



The astonishing male Blue Finch from the rocky savannas of Brazilian Cerrado (Eduardo Patrial)

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This tour is always a classic and one of the nicest tours in the huge Brazil. Three major biomes (Cerrado, Pantanal and Amazon) certainly guarantee lots of good birds and some spectacular mammals, besides the fantastic and scenic places, great food and friendly people, all part of this trip. And this year the Pantanal and Interior Brazil tour with a massive list of 621 species recorded, plus 27 mammals. So many good moments in the field easily bring back memories from the spectacular hills from Minas Gerais and their endemics, rare and peculiar fauna; the mighty Pantanal and its abundant life, and the Mother of all Tropical forests, the great Amazon. From all wonders on this tour, best remembrances surely go to the pair of the very rare Brazilian

Merganser seen in the last minute (even not seen by everyone); Grey, Undulated and Tataupa Tinamous, Chestnut-bellied Guan, Red-throated and Blue-throated Piping Guans, Bare-faced and Razor-billed Curassows, Jabiru, Agami and Zigzag Herons, Black-collared, White-browed and Tiny Hawks, Mississippi Kite, Red-legged Seriema, Sunbittern, Sungrebe, Long-tailed Ground Dove, Pavonine Cuckoo, Tawny-bellied Screech Owl, Black-banded, Crested and Great Horned Owls, Great Potoo, Spot-tailed and Blackish Nightjars, Cinnamon-throated and Tapajos Hermits, the cracking Hyacinth Visorbearer, Horned Sungem, Green-tailed Goldenthrout, Stripe-breasted Starthroat, Grey-breasted Sabrewing [*calcirupicola*], Crimson Topaz, Pavonine Quetzal, Green-and-rufous and American Pygmy Kingfishers, Blue-necked, Bronzy, Great and Brown Jacamars, Spotted, Collared, Eastern Striolated, Caatinga, White-eared and Brown-banded Puffbirds, Black-girdled Barbet, Curl-crested, Lettered, Chestnut-eared and Red-necked Aracaris, Checkered, White, White-fronted, Golden-green, Pale-crested, Ringed, Scaly-breasted, Red-necked and Robust Woodpeckers, Cryptic Forest Falcon, Hyacinth, Red-and-green, Scarlet, Blue-and-yellow, Red-shouldered, Red-bellied and Blue-winged Macaws, Golden-capped, Nanday, Santarem and Crimson-bellied Parakeets, Red-fan and Yellow-faced Parrots, Chotoy and Cinereous-breasted Spinetails, the localized Cipo Canastero and Long-tailed Cinclodes, Bamboo and Chestnut-crowned Foliage-Gleaners, Great Rufous, Uniform and Layard's Woodcreepers, Red-billed and Curve-billed (Tapajos) Scythebills, Glossy, Silvery-cheeked, Nattere's Slaty, Planalto Slaty and Rufous-winged Antshrikes, Black-bellied, Rusty-backed, Large-billed, Black-capped, Pygmy, Amazonian Streaked and White-eyed Antwrens, Mato Grosso, Silvered, Black-throated, Striated, Yellow-browed, Spix's Warbling, Rufous-faced, Xingu Scale-backed and Bare-eyed Antbirds, Alta Floresta Antpitta, Rufous Gnateater, Rock and Brasilia Tapaculos, Collared Crescentchest, Grey-backed Tachuri, Sharp-tailed Grass and Cock-tailed Tyrants, the new Doradito in the Pantanal, Stripe-necked and White-bellied Tody-Tyrants, White-eyed Attila, Chapada Flycatcher, Helmeted, Pin-tailed, Band-tailed, Fiery-capped, Flame-crested, Snow-capped, White-crowned and Black Manakins, Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin, Spangled Cotinga, Amazonian Umbrellabird, Amazonian Royal Flycatcher, Curl-crested Jay, Green-backed Becard, Ochre-breasted Pipit, Scarlet-headed Blackbird, Coal-crested, Blue, Serra and Lesser Grass Finches, Long-tailed Reed Finch, Cinereous Warbling Finch, Cinnamon, White-rumped, Shrike-like, Blue-necked, Masked, Opal-rumped and Green-and-gold Tanagers and Red-billed Pied-Tanager. Some incredible mammals too: Giant Anteater, Spix's Red-handed Howler, White-cheeked/whiskered Spider Monkey, Jaguar, Maned Wolf, Giant Otter, Marsh Deer and Pampas Deer.

The journey started on October 2nd at Confins international airport near the capital Belo Horizonte in Minas Gerais state. Still by mid-morning we had all participants aboard the vehicle to depart to our first destination, the fascinating Serra da Canastra, staying three nights in the little São Roque de Minas. Our arrival at Hotel Chapadão da Canastra was around four pm. Hotel's garden had plenty of White-eyed Parakeet, Purple-throated Euphonia, Swallow and Burnished-buff Tanagers, Blue Dacnis and a female of the endemic Stripe-breasted Starthroat. Rest of daylight was spent nearby in typical Cerrado habitat with a narrow gallery forest, place where we had fun with Hooded and Rufous-headed Tanagers, Planalto and Southern Beardless Tyrannulets, Short-crested Flycatcher, Pale-breasted Thrush, Variegated Flycatcher, females Stripe-breasted Starthroat and Glittering-bellied Emerald, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, stunning male Helmeted Manakin, Crested Black Tyrant, White-rumped Monjita, Plain-crested Elaenia, Southern Rough-winged Swallow, Rufous-collared Sparrow, Toco Toucan and a Great-horned Owl.

October 3rd. As we normally do, we visited the low part of Canastra NP on our first full day. Along the Francisco River until the National Park our efforts were mainly to find Brazilian Merganser, a rarity that unfortunately stayed away on this day no matter how many sites we tried. Meanwhile birding occurred naturally during the day and it was quite good, nice open country and forest species along the São Francisco and also the Atlantic Forest remnant in the National Park made it a good day. Remarks go to Red-legged Seriema, White-tailed Hawk, Burrowing Owl, Saffron-billed Sparrow, Variable Antshrike, Wedge-tailed Grass Finch, Plumbeous Seedeater, White Woodpecker, Toco Toucan, Muscovy Duck, Swallow and Rufous-headed Tanagers, Green-winged Saltator, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, the endemics Golden-capped Parakeet and Band-tailed Hornero, Maroon-bellied Parakeet, Campo Flicker, Buff-necked Ibis, White-barred Piculet, Surucua Trogon, Sibilant Sirystes, Helmeted Manakin, Peach-fronted Parakeet, Blue-winged Parrotlet, Little Woodpecker, Rufous-fronted Thornbird, a couple of Robust Woodpecker (for the first time on this tour), the

endemic Pin-tailed Manakin (a stunning male), Plain Antvireo, Grey-pileated Finch, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird, Planalto Hermit, Southern Antpipit, close White-collared Swifts and a nice Rufous Gnateater. October 4th was a full day at the high part of Canastra National Park, a special day of birdwatching and wildlife on this tour. Rocky Cerrado on our way uphill in the early morning provided plenty of goodies, including Golden-capped Parakeet, Green-barred Woodpecker, White-eared Puffbird, Tawny-headed Swallow, the rare endemic Cinereous Warbling Finch, the attractive Rufous-winged Antshrike, Black-throated Saltator, Lesser and Plain-crested Elaenias, White-throated Kingbird, Swainson's Flycatcher, a gorgeous male Blue Finch, Chopi Blackbird, Cliff Flycatcher and Eared Dove. Suddenly the plateau of Canastra surges with endless grasslands, stunning habitats, fresh water streams, waterfalls and a special fauna. On this high quality day the grasslands and small bits of Cerrado inside the park were responsible for more numerous specialties, to mention Red-winged Tinamou, Spotted Nothura, Red-legged Seriema, Firewood Gatherer, Spix's Spinetail, endemic Grey-backed Tachuri, Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant, the amazing Cock-tailed Tyrant, Crested Black Tyrant, Highland Elaenia, Collared Crescentchest, Grass Wren, the rare Ochre-breasted Pipit, White-rumped Tanager, White-rumped and Grey Monjitas, also King Vulture, White-collared, Sooty and Sick's Swifts, Least Nighthawk, loads of Campo Flicker, Yellow-rumped Marshbird, Wedge-tailed Grass Finch, Pampa finch, Plumbeous Seedeater, some Giant Anteaters, Pampas Deer and a superb sighting of a Maned Wolf in beautiful sunset light. Lunch at the small village of São João Batista also offered some birds to look. Restaurant's front neighbour had a hummingbird feeder with Swallow-tailed Hummingbird, Planalto Hermit, a nice male Stripe-breasted Starthroat and Glittering-bellied Emerald. Yellow-browed Tyrant and Dusky-legged Guan were spotted on the street too. Completing the session on the high part we had two stops at small islands of gallery, first at the well-known source of the São Francisco River and the second at the high part of Casca D'anta Waterfall. Both forest pockets provided splendid views of local endemic Brasilia Tapaculo and few others like White-crested and Sooty Tyrannulets and a fantastic Spot-tailed Nightjar at day roost. We even stayed out until dusk but we had no luck this time with some other possible nightjars.

