



Hyacinth Macaw – the largest parrot in the world is always the most wanted on this tour! Easy to understand why... (Eduardo Patrial)

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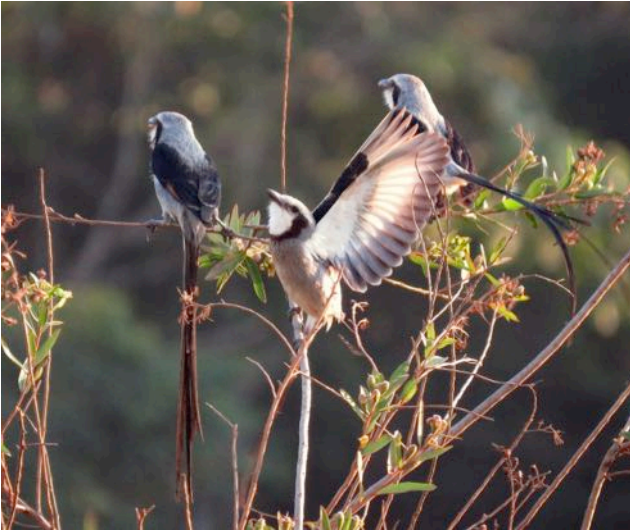
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With some amazing news, the 2016 Pantanal and Interior was just a superb trip to Brazil before taking a year break in 2017. Two Birdquest life birds (Bald Parrot and Rock Tapaculo) and several write-ins to the list were part of the outstanding result which combined perfectly species quality and quantity. The news came in the main tour and mostly in the extension to the Amazon, respectively with a visit to an Atlantic Forest remnant at Cipó and the new stay at the fascinating Rio Azul Lodge, north of Alta Floresta. But as the tour name says, we still got the best from the Pantanal and the Cerrado (Brazilian savannah) from central Brazil. A total of 616 species of birds were recorded this time, plus 29 mammals. Simply memorable our time spent in Minas Gerais state visiting two fantastic mountain ranges, the Serra da Canastra and Serra do Cipó with their vast grasslands and rocky fields; and later in the huge Mato Grosso state where we visited the mighty

Pantanal with its spectacular fauna, the scenic Chapada dos Guimarães and its fine Cerrado and gallery forests, and finally the very rich Amazon forest around Alta Floresta in northern Mato Grosso where we visited the lovely Rio Azul Lodge (this one actually in the extreme south of Pará state) and the famous Cristalino Lodge. In total twenty one days to achieve some of the most wanted birds in Brazil and in South America, delighting fascinating landscapes, great food and meeting the friendly local people. In terms of birds, best remembrances surely go to: the close observations from the pair of the very rare Brazilian Merganser; Red-winged Tinamou, Spotted Nothura, Bare-faced and Razor-billed Curassows, Agami and Zigzag Herons, Least Bittern, White-browed Hawk, Crested Eagle, Mississippi Kite, Red-legged Seriema, Sunbittern, Sungrebe, Grey-breasted Crake, Dark-winged Trumpeter, Black-bellied Cuckoo, Great Horned and Mottled Owls, Great Potoo, Band-winged Nightjar, Biscutate Swift, Cinnamon-throated and Tapajos Hermits, the cracking Hyacinth Visorbearer and Horned Sungem, Rufous-throated Sapphire, Green-tailed Goldenthrout, Pavonine Quetzal, Green-and-rufous and American Pygmy Kingfishers, Blue-necked, Bronzy and Brown Jacamars, Caatinga, White-eared, Brown-banded and Spotted Puffbirds, Rufous-capped Nunlet, Black-girdled Barbet, Curl-crested, Lettered, Black-necked and Red-necked Aracaris, Gould's Toucanet, Checkered, White, White-fronted, Golden-green, Pale-crested and Red-necked Woodpeckers, Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet, Bald Parrot, Hyacinth and Blue-winged Macaws, Golden-capped, Blue-crowned, Nanday and Santarem Parakeets, Kawall's Amazon, Red-fan Parrot, Campo Miner, Chotoy and Cinereous-breasted Spinetails, the localized Cipo Canastero, Henna-capped, Bamboo and White-eyed Foliage-Gleaners, Great Rufous and Uniform Woodcreepers, Red-billed and Curve-billed (Tapajos) Scythebills, Glossy, Silvery-cheeked and Rufous-winged Antshrikes, Black-bellied, Rusty-backed, Large-billed, Black-capped, Sclater's, Amazonian Streaked, White-eyed and Ornate Antwrens, Mato Grosso, Silvered, Southern Chestnut-tailed, Black-throated, Striated, Yellow-browed, Rufous-faced, Xingu Scale-backed and Bare-eyed Antbirds, Alta Floresta Antpitta, Chestnut-belted Gnateater, Rock and Brasilia Tapaculos, Collared Crescentchest, Grey-backed Tachuri, Sharp-tailed Grass and Cock-tailed Tyrants, Subtropical Doradito, Stripe-necked and White-bellied Tody-Tyrants, White-eyed Attila, Chapada Flycatcher, Helmeted, Pin-tailed, Band-tailed, Fiery-capped, Flame-crested, Snow-capped and Black Manakins, Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin, Spangled and Pompadour Cotingas, Amazonian Umbrellabird, Amazonian Royal Flycatcher, Curl-crested Jay, Green-backed Becard, Ochre-breasted Pipit, White-striped and White-rimmed Warblers, Scarlet-headed Blackbird, Coal-crested, Blue and Serra Finches, Cinereous Warbling Finch, Slate-colored Seedeater, Cinnamon, White-rumped, Shrike-like, Blue-necked, Masked, Gilt-edged and Green-and-gold Tanagers, Red-billed Pied-Tanager and Rose-breasted Chat. Some incredible mammals too: Giant Anteater, Spix's Red-handed Howler, White-cheeked/whiskered Spider Monkey, Ocelot, Jaguarundi, Jaguar, Maned Wolf, Giant Otter, Lowland Tapir, Marsh Deer and Pampas Deer.

This wonderful tour started on October 2nd at Belo Horizonte, capital of Minas Gerais state. From the international airport of Confins we took our way to the spectacular Serra da Canastra in the southwest portion of the state, staying at the little São Roque de Minas. When crossing Belo Horizonte we couldn't let to notice some Pied-billed Grebes in the Pampulha Lake. 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 and Savanna Hawks, Masked Water Tyrant and even the fantastic Red-legged Seriema. Arriving in São Roque we still had time for a very pleasant birding session in the end of the day by a good marsh close to the town. But first the garden of our hotel (Chapadão da Canastra) took our attention with some close Sayaca, Palm and Swallow Tanagers, Tropical Kingbird, Great Kiskadee, Yellow-chevroned and White-eyed Parakeets and a tame family of Black-tufted Marmoset. Finally by the marsh we had busy time with Ferruginous Pygmy Owl, Long-tailed Tyrant, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, the amazing Streamer-tailed Tyrant, Black-capped Donacobius, Short-crested Flycatcher, Rufous Hornero, Squirrel Cuckoo, Blue-and-white and White-rumped Swallow, hundreds of Chestnut-capped Blackbird, Creamy-bellied Thrush, Spix's Spinetail, White-bellied Seedeater, more sightings of Toco Toucan, Yellow-rumped Marshbird, Moscowy Duck, Burnished-buff Tanager, another great view of Red-legged Seriema and a quite shy Blackish Rail to finish our day. Certainly it was a good start in Canastra.



The marsh at São Roque de Minas is always a good option to start the area. Here the adorable Streamer-tailed Tyrant and the good-looking male Chestnut-capped Blackbird (Eduardo Patrial)

October 3rd was the priority day to search for the most illustrious inhabitant of Canastra, the rare Brazilian Merganser. For that we had an early start to reach the accessible stretches of the São Francisco River near Vargem Bonita, at the low part of Serra da Canastra. Stopping along the dirt road beside the river we checked most of the known sites, unfortunately without any success in the early morning. Meanwhile, general birding in this area provided some nice birds to watch such as Toco Toucan, Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant (unusual at the low part), White-vented Violetear, Wedge-tailed Grass Finch, Pale-breasted Spinetail, Burnished-buff Tanager, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird, Highland and Yellow-bellied Elaenias, Crested Black Tyrants and the beautiful Plush-crested Jay. We also checked a wooden bridge across the São Francisco River just before the São José do Barreiro village. The narrow gallery forest by the bridge had some good flowered inga trees where we spotted few other hummers – White-tailed Goldenthrroat, a female of the endemic Stripe-breasted Starthroat, Glittering-bellied Emerald, Sapphire-spangled Emerald and Planalto Hermit – and large group of Swallow Tanager. Further across the bridge we checked another spot of the river where we suddenly heard a pair of merganser passing flying down the river. So we ran back downstream to the bridge hoping to get a view of the birds. Our local guide Toninho has dropped the van before the bridge to try to push the merganser towards the group. That was exactly what happened, but instead of swimming calmly down the river, the pair of Brazilian Merganser passed over our heads us flying rapidly and circled quite high heading upstream again, not a bad view in flight though. We still try to find them upstream again, but no luck. What we enjoyed by the gallery forest was an amazing male Helmeted Manakin very active singing, plus some nesting Crested Oropendolas and a group of Maroon-bellied Parakeets. From there we checked one more riverbank site before reaching the good forest in the low part of Canastra National Park. We couldn't find the merganser there too, but saw some Cliff Flycatchers, the endemic Golden-capped Parakeet and the handsome Rufous-tailed Jacamar. Finally later in the good Atlantic Forest remnant in the National Park by late morning, we spent few hours chasing some nice birds, an interesting mixture of Atlantic Forest and Cerrado gallery forest species. The forest wasn't that active by noon but even so we managed to see some goodies such as King Vulture, a shy Black-capped Antwren, an unexpected couple of Bare-faced Curassow, Buff-fronted and White-eyed Foliage-gleaners, a stunning male Pin-tailed Manakin and a quite good flock with Flavescent and Golden-crowned Warblers, a female White-bearded Manakin, Euler's Flycatcher, Pin-tailed and Helmeted Manakins and the lovely White-rimmed Warbler. We heard several Eastern Slaty Thrushes in the forest but none responded well the playback, sadly. Leaving the National Park we still spotted Olivaceous Elaenia and Grey-eyed Greenlet. Going for a late lunch in the village we stopped quickly too get nice looks at the curious Firewood Gatherer, where we also saw some Campo Flickers, Buff-necked Ibis and Guira Cuckoos. Lunch at the small local restaurant was very good and we certainly enjoyed the stunning view of the 'paredão' da Canastra (the great wall of Canastra) and even some good birds around: Peach-fronted Parakeet, Great Black Hawk and two singing Spotted Nothuras carefully flushed to be seen in flight. Taking our way back in mid-afternoon we decided to check some of the riverbank sites again. There was no merganser close to bridge but we found an obliging Planalto Tyrannulet.

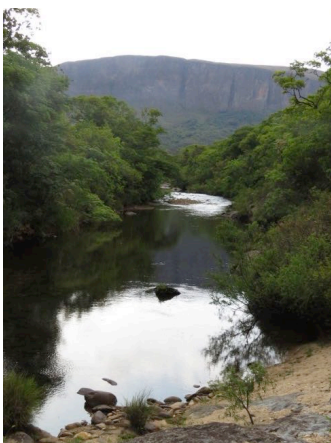
Our lucky stop happened just before leaving the area when we decided to check a last place, a river stretch reachable by a short track. Surprisingly a pair of Brazilian Merganser was swimming calmly and, hiding ourselves behind the bushes, we managed to delight that perfect and unforgettable close views we were dreaming of. What a reward for the day, just unbelievable! And that happy end just happened in the right time. After that a heavy rain (and hail) came and basically finished our day's birding session. We arrived backed to our hotel around five pm and I was still raining. Searching for the merganser on the next day wouldn't be the best idea after that rain, so we made the right move that day.



The low part of Canastra National Park is always a good place for the cracking male Helmeted Manakin and also for the Brazilian Atlantic endemic Pin-tailed Manakin (Eduardo Patrial)



Unusual at the low part, the smart Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant. But the real star of the show is the critically rare Brazilian Merganser, especially when seen like that (Eduardo Patrial)



Composing the fascinating landscape, the São Francisco River and the beautiful wall ('paredão') of Canastra (Eduardo Patrial)

October 4th was the day dedicated to do the high part of Canastra National Park, a beautifully peculiar area of vast grasslands interspersed with rocky fields ('campo rupestre') and some *stricto sensu* Cerrado habitats. And there are so many specialties to seek on that highland. Our birding session started early still outside the National Park, on the way up to it. At a specific bend on the dirt road we stopped for around half an hour, amazingly a site where the surrounding Cerrado provided a fine selection of birds, including the endemic Golden-capped Parakeet, Curl-crested Jay, striking White-eared Puffbird, the rare endemic Cinereous Warbling Finch, Rufous-fronted Thornbird and the attractive Rufous-winged Antshrike. From there we reached the park's gate quite high, surrounded by a nice 'campo 'rupestre'. Black-throated Saltator was like a tame house sparrow here. We also spotted some Plain-crested Elaenia. In the National Park we first stopped close to the visitor's center, an area which yielded two Collared Crescentchest very close and also two Pampa Finch. A little further where a good rocky field begins, we were welcomed by two appealing White-rumped Tanager. Some persistence took us to a gorgeous male Blue Finch feeding on the rocky ground at close steps from us. A group of Plumbeous Seedeater was spotted later at the neighbour meadow. From here ahead we realized the tragic condition of the national park with more than seventy five percent of its range drastically burnt. Fires are usually common during the dry season but not in that scale. Fortunately that didn't affect much the birding. Actually we were doing really well finding the target species. Our next stop happened close to the São Francisco River's source. A rocky area rapidly provided the cute localized endemic Grey-backed Tachuri for our delight. There at a nice remnant portion of tall grass we also spotted the fantastic male Cock-tailed Tyrant. At the small island of woodland by the river's source we tried for Brasilia Tapaculo, but this time the bird just wasn't there. So we headed to another island of woodland nearby and as expected, this time Brasilia Tapaculo responded the tape and kindly exposed itself for a long time and in different levels, just great! Around there we also saw the nice endemic Cinnamon Tanager and got good views of Grassland Sparrow. Later and further up on the plateau, around the stone corral, we found Ochre-breasted Pipit and Stripe-tailed Yellow Finch. At the corral we stopped for lunch. Firewood Gatherer and White-rumped Tanager was around. In the afternoon we took the way to 'Rolinhos' waterfall. This area also burnt offered a good stop where we saw well Spotted Nothura, Red-winged Tinamou, the uncommon Campo Miner (at least two pair were seen displaying in the area) and a Giant Anteater very close to the road. A quick shower paused the session for some ten minutes before we check a further island of dense woodland. In this little forest we spent more than the usual time to find the uncommon endemic White-striped Warbler. After many attempts in the forest we finally heard the species in a different corner when we were just about to leave the place. Happily the warbler collaborated and showed itself well to our group. Some other nice birds observed before the warbler were a nice female Large-billed Antwren, some Curl-crested Jays and a pair of Dusky-legged Guan. The surrounding habitat here, a beautiful typical Cerrado (*stricto sensu*) provided us another special bird, the threatened Shrike-like Tanager. Returning the road we still found another close Giant Anteater and a Pampas Deer. In search of some remaining tall grass we took west in the national park, passing the access fork to the high part of Casca D'anta Waterfall. Finally a little further we got to a large area of grass unreached by the fire. We felt like finding water in the desert. In the tall grass we first spotted a lovely Grass (Sedge) Wren singing. Some Wedge-tailed Grass Finches were around too. Some playback gave us immediate and close response of the invisible Dwarf Tinamou so we tried to flush it somehow, something almost impossible. So chasing the Tinamou through the tall grass we surprisingly flushed a juvenile Maned Wolf at our feet, but the grass was so tall that the wolf disappeared in a second. With a Maned Wolf in front of us somewhere in that grass we continued walking after it. But amazingly not a single sign of it, quite frustrating because not everyone in the group saw it. After that we went with the van a little further along the road and stopped next to little spot of more Cerrado habitat. After many tries in the tall grass we finally found the rare Black-masked Finch and we enjoyed some close rewarding views of it. Peach-fronted Parakeet, a pair of Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant and a cracking male Cock-tailed Tyrant gave there show as well. We also found Ocellated Crake here and tried several ways to get a view, but it wasn't this time. It was getting late so we start our way back towards the national park's gate. We drove a while until a breath-taking surprise on the road, an adult Maned Wolf calmly walking along the road. Amazingly it didn't care much with our presence and let us to approach at an amazing range, just a splendid way to see that animal on its natural habitat. Dumbfounded we still saw some Least Nighthawks starting their flights just before dusk. We still stop by the river source at night after some nightjars but it was

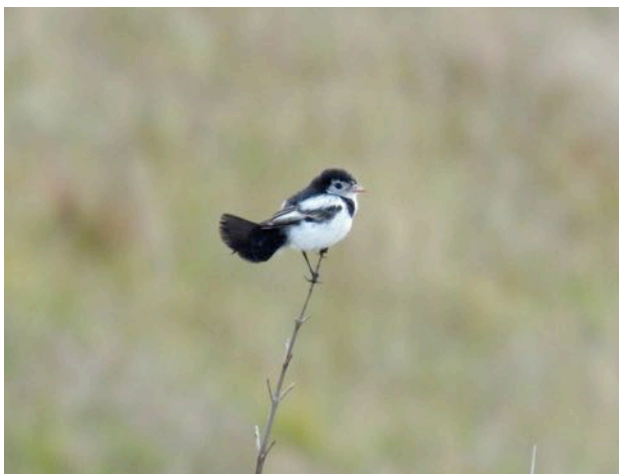
bit late already, there was nothing singing. But we saw a nice Short-eared Owl in this area before heading back to São Roque de Minas. What a remarkable day!



