pocinha, Cristalino Lodge.

Pin-tailed Manakin \(\) Ilicura militaris \(\) Male seen at Canastra and also a female at Cipó.

Fiery-capped Manakin Machaeropterus pyrocephalus A stunning male at Chapada; heard at Cristalino.

Snow-capped Manakin & Lepidothrix nattereri Perfect views at Cacau Trail, Cristalino.

Helmeted Manakin \Diamond *Antilophia galeata* Amazing views at Canastra and Pantanal.

Blue-backed Manakin Chiroxiphia pareola (H) Only heard at Cristalino.

Flame-crested Manakin (F-crowned M) Heterocercus linteatus Great view of a male at Ariosto Island, Cristalino.

Band-tailed Manakin Pipra fasciicauda An amazing show by two males at Chapada dos Guimarães.

White-crowned Manakin Dixiphia pipra A beautiful male at Pocinha, Cristalino Lodge.

Red-headed Manakin Dixiphia rubrocapilla Good view at Cristalino Lodge.

Amazonian Royal Flycatcher Onychorhynchus coronatus (H) Heard from Tower 2, Cristalino Lodge. See note.

Black-tailed Tityra Tityra cayana Good views at Pantanal.

Masked Tityra Tityra semifasciata Seen at Chapada and Cristalino.

Brown-winged Schiffornis (Trush-like S) Schiffornis turdina (H) Heard at Cristalino.

Cinereous Mourner Laniocera hypopyrra (H) Heard at Cristalino.

White-browed Purpletuft Iodopleura isabellae Great views from Tower 1, Cristalino Lodge.

Green-backed Becard Pachyramphus viridis Very nice view around Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel, Pantanal.

Chestnut-crowned Becard Pachyramphus castaneus Close views from viewpoint of Serra Trail, Cristalino.

White-winged Becard Pachyramphus polychopterus A brief view at Ariosto Island, Cristalino Lodge.

Black-capped Becard Pachyramphus marginatus Seen in mixed flock at Cristalino Lodge.

Crested Becard Pachyramphus validus A pair nesting at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Rufous-browed Peppershrike Cyclarhis gujanensis Few sightings along the main tour.

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo Vireolanius leucotis Brief view in mixed flock, Cristalino Lodge.

Red-eyed Vireo Vireo olivaceus Seen at Cipó, Chapada and Cristalino. See note.

Grey-eyed Greenlet ◊ *Hylophilus amaurocephalus* Seen well at Cipó. See note.

Grey-chested Greenlet \Diamond *Hylophilus semicinereus* Seen at Ariosto Island, Cristalino Lodge.

Ashy-headed Greenlet \(\rightarrow \) Hylophilus pectoralis \(\text{Good views at Pantanal.} \)

Dusky-capped Greenlet Hylophilus hypoxanthus Seen in mixed flock, Cristalino Lodge.

Tawny-crowned Greenlet Hylophilus ochraceiceps Seen at mixed flock, Cristalino Lodge.

Purplish Jay \(\textit{ Cyanocorax cyanomelas} \) Common at Pantanal; also seen at Chapada.

Curl-crested Jay \(\text{ Cyanocorax cristatellus} \) Great views at Canastra and Chapada dos Guimarães.

White-winged Swallow Tachycineta albiventer Abundant at Pantanal and Cristalino.

White-rumped Swallow Tachycineta leucorrhoa See at Canastra NP.

Purple Martin *Progne subis* A huge number seen at Cristalino Lodge.

Grey-breasted Martin Progne chalybea Seen at Pantanal.

Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera* Frequent at Pantanal.



Orange-backed Troupial (Eduardo Patrial)

Blue-and-white Swallow Notiochelidon cyanoleuca Frequent at Canastra and Cipó.

White-banded Swallow Atticora fasciata Several sightings along the Cristalino River.

Black-collared Swallow Atticora melanoleuca One seen near Ariosto Island, Cristalino Lodge.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow Stelgidopteryx ruficollis Abundant at Pantanal and Cristalino.