October 5th. On this day we decided to give one last chance in the morning for the rare and most wanted Brazilian Merganser. With rains coming earlier to the region this year, the water of São Francisco River at the low part was getting already too turbid so we thought our only chance would be at the high part of Canastra. We went straight to the top of Casca D'anta Waterfall and spent there the first hours of the day. The Merganser unfortunately didn't show up and while we waited we also enjoyed birds like White-barred Piculet, Crested Black Tyrant, Sooty Tyrannulet, Swallow Tanager, White-collared and Sooty Swifts and a Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle. Later we drove to the Rolinho waterfall area, spotting some White-rumped Monjita, Grey Monjita, White-tailed Hawk and some Cock-tailed Tyrant on the way. Getting close to the site we received news on the road from a Brazilian photographer about a couple of Merganser minutes ago at the Rolinho stream. We skipped the original plan (small patch of forest to try White-striped Warbler) and took our chances to find Brazilian Merganser. It was not an easy task but with radios and the help of the local Toninho, we finally located the couple of birds resting perched on branches over a nice pool in the river corner, a beautiful and rewarding sight. The only sad part of this very lucky event was the restriction of most of the group to get to site where views were possible; a slippery rapid had to be crossed. But birding is unpredictable, especially when concerning such rare species. This Merganser chase finished our morning and our time in Canastra. We left the park with more sightings of the usual species of birds. The drive to our next stay in Minas Gerais, the hills of Cipó (Serra do Cipó), took the whole afternoon and part of evening with quite arrival around 20:40 pm.

October 6th. The Serra do Cipó is a fascinating area in the Espinhaço mountain range in Minas Gerais. The region holds one of the richest Cerrado habitats in the country. The high rocky fields interspaced with grasslands domain the hilly landscape but area is much more complex with gallery forests, dry woodlands with more Caatinga influence and even some Atlantic Forest remnants on the eastern hilltops. This was our full day at Cipó and we started it covering some gallery forest and rocky Cerrado along the road to Serra Morena. The rare Henna-capped Foliage-gleaner was our main target in the gallery forest but unfortunately this year we couldn't find the bird at our usual site and nearby. But we did get some nice birds which include Helmeted Manakin, Flavescent and Golden-crowned Warblers, Grey-headed Tanager, Grey-eyed Greenlet, Fork-tailed Woodnymph, a female Pin-tailed Manakin, Variable Antshrike, Southern Yellowthroat, Mouse-

colored Tyrannulet, Blue Dacnis, Grey Pileated Finch and Green-winged Saltator. Later at rocky Cerrado we found the nice endemic Cinnamon Tanager, Plain-crested and Yellow-bellied Elaenias, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird, the stunning endemic Hyacinth Visorbearer, a female Horned Sungem, Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant, Hooded Siskin, Grey-backed Tachuri, Dubois's and Yellow-bellied Seedeaters, Black-throated Saltator, Campo Flicker and Suiriri Flycatcher. By late morning we also covered a high rocky field, our site for the local endemic Cipó Canastero which showed up well, as well as more males Hyacinth Visorbearer. On this habitat we finished the morning with close views of a stunning male Blue Finch. In the afternoon we decided to visit the scenic area of Lapinha da Serra. Expectations were a bit higher but our time at Lapinha was good with much better views of the endemic Cinereous Warbling Finch and also the localized [*espinhacensis*] ssp. of endemic Long-tailed Cinclodes.

October 7th. On this day we had a full morning of birding at Serra do Cipó, our last session in Minas Gerais, part one of the tour. The first hours of daylight was well spent at some nice Atlantic Forest patches surrounded by marshy grasslands, a very interesting site that we are visiting only for the second time. The main goal is the recently described endemic Rock Tapaculo which did not show up at our first attempt. It was misty at the first forest fragment and with many species singing. We managed to get views of a Rufous-capped Spinetail, Plumbeous Pigeon and a shy couple of White-shouldered Fire-eye. The heard species include Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet, Ochre-rumped Antbird, Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner and Eastern Slaty Thrush. But Rock Tapaculo was seen nicely in the next forest only few hundred meters further. It promptly responded the tape and behaved well coming up in to open branches in a bush. We also got some good birds in the surroundings marshes like Long-tailed Reed Finch, Yellow-rumped Marshbird and for the first time on this tour, Lesser Grass Finch. The rare Marsh Tapaculo was also heard by our feet, but as usual, no chances to see it. Later coming down the hills we made two good stops at 'campo rupestre' (rocky field) habitat, where the first provided the endemic Serra Finch and the second, Southern Scrub Flycatcher and the adorable Checkered Woodpecker, a couple. To finish this productive morning we had a final session at a dry forest at much lower level, a site with more influence of the biome Caatinga. Our time there was a good feast with decent views of Black-capped Antwren, Black Jacobin, Versicolored Emerald, Swainson's Flycatcher, Flavescent Warbler, plenty of Burnished-buff Tanager, Palebellied Tyrant-Manakin, the beautiful endemic Silvery-cheeked Antshrike, the amazing Caatinga Puffbird and Sooty-fronted Spinetail. Lunch was at hotel in Cipó and right after we drove to the Confins airport to take our flight to Cuiabá/Várzea Grande in Mato Grosso state where we arrived around ten pm for the overnight.

Minas Gerais is a fascinating state for birdwatching in Brazil. The impressive Cerrado habitats in two distinct mountains – Serra da Canastra and Serra do Cipó – are a must and always very special on this tour. Below some of the photos taken in Minas (Eduardo Patrial):



Helmeted Manakin



White Woodpecker



Red-legged Seriema



Rufous-headed Tanager



Surucua Trogon



Robust Woodpecker



Rufous Gnateater



White-throated Kingbird



Black-throated Saltator



Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant



Brasilia Tapaculo



Grey-backed Tachuri



Blue Finch



Cock-tailed Tyrant



Brazilian Merganser



São Francisco River and the big wall of Canastra



Serra Finch



Long-tailed Cinclodes (Cipo C) [espinhacensis]



Checkered Woodpecker



Spot-tailed Nightjar



Silvery-cheeked Antshrike



Lesser Grass Finch

October 8th. In the early morning we travelled from Varzea Grande to the fantastic Piuval Lodge right at the beginning of Transpantaneira Road in the Pantanal of Poconé. There was a brief roadside stop before Poconé on our way, a large marsh where besides other birds we found Black-faced Tanager. Getting to the Pantanal lowland is always exciting and this time Piuval Lodge gave us that first blast of wildlife with Greater Rheas, the amazing Hyacinth Macaw flying across the entrance road, Savanna Hawks, Guira Cuckoos and all the water birds like Wood Stork, Jabiru, Great, Cocoi and Snowy Egrets, Rufescent Tiger Heron, Limpkin, Southern Screamer, Bare-faced, Buff-necked and Plumbeous Ibises, etc. There we still had time for some birding by late morning. It was hot but the session was good with a close nesting couple of Hyacinth Macaw; later nice views of Ashy-headed Greenlet, the stunning male Black-bellied Antwren, Black-fronted Nunbird, Cinnamon-throated Hermit, the lovely Sunbittern, Bare-faced Curassow, a large group of Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Brazilian Teal, White Woodpecker, Greyish Baywing and White-eyed Parakeet. In the afternoon the session combined woodlands and open habitats around the Piuval bay, a truly beautiful area. We had a very pleasant time with views of Bat Falcon, the gorgeous Pale-crested Woodpecker, Grey-necked Wood Rail, Great Antshrike, Mato Grosso Antbird, Rusty-backed and White-lored Spinetails, Pale-legged Hornero, Helmeted Manakin, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Chestnut-vented Conebill, Rufous Casiornis, Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher, the smart White-eyed Attila, Silver-beaked Tanager, Blue-crowned Trogon, Capped Heron, Solitary Cacique, Black-collared Hawk, Greyish Saltator, Black-capped Donacobius, the massive Great Rufous Woodcreeper, Chestnut-eared Aracari, Chestnut-bellied Guan, Chaco Chachalaca, Little Cuckoo, Orange-backed Troupial, Monk Parakeet, Unicolored Blackbird, Grey-crested Cacholote, Turquoise-fronted Amazon, Little Woodpecker, Large-billed Tern, hundreds of Wood Storks and Jabirus, Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Yellow-billed and Red-crested Cardinals and mammals like Capybara, South American Coati and Black-and-gold Howler Monkey. At night we found several Pauraques and group of Azara's Night Monkey when searching for Black-banded Owl. The owl appeared but only gave us glimpses this time. Indeed a fabulous day our first one in the Pantanal!