Our stake-outs provided a fine start for the day: the uncommon endemic Cinereous Warbling Finch and the wanted Collared Crescentchest (Eduardo Patrial)



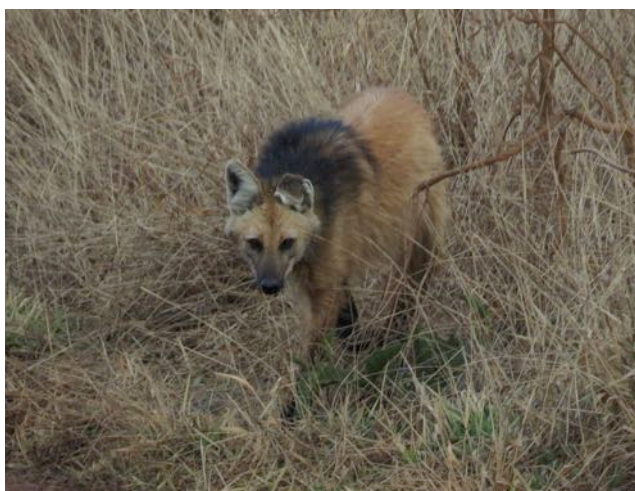
Two other cracking birds: the range-restricted Grey-backed Tachuri and the uncommon Campo Miner, always a challenge to find it (Eduardo Patrial)



Cock-tailed Tyrant is a most wanted at Canastra. Completing the fine cast of birds, the rare Black-masked Finch (Eduardo Patrial)



The fascinating encounters with Giant Anteater... (Eduardo Patrial)

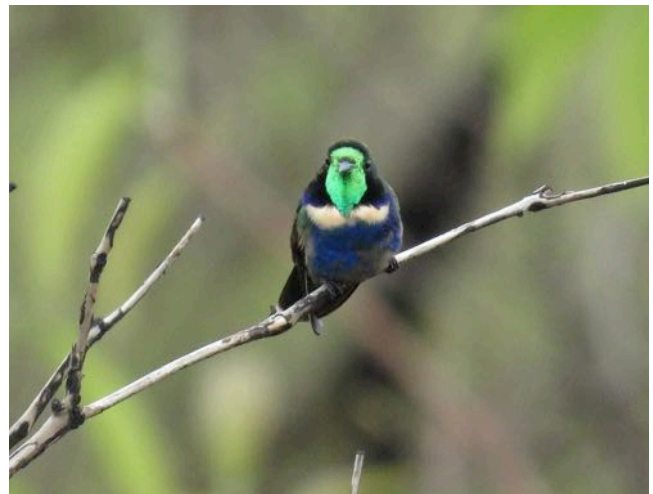


... And the icing on the cake, the impressive Maned Wolf (Eduardo Patrial)

October 5th. Variable Oriole showed up early at the hotel before we hit the road to Cipó. We left São Roque de Minas early with the good feeling of accomplished mission at Canastra. On our way we stopped for lunch when crossing Belo Horizonte. Few hours later we arrived at the village Serra do Cipó. Located in a privileged part of the fantastic Espinhaço mountain range in Minas Gerais, the hills of Cipó offer a peculiar fauna and flora, stunning landscapes and combine many different physiognomies from the Cerrado biome (and even contain some Atlantic Forest too). After our check-in at the nice Fazanda Monjolos Pousada we went for a very pleasant hike in the peculiar 'campo rupestre' habitat on the hilltops, mainly in search for the Cipó specialties – Hyacinth Visorbearer Cipo Canastero and Serra Finch (Pale-throated Pampa Finch). Taking the trail we first saw Highland Elaenia, Black-throated Saltator and a striking male Blue Finch. A little further we managed to find and get good views of the endemic Serra Finch. At our usual site for the canastero we saw a female Hyacinth Visorbearer before the canastero starts responding at a neighbour rocky area. We walked to there and happily gain superb sightings of the not common and very restricted Cipo Canastero. For our luck some close flowered bushes attracted a gorgeous male Hyacinth Visorbearer which stayed feeding around us for a good time. That simply provided us unforgettable views of this marvellous endemic species. Happily this year the whole region wasn't as dry as last year, so that was already a great improvement. Our first session at Cipó was ending and the good feeling of seeing the Cipó endemics was already accomplished. To finish the day we spent few time by the beginning of the dirt road to Serra Morena. There we had some Campo Flickers, a quick sighting of Checkered Woodpecker, Southern Yellowthroat and the good-looking Narrow-billed Woodcreeper. After hearing a Small-billed Tinamou just before dusk we surprisingly attracted it to show up in a fast flight, landing on the ground and running into the bushes, totally unexpected. And that was the end of our arrival day to Serra do Cipó.



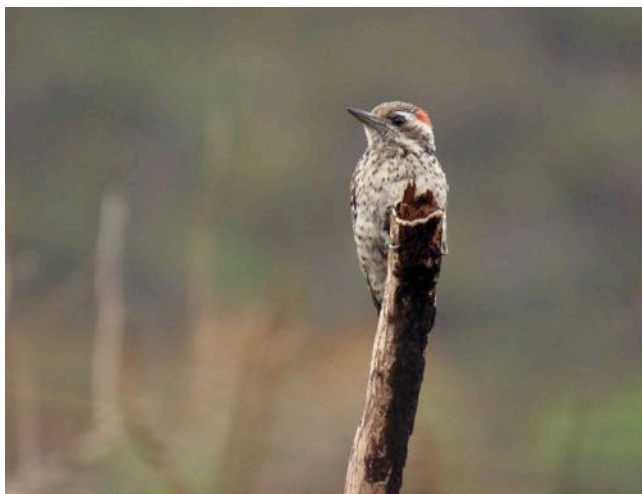
Endemic to the Cipó Hills, the secretive Cipo Canastero provided us a nice performance (Eduardo Patrial)



But best show is given by another endemic, this one restricted to the Espinhaço mountain range, the stonker male Hyacinth Visorbearer (Eduardo Patrial)

October 6th was a full day exploring the Serra do Cipó. We began early doing the road to Serra Morena. Driving through the beautiful rocky Cerrado we first stopped for a nice group of White Woodpecker. Checkered Woodpecker was also noticed in the area and some playback did the job to put it right in front of us for great views. Minutes later we got to our stake-out gallery forest. In this narrow gallery forest we managed a brief view of the uncommon Henna-capped Foliage-gleaner. The bird came in silent and very shy this time and just didn't allow us a second sight. Mimics of Ferruginous Pygmy Owl in the forest brought few species to watch such as Variable Antshrike, Greenish Elaenia and Planalto Tyrannulet. Outside we still spotted a nice White-eared Puffbird before going to some other area of open Cerrado along the road. There more calls of pygmy owl brought a new array of birds, including a small group of the rare Cinereous Warbling Finch, Glittering-bellied Emerald, male Hyacinth Visorbearer, endemics Grey-backed Tachuri, Cinnamon Tanager and Dubois's Seedeater, Plain-crested, Yellow-bellied and Lesser Elaenias, Burnished-buff Tanager and Rufous-fronted Thornbird. We also tried hard for Horned Sungem, but no signs of it here. From there we went to similar habitat at the road called Mãe D'água. There we found Sooty-fronted Spinetail and Green-winged Saltator in some tall bushes by the entrance gate. Further in we saw Suiriri Flycatcher, Grey-pileated Finch, some more Cinereous Warbling Finches and finally some hummingbirds such as Swallow-tailed Hummingbird and finally a stunning male Horned Sungem that cooperated for good but quick views. A pair Rufous-winged Antshrike was also enjoyed here. Back to our van by the gate we get close views of Grey-headed Tanager and a female Horned Sungem. From there we drove down the hill to cover a nice spot of dry woodland that resembles more the Caatinga from Northeast Brazil. And there we did really well finding our target birds still before lunch. Great views of Pale-bellied Tyrant Manakin, Black-capped Antwren, much better views of Grey-pileated Finch, the gorgeous Caatinga endemic Silvery-cheeked Antshrike, the smart

Caatinga Puffbird and the nice Saffron-billed Sparrow. For the afternoon session we did something new at Cipó this time. We drove uphill and headed towards Morro do Pilar, passing the usual areas of 'campo rupestre' on the hilltops. There we reached a highland area mostly covered on grasslands with some Atlantic Forest pockets here and there. A valuable tip took us to the edge of a specific Atlantic Forest remnant, a site to look for the recently described range-restricted endemic Rock Tapaculo (a Birdquest lifer). At the forest edge we finally started investigating the dense bamboo tickets present along a small stream. The first different beauty we spotted was a small flock of the stunning endemic Gilt-edged Tanager. In the dense bamboo we got a brief view of the cute Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher and also heard a shy Ochre-rumped Antbird, a nice Atlantic Forest endemic which unfortunately didn't cooperate much that day. Our search after the tapaculo kept going a little further until we get a close response at very dense bushy vegetation. Carefully we opened a small window, placed the Bluetooth speaker and waited almost nothing to obtain simply perfect views of that confined and amazing Rock Tapaculo. And besides this most rewarding treat, the surrounding grassland still offered some nice new records to our list. At a little marsh we found a nice pair of Long-tailed Reed Finch (uncommon in the region) and also heard one of the most difficult to see, the endemic Marsh Tapaculo. Here at dusk we tried hard and unsuccessfully for Giant Snipe. And instead of that we got nice close views of a male Band-winged Nightjar in flight. Then it was time to head back to our pousada and celebrate this great day at Cipó.



We had an amazing day at Cipó from early morning until dusk. Here some of the good ones seen in the morning: Checkered Woodpecker and Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin (Eduardo Patrial)



Our woodland stake-out worked really well again for the Caatinga endemic Silvery-cheeked Antshrike and the handsome Caatinga Puffbird (Eduardo Patrial)



In the Atlantic Forest remnant we had the beautiful Gilt-edged Tanager (Eduardo Patrial); but the news stayed with the localized endemic Rock Tapaculo, seen on a Birdquest tour for the first time (Thanks much Janie Vaughan for this important record shot)

October 7th. On this day we had the entire morning at Cipó to go birding and we decided for making a visit to the beautiful area around the Lapinha da Serra village near Santana do Riacho. On our way we had a quick roadside stop still near our village to see some Scaly-headed Parrots and a Lineated Woodpecker. Passing through Santana do Riacho we stopped for fuel and quickly checked the riverine forest by the bridge entering the town. A responsive Buff-breasted Wren showed up nicely as well as Rufous-tailed Jacamar. Later we got to Lapinha near eight am and basically explored the field before the hill trails. There we saw Yellow-chevroned Parakeet, Roadside Hawk, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Yellow-browed Tyrant, the endemic Band-tailed Hornero, Cinereous Warbling Finch (again), Rufous-fronted and Greater Thornbirds, and many of the common ones such as Chopi Blackbird, Shiny Cowbird, Chalk-browed Mockingbird, Rufous Hornero and Great Kiskadee. As a stake-out for some years, we were expecting to find here the recently discovered local subspecies of the Brazilian endemic Long-tailed Cinclodes but apparently the bird left this area. We put a lot of effort to find it around this large open area, as it used to be but unfortunately this time we got not a single response back from the bird, a real pity. With time passing and weather rapidly warming up we decided to start our way back and give few more stops along the good Cerrado by the road near Lapinha. We kept trying the Cinclodes at some other spots but no luck with it. What we found was a pair of Firewood Gatherer and a stunning couple of Red Tanager (Lowland Hepatic T) that we contemplated for a good time. We got back to our pousada around eleven am, good time for packing and leaving everything ready for our departure to the airport after lunch. We certainly had a remarkable and very productive time in Minas Gerais state, the first leg of this trip. Our flight from Confins airport to Cuiabá in Mato Grosso state was in time and we arrived there in the evening for an overnight at the convenient Hotel Tainá. Tomorrow is time to hit the Pantanal.



The beautiful landscape of Lapinha da Serra, a special corner of Serra do Cipó; as special as the lovely colours from a couple of Red Tanager (Eduardo Patrial)

October 8th. A quite early start put us on the road towards the mighty Pantanal. We passed the small town of Poconé and drove just a bit on the Transpantaneira Road to reach our first area to explore, the fantastic Piuval Lodge. Entering the Pantanal we soon noticed the current condition. Despite the vegetation being very green due to some recent rainfall, the water level in the ponds was ridiculously low, so still a very dry condition. But as usual it was a feast when we entered the Pantanal. And even a little late in the morning we got to Piuval spotting a lot of birds, including: Greyish Baywing, some Greater Rheas, Wood Storks, Jabirus, Whistling Heron, Crane Hawk, Snail Kite, Buff-necked Ibis, Purplish Jay, Guira Cuckoo, White Woodpecker, a very tame Crab-eating Fox with cubs and more. In the late morning we went for a pleasant first session in the Piuval area, covering some woodland and adjacent open areas. It was very hot already but this first investigation became very rewarding with lovely views of Sunbittern, Planalto Slaty Antshrike, a cracking male Black-bellied Antwren (restricted to Piuval along the Transpantaneira), Rufous Casiornis, Masked Gnatcatcher, White-lored Spinetail, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher, Ashy-headed Greenlet, Giant Cowbird and two macaws nesting in the same place: the mega bird of Pantanal, Hyacinth Macaw; and the other, no less gorgeous, Golden-collared Macaw. Just amazing to watch those macaws so close! Driving back for lunch we still spotted a Red-legged Seriema, a Greater Rhea with several chicks and two Bat Falcons close to the reception. After a delicious lunch and a welcome siesta we meet again at three pm. In the garden of Piuval the mango trees were just full of parakeets. So well hidden that we had to get under the trees to spot those green beauties through the leaves. Minutely views of Blue-crowned, Monk and Yellow-chevroned Parakeets. Then we got our van and went birding along the new landfilled road that covers a long stretch of woodland, some marshes and open areas when reaching the Piuval bay, a fine habitats' mixture that kept us busy with some fantastic birds until dusk. Species worth to mention were Chestnut-eared Aracari, White-wedged Piculet, Mato Grosso Antbird, more Sunbitterns, Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin (unusual at Pantanal), Helmeted Manakin, Rusty-collared Seedeater, Yellow-billed Cardinal, many White-tipped Dove, the handsome White-eyed Attila (after a good search), Buff-throated Woodcreeper, Black-capped Donacobius, a group of White-browed Blackbird, the stunning Scarlet-headed Blackbird, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Greyish Saltator, Pale-legged Hornero, Grey-crested Cacholote, many Chaco Chachalaca, Great Antshrike, Undulated Tinamou, the amazing Red-billed Scythebill, Crimson-crested Woodpecker, another nest of Hyacinth Macaw, Southern Screamer, Black-collared Hawk, Green Ibis, Plumbeous Ibis and Thrush-like Wren. We also watched the sunset and enjoyed the nice view from the tower after the boardwalk. We did some owling on our way back to the lodge. Searching for Black-banded Owl we attracted an obliging Mottled Owl to the road side. We searched Black-banded at some other sites but no response was given. Great Potoo showed up well in close flights over our heads and that was very nice. We also heard a Tropical Screech Owl and several Pauraques. Hundreds of Lesser Bulldog (Fishing) Bats finished our session and our excellent first day in the Pantanal.