Black-capped Donacobius Donacobius atricapilla First at Canastra; abundant in the Pantanal. See note.

Thrush-like Wren Campylorhynchus turdinus Seen at Pantanal and Alta Floresta.

Tooth-billed Wren ◊ Odontorchilus cinereus Good views at Cristalino Lodge.

Sedge Wren (Grass W) Cistothorus platensis Good views at Canastra NP.

Moustached Wren Pheugopedius genibarbis Well observed at Chapada.

Buff-breasted Wren Cantorchilus leucotis Seen well at Pantanal.

Fawn-breasted Wren O Cantorchilus guarayanus Good view at Santa Isabel road, Pantanal.

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* Few sightings along the main tour. See note.

Musician Wren Cyphorhinus arada Fantastic views at Brazil Nut Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Long-billed Gnatwren Ramphocaenus melanurus Seen at Cristalino Lodge.

Masked Gnatcatcher Polioptila dumicola Several sightings at Pantanal.

Chalk-browed Mockingbird Mimus saturninus Frequent along the main tour.

Rufous-bellied Thrush *Turdus rufiventris* Sightings along the main tour.

Pale-breasted Thrush Turdus leucomelas Same as above.

Creamy-bellied Thrush Turdus amaurochalinus Seen at Canastra and Cipó.

Hauxwell's Trush Turdus hauxwelli (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.

House Sparrow Passer domesticus Common in anthropic areas.

Yellowish Pipit Anthus lutescens One seen at Pantanal.

Ochre-breasted Pipit & Anthus nattereri Good view at Canastra N P, high part.

Purple-throated Euphonia Euphonia chlorotica Several males on the feeder at Hotel in Canastra.

Violaceous Euphonia Euphonia violacea (H) Heard at Serra 2 Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia laniirostris* Good views at Serra Trail, Cristalino.

White-lored Euphonia (Golden-bellied E) Euphonia chrysopasta Good views at Cristalino Lodge.

White-vented Euphonia Euphonia minuta A male seen near Ariosto Island, Cristalino Lodge.

Rufous-bellied Euphonia Euphonia rufiventris (H) Heard several times, Cristalino Lodge.

Southern Yellowthroat Geothlypis velata Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães. See note.

White-striped Warbler \(\rightarrow \) Myiothlypis leucophrys Great view of this endemic at Canastra N P, high part.

Flavescent Warbler Myiothlypis flaveola Seen at Cipó and Chapada.

White-rimmed Warbler ◊ (White-browed W) Myiothlypis leucoblephara Good view at Canastra N P low part.

Golden-crowned Warbler Basileuterus culicivorus Seen ssp hypoleucus at Canastra; heard at Cristalino. See note.

Crested Oropendola Psarocolius decumanus Seen at Canastra, Cipó, Pantanal and Cristalino.

Olive Oropendola (Para O, Amazonian O) Psarocolius bifasciatus Seen from Tower 2, Cristalino Lodge.

Yellow-rumped Cacique Cacicus cela Quite common at Pantanal and Cristalino.

Solitary Cacique Cacicus solitarius Frequently seen at Pantanal.

Orange-backed Troupial Icterus croconotus Several sightings at Pantanal. See note.

Epaulet Oriole Icterus cayanensis Good view at Cristalino Lodge.

Variable Oriole *Icterus pyrrhopterus* Few sightings at Pantanal. See note.

Chopi Blackbird Gnorimopsar chopi Several sightings along the main tour.

Scarlet-headed Blackbird \(\rightarrow \) Amblyramphus holosericeus Great views at Pantanal.

Unicolored Blackbird Agelasticus cyanopus Common at Pantanal.

Yellow-rumped Marshbird & Pseudoleistes guirahuro Good views at Canastra.

Greyish Baywing (Baywing) Agelaioides badius Common at Pantanal. See note.

Giant Cowbird Molothrus oryzivorus Several sightings at Pantanal.