October 9th. The early morning was spent at Piuval Lodge. Lodge's garden and woodland nearby provided several birds, to mention a couple of Blue-and-yellow Macaw nesting by the swimming pool, Rufescent Tiger Heron, Narrow-billed and Great Rufous Woodcreepers, the odd Red-billed Scythebill, Hyacinth Macaw, Savanna Hawk, Turquoise-fronted Amazon, Great Horned Owl and a couple of the uncommon White-fronted Woodpecker. Later near the bay we found Straight-billed and Buff-throated Woodcreepers, Large-billed and Black-bellied Antwrens, Chestnut-eared Aracari, the endemic Planalto Slaty Antshrike, Masked Gnatcatcher, Black-crowned Tityra, Stripped Cuckoo, Greater Thornbird, White-headed Marsh-Tyrant, Black-backed Water-Tyrant, Common Tody-Flycatcher, Bare-faced Curassow, Buff-breasted Wren and Crimson-crested Woodpecker. Before we leave Piuval we still got a group of South American Snipe close to the reception. Then we took the Transpantaneira road and headed south for lunch at the Rio Claro Lodge. Feeders and common area of Rio Claro at lunch time were very profitable with a large number of Nanday Parakeet, Chestnut-bellied Guan, Yellow-billed and Red-crested Cardinals, Toco Toucan and more. In the afternoon we kept our way south to the Pantanal Norte or Porto Jofre Hotel at the end of Transpantaneira, crossing all the wooden bridges and enjoying the usual amount of birds by the road. A good stop happened by the forest at Santa Isabel side road where we got the stunning Golden-collared Macaw, also a nesting Bat Falcon and Fawn-breasted Wren. Reaching the 'campos' of Jofre we had another productive stop with great views of American Pygmy Kingfisher, Orange-headed Tanager (uncommon in the Pantanal), Chotoy Spinetail, Large Elaenia, male Rusty-collared Seedeater and plenty of Southern Screamers. We arrived at Pantanal Norte Hotel just before dusk.

October 10th was the famous Jaguar day on the tour, basically a full day on the boat covering the banks of the Cuiabá and Three Brothers Rivers, an area where Jaguars simply domain. And it didn't take long for us to find the first ones; we were actually the first boat this morning to spot two young males Jaguars walking along the river bank, a really amazing and long sighting that made our morning. In terms of different birds we saw a good number of Blue-throated Piping Guan, Black Skimmer, Pied Plover, Great Black Hawk and Yellow-billed Tern. Lunch was back at the hotel, followed by a break which gave us time to enjoy the garden with plenty of Yellow-chevroned Parakeet, Yellow-rumped Cacique, Plumbeous and Buff-necked Ibises and Hyacinth Macaws. In the afternoon we drove up the Piquiri River for a while, where we found a family of Giant Otters. Later we covered the same area as we did in the morning (Cuiabá and Three Brothers) which

yielded us good sightings of two more Jaguars, just amazing. Back to Hotel at dusk we still enjoyed some Band-tailed Nighthawk and Lesser and Greater Bulldog Bats.

October 11th. On this day we left Porto Jofre early in the morning, having two main stops still in the Jofre area. The first one was in the forest very close to the hotel where we managed to find at least two stunning males of Band-tailed Manakin. The second stop was at 'campos' of Jofre, the huge marshy area where we found the still undescribed Doradito (so far usually identified as Subtropical Doradito, but clearly a different species), also Cinereous-breasted Spinetail, a couple Barred Antshrike, Buff-breasted Wren, Peach-fronted Parakeet, the stunning Scarlet-headed Blackbird and more of the usual stuff. Driving back the Transpantaneira Road our next stop happened before lunch already close to our next stay, the Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel by the bank of Pixaim River. It was already very hot when we got to this semi-open habitat, but the stop was good with great views of a pair Rusty-backed Antwren, a nice male Green-backed Becard and a White-tailed Goldenthrout. In the afternoon we had an amazing boat trip at Pixaim. Remarks certainly go to the views of Green-and-rufous Kingfisher, Sungrebe, a stunning adult Agami Heron, Golden-green and Cream-colored Woodpeckers, a day roost of Great Potoo, Greenish Elaenia, a couple of Band-tailed Antbird and some Boat-billed Herons. We tried for the secretive Zigzag Heron but this time it was only heard a little distant.

October 12th. Our last birding sessions in the Pantanal happened in the good area of Pantanal Mato Grosso Hotel. First we covered the open habitat along the hotel's airstrip, a site where we found Picui Ground Dove, the lovely Long-tailed Ground Dove, White-browed Blackbird, Variable Oriole, Crane Hawk, Scaly-headed Parrot and Turquoise-fronted Amazons in flight; also Greater Thornbird, a nice couple of Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch and a Lined Seedeater. By mid-morning we visited the good Pixaim gallery forest, taking right away our main target, the cute Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant. But just impossible not to enjoyed all the rest like the close views of Green Kingfisher, nesting Yellow-rumped Caciques, Chaco Chachalacas everywhere, a nice look at Moustached Wren and another couple of Mato Grosso Antbird. Then by late morning we left the hotel and the Pantanal with more birds on the road until our stop for lunch in Poconé. Our next destination is the impressive Chapada dos Guimarães, back to the top of Brazil's central plateau but right at its edge not far from Cuiabá, with huge cliffs, fantastic landscape with rocks, different Cerrado physiognomies and tall semi-deciduous forests, home of a rich fauna to include several Cerrado specialties, big mammals and raptors. On our way we had a quick stop at Coxipó do Ouro just before the Chapada cliffs. I was very hot and sadly with road work in the nice Cerrado, but even so we already guaranteed close looks at Chapada Flycatcher. We got to the peaceful Pousada Vento Sul in Chapada dos Guimarães around three pm. Rest of day was enjoyed at the nice forest of the Jamacá Valley, yielding us good views of a group of Red-shouldered Macaw, some Amazonian Motmot, Grey-headed Tanager, three males together of Band-tailed Manakin, Pectoral Sparrow and the only few Nacunda Nighthawks found on the tour.

Experiencing the Great Pantanal usually turn us speechless, just with the certain of being one of the greatest places for wildlife in the world. Bellow some of the photos taken in the Pantanal (Eduardo Patrial):



Hyacinth Macaw



White-fronted Woodpecker



Great Rufous Woodcreeper



Black-bellied Antwren



White-eyed Attila



Pale-crested Woodpecker



Rusty-backed Antwren

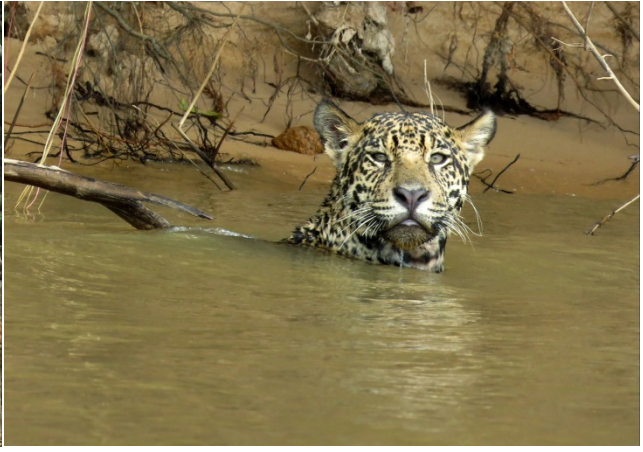


Green-backed Becard



*The Jaguars provided again a great show on this tour, here some of the best shots of the two young brothers found in the morning ride
(Eduardo Patrial)*