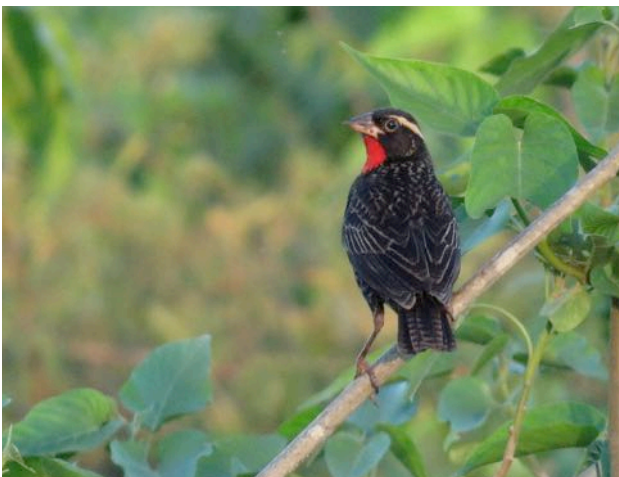
Two fantastic species that usually can be easily spotted at Piuval: Sunbittern and Red-legged Seriema (Eduardo Patrial)



In the woodland of Piuval prosper many parrot species. This time the most impressive Hyacinth Macaw and the gorgeous Golden-collared Macaw were found nesting side by side (Eduardo Patrial)



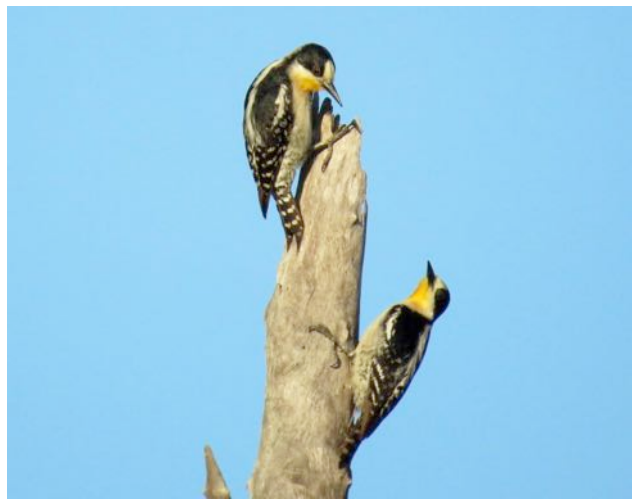
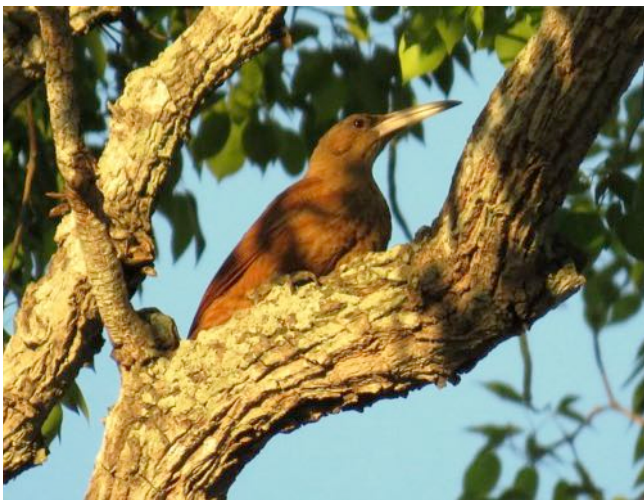
Blue-crowned Parakeet was certainly a good one in the mango trees, as well as this beautiful White-eyed Attila found later in the forest (Eduardo Patrial)



Not often seen at Piuval, the good-looking White-browed Blackbird; nightfall birding yielded few good ones such as Mottled Owl (Eduardo Patrial)

October 9th. We spent the whole morning at Piuval Lodge. After an early breakfast, first thing we did was covering some open habitat along the entrance road to the lodge. Some playback attracted the massive and not common Great Rufous Woodcreeper into astonishing views. This impressive species likes to feed at open areas in the early morning and we were very glad to find one around there. Right after that we checked

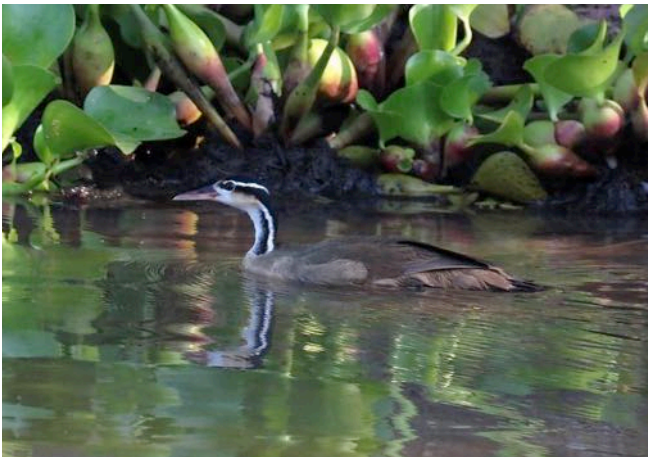
our stake-out for the uncommon White-fronted Woodpecker and again our attempt was very successful, it took seconds for a stunning and obliging pair to appear on a dead tree. From here then we drove to the Piuval bay, the deck where boats are usually taken. On the way we stopped to see some nice Chestnut-bellied Guans feeding on the ground. At the bay we first checked the dense aquatic vegetation on the edge. With some patience we got some great views of the shy Least Bittern. In the same water edge vegetation but from the deck, we got a very close response of the tiny Yellow-breasted Crake which provided brief and obscured sightings just for a few of us. A nearby Rufous-sided Crake behaved very similar in the sequence, allowing views to few people. Later we walked the surrounding woodland, as usual a good option. There we saw Moustached Wren, Orange-winged Amazon, an unexpected lek of Cinnamon-throated Hermit and several good species previously seen such as Hyacinth Macaw, Greater Rhea, Green Ibis, Southern Screamer, Sunbittern, Mato Grosso Antbird, Crested Oropendola, etc. Like last year, we recorded Ochre-cheeked Spinetail calling in dense undergrowth vegetation, but this time the bird didn't want show up. A very unusual species in this part of Pantanal though. We left Piuval right after lunch towards our next stay, the well-known Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel at the Pixaim River. Along the Transpantaneira Road we first stopped to see one Collared Peccary feeding by the road. And later, after spotting from the van, we stopped for a small group of the tricky Long-tailed Ground Dove, always a challenging one to find. Already close to Pixaim we stopped again but now to see some mammals. Amazingly spotted from the van, we had a Lowland Tapir going into the bushes beside the road. We had time to get some decent views before it disappears through the bushes. We also had there a nice male Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch. Later on the road a beautiful male Marsh Deer was spotted, a nice one to see. In the afternoon at Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel we had a very pleasant boat trip along the Pixaim River. As usual, the boat trip was a treat to watch some spectacular fauna. Amongst many we saw Anhinga, Green-and-rufous Kingfisher, a Giant Otter family, Little Blue Heron, a stunning male Blue-crowned Trogon, American Pygmy Kingfisher (actually we got all the five kingfishers here), Pale-vented Pigeon, Red-throated Piping Guan (hybrids as well), Sungrebe very close, a tame adult Agami Heron and another Tapir right in front of the boat. At dusk we had some extremely responsive Band-tailed Nighthawk (even perched) and we also tried for the shy Zigzag Heron which this time didn't cooperate as expected, giving few calls back and not approaching. We also heard a quite far Pavonine Cuckoo that start responding to playback a little too late. Returning in the dark to the hotel we still spotted a nice Boat-billed Heron to finish the session. That was another great day in the Pantanal.



Two sought after species at Piuval: the massive Great Rufous Woodcreeper and a charismatic pair of the uncommon White-fronted Woodpecker (Eduardo Patrial)



Some nice mammals on this day: male Marsh Deer on the Transpantaneira and Giant Otter later at Pixaim River (Eduardo Patrial)



Boat trip at Pixaim River is always a mandatory option for some great water birds such as these two shy species: Sungrebe and the impressive Agami Heron (Eduardo Patrial)

October 10th. We had a full morning to explore the Pixaim area. First thing we did was an early walk on the airstrip plus the access road to Santa Teresa Farm, covering a mix of open habitats with grassland, bushes, marshes and woodland. Here we saw the handsome Rusty-backed Antwren and Chotoy Spinetail very well, plus many others - Barred Antshrike, Blue-throated Piping Guan, Bare-faced Curassow, Turquoise-fronted and Orange-winged Amazons, Scaly-headed Parrot, Chaco Chachalaca everywhere, Greater and Rufous-fronted Thornbirds, Large Elaenia, Masked Gnatcatcher, Variable Oriole, Orange-backed Troupial, Purplish Jay, Picui Grond Dove, Grey-crested Cacholote, Great Antshrike, Glittering-throated Emerald, etc. Even another Lowland Tapir and Marsh Deer were seen in this pleasant pre-breakfast walk. During the breakfast the hotel feeders were quite busy with Chestnut-eared Aracari, Solitary Cacique, Orange-backed Troupial, many Yellow-billed Cardinal and one Red-crested Cardinal, Saffron Finches, Greyish Baywing, White-tipped and Scale Doves, and more. Later we did the very good trail in the gallery forest by the Pixaim River. Entering the forest we flush a Red-brocket Deer and surprisingly an Ocelot that was hidden on the river bank. But this last one moved so fast that only the people in front could see it jumping and disappearing into the forest. As regards the birds, the trail was productive, as usual. We enjoyed watching Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Red-billed Scythebill, Mato Grosso Antbird, Large-billed Antwren, nice couple Band-tailed Antbird, the cute Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant, the sought after Pale-crested Woodpecker, also Cream-colored Woodpecker, Rusty-backed and White-lored Spinetails, Lesser Kiskadee, Helmeted Manakin, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Pale-legged Hornero and Black-fronted Nunbirds. We left the trail around noon and had lunch at Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel before we hit the road towards the Porto Jofre Hotel in the end of Transpantaneira Road. It's worth mentioning the tame Ferruginous Pygmy Owl that was nesting on the porch right in front of our rooms at the Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel. Leaving the Pixaim area quarter past one pm we were awarded with a rapid but very good view of a Jaguarundi crossing the road. Then we drove a good time and distance (stopping just for a Capped Heron) until reaching the road to Santa Isabel Farm for a

mandatory stop in the good forest that surrounds the old abandoned IBAMA station. This site normally rocks and in few minutes we got our target Fawn-breasted Wren plus other good ones as a couple Golden-collared Macaw and a nesting Bat Falcon. Back to the Transpantaneira we finally got to the area called 'campo' Jofre, a huge open area mainly covered in marshes and shrubby fields. So we stopped at the popular stakeout for the big Great-horned Owl. The couple of owls were there and happily one of them provided decent views in the tall mango tree. Further on the road then we had another stop targeting few more goodies, all found and well seen: Cinereous-breasted Spinetail, Little Cuckoo and Subtropical Doradito. At one of the bridges we spotted a group of Black-bellied Whistling Duck and of course, our time at 'campo' Jofre didn't lack loads of Jabirus, Wood Storks, Southern Screamers, Snail Kites, Savanna and Black-collared Hawks, Limpkins, Plumbeous Ibis, capybaras, Pantanal caimans until getting to Porto Jofre Hotel around half past six pm.



Two nice Celeus woodpeckers on the Pixaim gallery forest trail: the wanted Pale-crested Woodpecker and the more widespread Cream-colored Woodpecker (Eduardo Patrial)

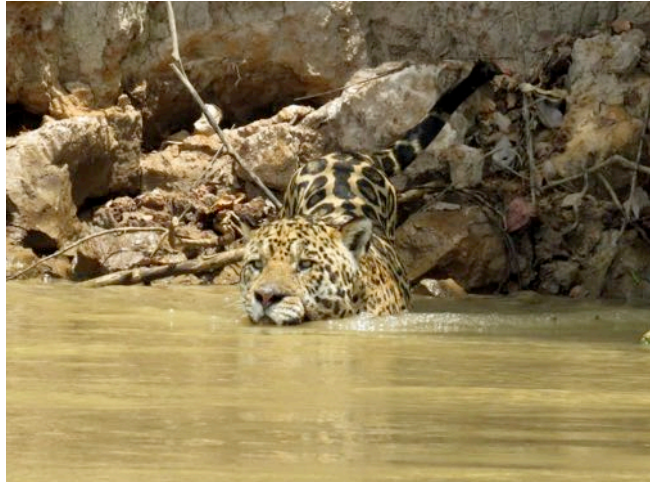


The amazing Red-billed Scythebill is a frequent species in the gallery forest along the Pixaim River; and Ferruginous Pygmy Owl at Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel (Eduardo Patrial)

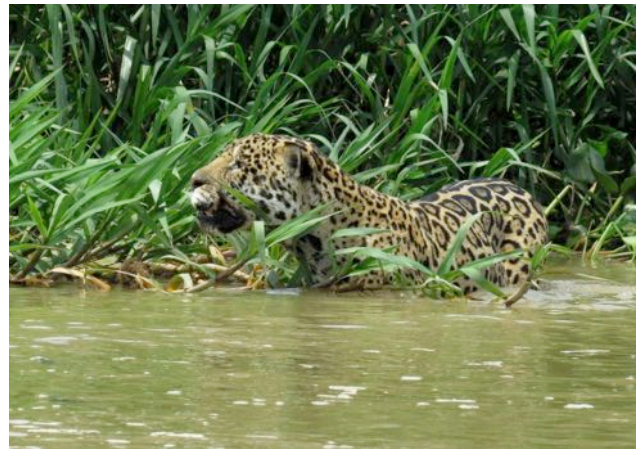
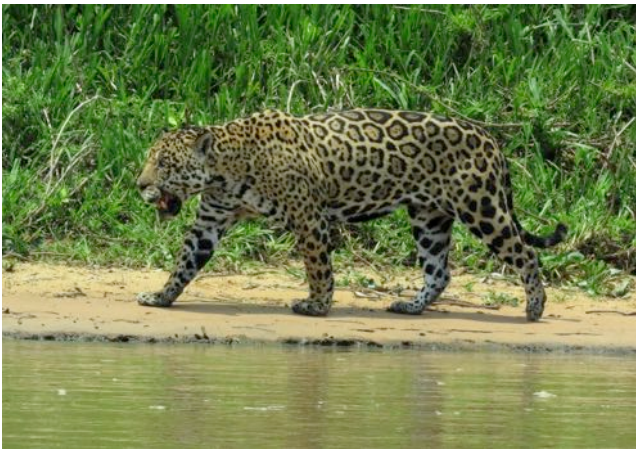


Some good stops on our way to Porto Jofre. Very nice to see Bat Falcon standing at its nest hole; later at 'campo' Jofre, Subtropical Doradito was one that deserved special attention (Eduardo Patrial)

October 11th was the Jaguar day on this tour. After an early breakfast we spent the whole morning on the boat patrolling upstream the Cuiabá River and also the Three Brothers River, mainly in search of this mighty feline. Surely we started the day with a lot of birds in the huge garden of Porto Jofre Hotel with Buff-necked and Plumbeous Ibises, Hyacinth Macaws, Yellow-chevroned Parakeets, Yellow-rumped Caciques, Southern Crested Caracaras and many others. On the river we recorded the usual birds as kingfishers, cormorants, Anhinga, herons, Wood Storks, Jabiru and the common raptors by the river banks. Some sand banks offered few additions to our list such as Black Skimmer, Collared Plover, Pied Plover, Yellow-billed Tern and Spotted Sandpiper. We also spotted a nice Crane Hawk on the bank when entering the Three Brothers River. Giant Otters and Black Howlers showed up nicely around here as they normally do. But our main target was hindering this day and we finally found a Jaguar at noon in the Cuiabá River on our way back for lunch. Spotted by one of us, our boat was the first one to see it. It was a huge male trying to cross the river and we were lucky to enjoy all its movement across the river and then along the bank for a good time, where very active displayed all its magnitude. That was just perfect and also a relief for the day. The heat was just unbearable in the afternoon. We went back to the river and got to know there was a Jaguar lying down on the Cuiabá River bank. With us, seventeen boats were there watching this Jaguar. The animal was very relaxed and stayed lying for a long time. After some fifteen minutes watching it, everyone agreed to go birding for the rest of the day, so we returned to the hotel. Around four pm we took our van along the Transpantaneira, making some specific stops. First by the woodland near the hotel we found Rufous Casiornis, Chestnut-vented Conebill and Little Woodpecker. Later then our stake-out worked really well again for the inconspicuous Grey-breasted Crake, minutely watched by everyone. Further ahead we just enjoyed the very pleasant general birding at 'campo' Jofre where among many it's worth mentioning Little Cuckoo, stunning male Rusty-collared Seedeater, Pale-crested Woodpecker, Great Potoo (an amazing finding by John) and Great-horned Owl. The classic Pantanal sunset was followed at dusk by a quite impressive lightning storm in the distance, being another spectacle to enjoy in the vast Pantanal. It's a shame that the storm coming prevented us to watch Spot-tailed Nightjar. The bird was singing and we were at the right place to see it, but suddenly everything stopped moving with the storm coming. But that was definitely a day to remember and celebrate.