Shiny Cowbird Molothrus bonariensis Seen at Chapada and Pantanal.

Red-breasted Blackbird Sturnella militaris Good views on the way to Cristalino Lodge.

Bananaquit Coereba flaveola Commonly recorded.

Rufous-collared Sparrow Zonotrichia capensis Common at Canastra and Cipó, fewer at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Grassland Sparrow Ammodramus humeralis Seen at Canastra and Chapada dos Guimarães.

Blue Finch (Yellow-billed B F) Porphyrospiza caerulescens Terrific views at Canastra and Cipó.

Pectoral Sparrow Arremon taciturnus A foggy view at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Saffron-billed Sparrow Arremon flavirostris Good views at Chapada and Pantanal.

Red-crested Cardinal *Paroaria coronata* One great sighting entering the Pantanal.

Red-capped Cardinal Paroaria gularis Seen at Cristalino Lodge and Alta Floresta.

Yellow-billed Cardinal \(\rightarrow Paroaria capitata \) Common at Pantanal.

Cinnamon Tanager O Schistochlamys ruficapillus Good views at Canastra and Cipó.

Black-faced Tanager Schistochlamys melanopis Seen at Água Fria road, Chapada dos Guimarães.

Red-billed Pied Tanager \(\) Lamprospiza melanoleuca \(\) Good views from both Towers, Cristalino Lodge.



Tower I seen from the Trail, Cristalino Lodge (Eduardo Patrial)

Hooded Tanager Nemosia pileata Seen at Cipó and Pantanal.

Orange-headed Tanager Thlypopsis sordida A brief view in flight at Lapinha da Serra, Cipó.

White-rumped Tanager \(\cdot \) Cypsnagra hirundinacea Seen at Canastra and Chapada.

Grey-headed Tanager Eucometis penicillata Great views at Chapada and Pantanal.

Flame-crested Tanager Tachyphonus cristatus Seen at Chapada and Cristalino Lodge.

White-shouldered Tanager Tachyphonus luctuosus Same as above.

Ruby-crowned Tanager ◊ Tachyphonus coronatus Seen at Canastra.

White-winged Shrike-Tanager Lanio versicolor Wonderful view of pair having a bath at Pocinha, Cristalino.

Silver-beaked Tanager Ramphocelus carbo Common at Chapada, Pantanal and Cristalino.

Blue-grey Tanager Thraupis episcopus Aristo Island, Cristalino Lodge and hotel in Alta Floresta.

Sayaca Tanager *Thraupis sayaca* Common along main tour.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Several sightings along the tour.

Shrike-like Tanager (White-banded T) Neothraupis fasciata First at Canastra, more at Chapada.

Turquoise Tanager Tangara mexicana Few sightings at Cristalino.

Paradise Tanager Tangara chilensis Seen from Tower 1, Cristalino Lodge.

Green-and-gold Tanager Tangara schrankii Great views along Serra 2 Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Bay-headed Tanager Tangara gyrola (H) Heard few times at Cristalino Lodge.

Burnished-buff Tanager Tangara cayana Common at Canastra, Cipó and Chapada.

Blue-necked Tanager Tangara cyanicollis Good views at Serra 2 Trail, Cristalino and Alta Floresta.

Swallow Tanager Tersina viridis Seen at Canastra, Cipó and Chapada.

Blue Dacnis Dacnis cayana Several sightings along the tour.

Purple Honeycreeper Cyanerpes caeruleus Fantastic yellow legs! Few sightings at Cristalino Lodge.



Jaguar (Eduardo Patrial)

Rufous-headed Tanager \(\rightarrow \) Hemithraupis ruficapilla (H) Only heard at Canastra.

Yellow-backed Tanager Hemithraupis flavicollis Good views at Cristalino Lodge, Serra 2 Trail.

Chestnut-vented Conebill Conirostrum speciosum Seen at Pantanal.

Grey Pileated Finch (Pileated F) Coryphospingus pileatus (NL) Seen in mixed flock at Cipó.