Great Potoo

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl



White-browed Blackbird

Red-crested Cardinal



Green-and-rufous Kingfisher



Golden-green Woodpecker



Jabiru and Monk Parakeet nests



Toco Toucan

October 13th was a productive full day in Chapada dos Guimarães. In the early morning we did the short and stunted Cerrado at a quiet corner of the well-known Água Fria road. There we found some stunning males Coal-crested Finch and most of specialties from this peculiar habitat, to mention more views of Chapada Flycatcher, the threatened Shrike-like Tanager (quite abundant in Chapada), White-rumped Tanager, Red-legged Seriema again, White-vented Violetear, Plain-crested and Lesser Elaenias, Black-throated Saltator, the amazing Collared Crescentchest, a pair of Blue-winged Macaw crossing right over us and surprisingly good view of a Small-billed Tinamou crossing the road. A little further we still had a nice group of Curl-crested Jay and another sighting of the nice Caatigna Puffbird. Rest of morning was spent in semi-deciduous forest at two site: first at quick session at Vale da Benção, not far from Água Fria, where we had a pleasant session with few nice birds such Amazonian Motmot, Lettered Aracari, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, Long-billed Starthroat and a cooperative Pavonine Cuckoo. From there we finished our morning at the Jamaca Valley with great views of Fiery-capped Manakin, White-backed Fire-eye and a family of Brown Jacamar. The migrant Mississippi Kite was spotted over the Pousada after lunch in town. The afternoon was more relaxed and this time we decided to visit the Cerrado near the cave Aroe Jari, a site where the uncommon Yellow-faced Parrot has its preferences in Chapada. Our time there was fun with good looks at Red-pileated Finch, White-eared Puffbird and successfully two perched pairs of Yellow-faced Parrot right after sunset which we could approach and scope them for a long time.

October 14th. On this way we had the morning to enjoy Chapada. The first hour was spent at beautiful viewpoint next to the one known as the geodesic center. The amazing sight on the top of the cliff was shared with a very close Bat Falcon, large groups of White-collared and Great Dusky Swifts, some Golden-crowned Warblers, Silver-beaked Tanager, Blue Dacnis and some noisy Red-and-Green Macaws flying along the cliffs. From there we had our final main tour session at the Jamaca Valley again. This time we managed to see well a Tataupa Tinamou, a Channel-billed Toucan feeding near the forest floor and a pair of Planalto Woodcreeper, ssp. [*intermedius*]. Lunch was Chapada where we noticed some Swallow-tailed Kites. Then

transfer to Cuiabá/Várzea Grande airport and Tainá Hotel for those taking the Alta Floresta extension the next day.

With a large list of special birds, Chapada dos Guimarães always come very well after or before the Pantanal. Below some of the photographed birds (Eduardo Patrial):



Chapada Flycatcher



Coal-crested Finch



Pavonine Cuckoo



Amazonian Motmot



Fiery-capped Manakin



Channel-billed Toucan



Tataupa Tinamou



Bat Falcon



Viewpoint in Chapada dos Guimarães



Curl-crested Jay

October 15th. On this day the tour extension began with our flight at noon from Cuiabá to Alta Florest in the Amazon of northern Mato Grosso state. Our first destination on this one week extension is the fascinating Rio Azul Lodge, right across the state border in southern Para. We took a little more than three hours on dirt roads to get there, crossing mainly pastures and eventually some forest fragments. We got to the lodge around six pm, just with sunset. Roadside birding and few quick stops provided already a nice Amazonian array of birds – Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, a Razor-billed Curassow with a cheek, Chestnut-fronted Macaw, a group of Speckled Chachalaca, Red-throated Piping Guan, plus White-faced Whistling Duck, Brazilian Teal, Pied-billed Grebe and even some Hyacinth Macaw. Evening at the lodge we managed to see a Blackish Nightjar and an obliging Tawny-bellied Screech Owl [*usta*].

October 16th. Our first full day at Rio Azul Lodge was simply stuffed of birds. This secluded rich corner of the Amazon was responsible for over a hundred species recorded on this day, most of them new to our already long tour list, including regional endemics and some uncommon species too. In the morning we had a nice loop walk starting at the lodge's clearing, then along the entrance road and finally on the beautiful Jatobá Trail back to the Lodge. A session that yielded Black Caracara, a quite close Eastern Striolated Puffbird, Spix's Warbling and White-browed Antbirds, Pygmy Antwren, Swallow, Turquoise, Masked and Green-and-gold Tanagers, Black-faced Dacnis, Short-billed Honeycreeper, Scaly-breasted Woodpecker, Layard's Woodcreeper, many Swallow-winged Puffbird, Natterer's Slaty Antshrike, Blue-and-yellow, Blue-winged and Red-bellied Macaws, Blue-headed Parrot, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, Paradise and Bronzy Jacamars, the amazing Spotted Puffbird, a female Snow-capped Manakin, the lovely Green-tailed Goldenthrout, a female Amethyst Woodstar, White-chinned Sapphire, the gorgeous White-bellied Parrot, Orange-winged Amazon,

the uncommon Brown-banded Puffbird, Gould's Toucanet, Brown-winged Schiffornis, White-crowned Manakin, the pretty Great and Blue-necked Jacamars, the striking male Flame-crested Manakin, the endemic Spix's Woodcreeper, the odd but stunning Curl-crested Aracari, a large group of the nice White-cheeked Spider Monkey, and near the river the Brazilian endemic Glossy Antshrike and adorable Amazonian Streaked Antwren. Lunch as usual was simply delicious. In the afternoon we had a short boat due to a heavy rain approaching the area (showers happening frequently in the afternoon), but we still managed to see a Bare-necked Fruitcrow and some White-banded Swallows before the storm. Back to the lodge and after the rain we could enjoy the last moments of light at the lodge's clearing where we found some Blue-necked, Turquoise and Opal-rumped Tanagers and White-lored Euphonia.

October 17th. Early breakfast put us busy behind the building trying to see an Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper and also the very nice Black-girdled Barbet, having quick looks at the second one. A calm boat trip down the Azul River came right after as we were heading to do a new trail in the forest. We noticed birds were a little quiet this day but we still kept getting some good stuff during the day, that's for sure. From the boat we White-throated Toucan, White-banded and White-winged Swallows, Olive Oropendola, Orange-winged Amazon, Sunbittern, Curl-crested Aracari, Black-bellied Cuckoo and plenty of Blue-and-yellow Macaw. The endemic and rare Bald Parrot was only heard a little far from the boat this time. Later the new trail brought few good ones very welcome to our list, to mention the uncommon Yellow-browed Antbird, the cracking Dot-backed Antbird and the secretive Collared Puffbird. Black-throated Antbird was seen in a different spot when we were returning to the lodge around eleven am. There was a little time to walk some of the trails around the lodge so we did a short walk next to a forest stream obtaining terrific views of the recently described endemic Tapajos Hermit, a male Rufous-faced Antbird and a Black-tailed Trogon. The afternoon session started amazingly with a very responsive Pavonine Quetzal just beside the lodge's clearing. The bird posed at low perches in the forest for us, simply fantastic views! Later we took different direction on a trail behind. Another rain storm was coming so all we got was a small flock with Grey and White-eyed Antwrens and Black-faced Antbird. The rare Dotted Tanager was heard just before the storm arrives around four pm. The rain lasted until five thirty more or less, giving us the perfect chance to find Zigzag Heron along the river at dusk. In few minutes we reached its territory and better than expected the bird was already there, exposed and calling from a nice perch over the bank. Our group got long and close looks at this shy beauty.