Sitting by the river, the long-legged Crane Hawk; and the male Jaguar luckily found in the water by our group in the middle of the day (Eduardo Patrial)



After crossing the Cuiabá River the male Jaguar provided a great exhibition along the river bank (Eduardo Patrial)

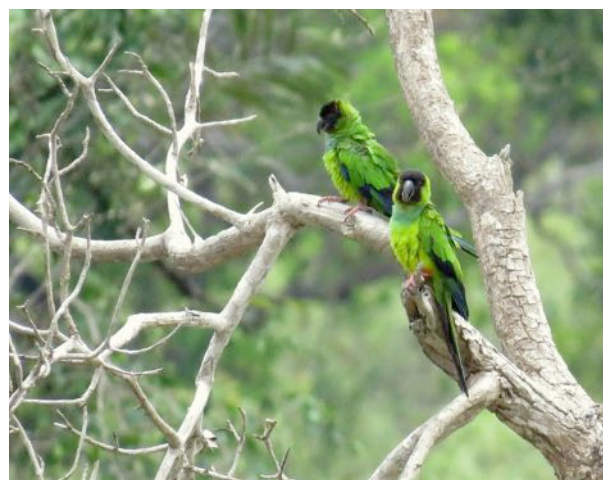


Hyacinth Macaws beside our rooms at Porto Jofre hotel; and the Jaguar saw lying on the bank in the hot afternoon (Eduardo Patrial)



We had a pleasant session at 'campo' Jofre to finish the day. Here the smart Little Cuckoo and male Rusty-collared Seedeater (Eduardo Patrial)

October 12th was the day of the last birding sessions in the Pantanal. It was time to say good bye to Porto Jofre Hotel (after another early start in that fantastic garden) and start our way to Chapada dos Guimarães, the next stay. Driving back northward the Transpantaneira we first spent some time at 'campo' Jofre in search of any different record. Best we got it was the stunning Scarlet-headed Blackbird. Our next stop occurred much further at the Pixaim area. There on the access road to Santa Teresa Farm we searched specifically for Green-backed Becard, which fortunately this time showed up nicely. From here we continued the Transpantaneira until get to Rio Claro Lodge, where we spent the rest of morning exploring the woodland along the entrance road. Besides the common Pantanal birds around, we were able to add three more species to our list on this last Pantanal session: White-winged Becard, Planalto Woodcreeper (ssp. *intermedius*) and the star of Rio Claro Lodge, a small population of Nanday (Black-hooded) Parakeet that is usually around the lodge. We also spotted some Blue-crowned Parakeets and Greater Rheas there. Lunch was at Rio Claro and that morning basically finished our time very well spent in the Pantanal. Then we took the Transpantaneira Road back to Poconé and later to cross the state capital Cuiabá to reach the close plateau of Chapada dos Guimarães by the end of the day. But before getting the little town of Chapada we had a brief stop on the dirt road to Coxipó do Ouro, still before going up the plateau. This road was pretty busy and dusty due to the holiday (children's day) but the good Cerrado habitat there worked well to already nail one of our most important target birds in the area, the curious Chapada Flycatcher. It didn't take long with playback to bring a pair close to us. But unusually the two birds came in silent and did not display. Maybe they were nesting around or it was just the time of the day, but certainly we appreciate good looks at them, paying attention to the field marks for identification. Later we finally got to our pousada at Chapada dos Guimarães around six pm. Time for the checklist, an early dinner and a good night of sleep.



The woods from Rio Claro lodge provided us some final new birds in the Pantanal such as Planalto Woodcreeper (ssp. *intermedius*) and the lovely Nanday Parakeet (Eduardo Patrial)



Chapada Flycatcher was seen on our way to Chapada dos Guimarães (Eduardo Patrial)

October 13th was our full day of birding in Chapada dos Guimarães and we prioritized the open shrubby Cerrado habitat in the early morning. Now after having done Canastra and Cipó, we were targeting few species in this habitat, primarily the uncommon Coal-crested Finch. So for that we went this time to the Geladeira (Refrigerator) Road which rips through a fine area of Cerrado. We put a good effort at several sites in the area after this unpredictable finch. But until find it we enjoyed a good birding with some typical Cerrado species, including few extras to our list – Red Pileated Finch, White-eared Puffbird, Red-shouldered Macaw, Black-faced Tanager, Scaled Pigeon, Curl-crested Jay, White-rumped and Shrike-like Tanagers. Finally near eight am the persistence led us to success, we found just one but very responsive male Coal-crested Finch. It was great to watch such nice and uncommon bird for a good timed after all the searching. Mission accomplished indeed! Leaving the Geladeira area we still saw some Swallow-tailed, Plumbeous and Mississippi Kites soaring together. The rest of the morning then was spent in two different sites in the good tall forest of the Jamacá valley. At the first site the forest was already quiet by mid-morning, but we managed well finding and watching our main target species, two cracking manakins: Band-tailed and Fiery-capped Manakins. Here we also found a shy male White-backed Fire-eye and Plain Antvireo. A little later we moved to the second forest site (this one close to the geodesic center lookout) and finished the morning watching some nice birds, including Amazonian Motmot, Grey-headed Tanager, Buff-throated Saltator, Magpie Tanager and a shy Pectoral Sparrow. For the afternoon session we covered more forest, this time at 'Vale da Benção', another well-known birding site in Chapada. As expected, the bird activity was quite slow at the beginning but it gradually improved over time. Firstly we struggled with Southern Antpipit which didn't cooperate this time. On the other hand we continued walking the forest and soon found a stunning Blue-crowned Trogon, handsome Lettered and Chestnut-eared Aracaris, the big Red-necked Woodpecker, Saffron-billed Sparrow, an amazing family of Brown Jacamar and the good-looking Yellow-tufted Woodpecker to finish the daytime session. At dusk we covered some blocks in the neighbourhood around our pousada, mainly in search of Stripe Owl which unfortunately wasn't found this time. But instead, we spotted one welcomed Nacunda Nighthawk which had already left the Pantanal area. So that was the end of our day in Chapada dos Guimarães.



The male Coal-crested Finch was our mega bird at Geladeira Road; Swallow-tailed Kite was another nice one seen in the early morning (Eduardo Patrial)



Later at the Jamacá valley, two superb manakins: male Band-tailed Manakin and the tiny Fiery-capped Manakin (Eduardo Patrial)



Few more charismatic species made the afternoon at Vale da Benção: Red-necked Woodpecker and Brown Jacamar were two stunners that posed nicely for us (Eduardo Patrial)

October 14th. Morning was the last hours of birding on the main tour, and it was well spent in two different places in Chapada dos Guimarães. We did the gorgeous geodesic center lookout in the first hours. What a great place just to stand and enjoy the scenic view. Birding here does not comprise many species but some special and unpredictable ones. Therefore we walked down the slope a little until we reach the rocky clifftops. View from here was even better and seated on the rocks we enjoyed some amazing birds coming

and going – a huge flock of Biscutate and White-collared Swifts (sometimes zooming right over us), Red-and-green Macaw, very close Cliff Flycatcher, Swallow Tanager and stunning male Blue Finch; couple Crested Black Tyrant, Chestnut-eared Aracari, Channel-billed Toucan and some noisy White-eyed Parakeets landing on the cliffs. Grey Monjita and Grassland Sparrow were spotted on our way back to the van. From there we went this time after more scenic places to go birding in Chapada, so we did the Porta do Céu Trail, easily accessed on the road to Cuiabá. There we hiked through the beautiful rocky Cerrado to reach a clifftop along the impressive plateau wall of Chapada. It was a good hike, six km in total. And the fun of doing it brought up some new records for us: a charming close pair of Blue-winged Macaw at the beginning of the trail, Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant, Yellow-olive Flatbill (ssp. *pallescens*), Red-legged Honeycreeper and Guira Tanager. Completing the cast of that final session we had Blue Dacnis, Burnished-buff Tanager, Red-and-green Macaw, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper and Planalto Slaty Antshrike. Back to our pousada by eleven am we had time to pack and get ready for our transfer to Cuiabá. Lunch was in Chapada so we drove to Cuiabá, dropping the main tour participants at the airport and the tour-extension ones at Hotel Tainá to rest and take the next day flight to Alta Floresta, northern Mato Grosso state.



Splendid views of some common birds sitting on rocks at the geodesic center lookout: Cliff Flycatcher and male Swallow Tanager (Eduardo Patrial)



More close sightings at the geodesic lookout: the astonishing Blue Finch and the lovely pair of Crested Black Tyrant (Eduardo Patrial)



Blue-Winged Macaw at Porta do Céu Trail and the beautiful view of Chapada's plateau wall finished our time on the main tour (Eduardo Patrial)

October 15th, the first day of the tour extension was basically a travel day. We left Cuiabá at noon with the direct flight to Alta Floresta, situated in the Amazonian domain in the extreme north of Mato Grosso state. The flight took about an hour so we got to Alta Floresta around two pm. Instead of spending the whole tour extension at Cristalino Lodge, this time we experienced for the first time the lovely Rio Azul Lodge for few days, located north of Alta Floresta, just across the state border into Pará state. So from the airport we were immediately transferred to the Rio Azul Lodge, taking almost three hours on dirt road to get there. On the way we crossed the Teles Pires River and drove mainly through deforested areas until reach the lodge. We didn't stop for birding but certainly saw some common birds along the way such as Greater Yellow-headed and Turkey Vultures, many Red-breasted Blackbird, American Kestrel, Chestnut-eared Aracari, Blue-and-yellow Macaw, Smooth-billed Ani, Guira Cuckoo and Ruddy Ground Dove. We got to the lodge by late afternoon, in time for an introductory session. The lodge's property is not so big but it lies in a very interesting area by the bank of the beautiful Rio Azul River, border with the huge Brazilian air force reserve. Besides the typical Amazonian tall forest, the property supports a nice stretch of transitional forest with lower white-sand forest and even more stunted vegetation, a habitat locally called 'campinarana'. The buildings stay in a nice clearing just beside the river and the garden with several flowering bushes is a great place for hummingbirds too. So for the last hours of daylight we started exploring the logical place, the lodge clearing. There we saw the nice Green-tailed Goldenthrout just beside our rooms, also Fork-tailed Woodnymph, the smart Spotted Tody-Flycatcher, a large group of Red-necked Aracaris, stunning Blue-necked and Opal-rumped Tanagers, Bat Falcon, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, Swallow-winged Puffbird, White-banded Swallow and Blue-grey Tanager. We even heard the localized endemic Bald Parrot (our main target species here) next to the clearing but we couldn't see it. Soon it got dark and we enjoyed a delicious dinner before going to bed.

October 16th. Our first day at Rio Azul Lodge started early and we first covered the lodge clearing for about an hour. Besides the usual suspects in the clearing, we got some very nice birds at the forest edge: White-browed and Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbirds, a female Gould's Toucanet, the stunning Blue-necked (Blue-cheeked) Jacamar and a Blackish Nightjar found on the clearing's ground. Then walking the entrance road we had Red-and-green Macaw, Paradise Jacamar and a small mixed flock with Fasciated and Spot-winged Antshrikes, Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner, Dusky-capped Greenlet, the endemic Spix's Woodcreeper and White-eyed Antwren. Further on the road we reached the 'campinarana' habitat and there we found Bronzy Jacamar, Natterer's Slaty Antshrike (a brief sighting), a couple of Razor-billed Curassow, Pale-rumped Swift, White-chinned Sapphire, Black-throated Mango and a noisy small group of Plush-crested Jay (not common ssp. *insperatus*). We took then a loop trail that cuts the beautiful transitional/white-sand forest back to the lodge. By the trail's entrance we had a close pair of the gorgeous White-bellied Parrot. The uncommon (but locally frequent) Brown-banded Puffbird was briefly spotted here as well as a female Spangled Cotinga. Pale-bellied Mourner and Zimmer's Tody-Tyrant were heard along here too. Further on the trail we saw some other good species – White-bellied Tody-Tyrant and the cracking males Chestnut-belted Gnateater and Flame-crested Manakin, besides the endemic primate White-cheeked (White-whiskered) Spider Monkey. We found another Blue-necked Jacamar and Wedge-billed Woodcreeper on the trail before getting back to the lodge clearing. In the garden we noticed a good number of Green-throated Goldenthrout, Fork-

tailed Woodnymph and a female Amethyst Woodstar. It was almost eleven am already so we checked the boat landing area by the river bank. There we got great views of the Brazilian endemic Glossy Antshrike, Grey-chested Greenlet and a beautiful male Rufous-throated Sapphire feeding on sap. By lunch time (before and after) we spotted some tanager flocks in the lodge clearing, containing some nice species as Masked, Blue-necked, Turquoise and Yellow-backed Tanagers, Black-faced Dacnis, Green and Purple Honeycreepers. The afternoon began with a quite heavy rain so we had to wait some time before we go for the boat trip in the Rio Azul. The forest was very quiet as we slowly drifted down the river. We managed to see few birds, including a group of the amazing Curl-crested Aracari and two Kawall's Amazon that flew across the river. Finishing this good first day at Rio Azul Lodge, we got at dusk simply perfect views of the mythical Zigzag Heron. A quick search for night birds at the lodge clearing didn't produce anything.



Beautiful male Fasciated Antshrike and Bronzy Jacamar (on the wire!) were just some of the nice birds well seen on our first day at Rio Azul (Eduardo Patrial)



Two other highlights on this day were definitely this couple of White-bellied Parrot and this gorgeous male Flame-crested Manakin (Eduardo Patrial)

October 17th. Our second full day at Rio Azul Lodge started early again with the bird activity in the lodge clearing. As the previous morning, the dawn chorus presented again the uncommon Uniform Woodcreeper, this time singing just behind one of the cabins. So we worked for few minutes until attract the bird to a tree right in front, providing us close long views of this massive woodcreeper still before our breakfast. What a good start! Later we headed to the river to do a boat trip in the morning. Spix's Guan was seen nicely in the lodge clearing, as well as a couple of Silvered Antbird at the river bank. On the boat drifting down the river we noticed that the bird activity was a little slow with few common species by the bank such as Black-fronted Nunbird, Channel-billed and White-throated Toucans and Blue-and-yellow Macaw. Things got much more exciting when we suddenly spotted a couple Bald Parrots crossing the river quite low over our heads. It was a quick view but we were able to see the field marks of this remarkable endemic species, certainly the most

wanted species at Rio Azul Lodge, also a Birdquest life bird. After that we heard quite a lot of good birds singing a bit distant from the other side of the river, including Collared, Eastern Striolated and Pied Puffbirds. A nice surprise was a nice male Slate-colored Seedeater detected singing by the river bank, so we stopped the boat and managed to get great looks at it (and even a good recording too). After that we tried to find the stunning male Crimson Topaz at its usual stake-out. The bird gave just one call back after the play-back and unfortunately didn't want to show up. Few more things were seen from the boat such as large flocks of Red-bellied Macaw (abundant here by the way), Orange-winged Amazon and a couple of Sulphury Flycatcher. Then we were dropped on the bank to walk a path that links the entrance road to the lodge. Still close to the river we spotted a couple of Razor-billed Curassow and just a little further on second growth vegetation we found a nice pair of Black-throated Antbird. Walking back to reach the lodge's entrance road we crossed a large open area (pastureland) where we saw Grey-lined Hawk and Pearl Kite really well. It was getting very hot when we finally reached the 'campinarana' habitat along the road. A lovely group of Santarem Parakeet was watched right by the road feeding on some fruit in the stunted vegetation. We later then succeeded in finding the 'campinarana' confined Black Manakin. After some play-back a quite shy male showed itself through the dense low stunted vegetation. That was another good write-in to our list. From the manakin spot we took a trail in the transitional forest to get back to the lodge (a parallel to the other trail done in the previous day). Southern White-fringed Antwren appeared cautiously when attracted in the 'campinarana'. Further in taller forest and already close to the lodge we found a singing Pavonine Quetzal. That was a real stunner! We took a while to get the first sighting, but then the bird simply cooperated at low perches in the forest so we got splendid views of it. From here we continued the trail (a new one) in the taller forest for the rest of the morning. Next to a clearing we spotted the Brazilian endemic Spix's Warbling Antbird, Bar-breasted Piculet and the handsome (and not common) Yellow-browed Antbird. We walked further but the forest was very quiet. All we saw was a female Snow-capped Manakin and a Helmeted Pygmy Tyrant. Returning for lunch and just about to leave the trail we managed a brief view of the little endemic and recently described Tapajos Hermit. After lunch we enjoyed the usual cast of hummingbirds in the garden and close to three pm we took the same trail in the tall forest to spend the rest of daylight. We tried for Tapajos Hermit in the same site again and happily it appeared proving now decent views. A little pond from a narrow stream also attracted Black-eared Fairy and a lovely couple of Fulvous-crested Tanager to have a bath. Continuing the trail we found a small flock with Cinereous and Saturnine Antshrikes. Later we came across with Long-billed Gnatwren, a small canopy flock with Rufous-bellied Euphonia, Short-billed and Purple Honeycreepers; Black-bellied Cuckoo, Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper (ssp. *concolor*) and Brown-winged Schiffornis. A male Snow-capped Manakin played hide and seek with us and won all the time. In general the forest was very silent due to rain threats and quickly got dark after five pm. White-throated and Variegated Tinamous were heard while walking back to the lodge just before dusk.