Red Pileated Finch (Red-crested F) Coryphospingus cucullatus Seen at Água Fria Road, Chapada.

Cinereous Warbling Finch \Diamond (Grey-and-white W-F) *Poospiza cinerea* Great views at Canastra and Cipó. See note. Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* Common along the main tour.

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

Pampa Finch (Great P F) Embernagra platensis Nice view at Canastra N P high part.

Serra Finch (Pale-throated Pampa-F) Embernagra longicauda Good view at Cipó, it was missing the tail though.

Blue-black Grassquit Volatinia jacarina Several sightings along the tour.

Plumbeous Seedeater Sporophila plumbea Seen at Canastra and Chapada dos Guimarães.

Rusty-collared Seedeater Sporophila collaris Few sightings at Pantanal.

Lined Seedeater Sporophila lineola Great view of a pair at Campo Jofre, Pantanal.

Yellow-bellied Seedeater Sporophila nigricollis (NL) A male seen at Ariosto Island, Cristalino Lodge.

Dubois's Seedeater ◊ Sporophila ardesiaca Good view at Cipó.

Double-collared Seedeater Sporophila caerulescens Seen at Cipó and Pantanal.

White-bellied Seedeater Sporophila leucoptera Good views at Pantanal.

Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch (Lesser S F) Oryzoborus angolensis Seen at Pantanal and Ariosto Island, Cristalino.

Red Tanager (Lowland Hepatic T) Piranga flava Good view on the way to Lapinha, Cipó. See note.

Red-crowned Ant Tanager Habia rubica Super views at Pocinha, Cristalino Lodge.

Rose-breasted Chat ◊ Granatellus pelzelni A brief view at Cristalino, heard several times.

Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak \(\rightarrow Parkerthraustes humeralis \) A last morning tick at Francisco's Trail, Cristalino.

Slate-colored Grosbeak (S-c Saltator) Saltator grossus A brief view at Dr. Haffer's Trail, Cristalino.

Buff-throated Saltator Saltator maximus Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Green-winged Saltator *Saltator similis* Good views at Canastra and Cipó.

Greyish Saltator Saltator coerulescens common at Pantanal.

Black-throated Saltator \Diamond **Saltator atricollis** Good views at Chapada dos Guimarães.

MAMMALS

Six-banded Armadillo (Yellow A) Euphractus sexcinctus One crossing the road near Poconé.

Giant Anteater Myrmecophaga tridactyla Superb views at Canastra NP, high part.

Southern Tamandua Tamandua tetradactyla An amazing encounter after breakfast at Cristalino Lodge.

Black-tufted Marmoset \(\text{ Callithrix penicillata} \) Now common on the feeder at Hotel in Canastra.

Silvery Marmoset *Mico argentata* Great view of a group at Floresta Amazônica Hotel, Alta Floresta.

Emilia's Marmoset \(\times \) Mico emiliae Great view at Francisco's Trail, Cristalino Lodge.

Black-tailed Marmoset *Mico melanura* Seen well at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.

Tufted Capuchin (Brown C Monkey) Sapajus paella Seen few times at Cristalino Lodge.

Black-striped Capuchin Sapajus libidinosus Seen at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.

Black Howler Alouatta caraya Good views at Pantanal.

Spix's Red-handed Howler ◊ Alouatta discolour (H) Heard at Cristalino.



Lowland (Brazilian) Tapir (Eduardo Patrial)

Purus Red Howler Alouatta puruensis Seen well at Floresta Amazônica Hotel, Alta Floresta.

Peruvian Spider Monkey Ateles chamek Seen well at Floresta Amazônica Hotel, Alta Floresta.

White-cheeked (W-whiskered) Spider Monkey Ateles marginatus Good views at Cristalino Lodge.

Red-bellied (Dusky) Titi O Callicebus moloch (H) Heard at Floresta Amazônica Hotel, Alta Floresta.