October 18th. Our last morning at the enchanting Rio Azul Lodge started with views of the uncommon Uniform Woodcreeper. We did a loop taking the entrance road specially to give more attention to the further white-sand stretch with stunted 'campina' habitat. We had a very pleasant time with birds like Yellow-crowned Amazon, Blue-winged, Red-bellied and Blue-and-yellow Macaws again, plenty of Green-tailed Goldenthrout and Black-throated Mango, a Blue-tailed Emerald, two females Black Manakin, Southern White-fringed Antwren, the shy Pale-bellied Mourner, surprisingly a calm Grey Tinamou crossing the trail, also a nice male Xingu Scale-backed Antbird, Saturnine Antshrike and White-bellied Tody-Tyrant. We also had time to check a neighbour property with an old selective logging road, a site where we saw pairs of Pied Puffbird and Red-necked Woodpecker. After an early lunch we said bye to Rio Azul Lodge and hit the road towards our final place, the famous Cristalino Lodge. Few hours on dirt roads brought birds like Grey-lined Hawk, White-faced Whistling Duck, Least Grebe, a Sungrebe and several Red-breasted Blackbird. By mid-afternoon we got to the Teles Pires River bank and took a fast boat up the Cristalino River to the lodge. After the check-in procedures, well assisted by the employees, we had a little time before sunset to get some birds around the common area of the lodge. The clearing of our rooms provided White-bellied and Blue-headed Parrots, Epulet Oriole and Yellow-tufted and Red-stained Woodpeckers. Then staff clearing offered a Blackish Nightjar roosting on a roof and from the floating deck on the river we finished our day with splendid views of Red-fan Parrot, one of the most spectacular parrots in the world.

October 19th. On our first day at Cristalino Lodge we started with the Tower 2 and its loop trail for most of our morning. Amazonian Royal Flycatcher greeted us with good sightings just before the base of the tower. Finally up on the near fifty meter platform we spotted a striking male Spangle Cotinga, a close Opal-rumped Tanager, some Chestnut-fronted Macaws flying, Blue-headed Parrot, Flame-crested Tanager, Orange-bellied Euphonia, Bare-necked Fruitcrow, Curl-crested and Red-necked Aracaris, a close couple of Black-

girdled Barbet, a brief view of some flying Crimson-bellied Parakeets, Hook-billed and Swallow-tailed Kites and the uncommon White-browed Hawk which came quite close to the tower. Also a few good heard ones not so far such as Rufous Motmot, Pavonine Quetzal and Cryptic Forest Falcon. By eight am was already too hot on the top so we walked the loop in the tall forest. Stunning male Snow-capped Manakin cooperated well, followed by sightings of Long-tailed Woodcreeper, Cinereous Antshrike, Amazonian Trogon, Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner and Spix's Guan. The trail was actually quiet. The endemic and most wanted Bare-eyed Antbird was heard but none tapes were able to bring it in. Trail finished we went by boat down the river for few minutes. Two Black Hawk Eagles were seen. Back to the lodge we still had time in the morning to get the Rocky Trail and check the area around Tower 1. We came across with a large mixed flock where we noticed several things – Olivaceous Flatbill (not a common one at Cristalino), Cinereous, Saturnine and Fasciated Antshrikes, Black-capped Becard, Dusky-capped Greenlet, Long-winged, Sclater's, Pygmy and Grey Antwrens, Amazonian Trogon, Spix's and Buff-throated Woodcreepers, Tawny-crowned Greenlet, Flame-crested Tanager and more. Then near Tower 1 we saw White-fronted Nunbird, an obliging Strong-billed Woodcreeper (feeding calmly at low level) and amazingly two Crested Owls that we have been told to be roosting in the area. In the afternoon we did a relaxing boat trip upriver, spotting birds like Plumbeous Kite, a pair of Silvered Antbird, Bare-necked Fruitcrow, Rufescent Tiger Heron, Muscovy Duck, Green Ibis, Red-throated Piping Guan, Olive Oropendola and Tiny Hawk. A short stop at 'igapó' forest provided decent views of Stripped Woodcreeper and another view of Blue-necked Jacamar. Down the river back to the lodge we still saw Red-fan Parrot and a nice Long-billed Woodcreeper to finish the day.

October 20th. On this day our efforts in the early morning were to find some good bamboo specialties, and for that we did the Cocoa Trail across the Cristalino River. A nice Sungrebe, a Grey-headed Kite and some other common species were spotted on the river until we reach the trail. Trail was good and brought us decent views of most wanted species as the uncommon Bamboo Foliage-gleaner, also Rufous-crowned Foliage-gleaner, Striated Antbird, Dusky-tailed Flatbill, Dot-winged Antwren [*emiliae*] and the spectacular Curve-billed Scythebill (or Tapajos Scythebill ssp. *cardosoi*). Other birds seen on the trail include Lettered Aracari and Plain-winged Antshrike. By ten am we finished the trail trying a non-cooperative pair of Cryptic Forest Falcon. Still with some time in the morning we decided to give another try on this bird up river at Dr. Haffer's Trail. Even being brief the plan worked, the shy Cryptic Forest Falcon came in to play-back and offered a quick view landing near above us. In the afternoon we combined a boat trip to the Teles Pires River with visits to river islands. Down the Cristalino River we spotted Hook-billed Kite, Great Black Hawk, plenty of Swallow-winged Puffbirds, White-banded Swallow and more of the usual riverine species. On the Teles Pires we first stopped on a small sand bank with a lot of rocks and some bushes, a site that provided several Ladder-tailed Nightjars, Black Caracara and the agitated Amazonian Inezia. Then right next we had a walk at the large Ariosto Island, covering the main clearing and also part of a trail in denser forest. There we saw some Drab Water Tyrants, Spotted Tody-Flycatcher, the beautiful Chestnut-backed Antshrike, Long-billed Starthroat and a lek of the impressive Amazonian Umbrellabird. A quite heavy rain came after that and got us on the boat when returning to the lodge.

October 21st was our last full day at Cristalino Lodge. We stayed next to the lodge in the morning, visiting the Tower 1 and surrounding trails ('saleiro' and tower loops). The day started amazingly with incredible views of Alta Floresta Antpitta just behind the tower. Tower 1 also provided some nice birds like Red-necked Aracari, Ringed Woodpecker, Dusky-chested Flycatcher, Spangled Cotinga, Red-and-green and Scarlet Macaws, Blue-headed Parrot, Black-girdled Barbet, the uncommon Tooth-billed Wren, Red-throated Piping Guan and another White-browed Hawk. Later at nearby trail we found Razor-billed Curassow, Snow-capped Manakin, a nice male Spot-backed Antbird, a male Rothschild's Grosbeak, Spot-winged Antshrike and Santarem Parakeet. We had a relaxed afternoon with a boat trip upriver to the Brazil Nut Trail. Forest was very quiet but we certainly enjoyed seeing the massive Brazil nut tree of about eight hundred years. Walking back we were lucky to find the endemic Bare-eyed Antbird calling right by the trail. This time play-back put this striking bird in good sights for everyone. The shy White-chinned Woodcreeper was around and offered a brief view too to some of us. Then we had to take the boat and leave straight away, another rain storm was about to come with the end of the day.

October 22nd. On the last day of the tour we had a final birding session for a couple hours in Cristalino Lodge. We walked part of flat stretch of Serra 2 Trail, usually an area with great potential for general birding. This time it wasn't bad as we managed good views of Plain-brown Woodcreeper, the uncommon White-crested Spadebill, a couple Bare-eyed Antbird again and a brief look at Cinereous Mourner. The endemic primate Snethlage's Marmoset was seen well there too. We left Cristalino Lodge around ten am. Western Osprey was spotted perched on the river bank and for a moment confused us with some bigger raptor. Finally from the Teles Pires riverbank we said goodbye to this fantastic place and with the certain of finishing a remarkable tour in the huge Brazil. End of tour came with lunch in Alta Floresta before we get the connecting flight back to Cuiabá.

The Alta Floresta extension is undoubtedly one of the nicest blasts of Amazonian birds in the country. Cosy and charming lodges in this very rich Amazonian corner put a special end to this tour, with good quality and endemic species too. Below some of the photos from Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges (Eduardo Patrial):



Blue-necked Jacamar



White-browed Hawk



Dot-backed Antbird



Black-throated Antbird



Pavonine Quetzal



Crested Owl



Curl-crested Aracari



Pied Puffbird



Collared Puffbird



Black-girdled Barbet



Ladder-tailed Nightjar



Alta Floresta Antpitta



Scarlet Macaws



Clear water spring at Rio Azul Lodge

SYSTEMATIC LIST AND LOCATION 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).

BIRDS (621)

Greater Rhea *Rhea Americana* Pantanal.

Grey Tinamou *Tinamus tao* Close view at Rio Azul Lodge.

Great Tinamou *Tinamus major* (H) Heard frequently at Rio Azul.

White-throated Tinamou *Tinamus guttatus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul and Cristalino.

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

Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui* (H) Heard at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Brown Tinamou *Crypturellus obsoletus* (H) Heard at Cristalino.

Undulated Tinamou *Crypturellus undulatus* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Brazilian Tinamou ◊ *Crypturellus strigulosus* (H) Heard at Cristalino.