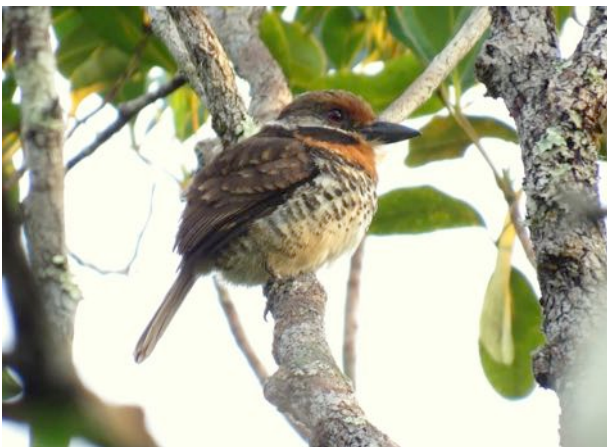


Black Manakin was a good one from the 'campinarana' habitat; and representing the large Antbird family usually hard to photograph, a male Saturnine Antshrike (Eduardo Patrial)



Pavonine Quetzal stole the show on this day just beside the lodge and posed low in the forest (Eduardo Patrial)

October 18th. We had the early morning to spend at Rio Azul Lodge before heading back to Alta Floresta around nine am. So in the few hours we did the lodge entrance road again, covering the transitional forest and the 'campinarana'. We didn't see many species but some good ones. We had a nice male Gould's Toucanet, better views of Southern White-fringed Antwren, a close and very cooperative Spotted Puffbird, large flocks of Red-bellied Macaw and a female Black Manakin in the same spot of the previous day. Two pairs of Bald Parrot were seen passing flying across this area, but both were totally against the light so sadly we got only poor silhouette views. Back to the lodge to meet our drivers we still had time to enjoy the regular hummingbirds from the garden (Goldenthrout, Woodnymph, Mango and the female Woodstar), and to spot a Black Hawk-Eagle soaring over the clearing. Definitely our time at the cosy Rio Azul Lodge was fantastic. It's a really lovely place that we were pleased to visit for the first time. Driving back the nearly three hours to Alta Floresta we saw the expected species – Pearl Kite, Grey-lined Hawk, Burrowing Owl, Blue-and-yellow Macaw and Red-breasted Blackbird. Lunch was in a good restaurant in Alta Floresta. After lunch we met the people Floresta Amazonica Hotel for our transfer to Cristalino Lodge. The drive took less than an hour to the bank of the Teles Pires River to catch the boat. The short ride up the Cristalino River from its mouth to the lodge was very pleasant, as usual. We spotted two Giant Otters, Scarlet Macaw, Bat Falcon and a stunning pair of Red-fan Parrot perched, besides the common species by the river. After the introduction to the lodge we had to wait about half an hour for a heavy rain to pass. With a short time of light we stayed by the river birding from the floating deck and board walk. Some flowered Inga trees beside the board walk were attracting few hummers (Grey-breasted Sabrewing and Fork-tailed Woodnymph) and with play-back we made a Tapajos Hermit to perch still for a long time. From there we also saw Black Caracara, Chestnut-fronted Macaw in flight, Swallow-winged Puffbirds and Palm Tanagers basically everywhere, an amazing Long-billed Woodcreeper at some close big trees and a Short-tailed Nighthawk when twilight came in.



Spotted Puffbird was a very nice one on our last session at Rio Azul Lodge; later then in the afternoon we had two Giant Otters at the mouth of Cristalino River (Eduardo Patrial)



Arriving at Cristalino Lodge: good looks at the impressive Red-fan Parrot are a serious delight; and the tiny endemic Tapajos Hermit, hardly seen perched (Eduardo Patrial)

October 19th. In our first morning at Cristalino we did part of the trail system behind the lodge. We started early taking the Rocky Trail as a first step. Large-headed Flatbill was seen well at one of the bamboo clumps. Later we spotted Spix's Woodcreeper that quickly passed in a small mixed flock. The forest wasn't very active and spotting something wasn't very easy. Keeping our pace we passed by the canopy Tower 1 where hearing a distant Alta Floresta Antpitta and headed to the side trail called Francisco's Trail, especially to check some large bamboo clumps. So at the bamboo we managed good views of Striated Antbird and Dot-winged Antwren, but some other expected species not even responded the tape this time. A bit later the bamboo edge produced few birds, including Amazonian Antshrike, Slate-colored Grosbeak, Tawny-crowned Greenlet and a fine Curve-billed Scythebill (Tapajos Scythebill – a recent split not yet accepted by IOC, treated as ssp.: *cardosoi*). Returning from Francisco's Trail we saw nicely an Amazonian Royal Flycatcher before passing Tower 1 again. This time Alta Floresta was closer and we gave a good try, getting quite close to the bird. But suddenly it stopped calling, so we were forced to keep walking. We came across with another small flock, spotting a Red-stained Woodpecker and also a nice Rufous-capped Nunlet that started calling nearby. By that time it was late morning already and the forest had not been very productive, so we headed back to the lodge. The afternoon session occurred on the other side of the Cristalino River, where we walked part of the good Cacao Trail. As the morning, the afternoon was also very quiet. After walking a good stretch without any sightings we were at least compensated finding a small ant swarm and one of the best Antbirds in the area, the Brazilian endemic Bare-eyed Antbird. For few moments we got perfect views of this usual shy species. Black-spotted Bare-Eye was there too but didn't show itself. Black-girdled Barbet and Brown Tinamou were also part of the only heard ones. But happily our walk back still provided really decent views of another high quality bird, the uncommon Bamboo Foliage-gleaner. After that there was nothing special along the trail. To finish the day we spent a good time just sitting at the Scaled Ground Cuckoo stake-out, but it wasn't this time our lucky day. Not to say we didn't see anything there, the little pond created for the ground cuckoo brought a female Red-headed Manakin and a nice male Xingu Scale-backed Antbird for a bath and that was it. Returning to the lodge on the boat we saw Short-tailed Nighthawk at dusk again.

October 20th. The usual early start on this day put us across the river to do the good Tower 2. We walked the trail (still a bit dark) quite fast listening to the dawn chorus to get to the top of the tower in good time. First thing we saw when reached the platform was a stunning male Pompadour Cotinga, not far from the tower. Right after we spotted a couple of the cracking Black-girdled Barbet, a near endemic and most wanted species at Cristalino. Small groups of White-bellied Parrot were watched coming and going, as well as some males Spangled Cotingas, Purple and Short-billed Honeycreepers, Opal-rumped, Turquoise and Paradise Tanagers, Black-faced Dacnis, Red-necked and Curl-crested Aracaris, Scarlet, Red-and-green and Chestnut-fronted Macaws, White-necked Puffbird, Dusky-capped Flycatcher, Kawall's and Yellow-crowned Amazons, Golden-winged and Santarem Parakeets, Blue-headed Parrot and Bare-necked Fruitcrow. After hearing the calls of the uncommon White-browed Hawk not that far, we happily managed to bring the bird to a tree just beside the tower using the tape. What a superb view we got from this amazing raptor! Not

enough, minutes later we scoped the rarest raptor and most wanted one, an adult Crested Eagle. It was very far but field marks were possible to see and confirm its identification. Finishing our time on Tower 2 we had simply perfect views of another hardly seen species, this time it was the small and colourful Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet that after play-back the bird closely circled the tower several times. Down the tower and back to the tall forest trail we finally got a good view of a male Snow-capped Manakin. Long-winged Antwren was briefly seen as well. It was mid-morning and from there we took the boat and went down the river a little, mainly in search of the Crested Eagle spotted from the tower, but we had no luck, only spotted the common birds by the river. So then we went up river and did just a small part of Serra 2 Trail in the late morning. There we noticed a canopy mixed flock and managed to see some of the species such as Bay-headed, Flame-crested and White-shouldered Tanagers. Few others were heard such as Pygmy Antwren, Zimmer's and White-bellied Tody-Tyrants. Further along the trail we played some tapes of Alta Floresta Antpitta but we got no response at all that time of the day. Before heading back to the lodge we enjoyed good views of a nice male Rose-breasted Chat, Chestnut Woodpecker and Wedge-billed Woodcreeper. Our afternoon session was unfortunately ruined by an incessant rain that lasted until the end of daylight basically. At some point we even tried to have a boat trip but the rain increased again so we decided to stay. Some Common Nighthawks spotted from the floating deck finished our second full day at Cristalino Lodge.



Tower 2 always providing great views of stunning birds: Black-girdled Barbet is one of the Cristalino highlights; gorgeous male Spangled Cotinga is quite common from the tower (Eduardo Patrial)



Curl-crested Aracari is another wanted one from the tower, as well as the uncommon White-browed Hawk which gave us a show this time (Eduardo Patrial)

October 21st was our last full day at Cristalino Lodge. We did the Tower 1 in the early morning. The weather was a bit misty so activity wasn't that good. But of course we entertained ourselves spotting some birds, including Epaulet Oriole, a very close Tooth-billed Wren and Layard's Woodcreeper (split from Lineated W). Then suddenly we heard Dark-winged Trumpeter under the tower so we didn't hesitate in going down fast to

try to see them. Down there with a little patience we saw the small group (4) of Trumpeters walking through the forest, just great! Back quickly to the top of the tower we spotted some other nice species – Slate-colored Grosbeak, one Black-necked Aracari (the rare one in the area), Spangled Cotinga, Laughing Falcon, Scarlet, Blue-and-yellow and Chestnut-fronted Macaws, Red-necked and Curl-crested Aracaris, Blue-headed Parrot, distant Kaway's and Yellow-crowned Amazons, a perched Double-toothed Kite, one Orange-cheeked Parrot briefly, Bare-necked Fruitcrow and insisting with the play-back we managed to attract just one Red-billed Pied Tanager. Some nice species were seen but in general the activity was quite slow. It was getting very hot upon the tower so we went down and walked the next Tree House ('saleiro') loop. There on the trail we saw few males Red-headed Manakin and much further by the seasonal stream, we found a very shy male Rufous-faced Antbird (split from Spot-winged A) that only showed up after recording it and playing its on calls. We continued the loop and saw only a pair of Dusky-chested Flycatcher. It was hot and forest seemed to be empty but we keeping walking we linked the Taboca (Bamboo) Trail to finish our morning. Taboca Trail used to be one of the best trails around the lodge with endless chances to see any kind of bird; however our long walk there was quite frustrating with basically one sighting, a Razor-billed Curassow flushed from the trail. Despite hearing Band-tailed Manakin and Striated Antbird at some bamboo clumps, we tried for several species at some usual territories, all unsuccessful unfortunately. Lunch came right after in good time. The afternoon was much more relaxed. We did a boat trip to the Teles Pires River and also spent some time on the Ariosto Island that belongs to Cristalino. Down the Cristalino River we spotted the usual ones – Amazon and Ringed Kingfishers, Swallow-winged Puffbirds, Black-fronted Nunbird, Anhinga, Neotropic Cormorant, etc. Later on the Teles Pires we spotted something quite unusual, a large group of Snail Kites on migration. They were all landed on a short stretch of the river. Reaching the rapids beside the Ariosto Island we found few Black-collared Swallows, a fine one. We tried Amazonian Inezia then at the habitual sites (small sandy islands with rocks and bushes) but apparently the bird wasn't there. We had great views of Ladder-tailed Nightjar roosting camouflaged on the rocks though. A little walk later at Ariosto provided few other birds such as Pied Plover, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Ochre-lore Flatbill and Silver-beaked Tanager. From here we finished the day checking the upriver Sol Island that holds an Amazonian Umbrellabird lek for a quite long time. And so it was! They were a bit hidden in the canopy but we saw at least four Amazonian Umbrellabirds, including a displaying male, very cool. Leaving the island back to the lodge we enjoyed the marvellous painted sunset from the Teles Pires. Entering the Cristalino River we still found a fairly large Red-tailed Boa wrapped in a tree. A nice Striped Woodcreeper was seen well in the same place and our ride back to the lodge finished our last day at Cristalino.



*A very pleasant afternoon on the Teles Pires River: Black-collared Swallow and Ladder-tailed Nightjar were two fine ones siting on rocks
(Eduardo Patrial)*



The beautiful and bizarre looking of a male Amazonian Umbrellabird displaying; and the nice Red-tailed Boa spotted on the bank of Cristalino River (Eduardo Patrial)

On October 22nd we enjoyed a final early morning session at Cristalino Lodge. We decided to go try Alta Floresta Antpitta again at Serra 2 Trail. Getting there we saw well Long-tailed Woodcreeper in the beginning of the trail, a species not often seen at Cristalino. Further we got great views of a male Snow-capped Manakin just before the Antpitta starts responding to our tape quite close to the trail. And that was exactly the chance we wanted. We jumped in the forest carefully and in minutes we located the Alta Floresta Antpitta singing on a low perch, bingo!! We watched it for minutes until it flies to a further perch. After that we had time to walk the trail until reach the rocky slope part. We stayed there for a while birding the bamboo clump right before heading up the trail. There we found the uncommon Dusky-tailed Flatbill which behaved timidly, providing us only few glimpses. We also had a nice Ornate Antwren in the same site. Returning to the boat then we scared a female Black-faced Antbird nicely seen. By the river we still saw an odd fight of Muscovy Ducks and also a Long-billed Starthroat. Back to the lodge by mid-morning we packed our things, set the bar bills, said good-bye to Cristalino and took the boat to meet the vehicle on the Teles Pires bank. Nothing remarkable was seen on our way out. The conclusion after years visiting the Cristalino Lodge was that our time was very well spent and we were able to find many great species, but sadly the birding there decreased expressively along the years. Lunch was in Alta Floresta before we get our flight back to Cuiabá. The flight to Cuiabá was in time and there was where our fabulous and very successful journey ended.



A male Snow-capped Manakin and the impressive view of the forest from Cristalino Lodge (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 not personally recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (NL).

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

- Greater Rhea** *Rhea americana* Some groups by the beginning of Transpantaneira; several at Piuval Lodge.
- Great Tinamou** *Tinamus major* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
- White-throated Tinamou** *Tinamus guttatus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge.
- Little Tinamou** *Crypturellus soui* (H) Heard at Chapada dos Guimarães.
- Brown Tinamou** *Crypturellus obsoletus* (H) Heard only at Cacau (Cocoa) Trail, Cristalino Lodge.
- Undulated Tinamou** *Crypturellus undulatus* Commonly heard at Pantanal, two seen from the van.
- Brazilian Tinamou** ◊ *Crypturellus strigulosus* (H) Frequently heard at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodge.
- Variegated Tinamou** *Crypturellus variegatus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge.
- Small-billed Tinamou** *Crypturellus parvirostris* A brief view of one surprisingly landing after playback; at Cipó.
- Tataupa Tinamou** *Crypturellus tataupa* Two crossing the road at the low part of Canastra.
- Red-winged Tinamou** *Rhynchotus rufescens* Several views at Canastra National Park.
- Spotted Nothura** *Nothura maculosa* At least six birds seen at Canastra N P.
- Dwarf Tinamou** ◊ *Taoniscus nanus* (H) Closely heard at Canastra N P. A sighting would be a miracle.
- Southern Screamer** *Chauna torquata* Several sightings in the Pantanal.
- White-faced Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata* Seen on the way to Cristalino Lodge.
- Black-bellied Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis* Few groups in the Pantanal.
- Muscovy Duck** *Cairina moschata* Seen at Canastra, Pantanal and Cristalino Lodge.
- Brazilian Merganser** ◊ *Mergus octosetaceus* It took us time but a superb close pair in the afternoon, Canastra.
- Chaco Chachalaca** ◊ *Ortalis canicollis* Very common at Pantanal.
- Rusty-margined Guan** *Penelope superciliaris* Two at Chapada dos Guimarães.
- Spix's Guan** *Penelope jacquacu* Seen at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
- Dusky-legged Guan** ◊ *Penelope obscura* Seen at Canastra NP.
- Chestnut-bellied Guan** ◊ *Penelope ochrogaster* Well observed at Piuval Lodge and Pantanal.Mato Grosso Hotel.
- Blue-throated Piping Guan** *Pipile cumanensis* Several sightings at Pantanal. See note.
- Red-throated Piping Guan** ◊ *Pipile cunjubi* Seen in the Pantanal, Rio Azul and Cristalino. See note.
- Razor-billed Curassow** ◊ *Mitu tuberosum* Good views at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodge.
- Bare-faced Curassow** ◊ *Crax fasciolata* First at Canastra NP, then several at Pantanal and at Cristalino.
- Marbled Wood Quail** *Odontophorus gujanensis* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
- Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps* Some seen on the way to Canastra, at Pampulha lake, Belo Horizonte.
- Wood Stork (American W S)** *Mycteria americana* Hundreds at Pantanal.
- Jabiru** *Jabiru mycteria* Hundreds at Pantanal.
- Plumbeous Ibis** ◊ *Theristicus caerulescens* Quite common at Pantanal.
- Buff-necked Ibis** *Theristicus caudatus* First at Canastra, Pantanal and also at Chapada.
- Green Ibis** *Mesembrinibis cayennensis* At Canastra, Pantanal and Cristalino Lodge.
- Bare-faced Ibis (Whispering I)** *Phimosus infuscatus* Few sightings in the Pantanal.
- Roseate Spoonbill** *Platalea ajaja* Not many seen at Pantanal this time.
- Rufescent Tiger Heron** *Tigrisoma lineatum* Common at Pantanal.
- Agami Heron (Chestnut-bellied H)** *Agamia agami* Amazingly close at the Pixaim River, Pantanal.