White-nosed (W-n Bearded) Saki \(\rightarrow Chiropotes albinasus \) Great views at Cristalino Lodge.

Brazilian Porcupine Coendou prehensili One seen at Porto Jofre Hotel, Pantanal.

Brazilian Guinea-Pig Cavia aperea Seen at Campo Jofre, Pantanal.

Capybara Hydrochaerus hydrochaeris Common at Pantanal.

Azara's Agouti Dasyprocta azarai Seen at Pantanal and Cristalino.

Lowland Paca *Cuniculus paca* One sighting by the Cristalino River at dusk.

Tapeti (Brazilian Cottontail) Sylvilagus brasiliensis Good views at Piuval Lodge.

Lesser Bulldog Bat (L Fishing B) Noctilio albiventris Common at Pantanal.

Greater Bulldog Bat (G Fishing B) Noctilio leporinus A huge number seen along the Cuiabá River, Pantanal.

Proboscis Bat Rhynchonycteris naso Seen at Cristalino River.

Ocelot Felis pardalis Amazing view at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal (night driving).

Jaguar Panthera onca Amazingly five spotted in one morning, boat trip, Pantanal.

Crab-eating Fox Cerdocyon thous Quite common at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.

Crab-eating Raccoon *Procyon cancrivorus* Seen at night at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.

South American Coati Nasua nasua Several sightings at Pantanal.

Neotropical River Otter (Southern River O) Lutra longicaudis One crossing the Transpantaneira Road.

Giant Otter Pteronura brasiliensis Breath-taking views at Pantanal; also seen at Cristalino.

Striped Hog-nosed Skunk Conepatus semistriatus A great spotting at night leaving Canastra NP, high part.

Lowland (Brazilian) Tapir Tapirus terrestris Two fantastic sightings along the Cristalino River.

White-lipped Peccary Tayassu pecari A big group spotted at Negrinho River, Pantanal.

Marsh Deer Blastocerus dichotomus Great views at Pantanal.

Grey Brocket (Brown Brocket) Mazama gouazoupira One seen at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.

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



Silvery Marmoset (Eduardo Patrial)

NOTES TO THE SYSTEMATIC LIST

Blue-throated Piping-Guan Pipile cumanensis

The population found in SE Brazil and Bolivia (the one possible on this tour) is sometimes split off as a separate species: White-throated Piping-Guan *Pipile grayi*.

Red-throated Piping-Guan Pipile cujubi

This form was formerly sometimes lumped in Blue-throated Piping-Guan P. cumanensis.

Western Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis

The SACC uses the name Cattle Egret for this species, but it has been renamed following the splitting off of Eastern Cattle Egret *B. coromandus* as a separate species.

Western Osprey Pandion haliaetus

Recent genetic studies split the Osprey in two different species, the Eastern Osprey *P. cristatus*, and the widespread Western Osprey *P. haliaetus* with three subspecies.

Grey-lined Hawk Buteo nitidus

North/Middle American birds are sometimes split off as a separate species *B. plagiata*, keeping the same English name, with southern Central American/South American birds being renamed Grey-lined Hawk. However, no evidence for such a split has yet been published.

Common Gallinule (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) or Common Moorhen (in the Old World) being used for the enlarged species.

White-backed Stilt Himantopus melanurus

Recent studies split White-backed Stilt H melanurus from Black-necked Stilt H. mexicanus.

Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl Megascops watsonii usta

The form concerned is sometimes split off as a separate species: Southern Tawny-bellied (or Usta) Screech-Owl *Megascops usta*.

Sick's Swift Chaetura meridionalis

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

Mato Grosso Swift Chaetura veridipennis

Also known as Amazonian Swift C. viridipennis, the IOC 2014 list treat the species with a new English name.

Green-backed Trogon Viridis

The SACC lumps White-tailed Trogon *T. chionurus* from Central America and South America west of the Andes in this species using the name White-tailed Trogon for the enlarged species.