Variegated Tinamou *Crypturellus variegatus* (H) Heard at Cristalino.

Small-billed Tinamou *Crypturellus parvirostris* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Tataupa Tinamou *Crypturellus tataupa* Same as above.

Red-winged Tinamou *Rhynchotus rufescens* Seen at Canastra and Chapada dos Guimarães.
Spotted Nothura *Nothura maculosa* Seen at Canastra NP.
Dwarf Tinamou ◊ *Taoniscus nanus* (H) Heard at Canastra NP.
Southern Screamer *Chauna torquata* Pantanal.
White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata* On way to Rio Azul Lodge.
Black-bellied Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* Pantanal.
Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata* Canastra, Pantanal and the Amazon.
Brazilian Teal (B Duck) *Amazonetta brasiliensis* Pantanal and the Amazon.
Brazilian Merganser ◊ *Mergus octosetaceus* A couple after a long search in Canastra NP.
Chaco Chachalaca ◊ *Ortalis canicollis* Pantanal, common.
Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata* On way to Rio Azul Lodge.
Spix's Guan *Penelope jacquacu* At Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Dusky-legged Guan ◊ *Penelope obscura* At Canastra NP.
Chestnut-bellied Guan ◊ *Penelope ochrogaster* Pantanal.
Blue-throated Piping Guan *Pipile cumanensis* Pantanal.
Red-throated Piping Guan ◊ *Pipile cujubi* Pantanal, Rio Azul and Cristalino.



Rufescent Tiger Heron (Eduardo Patrial)

Razor-billed Curassow ◊ (Amazonian R-b C) *Mitu tuberosum* On way to Rio Azul.
Bare-faced Curassow ◊ *Crax fasciolata* Pantanal, Cristalino.
Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus* On way to Rio Azul.
Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* Same as above.
Wood Stork (American W S) *Mycteria Americana* Pantanal.
Jabiru *Jabiru mycteria* Pantanal.
Plumbeous Ibis ◊ *Theristicus caerulescens* Pantanal.
Buff-necked Ibis *Theristicus caudatus* Canastra and Pantanal.
Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis cayennensis* Canastra, Pantanal and the Amazon.
Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja* Pantanal.

Rufescent Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum* Pantanal and Amazon.
Agami Heron (Chestnut-bellied H) *Agamia agami* Pantanal, Pixaim River.
Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius* Pantanal.
Zigzag Heron *Zebrilus undulatus* Rio Azul Lodge.
Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* Pantanal.
Striated Heron (Green-backed H) *Butorides striata* Pantanal and Amazon.
Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Common.
Cocoi Heron (White-necked H) *Ardea cocoi* Pantanal and Amazon.
Great Egret *Ardea alba* Pantanal and Amazon.
Capped Heron *Pilherodius pileatus* Pantanal.
Whistling Heron *Syrigma sibilatrix* Pantanal.
Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* Pantanal.
Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* Canastra, Pantanal and Amazon.
Neotropic Cormorant (Olivaceous C) *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Same as above.
Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* Pantanal and Cristalino.
Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Canastra, Cipó, Pantanal and Amazon.
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (Savanna V) *Cathartes burrovianus* Pantanal.
Greater Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes melambrotus* Amazon.
Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* Everywhere.
King Vulture *Sarcoramphus papa* Canastra and Cristalino.
Grey-headed Kite *Leptodon cayanensis* Cristalino.
Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus* Cristalino Lodge.
Swallow-tailed Kite (American S-t K) *Elanoides forficatus* Chapada dos Guimarães and Amazon.
Black Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus* Cristalino.
Tiny Hawk *Accipiter superciliosus* Cristalino.
Mississippi Kite ♦ *Ictinia mississippiensis* Chapada dos Guimarães.
Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* Pantanal, Chapada and the Amazon.
Black-collared Hawk *Busarellus nigricollis* Pantanal.
Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis* Pantanal and Amazon.
Crane Hawk *Geranospiza caerulescens* Pantanal.
Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* Canastra and Pantanal.
Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga* Pantanal and Amazon.
Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* At most of places.
White-tailed Hawk *Geranoaetus albicaudatus* Canastra, Chapada and on way to Rio Azul.
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* Canastra NP.
White-browed Hawk ♦ *Leucopternis kuhli* Towers of Cristalino Lodge.
Grey-lined Hawk *Buteo nitidus* Amazon.
Red-legged Seriema *Cariama cristata* Canastra and Pantanal.
Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias* Pantanal and Amazon.
Sungrebe *Heliornis fulica* Pantanal.
Russet-crowned Crane *Laterallus viridis* (H) Chapada dos Guimarães.
Grey-necked Wood Rail *Aramides cajaneus* Canastra and Pantanal.
Ash-throated Crane *Porzana albicollis* (H) Heard at Pantanal.
Blackish Rail *Pardirallus nigricans* (H) Heard at Canastra NP.
Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* Pantanal.
White-backed Stilt *Himantopus melanurus* Pantanal.
Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* Common throughout the tour.
Pied Plover (P Lapwing) *Hoploxypterus cayanus* Pantanal and Teles Pires River.
Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* Pantanal and Alta Floresta.
South American Snipe *Gallinago paraguaiae* Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* Cristalino Lodge.
Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* Pantanal.
Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* Pantanal.
Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula superciliaris* Pantanal and Amazon.

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex* Pantanal.
Rock Dove (introduced) *Columba livia* Towns, cities.
Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa* Chapada dos Guimarães.
Picazuro Pigeon *Patagioenas picazuro* Minas Gerais, Chapada and Alta Floresta.
Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* Cipó, Pantanal and Chapada.
Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* Seen at Cipó.



Nanday Parakeet (Eduardo Patrial)

Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea* Cristalino.
Scaled Dove *Columbina squammata* At most places.
Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* Common.
Picui Ground Dove *Columbina picui* Pantanal.
Blue Ground Dove *Claravis pretiosa* (H) Heard at Rio Azul.
Long-tailed Ground Dove ◊ *Uropelia campestris* Pantanal.
Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon montana* Cristalino Lodge.
White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* At several places.
Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* Frequent in Minas Gerais.
Guira Cuckoo *Guira guira* Quite common.
Greater Ani *Crotophaga major* Pantanal and Amazon.
Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* Common.
Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia* Pantanal.
Pheasant Cuckoo *Dromococcyx phasianellus* (H) Heard in Chapada.
Pavonine Cuckoo *Dromococcyx pavoninus* Seen in Chapada.
Little Cuckoo *Coccyzua minuta* Pantanal.
Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* At most places.
Black-bellied Cuckoo *Piaya melanogaster* Seen at Rio Azul.
Dark-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus melacoryphus* (H) Heard at Chapada.
Pearly-breasted Cuckoo *Coccyzus euleri* (H) Heard at Chapada, Jamacá.
Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* (H) Heard at Chapada.
Tawny-bellied Screech Owl ◊ *Megascops [watsonii] usta* Seen at Rio Azul Lodge.