Brazilian Merganser (Eduardo Patrial)

- Boat-billed Heron** *Cochlearius cochlearius* One at Pixaim River, Pantanal.
- Zigzag Heron** *Zebriulus undulatus* Heard at Pixaim River, Pantanal, but an amazing view at Rio Azul Lodge.
- Least Bittern** *Ixobrychus exilis* Great looks at Piuval Lodge and Transpantaneira Road, Pantanal.
- Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* One sighting 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 (except Rio Azul and 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; also seen at Cristalino River.
- Whistling Heron** *Syrigma sibilatrix* Few seen at Pantanal.
- Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea* 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 at Rio Azul and Cristalino.
- Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* Often seen at Canastra, Cipó and Pantanal, but less at Rio Azul and Cristalino.
- Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (Savanna V)** *Cathartes burrovianus* Abundant in the Pantanal.
- Greater Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes melambrotus* Common at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
- Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus* An everyday bird, common throughout the tour.
- King Vulture** *Sarcoramphus papa* One seen at Canastra NP.
- Swallow-tailed Kite** *Elanoides forficatus* Seen at Chapada, Rio Azul and Cristalino.
- Crested Eagle** *Morphnus guianensis* A distant but identifiable view from tower 2 at Cristalino Lodge.
- Black Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus tyrannus* Seen at Rio Azul Lodge; also heard at Cristalino.
- Double-toothed Kite** *Harpagus bidentatus* Good views on perch from Tower 2, Cristalino Lodge.
- Mississippi Kite** ♦ *Ictinia mississippiensis* Some seen at Pantanal and Chapada dos Guimarães.
- Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea* Seen at Canastra, Pantanal, Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodge.
- Black-collared Hawk** *Busarellus nigricollis* Several sightings at Pantanal.
- Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis* A good number seen at Pantanal.
- Crane Hawk** *Geranoospiza caerulescens* Few sightings at Pantanal.
- Savanna Hawk** *Buteogallus meridionalis* First at Canastra, common at Pantanal.
- Great Black Hawk** *Buteogallus urubitinga* First at Canastra, later a few at Pantanal.
- Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris* At Canastra, Cipó and Pantanal.
- White-tailed Hawk** *Geranoaetus albicaudatus* Quite common at Canastra National Park.
- Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* One at Canastra NP.
- White-browed Hawk** ♦ *Leucopternis kuhli* Superb close views at Cristalino Lodge, from Tower 2.

Grey-lined Hawk *Buteo nitidus* Seen at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodge. See note.
Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus* One seen at leaving Rio Azul Lodge.
Red-legged Seriema *Cariama cristata* Great views at Canastra and Pantanal.
Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias* Great views at Pantanal; also heard at Cristalino Lodge.
Sungrebe *Heliornis fulica* Good looks at Pixaim River, Pantanal and at Teles Pires River, way to Cristalino.
Ocellated Crake ♦ *Micropygia schomburgkii* (H) Despite all the effort, only closely heard at Canastra NP.
Rufous-sided Crake *Laterallus melanophaeus* Seen briefly by few of us 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. Also an alarm clock at Canastra.
Yellow-breasted Crake *Porzana flaviventer* Briefly spotted at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.



Grey-backed Tachuri (Eduardo Patrial)

Blackish Rail *Pardirallus nigricans* Seen well at Canastra, marsh in the low part.
Purple Gallinule (American P G) *Porphyrio martinicus* Few seen at Pantanal.
Dark-winged Trumpeter ♦ *Psophia viridis* A small group seen under tower 1, Cristalino Lodge.
Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* Loads in the Pantanal.
Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* Common throughout the main tour.
Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris* One spotted in the Pantanal.
Pied Plover (P Lapwing) *Hoploxypterus cayanus* Some sightings at Pantanal and at Cristalino.
Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* Common in the Pantanal.
Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* Very few seen at Pantanal.
Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* One seen by the Cuiabá River bank, Pantanal.
Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* Few seen at Pantanal.
Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula superciliaris* One seen at Pantanal, few more at Teles Pires River.
Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex* Not many at Pantanal this time.
Rock Dove *Columba livia* Common in anthropic areas.
Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa* Nice looks 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* (H) Heard at Cipó and at Cristalino Lodge.
Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea* (H) Heard at Rio Azul and at Cristalino Lodge.
Scaled Dove *Columbina squammata* Seen at Canastra, Pantanal, Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* Common along the trip, mainly in open habitat.
Picui Ground Dove *Columbina picui* Common in the Pantanal.

Long-tailed Ground Dove ◊ *Uropelia campestris* A small group well seen along the Transpantaneira Road.
Ruddy Quail Dove *Geotrygon montana* (NL) Spotted by one of us at Cristalino Lodge.
White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* Commonly spotted in the Pantanal.
Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* Quite common at Canastra and Cipó.
Guira Cuckoo *Guira guira* Common throughout the main tour.
Greater Ani *Crotophaga major* Few sightings in the Pantanal.
Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* Common throughout the tour.
Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia* (H) Heard at Pantanal.
Pheasant Cuckoo *Dromococcyx phasianellus* (H) Heard distantly at Chapada dos Guimarães.
Pavonine Cuckoo *Dromococcyx pavoninus* (H) Heard at dusk at Pixaim River, Pantanal.
Little Cuckoo *Coccyzua minuta* Great views in the Pantanal.
Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* Several sightings along the trip.
Black-bellied Cuckoo *Piaya melanogaster* Good views at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* (H) Heard at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
Tawny-bellied Screech Owl ◊ *Megascops watsonii usta* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge. See note.
Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus* Good view at day roost, Pantanal.
Mottled Owl *Strix virgata* Great looks at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
Spectacled Owl *Pulsatrix perspicillata* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
Amazonian Pygmy Owl ◊ *Glaucidium hardyi* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge.
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum* First seen at Canastra, later at Pantanal.
Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia* Seen at Canastra, Chapada dos Guimarães and on way to Rio Azul Lodge.
Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus* Nice view at dusk in Canastra NP.
Great Potoo *Nyctibius grandis* Good views at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus* (H) Heard at Pantanal.
Nacunda Nighthawk *Chordeiles nacunda* Just one seen at Chapada dos Guimarães.
Least Nighthawk *Chordeiles pusillus* Nice views at Canastra National Park, high part.
Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor* Few at dusk at Cristalino Lodge.
Short-tailed Nighthawk (Semi-collared N) *Lurocalis semitorquatus* Seen at Cristalino Lodge.
Band-tailed Nighthawk *Nyctiprogne leucopyga* Seen a good number in the Pantanal.
Blackish Nightjar *Nyctipolus nigrescens* Seen on day roost at Rio Azul Lodge.
Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* (H) Heard at Pantanal and Rio Azul Lodge.
Band-winged Nightjar *Systellura longirostris* Good views of one at Cipó.
Ladder-tailed Nightjar *Hydopsalis climacocerca* Great views at Teles Pires River, Cristalino Lodge.
White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* Seen at Canastra, Cipó, Chapada dos Guimarães and Rio Azul Lodge.
Biscutate Swift ◊ *Streptoprocne biscutata* Amazing views from lookout at Chapada dos Guimarães.
Pale-rumped Swift *Chaetura egregia* Good views at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodge.
Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris* Seen along the Cristalino River.
Sick's Swift *Chaetura meridionalis* Seen at Cipó. See note.
Mato Grosso Swift ◊ (Amazonian S) *Chaetura viridipennis* Seen well at Rio Azul Lodge. See note.
Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyura* Quite common at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodge.
Neotropical Palm Swift *Tachornis squamata* Good views at Rio Azul Lodge.
Planalto Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis pretrei* Seen well at Canastra.
Cinnamon-throated Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis nattereri* Superb close views at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal; lekking.
Reddish Hermit *Phaethornis ruber* Seen at Cristalino Lodge.
Tapajos Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis aethopygus* Great views at Rio Azul Lodge and also at Cristalino Lodge.
Grey-breasted Sabrewing *Campylopterus largipennis* At Rio Azul and more at Cristalino Lodge.
Swallow-tailed Hummingbird *Eupetomena macroura* Seen at Canastra, Cipó and Chapada dos Guimarães.
White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora* Nice view at Rio Azul Lodge.
White-vented Violetear *Colibri serrirostris* Seen well at Canastra and Cipó.
Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* Frequent in the garden of Rio Azul Lodge.
Crimson Topaz ◊ *Topaza pella* (H) Heard along the Rio Azul River.
Glittering-bellied Emerald *Chlorostilbon lucidus* Seen at Canastra and Cipó.
Fork-tailed Woodnymph (Common W) *Thalurania furcata* Sightings at Chapada, Rio Azul and Cristalino.

Rufous-throated Sapphire *Hylocharis sapphirina* A stunning male at Rio Azul Lodge.
White-chinned Sapphire *Hylocharis cyanus* Seen at Rio Azul Lodge.
Gilded Sapphire (G Hummingbird) *Hylocharis chrysura* (H) Heard at Pantanal.
White-tailed Goldenthrout *Polytmus guainumbi* Seen this time at Canastra.
Green-tailed Goldenthrout *Polytmus theresiae* Frequent in the garden of Rio Azul Lodge.
Glittering-throated Emerald *Amazilia fimbriata* Few sightings at Pantanal.
Sapphire-spangled Emerald *Amazilia lactea* Seen at Canastra and Cipó.
Hyacinth Visorbearer ◊ *Augastes scutatus* Several amazing sightings this year at Cipó, male and female.



White-striped Warbler (Eduardo Patrial)

Black-eared Fairy *Heliotheryx auritus* Seen at Rio Azul Lodge and at Cristalino Lodge.
Horned Sunge ◊ *Heliactin bilophus* Good views at Cipó.
Long-billed Starthroat *Heliomaster longirostris* Seen at Cristalino Lodge.
Stripe-breasted Starthroat ◊ *Heliomaster squamosus* One female seen at Canastra.
Amethyst Woodstar *Calliphlox amethystina* Females in the garden of Rio Azul Lodge.
Pavonine Quetzal *Pharomachrus pavoninus* Superb views at Rio Azul Lodge.
Black-tailed Trogon *Trogon melanurus* Seen at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* Seen at Rio Azul and at Cristalino. See note.
Amazonian Trogon *Trogon ramonianus* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge. See note.
Blue-crowned Trogon *Trogon curucui* Nice views at Pantanal and Chapada.
Black-throated Trogon *Trogon rufus* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris* Seen well at Cristalino Lodge.
American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea* Great view at Pantanal.
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher *Chloroceryle inda* Same as above.
Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* Several sightings in the Pantanal and also at Rio Azul Lodge.
Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona* Common at Pantanal and Cristalino; also seen at Canastra and Rio Azul.
Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* Common in the Pantanal.
Amazonian Motmot *Momotus momota* Great views at Chapada do Guimarães. See note.
Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii* (H) Heard from the boat at Rio Azul Lodge.
Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum* (H) Same as above.
Brown Jacamar *Brachygalba lugubris* Good view at Chapada dos Guimarães.
Blue-necked Jacamar ◊ (Blue-cheeked J) *Galbula cyanicollis* Great views at Rio Azul Lodge.
Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda* Seen at Canastra, Cipó, Pantanal, Chapada, and Cristalino.

Bronzy Jacamar *Galbula leucogastra* Frequent at Rio Azul Lodge.
Paradise Jacamar *Galbula dea* Nice looks at Rio Azul Lodge.
Great Jacamar *Jacamerops aureus* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
White-necked Puffbird *Notharchus hyperrhynchus* Seen well at Cristalino Lodge.
Brown-banded Puffbird ◊ *Notharchus ordii* Seen at Rio Azul Lodge; also heard at Cristalino Lodge.
Pied Puffbird *Notharchus tectus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
Spotted Puffbird *Bucco tamatia* Close view at Rio Azul Lodge.
Collared Puffbird *Bucco capensis* (H) Heard from the boat at Rio Azul Lodge.
White-eared Puffbird *Nystalus chacuru* Good views at Canastra, Cipó and Chapada dos Guimarães.
Eastern Striolated Puffbird ◊ *Nystalus striolatus torridus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge. See note.
Caatinga Puffbird ◊ *Nystalus maculatus* Great views at Cipó.
Rufous-capped Nunlet ◊ *Nonnula ruficapilla* Seen at Cristalino Lodge.
Black-fronted Nunbird *Monasa nigrifrons* Common at Pantanal, Rio Azul and Cristalino.
White-fronted Nunbird *Monasa morphoeus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge.
Swallow-winged Puffbird (Swallow-wing) *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* Common at Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Black-girdled Barbet ◊ *Capito dayi* Lovely views at Cristalino Lodge, tower 2.
Lettered Aracari *Pteroglossus inscriptus* Cool views at Chapada dos Guimarães.
Red-necked Aracari ◊ *Pteroglossus bitorquatus* Quite common at Rio Azul; also seen at Cristalino Lodge.
Black-necked Aracari *Pteroglossus aracari* The rare aracari in Cristalino, seen again this year.
Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis* Seen at Pantanal and Chapada.
Curl-crested Aracari *Pteroglossus beauharnaesii* Seen at Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Gould's Toucanet ◊ *Selenidera gouldii* Very decent views of male and female at Rio Azul Lodge.
Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus* First at Chapada, later at Rio and Cristalino. See note.
Toco Toucan *Ramphastos toco* Common at Canastra. Also seen at Cipó, Pantanal and Chapada.
White-throated Toucan (Red-billed T) *Ramphastos tucanus* Common at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodge. See note.
Bar-breasted Piculet ◊ (Golden-fronted P) *Picumnus aurifrons* Seen well at Rio Azul Lodge.
White-wedged Piculet ◊ *Picumnus albosquamatus* Seen well at Pantanal and Chapada. See note.
White Woodpecker *Melanerpes candidus* Seen at Cipó, Pantanal and Chapada.
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus* First at Chapada; common at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
White-fronted Woodpecker ◊ *Melanerpes cactorum* A very special one at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
Little Woodpecker *Veniliornis passerinus* Seen well at Pantanal.
Checkered Woodpecker *Veniliornis mixtus* Always a nice one 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* Nice view of one at Pantanal.
Green-barred Woodpecker *Colaptes melanochloros* Seen at Cipó.
Campo Flicker *Colaptes campestris* Several sightings along the main tour.
Scaly-breasted Woodpecker (Scale-breasted W) *Celeus grammicus* (H) Heard every dawn at Rio Azul Lodge.
Pale-crested Woodpecker ◊ *Celeus lugubris* Amazing views at Pantanal.
Cream-colored Woodpecker *Celeus flavus* Good view at Pixaim gallery forest, Pantanal.
Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* Seen at Cipó.
Red-necked Woodpecker *Campephilus rubricollis* Lovely views at Chapada dos Guimarães.
Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos* Good views at Pantanal.
Black Caracara *Daptrius ater* Frequent around the lodge at Cristalino.
Red-throated Caracara *Ibycter americanus* (H) Heard at 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 and Cristalino Lodge.
Barred Forest Falcon *Micrastur ruficollis* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.



Hyacinth Visorbearer - male (Eduardo Patrial)

- American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* Seen at Chapada and around Alta Floresta.
- Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis* Nice looks in the Pantanal and way to Rio Azul.
- Bat Falcon** *Falco ruficularis* Seen at Pantanal, Rio Azul and Cristalino.
- Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet** *Touit huetii* Incredible views from tower 2 at Cristalino Lodge.
- Monk Parakeet** *Myiopsitta monachus* Quite common at Pantanal.
- Yellow-chevroned Parakeet** *Brotogeris chiriri* At Canastra, Cipó, Pantanal and Chapada. See note.
- Golden-winged Parakeet** *Brotogeris chrysoptera* Seen at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
- Orange-cheeked Parrot** *Pyrilia barrabandi* One briefly seen from tower 1, Cristalino Lodge.
- Bald Parrot** ◊ *Pyrilia aurantiocephala* Few seen in flight at Rio Azul Lodge. A new bird for Birdquest and for the tour.
- Scaly-headed Parrot** *Pionus maximiliani* Good sightings at Cipó and Pantanal.
- Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus* Seen at Chapada, Rio Azul and more frequent at Cristalino.
- Yellow-crowned Amazon (Y-c Parrot)** *Amazona ochrocephala* Few seen at Cristalino Lodge.
- Turquoise-fronted Amazon (Blue-f A, T-f Parrot)** *Amazona aestiva* Common at Pantanal.
- Kawall's Amazon** ◊ (K Parrot) *Amazona kawalli* Nice views at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodge. See note.
- Orange-winged Amazon (O-w Parrot)** *Amazona amazonica* Seen at Pantanal and Rio Azul Lodge.
- Dusky-billed Parrotlet** *Forpus modestus* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
- Blue-winged Parrotlet** *Forpus xanthopterygius* (H) Heard at Canastra.
- White-bellied Parrot** *Pionites leucogaster* Great views at Rio Azul and also from the towers at Cristalino Lodge.
- Red-fan Parrot** *Derophtus accipitrinus* A beautiful pair seen perched along the Cristalino River.
- Maroon-bellied Parakeet** *Pyrrhura frontalis* Only seen at Canastra, low part.
- Crimson-bellied Parakeet** ◊ *Pyrrhura perlata* (H) Only heard this time at Cristalino Lodge. See note.
- Santarem Parakeet** ◊ *Pyrrhura amazonum* Seen well at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodge. See note.
- Hyacinth Macaw** ◊ *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus* Always breath-taking at Pantanal.
- Peach-fronted Parakeet** *Eupsittula aurea* Quite common along the main tour.
- Nanday Parakeet** ◊ (Black-hooded P) *Aratinga nenday* Excellent views at Rio Claro Lodge, Pantanal.
- Golden-capped Parakeet** ◊ *Aratinga auricapillus* Fantastic views at Canastra. See note.
- Red-bellied Macaw** *Orthopsittaca manilatus* Quite common at Rio Azul Lodge, large flocks.
- Golden-collared Macaw** ◊ (Yellow-collared M) *Primolius auricollis* Two nesting pairs closely watched at Pantanal.
- Blue-winged Macaw** ◊ *Primolius maracana* A happy encounter at 'Porta do Ceu' trail in Chapada dos Guimarães.
- Blue-and-yellow Macaw** *Ara ararauna* Seen at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
- Scarlet Macaw** *Ara macao* Great views at Cristalino Lodge.
- Red-and-green Macaw** *Ara chloropterus* Seen at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodge.
- Chestnut-fronted Macaw** *Ara severus* Good views at Cristalino Lodge.