Amazonian Trogon *Trogon ramonianus*

Acording recent studies Amazonian Trogon *T. ramonianus* is split from Guianan Trogon *T. violaceus*. Change English name of *Trogon violaceus* to Guianan Trogon to reflect limited range after split of *T. ramonianus* and to avoid misapplication of historical 'group' name.

Amazonian Motmot Momotus momota

This species was formerly known as Blue-crowned Motmot, but it has been re-named following the splitting off of several related forms.

Striolated Puffbird Nystalus striolatus torridus

Natterer's Puffbird *Nystalus torridus* is a proposed split from Striolated Puffbird (*N. striolatus*) but not yet accepted by SACC; IOC treats as subspecies.

Channel-billed Toucan Ramphastos vitellinus

This includes the form *culminatus* (Yellow-ridged Toucan) which is sometimes treated as a distinct species. The latter form occurs on this tour at Chapada dos Guimaraes and Alta Floresta.

White-throated Toucan (Red-billed T) Ramphastos tucanus

The form concerned *cuvieri* was formerly often split off as a separate species: Cuvier's Toucan.

White-wedged Piculet Picumnus albosquamatus

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

Southern Crested Caracara Caracara plancus

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

Cryptic Forest-Falcon Micrastur mintoni

This species was only recently described (in 2003).

Golden-capped Parakeet Aratinga auricapillus

This form in sometimes lumped in Sun Parakeet Aratinga solstitialis

Crimson-bellied Parakeet Pyrrhura perlata

This form was formerly sometimes lumped in Pearly Parakeet P. lepida.

Santarem Parakeet Pyrrhura amazonum

The SACC lumps this form in Painted Parakeet P. picta.

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet Brotogeris chiriri

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

Kawall's Amazon (Kawall's Parrot/White-faced Parrot) Amazona kawalli

This form was formerly lumped in Mealy Parrot Amazona farinosa.

Long-tailed (Cipo) Cinclodes Cinclodes pabsti espinhacensis

Some taxonomy treats this Long-tailed Cinclodes *C. p. espinhacensis* as a newly described taxon, named Cipo Cinclodes, endemic to Serra do Cipó in Minas Gerais state, Brazil.

Grey-crested Cacholote Pseudoseisura unirufa

This form is also called Rufous Cacholote. Recent studies have shown that the two populations of the original Rufous Cacholote *P. cristata* are better treated as separate species. The form concerned *P. unirufa* (of southwestern Brazil and adjacent Bolivia) retaining the name Rufous Cacholote and *P. cristata* (Caatinga Cacholote) of arid northeastern Brazil.

Elegant Woodcreeper Xiphorhynchus elegans

This form was formerly lumped in Spix's Woodcreeper X. spixii.

Layard's Woodcreeper Lepidocolaptes layardi

Layard's Woodcreeper is a recent split from Lineated Woodcreeper (*L. albolineratus*), occurring east of Tapajós River, endemic to Brazil.

Curve-billed (Tapajos) Scythebill Campylorhamphus procurvoides cardosoi

This Curve-billed Scythebill (*C. p. cardosoi*) is a newly described species, named Tapajos Scythebill, endemic to the Tapajós-Xingu interfluvium in the Brazilian Amazon. But still not accepted by SACC; IOC treats as subspecies.

Chestnut-backed Antshrike Thamnophilus palliatus

Lined Antshrike *T. tenuepunctatus* was formerly lumped in this species, with the name Lined Antshrike being used for the enlarged species.

Natterer's Slaty-Antshrike Thamnophilus stictocephalus

This is a recent split in the Slaty Antshrike complex. Formerly, all forms were lumped together as Slaty Antshrike *T. punctatus*. This form is found in Bolivia and southwestern Brazil.

Planalto Slaty-Antshrike Thamnophilus pelzelni

This is a recent split in the Slaty Antshrike complex. Formerly, all forms were lumped together as Slaty Antshrike *T. punctatus*. This form is found in the interior plateau of Brazil.