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus* Canastra and Pantanal.
Black-banded Owl *Strix huhula* Briefly in the Pantanal.
Crested Owl *Lophostrix cristata* Day roost at Cristalino Lodge.
Amazonian Pygmy Owl ◊ *Glaucidium hardyi* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum* Pantanal.
Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia* Several places.
Great Potoo *Nyctibius grandis* Pantanal.
Nacunda Nighthawk *Chordeiles nacunda* Chapada dos Guimarães.
Least Nighthawk *Chordeiles pusillus* Canastra NP.
Band-tailed Nighthawk *Nyctiprogne leucopyga* Pantanal.
Blackish Nightjar *Nyctipolus nigrescens* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* Pantanal.
Spot-tailed Nightjar *Hydropsalis maculicaudus* Canastra NP, daytime view.
Ladder-tailed Nightjar *Hydropsalis climacocerca* Teles Pires River.
Sooty Swift *Cypseloides fumigatus* Canastra.
Great Dusky Swift *Cypseloides senex* Overlooked in Chapada dos Guimarães.
White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* Canastra, Cipó and Chapada.
Pale-rumped Swift *Chaetura egregia* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Sick's Swift *Chaetura meridionalis* São Roque de Minas, Canastra.
Mato Grosso Swift ◊ (Amazonian S) *Chaetura viridipennis* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyura* Amazon.
Neotropical Palm Swift *Tachornis squamata* Rio Azul Lodge.
Rufous-breasted Hermit (Hairy H) *Glaucis hirsutus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul.
White-bearded Hermit *Phaethornis hispidus* At Rio Azul Lodge.
Planalto Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis pretrei* Canastra and Cipó.
Buff-bellied Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis subochraceus* (H) Heard at Pantanal.
Cinnamon-throated Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis nattereri* Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
Reddish Hermit *Phaethornis ruber* Seen at Rio Azul.
Tapajos Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis aethopygus* Great views at Rio Azul.
Grey-breasted Sabrewing ◊ *Campylopterus [largipennis] diamantinensis* A new one at Cipó.
Swallow-tailed Hummingbird *Eupetomena macroura* Canastra and Cipó.
Black Jacobin ◊ *Florisuga fusca* A good one at Cipó.
White-vented Violetear *Colibri serrirostris* Seen at Canastra and Chapada dos Guimarães.
Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* Rio Azul Lodge.
Crimson Topaz ◊ *Topaza pella* Male and females, Rio Azul Lodge.
Blue-tailed Emerald *Chlorostilbon mellisugus* Rio Azul Lodge.
Glittering-bellied Emerald *Chlorostilbon lucidus* Frequent in Minas Gerais.
Fork-tailed Woodnymph (Common W) *Thalurania furcata* At Cipó, Chapada and Amazon.
White-chinned Sapphire *Hylocharis cyanus* Rio Azul Lodge.
White-tailed Goldenthrout *Polytmus guainumbi* Pantanal.
Green-tailed Goldenthrout *Polytmus theresiae* Several at Rio Azul Lodge.
Versicolored Emerald *Amazilia versicolor* One at Cipó.
Glittering-throated Emerald *Amazilia fimbriata* Pantanal.
Hyacinth Visorbearer ◊ *Augastes scutatus* Stunning males at Cipó.
Black-eared Fairy *Heliophryx auritus* Cristalino Lodge.
Horned Sungem ◊ *Heliactin bilophus* Females at Cipó.
Long-billed Starthroat *Heliomaster longirostris* Chapada and Cristalino Lodge.
Stripe-breasted Starthroat ◊ *Heliomaster squamosus* Several sightings in Canastra NP.
Amethyst Woodstar *Calliphlox amethystina* Female at Rio Azul Lodge.
Pavonine Quetzal *Pharomachrus pavoninus* Rio Azul Lodge.
Black-tailed Trogon *Trogon melanurus* Seen at Rio Azul Lodge.
Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Amazonian Trogon *Trogon ramonianus* Cristalino Lodge.
Blue-crowned Trogon *Trogon curucui* Pantanal.

Surucua Trogon ◊ *Trogon surrucura* Canastra NP.
Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris* (H) Heard at Rio Azul and Cristalino.
American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea* Transpantaneira Road, Pantanal.
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher *Chloroceryle inda* Pixaim River, Pantanal.
Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* Pantanal and Amazon.
Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona* Cipó, Pantanal and Amazon.
Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* Canastra, Pantanal and Amazon.
Amazonian Motmot *Momotus momota* Sightings at Chapada dos Guimarães.



Agami Heron (Eduardo Patrial)

Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii* (H) One heard at Cristalino Lodge.
Brown Jacamar *Brachygalba lugubris* Chapada dos Guimarães.
Blue-necked Jacamar ◊ (Blue-cheeked J) *Galbula cyanicollis* Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodge.
Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda* Canastra, Pantanal and Chapada.
Bronzy Jacamar *Galbula leucogastra* Rio Azul Lodge.
Paradise Jacamar *Galbula dea* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Great Jacamar *Jacamerops aureus* Seen at Rio Azul Lodge.
Brown-banded Puffbird ◊ *Notharchus ordii* Rio Azul Lodge.
Pied Puffbird *Notharchus tectus* Rio Azul Lodge.
Spotted Puffbird *Bucco tamatia* Rio Azul Lodge.
Collared Puffbird *Bucco capensis* Rio Azul Lodge.
White-eared Puffbird *Nystalus chacuru* Canastra NP and Chapada dos Guimarães.
Eastern Striolated Puffbird ◊ *Nystalus [striolatus] torridus* Rio Azul Lodge.

Caatinga Puffbird ◊ *Nystalus maculatus* At Cipó and Chapada.
Rusty-breasted Nunlet *Nonnula rubecula* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge.
Black-fronted Nunbird *Monasa nigrifrons* Pantanal and Amazon.
White-fronted Nunbird *Monasa morphoeus* Seen at Cristalino.
Swallow-winged Puffbird (Swallow-wing) *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* Common in the Amazon.
Black-girdled Barbet ◊ *Capito dayi* At Rio Azul and Cristalino Lodges.
Lettered Aracari *Pteroglossus inscriptus* Chapada, Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Red-necked Aracari ◊ *Pteroglossus bitorquatus* Cristalino Lodge.
Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis* Pantanal and Rio Azul.
Curl-crested Aracari *Pteroglossus beauharnaesii* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Gould's Toucanet ◊ *Selenidera gouldii* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Green-billed Toucan ◊ (Red-breasted T) *Ramphastos dicolorus* (H) Heard at Canastra.
Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus* Chapada and Amazon.
Toco Toucan *Ramphastos toco* Canastra, Cipó and Pantanal.
White-throated Toucan (Red-billed T) *Ramphastos tucanus* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Bar-breasted Piculet ◊ (Golden-fronted P) *Picumnus aurifrons* (H) Heard at Rio Azul.
White-barred Piculet ◊ *Picumnus cirratus* Canastra NP.
White-wedged Piculet ◊ *Picumnus albosquamatus* Pantanal.
White Woodpecker *Melanerpes candidus* Canastra and Pantanal.
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus* Chapada and Rio Azul Lodge.
White-fronted Woodpecker ◊ *Melanerpes cactorum* Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
Little Woodpecker *Veniliornis passerinus* Canastra NP and Pantanal.
Checkered Woodpecker *Veniliornis mixtus* A pair at Cipó.
Red-stained Woodpecker *Veniliornis affinis* Cristalino Lodge.
Yellow-throated Woodpecker *Piculus flavigula* (H) Heard at Rio Azul and at Cristalino.
Golden-green Woodpecker *Piculus chrysochloros* Pantanal.
Green-barred Woodpecker *Colaptes melanochloros* Canastra and Pantanal.
Campo Flicker *Colaptes campestris* Canastra, Cipó and Pantanal.
Scaly-breasted Woodpecker (Scale-b W) *Celeus grammicus* Rio Azul Lodge.
Pale-crested Woodpecker ◊ *Celeus lugubris* Pantanal.
Blond-crested Woodpecker ◊ *Celeus flavescens* (H) Heard at hotel in São Roque de Minas.
Cream-colored Woodpecker *Celeus flavus* Pantanal and Rio Azul Lodge.
Ringed Woodpecker *Celeus torquatus* Cristalino Lodge.
Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* Pantanal.
Red-necked Woodpecker *Campephilus rubricollis* Rio Azul Lodge.
Robust Woodpecker ◊ *Campephilus robustus* A nice surprise in Canastra.
Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos* Pantanal.
Black Caracara *Daptrius ater* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Red-throated Caracara *Ibycter americanus* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Southern Crested Caracara (Southern C) *Caracara plancus* Common.
Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima* At most places.
Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans* Pantanal and on way to Rio Azul.
Cryptic Forest Falcon ◊ *Micrastur mintoni* Brief view at Cristalino Lodge.
American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* On way to Rio Azul.
Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis* Cipó, Chapada and on way to Rio Azul.
Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis* Pantanal, Chapada and Amazon.
Monk Parakeet *Myiopsitta monachus* Pantanal.
Yellow-chevroned Parakeet *Brotogeris chiriri* Canastra, Cipó, Pantanal and Chapada.
Golden-winged Parakeet *Brotogeris chrysoptera* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Orange-cheeked Parrot *Pyrilia barrabandi* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Bald Parrot ◊ *Pyrilia aurantiocephala* (H) Heard at Rio Azul.
Scaly-headed Parrot *Pionus maximiliani* Seen at Pantanal.
Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* Common at Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Yellow-faced Parrot ◊ *Alipiopsitta xanthops* Nice views at Chapada dos Guimarães.