Red-shouldered Macaw *Diopsittaca nobilis* Nice looks in Chapada dos Guimarães.

Blue-crowned Parakeet *Thectocercus acuticaudatus* Close looks at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.

White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus* Seen at most of the places, very common at Canastra.

Campo Miner ◊ *Geositta poeciloptera* At least two pairs seen displaying at Canastra NP.

Band-tailed Hornero ◊ *Furnarius figulus* Great views at Lapinha da Serra, Cipó.

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

Rufous Hornero *Furnarius rufus* Common along the main tour.

Cipo Canastero ◊ *Asthenes luizae* Provided us a great show in a scenic place at Cipó.

Chotoy Spinetail *Schoeniophylax phryganophilus* Excellent views around Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel.

Ochre-cheeked Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis scutata* (H) Heard at Piuval Lodge; a rare one in the Pantanal.

Sooty-fronted Spinetail *Synallaxis frontalis* Seen well at 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.

White-lored Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis albilora* Good observations at Pantanal, forested areas.

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

Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* Common in the Pantanal.

Rufous-fronted Thornbird (Common T) *Phacellodomus rufifrons* Seen at Canastra, Cipó and Pantanal.

Greater Thornbird *Phacellodomus ruber* First at Cipó; later many sightings at Pantanal.

Firewood-Gatherer *Anumbius anumbi* Good views at Canastra and Cipó.

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

Point-tailed Palmcreeper *Berlepschia rikeri* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge.

Chestnut-winged Hookbill *Ancistrops strigilatus* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.

Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner *Philydor erythrocerum* Seen in mixed flock at Rio Azul Lodge.

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner *Philydor rufum* A close sighting at Canastra NP, low part.

Bamboo Foliage-gleaner (Dusky-cheeked F-G) *Anabazenops dorsalis* Seen this time at Cacau Trail, Cristalino.

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge.

White-eyed Foliage-gleaner ◊ *Automolus leucophthalmus* Seen at Canastra NP, low part.

Henna-capped Foliage-gleaner ◊ (Chestnut-c F-G) *Hylocryptus rectirostris* Brief view at stakeout in Cipó.

Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper *Lochmias nematura* (H) Only heard at Canastra N P.



Golden-collared Macaw (Eduardo Patrial)

Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge.

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* Seen well at Pantanal.

Long-tailed Woodcreeper *Deconychura longicauda* Good views at Cristalino Lodge, Serra 2 Trail.
Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus* Seen at Pantanal and Cristalino.
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* One at Rio Azul and another at Cristalino Lodge.
Long-billed Woodcreeper *Nasica longirostris* Seen well around the lodge at Cristalino.
Uniform Woodcreeper ◊ *Hylexetastes uniformis* Superb views at Rio Azul Lodge; bird calling at every dawn.
Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* (H) Heard at dawn, Cristalino Lodge.
Great Rufous Woodcreeper ◊ *Xiphocolaptes major* Good looks at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes certhia* Stunning views at Rio Azul Lodge.
Planalto Woodcreeper ◊ *Dendrocolaptes platyrostris* A good one (ssp. *intermedius*) at Rio Claro, Pantanal.
Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex picus* Good views at Pantanal.
Striped Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus obsoletus* Closely watched from the boat at Cristalino Lodge.
Spix's Woodcreeper ◊ *Xiphorhynchus spixii* Seen in mixed flock at Rio Azul and at Cristalino Lodge.
Buff-throated Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* Seen well at Pantanal, heard later in the Amazon.
Narrow-billed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes angustirostris* At Canastra, Cipó, Pantanal and Chapada.
Layard's Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes layardi* Seen well at Cristalino Lodge. See note.
Red-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris* Always a nice one in the forests of Pantanal.
Curve-billed (Tapajos) Scythebill *Campylorhamphus p. cardosoi* Terrific views at Cristalino Lodge. See note.
Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus* Seen well at Rio Azul Lodge.
Great Antshrike *Taraba major* Frequently recorded at Pantanal.
Silvery-cheeked Antshrike ◊ *Sakesphorus cristatus* A great find last year at Cipó and it's still there.
Glossy Antshrike ◊ *Sakesphorus luctuosus* Seen well at Rio Azul Lodge; heard at Cristalino.
Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* Obliging at Pantanal and Chapada.
Chestnut-backed Antshrike *Thamnophilus palliatus* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge. See note.
Plain-winged Antshrike *Thamnophilus schistaceus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul and at Cristalino.
Natterer's Slaty Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus stictocephalus* Seen this time at Rio Azul Lodge. See note.
Planalto Slaty Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus pelzelni* Seen well at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal. See note.
Amazonian Antshrike *Thamnophilus amazonicus* Nice looks at Cristalino Lodge.
Variable Antshrike *Thamnophilus caerulescens* Seen well at Cipó.
Rufous-winged Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus torquatus* Great views at Canastra and Cipó.
Plain Antwren *Dysithamnus mentalis* Seen at Jamaca Valley, Chapada.
Saturnine Antshrike ◊ *Thamnomanes saturninus* Seen well in mixed flock at Rio Azul Lodge.
Cinereous Antshrike *Thamnomanes caesius* Sightings at Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Spot-winged Antshrike *Pygoptila stelleris* Good looks at Rio Azul Lodge.
White-eyed Antwren *Epinecrophylla leucophthalma* Same as above.
Ornate Antwren *Epinecrophylla ornata* A good one at Cristalino Lodge.
Pygmy Antwren *Myrmotherula brachyura* (H) Commonly heard in the canopy at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
Amazonian Streaked Antwren *Myrmotherula multostriata* Seen well at Rio Azul; also spotted at Cristalino Lodge.
Sclater's Antwren ◊ *Myrmotherula sclateri* Frequent at Rio Azul Lodge.
White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge.
Grey Antwren *Myrmotherula menetriesii* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
Black-capped Antwren *Herpsilochmus atricapillus* Seen at Canastra and Cipó.
Large-billed Antwren ◊ *Herpsilochmus longirostris* A female at Canastra; more at Pantanal
Rufous-winged Antwren *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus* Seen well at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodge.
Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhopias quixensis* Seen in bamboo at Cristalino Lodge.
Southern White-fringed Antwren *Formicivora grisea* Seen in the 'campinarana' at Rio Azul Lodge.
Black-bellied Antwren ◊ *Formicivora melanogaster* Great view of a male at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
Rusty-backed Antwren *Formicivora rufa* Good views at Pantanal.
Ochre-rumped Antbird ◊ *Drymophila ochropyga* (H) Heard at an Atlantic Forest remnant at Cipó.
Striated Antbird *Drymophila devillei* A bamboo specialist, seen at Cristalino Lodge. See note.
Grey Antbird *Cercomacra cinerascens* Seen at Cristalino.
Mato Grosso Antbird ◊ *Cercomacra melanaria* Close views at Pantanal.
White-backed Fire-Eye *Pyriglena leuconota* Good views of a male at Chapada.



Pavoine Quetzal (Eduardo Patrial)

- White-browed Antbird** *Myrmoborus leucophrys* Nice looks at a male at Rio Azul Lodge.
- Spix's Warbling Antbird** ◊ *Hypocnemis striata* Seen at Rio Azul Lodge; also heard at Cristalino. See note.
- Yellow-browed Antbird** *Hypocnemis hypoxantha* Beautiful Antbird! Good views at Rio Azul Lodge.
- Band-tailed Antbird** *Hypocnemoides maculicauda* Closely observed at Pantanal; also heard at Cristalino.
- Silvered Antbird** *Sclateria naevia* Close looks at Rio Azul Lodge.
- Rufous-faced Antbird** ◊ *Schistocichla rufifacies* A skulker but a male well seen in the end at Cristalino. See note.
- Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird** *Myrmeciza hemimelaena* Also a good one at Rio Azul Lodge. See note.
- Black-throated Antbird** *Myrmeciza atrothorax* Good views of a pair at Rio Azul Lodge.
- Bare-eyed Antbird** ◊ *Rhegmatorhina gymnops* The special one in this part of Amazon, seen well at Cristalino.
- Spot-backed Antbird** *Hylophylax naevius* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge.
- Dot-backed Antbird** *Hylophylax punctulatus* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
- Xingu Scale-backed Antbird** ◊ *Willisornis vidua* Great views at Cristalino Lodge. See note.
- Black-spotted Bare-Eye** *Phlegopsis nigromaculata* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
- Alta Floresta Antpitta** ◊ *Hylopezus whittakeri* Great views in the end at Serra 2 Trail, Cristalino. See note.
- Chestnut-belted Gnateater** ◊ *Conopophaga aurita* A cracking one at Rio Azul Lodge.
- Marsh Tapaculo** ◊ *Scytalopus iraiensis* (H) A really nice find at Cipó; seeing it is another matter.
- Rock Tapaculo** ◊ *Scytalopus petrophilus* Besides a great find, a BQ lifer seen extremely well at Cipó. See note.
- Brasilia Tapaculo** ◊ *Scytalopus novacapitalis* Always providing great looks in Canastra N P.
- Collared Crescentchest** ◊ *Melanopareia torquata* Two seen very close at Canastra NP.
- Wing-barred Piprites (W-b Manakin)** *Piprites chloris* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge.
- Planalto Tyrannulet** ◊ *Phyllomyias fasciatus* Seen well at Canastra and Cipó.
- Forest Elaenia** *Myiopagis gaimardii* Seen at Chapada and Rio Azul Lodge.
- Grey Elaenia** *Myiopagis caniceps* (H) Heard at Canastra and at Rio Azul Lodge.
- Greenish Elaenia** *Myiopagis viridicata* Seen at Cipó.
- Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster* Frequently recorded on the main tour.
- Olivaceous Elaenia** ◊ *Elaenia mesoleuca* Good views at Canastra NP, low part.
- Plain-crested Elaenia** *Elaenia cristata* Seen at Canastra and Cipó.
- Lesser Elaenia** *Elaenia chiriquensis* Spotted at Cipó.
- Highland Elaenia** *Elaenia obscura* Good views at Canastra N P and at Cipó.
- White-lored Tyrannulet** *Ornithion inermis* Seen at Cristalino Lodge.
- Southern Beardless Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum* Frequently recorded on the main tour.
- Suiriri Flycatcher** ◊ *Suiriri suiriri* Seen well at Cipó. See note.
- Chapada Flycatcher** ◊ *Suiriri affinis* Two seen well at 'Coxipó do Ouro' near Chapada ds Guimarães. See note.

Sooty Tyrannulet *Serpophaga nigricans* Good views at Canastra N P.
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet *Phaeomyias murina* Seen at Cipó.
Grey-backed Tachuri ◊ *Polystictus superciliaris* Outstanding sightings at Canastra.
Subtropical Doradito ◊ *Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis* Nice looks at our place in Campo Jofre, Pantanal.
Southern Antpipit ◊ *Corythopsis delalandi* (H) Heard at Chapada.
Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant *Euscarthmus meloryphus* Nice view at Chapada.
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleaginous* (H) Heard at Rio Azul.
Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus* (H) Heard at Pantanal and Chapada.
Bran-coloured Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus* Seen at Cipó and Pantanal.



Cipo Canastero (Eduardo Patrial)

Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant ◊ *Culicivora caudacuta* Fantastic sightings at Canastra N P.
White-bellied Tody-Tyrant ◊ *Hemitriccus griseipectus* Seen well at Rio Azul Lodge. See note.
Zimmer's Tody-Tyrant ◊ *Hemitriccus minimus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant ◊ *Hemitriccus striaticollis* Great views at Pantanal.
Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer* Seen at Cipó and at Pantanal.
Helmeted Pygmy Tyrant *Lophotriccus galeatus* Seen at Rio Azul Lodge.
Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps* Briefly seen at forest remnant at Cipó.
Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher ◊ *Poecilotriccus latirostris* Good sightings at Pantanal.
Spotted Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum maculatum* In the garden of Rio Azul Lodge.
Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* Seen at Canastra.
Yellow-olive Flatbill (Y-o Flycatcher) *Tolmomyias sulphurescens* Seen well at Chapada.
Grey-crowned Flatbill (G-c Flycatcher) *Tolmomyias poliocephalus* Seen at Rio Azul Lodge.
Ochre-lored Flatbill (Yellow-breasted F) *Tolmomyias flaviventris* Seen at Cristalino Lodge.
Golden-crowned Spadebill *Platyrrinchus coronatus* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
White-crested Spadebill *Platyrrinchus platyrrinchos* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea* Seen at Canastra and Chapada. See note.
Euler's Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus euleri* Seen at Canastra NP, low part.
Fuscous Flycatcher *Cnemotriccus fuscatus* One at Pantanal.
Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* A female at Pantanal.
Crested Black Tyrant ◊ *Knipolegus lophotes* Quite common at Canastra; also seen at Chapada.
Drab Water Tyrant *Ochthornis littoralis* Few spotted at Cristalino Lodge.
Yellow-browed Tyrant *Satrapa icterophrys* One seen at Lapinha da Serra, Cipó.

Grey Monjita *Xolmis cinereus* Seen at Canastra and Cipó.
White-rumped Monjita *Xolmis velatus* Many sightings at Canastra and Cipó.
Streamer-tailed Tyrant ◊ *Gubernetes yetapa* Great view at marsh in São Roque de Minas, Canastra.
Black-backed Water Tyrant *Fluvicola albiventer* Some sightings in the Pantanal. See note.
Masked Water Tyrant *Fluvicola nengeta* Seen at Canastra and Cipó.
White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala* At Pantanal.
Cock-tailed Tyrant ◊ *Alectrurus tricolor* Always an amazing one at Canastra N P, high part.
Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus* Nice looks at Canastra.
Cattle Tyrant *Machetornis rixosa* Common along the main tour.
Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus* Seen at Rio Azul, heard at more places.
Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis* Common in the Pantanal.
Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* (H) Heard at Canastra.
Dusky-chested Flycatcher *Myiozetetes luteiventris* Seen at Cristalino Lodge.
Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* Common throughout the tour.
Lesser Kiskadee *Philohydor lictor* Good views at Pantanal.
Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus* Seen at Canastra.
Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* Seen at Pantanal.
Sulphury Flycatcher *Tyrannopsis sulphurea* A pair seen at Rio Azul Lodge.
Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Common throughout the tour.
Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana* Common along the main tour.
Greyish Mourner *Rhytipterna simplex* (H) Heard at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.



Agami Heron (Eduardo Patrial)

Pale-bellied Mourner ◊ *Rhytipterna immunda* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge.
Sibilant Sirystes *Sirystes sibilator* (H) Heard at Chapada dos Guimarães. See note.
Rufous Casiornis *Casiornis rufus* Seen well at Pantanal.
Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* Good view from Tower 2, Cristalino.
Swainson's Flycatcher *Myiarchus swainsoni* Seen at Cipó.
Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox* Several sightings along the tour.
Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus* Seen well at Canastra; heard elsewhere.