Striated Antbird Drymophila devillei

The form concerned is sometimes split off as a separate species: Xingu Antbird D. subochracea.

Spix's Warbling-Antbird Hypocnemis striata

Recent studies have shown that the original Warbling Antbird *H. cantator* consists of six different species. The form concerned on this tour is Spix's Warbling-Antbird *H. striata*.

Chestnut-tailed Antbird (Southern C-t A) Myrmeciza hemimelaena

This species is sometimes called Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird to differentiate it from Zimmer's (or Northern Chestnut-tailed) Antbird *M. castanea* which has been described as a separate species.

Xingu Scaled-backed Antbird Willisornis vidua

Recent studies classify this species, including subspecies *vidua* and *nigrigula*, a split from Common Scale-backed Antbird *Willisornis poecilinotus*. In the Alta Floresta region, Xingu Scale-backed Antbird is on the right bank of Teles Pires and Tapajós rivers, and Common Scale-backed Antbird is on the left banks.

Alta Floresta Antpitta Hylopezus whittakeri

Recent studies suggest that this species is split from Spotted Antpitta Hylopezus macularius.

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* and Amazonian Scrub-Flycatcher *S. obscurior* which have been split off as separate species.

White-bellied Tody-Tyrant Hemitriccus griseipectus

This form was formerly sometimes lumped in White-eyed Tody-Tyrant H. zosterops.

Zimmer's Flatbill Tolmomyias assimilis

The SACC lumps Yellow-margined Flycatcher *T. flavotectus* (found from Costa Rica to western Ecuador) in this form, using the name Yellow-margined Flycatcher for the enlarged 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*.

Sibilant Sirystes Sirystes sibilator

Rename Eastern Sirystes (S. sibilator) to Sibilant Sirystes following splits of White-rumped Sirystes and Todd's Sirystes.

Amazonian Royal Flycatcher Onychorhynchus coronatus

The SACC lumps the two (or three) forms that have recently been split off as separate species (Northern Royal Flycatcher *O. mexicanus* (Mexico to Venezuela), Pacific Royal Flycatcher *O. occidentalis* (western Ecuador & Peru) and sometimes also the Atlantic Royal Flycatcher *O. swainsoni* (southeastern Brazil)) in this form using the name Royal Flycatcher for the enlarged species.

Red-eyed Vireo Vireo olivaceus

This form is often (including by the SACC) lumped in Chivi Vireo V. chivi.

Grey-eyed Greenlet Hylophilus amaurocephalus

This form was formerly lumped in Rufous-crowned Greenlet H. poicilotis.

Black-capped Donacobius Donacobius atricapilla

This species is now considered to be a relative of the Old World Babblers. The SACC considers it Incertae Sedis. Some authorities propose that it should be elevated to family rank, Donacobiidae.

Sedge Wren Cistothorus platensis

Some authors (including the SACC) use the name Grass Wren for this species, but it is now known as Sedge Wren to differentiate it from Grass Wren *C. stellaris* (of North America) which has been split off as a separate species by some authors.

House Wren Troglodytes aedon

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

Southern Yellowthroat Geothlypis velata

The SACC lumps this form in Masked Yellowthroat G. aequinoctialis.

Golden-crowed Warbler Basileuterus culicivorus

This taxon now includes White-bellied Warbler Basileuterus hypoleucus, treated by IOC as subspecies (B. c. hypoleucus).

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*.

Greyish Baywing (Baywing) Agelaioides badius

Change English name of A. badius to Greyish Baywing with split of Pale Baywing from NE Brazil.

Cinereous (Grey-and-White) Warbling-Finch Poospiza cinerea

This form is sometimes lumped in Black-capped Warbling-Finch *P. melanoleuca*.

Red Tanager (Lowland Hepatic T) Piranga flava

The SACC lumps Highland Hepatic Tanager *P. lutea* and Northern Hepatic Tanager *P. hepatica* in this species using the name Hepatic Tanager for the enlarged species.