Large-headed Flatbill *Ramphotricon megacephalum* Seen in bamboo at Cristalino Lodge.
Dusky-tailed Flatbill ◊ *Ramphotricon fuscicauda* Seen briefly at Serra 2 Trail, Cristalino Lodge.
Cinnamon Attila *Attila cinnamomeus* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
White-eyed Attila ◊ *Attila bolivianus* Great view at Pantanal.
Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
Spangled Cotinga *Cotinga cayana* Good views at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
Screaming Piha *Lipaugus vociferans* Spotted at Rio Azul and at Cristalino Lodge.
Pompadour Cotinga *Xipholena punicea* A beautiful male quite close to tower 2, Cristalino Lodge.
Bare-necked Fruitcrow *Gymnoderus foetidus* Good sightings at Cristalino Lodge.
Amazonian Umbrellabird *Cephalopterus ornatus* A highlight at a small island near Cristalino Lodge.
Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin *Tyrannetes stolzmanni* (H) Often heard at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin ◊ *Neopelma pallescens* Close views at Cipó.
Helmeted Manakin ◊ *Antilophia galeata* Amazing sightings at Canastra, Cipó and Pantanal.
Blue-backed Manakin *Chiroxiphia pareola* Seen in high level at Cristalino Lodge.
Pin-tailed Manakin ◊ *Ilicura militaris* Nice views of a male at Canastra NP, low part.
Black Manakin ◊ *Xenopipo atronitens* Seen male and female in 'campinarana' habitat at Rio Azul Lodge.
Snow-capped Manakin ◊ *Lepidothrix nattereri* Seen well at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
Flame-crested Manakin ◊ (F-crowned M) *Heterocercus linteatus* Superb looks at Rio Azul Lodge.
White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus* A female seen at Canastra NP, low part.
Band-tailed Manakin *Pipra fasciicauda* Always providing a nice show at Chapada dos Guimarães.
Fiery-capped Manakin *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus* Provided splendid views at Chapada.
White-crowned Manakin *Pseudopipra pipra* A female at Rio Azul Lodge.
Red-headed Manakin *Ceratopipra rubrocapilla* Good views at Cristalino Lodge.
Amazonian Royal Flycatcher *Onychorhynchus coronatus* Seen twice at Cristalino Lodge. See note.
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher *Terentriacus erythrurus* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Black-tailed Tityra *Tityra cayana* Seen at Pantanal.
Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata* Seen at Chapada.
Brown-winged Schiffornis (Thrush-like S) *Schiffornis turdina* Seen at Rio Azul Lodge.
Cinereous Mourner *Laniocera hypopyrra* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Green-backed Becard *Pachyramphus viridis* Seen near Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel, Pantanal.
White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus* Seen at Rio Claro Lodge, Pantanal.
Black-capped Becard *Pachyramphus marginatus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge.
Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* Seen at Pantanal, heard at several places.
Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius leucotis* Good views at Cristalino Lodge.
Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus* Few spotted along the tour. See note.
Grey-eyed Greenlet ◊ *Hylophilus amaurocephalus* Seen at Canastra. See note.
Grey-chested Greenlet ◊ *Hylophilus semicinereus* Seen well at Rio Azul Lodge.
Ashy-headed Greenlet ◊ *Hylophilus pectoralis* Good views at Pantanal.
Dusky-capped Greenlet *Hylophilus hypoxanthus* Seen in mixed flocks, Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
Tawny-crowned Greenlet *Hylophilus ochraceiceps* Seen in mixed flock at Cristalino Lodge.
Purplish Jay ◊ *Cyanocorax cyanomelas* Common at Pantanal.
Curl-crested Jay ◊ *Cyanocorax cristatellus* Great views at Canastra and Chapada dos Guimarães.
Plush-crested Jay *Cyanocorax chrysops* Two ssp. seen, first at Canastra and later at Rio Azul Lodge.
White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* Abundant at Pantanal, Rio Azul and Cristalino.
White-rumped Swallow *Tachycineta leucorrhoa* See at Canastra NP and Cipó.
Purple Martin *Progne subis* Some at Cristalino Lodge.
Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* Loads in the Pantanal.
Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera* Several seen at Pantanal.



White-browed Hawk (Eduardo Patrial)

- Blue-and-white Swallow** *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* Frequent at Canastra and Cipó.
- White-banded Swallow** *Atticora fasciata* Quite common at Rio Azul and Cristalino Rivers.
- Black-collared Swallow** *Atticora melanoleuca* Few around Ariosto Island, Cristalino Lodge.
- Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Commonly recorded on the tour.
- Black-capped Donacobius** *Donacobius atricapilla* First at Canastra; abundant in the Pantanal. See note.
- Thrush-like Wren** *Campylorhynchus turdinus* Quite common at Pantanal.
- Tooth-billed Wren** ◊ *Odontorchilus cinereus* Always a good one from the tower at Cristalino Lodge.
- Grass Wren (Sedge W)** *Cistothorus platensis* Good view at Canastra NP.
- Moustached Wren** *Pheugopedius genibarbis* Well observed at Pantanal.
- Buff-breasted Wren** *Cantorchilus leucotis* Seen well at Pantanal.
- Fawn-breasted Wren** ◊ *Cantorchilus guarayanus* Good view at Santa Isabel road, Pantanal.
- House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* Some sightings along the main tour. See note.
- Long-billed Gnatwren** *Ramphocaenus melanurus* Seen at Rio Azul Lodge.
- Masked Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila dumicola* Several sightings at Pantanal.
- Chalk-browed Mockingbird** *Mimus saturninus* Common along the main tour.
- White-banded Mockingbird** *Mimus triurus* A very nice migrant to find at Pantanal.
- Eastern Slaty Thrush** ◊ *Turdus subalaris* (H) Several heard at Canastra, not attending playback.
- Rufous-bellied Thrush** *Turdus rufiventris* Several sightings along the main tour.
- Pale-breasted Thrush** *Turdus leucomelas* Same as above.
- Creamy-bellied Thrush** *Turdus amaurochalinus* Seen at Canastra, Cipó and Pantanal.
- Hauxwell's Thrush** *Turdus hauxwelli* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
- White-necked Thrush** *Turdus albicollis* (H) Heard at Canastra.
- House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* Usually at petrol stations.
- Yellowish Pipit** *Anthus lutescens* (H) Heard at Pantanal.
- Ochre-breasted Pipit** ◊ *Anthus nattereri* Great views at Canastra N P, high part.
- Hooded Siskin** *Spinus magellanicus* A male seen at Cipó.
- Purple-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia chlorotica* Seen at Canastra and Cipó.
- White-lored Euphonia (Golden-bellied E)** *Euphonia chrysopasta* Good views at Rio Azul Lodge.
- Rufous-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia rufiventris* Seen at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.

Southern Yellowthroat *Geothlypis velata* Seen at Cipó. See note.
White-striped Warbler ◊ *Myiothlypis leucophrys* Great views of this endemic at Canastra N P, high part.
Flavescent Warbler *Myiothlypis flaveola* First at Canastra, later at Pantanal.
White-rimmed Warbler ◊ (White-browed W) *Myiothlypis leucoblephara* Good view at Canastra N P low part.
Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus* Seen at Canastra, Pantanal and Chapada. See note.
Red-breasted Blackbird *Sturnella militaris* Several on way to Rio Azul and Cristalino.
White-browed Blackbird *Sturnella superciliaris* A nice group at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* Frequent along the main tour.
Olive Oropendola (Para O, Amazonian O) *Psarocolius bifasciatus* Seen at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
Solitary Cacique *Cacicus solitarius* Frequently seen at Pantanal.
Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* Quite common at Pantanal, Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus* A flashy one at Pantanal. See note.
Variable Oriole *Icterus pyrrhopterus* First at Canastra, later at Pantanal. See note.
Epulet Oriole *Icterus cayanensis* Good views at Cristalino Lodge.
Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* Several sightings at Pantanal.
Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* Seen at Chapada and Pantanal.
Scarlet-headed Blackbird ◊ *Amblyramphus holosericeus* Great views at Pantanal.
Chopi Blackbird *Gnorimopsar chopi* Several sightings along the main tour.
Greyish Baywing (Baywing) *Agelaioides badius* Common at Pantanal. See note.
Unicolored Blackbird *Agelasticus cyanopus* Quite common at Pantanal.
Chestnut-capped Blackbird *Chrysomus ruficapillus* A large flock at Canastra.
Yellow-rumped Marshbird ◊ *Pseudoleistes guirahuro* Good views at Canastra.
Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* Some records along the tour.
Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* Common at Canastra and Cipó, fewer seen later.
Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus humeralis* Seen at Canastra, Cipó, Pantanal and Chapada dos Guimarães.
Blue Finch ◊ (Yellow-billed B F) *Porphyrospiza caerulescens* Terrific views at Canastra, Cipó and also Chapada.
Pectoral Sparrow *Arremon taciturnus* Brief views at Chapada dos Guimarães.
Saffron-billed Sparrow *Arremon flavirostris* Good views at Cipó and Chapada.
Red-crested Cardinal *Paroaria coronata* Very few in the Pantanal.
Red-capped Cardinal *Paroaria gularis* Few seen at Cristalino Lodge.
Yellow-billed Cardinal ◊ *Paroaria capitata* Common at Pantanal.
Cinnamon Tanager ◊ *Schistochlamys ruficapillus* Good views at Canastra and Cipó.
Black-faced Tanager *Schistochlamys melanopis* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães.
Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* Nice looks at Chapada.
Red-billed Pied Tanager ◊ *Lamprospiza melanoleuca* One seen from tower 1, Cristalino Lodge.
Orange-headed Tanager *Thlypopsis sordida* Seen well at our hotel in Canastra.
White-rumped Tanager ◊ *Cypsnagra hirundinacea* Lovely views at Canastra and Chapada.
Grey-headed Tanager *Eucometis penicillata* Great views at Cipó, Pantanal and Chapada.
Flame-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus cristatus* Seen at Cristalino Lodge.
Fulvous-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus surinamus* A nice one at Rio Azul Lodge.
White-shouldered Tanager *Tachyphonus luctuosus* Seen at Cristalino Lodge.
Ruby-crowned Tanager ◊ *Tachyphonus coronatus* Seen at Cipó.
White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus* Seen at Chapada and Rio Azul Lodge.
Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* Common at Pantanal, Chapada and Amazon.
Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* At Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
Sayaca Tanager *Thraupis sayaca* Common along the main tour.
Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Commonly recorded along the tour.
Shrike-like Tanager ◊ (White-banded T) *Neothraupis fasciata* First at Canastra, more at Chapada.
Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* Sightings at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* Seen at Cristalino Lodge.
Gilt-edged Tanager ◊ *Tangara cyanoventris* A stunning one at Cipó.



Red-fan Parrot (Eduardo Patrial)

- Green-and-gold Tanager** *Tangara schrankii* Nice looks at Rio Azul Lodge.
- Bay-headed Tanager** *Tangara gyrola* Seen at Cristalino Lodge.
- Burnished-buff Tanager** *Tangara cayana* Quite common at Canastra, Cipó and Chapada.
- Blue-necked Tanager** *Tangara cyanicollis* Lovely views at Rio Azul Lodge.
- Masked Tanager** *Tangara nigrocincta* Good views at Rio Azul Lodge.
- Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis* Seen at Canastra, Cipó, Chapada and Rio Azul.
- Black-faced Dacnis** *Dacnis lineata* At Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
- Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana* Some sightings along the tour.
- Short-billed Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes nitidus* Good views at Rio Azul and at Cristalino.



Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant (Eduardo Patrial)

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* Fantastic yellow legs! Few sightings at Cristalino Lodge.
Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus* Few along the 'Porta do Céu' Trail in Chapada.
Guira Tanager *Hemithraupis guira* Seen well at Chapada.
Yellow-backed Tanager *Hemithraupis flavicollis* Seen at Rio Azul Lodge.
Chestnut-vented Conebill *Conirostrum speciosum* Seen at Pantanal.
Grey Pileated Finch (Pileated F) *Coryphospingus pileatus* Seen well at Cipó.
Red Pileated Finch (Red-crested F) *Coryphospingus cucullatus* Seen at Chapada.
Long-tailed Reed Finch *Donacospiza albifrons* A nice surprise well observed at Cipó.
Cinereous Warbling Finch ◊ (Grey-and-white W-F) *Poospiza cinerea* First at Canastra, more at Cipó. See note.
Stripe-tailed Yellow Finch *Sicalis citrina* Seen nicely at Canastra NP.
Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* Common along the main tour.
Wedge-tailed Grass Finch *Emberizoides herbicola* Good views at Canastra and Cipó.
Pampa Finch (Great P F) *Embernagra platensis* Nice view at Canastra NP, high part.
Serra Finch ◊ (Pale-throated Pampa-F) *Embernagra longicauda* Good view at Cipó.
Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* Commonly recorded along the tour.
Slate-colored Seedeater *Sporophila schistacea* Close views along the Rio Azul River.
Plumbeous Seedeater *Sporophila plumbea* Seen at Canastra and Chapada dos Guimarães.
Rusty-collared Seedeater *Sporophila collaris* Several sightings at Pantanal.
Dubois's Seedeater ◊ *Sporophila ardesiaca* A nice one at Cipó.
Double-collared Seedeater *Sporophila caerulescens* At Canastra, Cipó, Pantanal and Chapada.
White-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila leucoptera* This time seen at Canastra, low part.
Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch (Lesser S F) *Oryzoborus angolensis* Seen well at Pantanal.
Red Tanager (Lowland Hepatic T) *Piranga flava* A beautiful pair at Lapinha da Serra, Cipó. See note.
Red-crowned Ant Tanager *Habia rubica* One at Cristalino Lodge.
Rose-breasted Chat ◊ *Granatellus pelzelni* Seen well at Cristalino Lodge.
Slate-colored Grosbeak *Saltator grossus* Seen at Cristalino Lodge.
Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães.
Green-winged Saltator *Saltator similis* Nice view at Cipó.
Greyish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* common at Pantanal.
Black-throated Saltator ◊ *Saltator atricollis* Good views at Canastra, Cipó and Chapada dos Guimarães.

MAMMALS

Giant Anteater *Myrmecophaga tridactyla* Superb views at Canastra NP, high part.
Black-tufted Marmoset ◊ *Callithrix penicillata* Now common on the feeder at Hotel in Canastra; also seen at Cipó.
Emilia's Marmoset ◊ *Mico emiliae* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
Black-tailed Marmoset *Mico melanura* Seen well Rio Claro Lodge, Pantanal.
Tufted Capuchin (Brown C Monkey) *Sapajus paella* Seen at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
Black-striped Capuchin *Sapajus libidinosus* Seen at Pantanal and Chapada.
Black Howler *Alouatta caraya* Good views at Pantanal.
Spix's Red-handed Howler ◊ *Alouatta discolor* Nice looks at Rio Azul Lodge.



Maned Wolf (Eduardo Patrial)

White-cheeked (W-whiskered) Spider Monkey ◊ *Ateles marginatus* Good views at Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.

White-nosed (W-n Bearded) Saki ◊ *Chiropotes albinasus* (NL) Seen by one of us at Cristalino Lodge.

Capybara *Hydrochaerus hydrochaeris* Common at Pantanal.

Azara's Agouti *Dasyprocta azarai* Some sightings at Pantanal.

Tapeti (Brazilian Cottontail) *Sylvilagus brasiliensis* (NL) Seen at Canastra and Pantanal.

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

Greater Bulldog Bat (G Fishing B) *Noctilio leporinus* A good number at the Pixaim River at dusk, Pantanal.

Ocelot *Felis pardalis* One amazingly flushed on the forest trail at Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel.



White-cheeked Spider Monkey (Eduardo Patrial)

Jaguarundi *Felis yagouarondi* Nice view of one crossing the road in the Pantanal.

Jaguar *Panthera onca* Two well seen by the Cuiabá River, Pantanal.

Crab-eating Fox *Cerdocyon thous* First at Canastra, later at Pantanal.

Maned Wolf *Chrysocyon brachyurus* Breath-taking close views at Canastra NP.

Neotropical River Otter (Southern River O) *Lutra longicaudis* One seen at Pantanal.

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

Lowland (Brazilian) Tapir *Tapirus terrestris* Three seen at Pantanal; one was really close.

Collared Peccary *Dicotyles tajacu* One at Pantanal.

White-lipped Peccary *Tayassu pecari* (H) Heard and smelled at Cristalino Lodge.

Marsh Deer *Blastocercus dichotomus* Great views at Pantanal.

Red Brocket (R B Deer) *Mazama americana* One seen at Pantanal.

Grey Brocket (Brown Brocket) *Mazama gouazoubira* Same as above.

Pampas Deer ♦ *Ozotoceros bezoarticus* At least five seen at Canastra NP, high part.



Jaguar (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.

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.

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 *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*

According 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.

Eastern Striolated Puffbird *Nystalus striolatus torridus*

Natterer's Puffbird *Nystalus torridus* is a proposed split from Eastern 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.

Golden-capped Parakeet *Aratinga auricapillus*

This form is 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 Southern Mealy Parrot *Amazona farinosa*.

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.

Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes certhia*

Northern Barred Woodcreeper *D. sanctithomae* was formerly lumped in this form, with the name Barred Woodcreeper being used for the enlarged species.

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 (Tapajós) Scythebill *Campylorhamphus procurvoides cardosoi*

This Curve-billed Scythebill (*C. p. cardosoi*) is a newly described species, named Tapajós 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. tenuipunctatus* 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*.

Rufous-faced Antbird *Schistocichla rufifacies*

Rufous-faced Antbird is recent split from Spot-winged Antbird *S. leucostigma*. It's endemic to Brazil and occurs from the east bank of Rio Madeira to the west bank of Rio Tocantins.

Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird *Myrmeciza hemimelaena*

This species is now 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*.

Chestnut-belted Gnateater *Conopophaga aurita*

The form concerned is sometimes considered a separate species: Snethlage's Gnateater *C. snethlageae*.

Rock Tapaculo *Scytalopus petrophilus*

Rock Tapaculo (*S. petrophilus*) is a newly described (2010) species that resolves previous status issues with *S. speluncae* (Mouse-colored T) and *S. notorius* (Serra do Mar T).

Suiriri Flycatcher *Suiriri suiriri*

Change English name of *Suiriri suiriri* from Chaco Suiriri to Suiriri Flycatcher.

Chapada Flycatcher *Suiriri affinis*

This is recent described species (2001) which was mistakenly included within the Suiriri Flycatcher subspecies. Nomenclatural change for the species epithet required after an examination of the type series of *affinis* showed that it is actually referable to Chapada Flycatcher. *S. islerorum* (Zimmer et al 2001), becomes a junior synonym.

White-bellied Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus griseipectus*

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

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-crowned 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.