Yellow-crowned Amazon (Y-c Parrot) *Amazona ochrocephala* At Rio Azul Lodge.
Turquoise-fronted Amazon (Blue-f A, T-f Parrot) *Amazona aestiva* Pantanal.
Kawall's Amazon ◊ (K Parrot) *Amazona kawalli* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Orange-winged Amazon (O-w Parrot) *Amazona amazonica* Pantanal and Rio Azul.
Dusky-billed Parrotlet *Forpus modestus* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Blue-winged Parrotlet *Forpus xanthopterygius* Canastra and Cipó.
White-bellied Parrot *Pionites leucogaster* Seen at Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Red-fan Parrot *Deropterus accipitrinus* Cristalino Lodge.
Maroon-bellied Parakeet *Pyrrhura frontalis* Seen well at Canastra.
Crimson-bellied Parakeet ◊ *Pyrrhura perlata* Flight view from tower 2 at Cristalino Lodge.



Crested Black Tyrant

Santarem Parakeet ◊ *Pyrrhura amazonum* At Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Hyacinth Macaw ◊ *Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus* Pantanal and near Rio Azul.
Peach-fronted Parakeet *Eupsittula aurea* In Minas Gerais, Pantanal and Chapada.
Nanday Parakeet ◊ (Black-hooded P) *Aratinga nenday* A nice one at Rio Claro, Pantanal.
Golden-capped Parakeet ◊ *Aratinga auricapillus* Canastra NP.
Red-bellied Macaw *Orthopsittaca manilatus* Abundant at Rio Azul.
Golden-collared Macaw ◊ (Yellow-collared M) *Primolius auricollis* Pantanal.
Blue-winged Macaw ◊ *Primolius maracana* Chapada and Rio Azul Lodge.
Blue-and-yellow Macaw *Ara ararauna* Pantanal and Amazon.
Scarlet Macaw *Ara macao* Cristalino Lodge.
Red-and-green Macaw *Ara chloropterus* Chapada and Cristalino Lodge.
Chestnut-fronted Macaw *Ara severus* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Red-shouldered Macaw *Diopsittaca nobilis* Chapada dos Guimarães.
Blue-crowned Parakeet *Thectocercus acuticaudatus* (H) Heard at Pantanal.
White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus* At most places; common in Canastra.
Long-tailed Cinclodes ◊ *Cinclodes [pabstii] espinhacensis* At Lapinha da Serra, Serra do Cipó.

Band-tailed Hornero ◊ *Furnarius figulus* Canastra.
Pale-legged Hornero *Furnarius leucopus* Pantanal.
Rufous Hornero *Furnarius rufus* Common.
Cipo Canastero ◊ *Asthenes luizae* One seen well at Serra do Cipó.
Chotoy Spinetail *Schoeniophylax phryganophilus* Pantanal.
Rufous-capped Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis ruficapilla* Serra do Cipó, Atlantic Forest.
Sooty-fronted Spinetail *Synallaxis frontalis* Seen at Cipó.
Pale-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albescens* (H) Heard at Canastra and Chapada.
Cinereous-breasted Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis hypospodia* Pantanal.
Spix's Spinetail (Chicli S) *Synallaxis spixi* Canastra NP.
White-lored Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis albilora* Pantanal.
Rusty-backed Spinetail *Cranioleuca vulpina* Pantanal.
Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* Pantanal.
Rufous-fronted Thornbird (Common T) *Phacellodomus rufifrons* Canastra, Cipó and Pantanal.
Greater Thornbird *Phacellodomus ruber* Pantanal.
Firewood-gatherer *Anumbius annumbi* Canastra NP.
Grey-crested Cacholote ◊ (Rufous C) *Pseudoseisura unirufa* Pantanal.
Point-tailed Palmcreeper *Berlepschia rikeri* (H) Heard at Rio Azul.
Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata* (H) Heard at Serra do Cipó.
Chestnut-winged Hookbill *Ancistrops strigilatus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul.
Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner *Philydor erythrocercum* Seen at Cristalino.
Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner *Philydor rufum* (H) Heard at Canastra NP.
Bamboo Foliage-gleaner (Dusky-cheeked F-G) *Anabazenops dorsalis* Seen well at Cristalino Lodge.
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
White-eyed Foliage-gleaner ◊ *Automolus leucophthalmus* (H) Heard at Canastra NP.
Chestnut-crowned Foliage-gleaner *Automolus rufipileatus* Seen at Cristalino Lodge.
Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper *Lochmias nematura* (H) Heard at Canastra and Cipó.
Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus* Rio Azul Lodge.
Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* Canastra NP.
Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* Cristalino Lodge.
White-chinned Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla merula* Cristalino Lodge.
Long-tailed Woodcreeper *Deconychura longicauda* Cristalino Lodge.
Spot-throated Woodcreeper *Deconychura stictolaema* (H) Cristalino Lodge.
Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus* Seen at Patanal.
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* (H) Cristalino Lodge.
Long-billed Woodcreeper *Nasica longirostris* Cristalino Lodge.
Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper *Dendrexetastes rufigula* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
Uniform Woodcreeper ◊ *Hylexetastes uniformis* Seen at Rio Azul Lodge.
Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* Cristalino Lodge.
Great Rufous Woodcreeper ◊ *Xiphocolaptes major* Pantanal, Piuval Lodge.
Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes certhia* (H) Rio Azul Lodge.
Planalto Woodcreeper ◊ *Dendrocolaptes platyrostris* Close views at Chapada dos Guimarães.
Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex picus* Pantanal.
Striped Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus obsoletus* Cristalino Lodge.
Spix's Woodcreeper ◊ *Xiphorhynchus spixii* Rio Azul Lodge.
Buff-throated Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* Pantanal and Amazon.
Narrow-billed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes angustirostris* Pantanal.
Layard's Woodcreeper ◊ *Lepidocolaptes layardi* Rio Azul Lodge.
Red-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris* Pantanal.
Curve-billed Scythebill ◊ (Tapajos S) *Campylorhamphus [procurvoides] cardosoi* Cristalino Lodge.
Spot-winged Antshrike *Pygiptila stellaris* Cristalino Lodge.
Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhopias quixensis* Cristalino Lodge.
White-eyed Antwren *Epinecophylla leucophthalma* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Black-throated Antbird *Myrmophylax atrothorax* Rio Azul Lodge.

Pygmy Antwren *Myrmotherula brachyuran* Rio Azul Lodge.
Amazonian Streaked Antwren *Myrmotherula multostriata* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Slater's Antwren ◊ *Myrmotherula sclateri* (H) Heard at Rio and Cristalino.
White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* (H) Heard at Rio Azul.
Long-winged Antwren *Myrmotherula longipennis* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Grey Antwren *Myrmotherula menetriesii* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Southern White-fringed Antwren *Formicivora grisea* Rio Azul Lodge.
Black-bellied Antwren ◊ *Formicivora melanogaster* Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
Rusty-backed Antwren *Formicivora rufa* Pantanal.
Saturnine Antshrike ◊ *Thamnomanes saturninus* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Cinereous Antshrike *Thamnomanes caesius* Seen at Cristalino Lodge.
Black-capped Antwren *Herpsilochmus atricapillus* At Cipó.
Large-billed Antwren ◊ *Herpsilochmus longirostris* Pantanal.
Rufous-winged Antwren *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul.
Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis* Seen at Canastra and Pantanal.
Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* Pantanal.
Chestnut-backed Antshrike *Thamnophilus palliatus* Cristalino Lodge.
Plain-winged Antshrike *Thamnophilus schistaceus* Cristalino Lodge.
Natterer's Slaty Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus stictocephalus* Rio Azul Lodge.



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Planalto Slaty Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus pelzelni* Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
Variable Antshrike *Thamnophilus caerulescens* Canastra and Cipó.
Rufous-winged Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus torquatus* Canastra NP.
Silvery-cheeked Antshrike ◊ *Sakesphorus cristatus* Serra do Cipó.
Glossy Antshrike ◊ *Sakesphorus luctuosus* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus* Cristalino Lodge.
Great Antshrike *Taraba major* Pantanal.
Bare-eyed Antbird ◊ *Rhegatorhina gymnops* Cristalino Lodge, twice.
Black-spotted Bare-eye *Phlegopsis nigromaculata* (H) Heard at Cristalino.

Xingu Scale-backed Antbird ◊ *Willisornis vidua* Seen well at Rio Azul Lodge.
Ochre-rumped Antbird ◊ *Drymophila ochropyga* (H) Heard at Serra do Cipó.
Striated Antbird *Drymophila devillei* Seen at Cristalino Lodge.
Spix's Warbling Antbird ◊ *Hypocnemis striata* Seen at Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Yellow-browed Antbird *Hypocnemis hypoxantha* A nice one at Rio Azul.
Grey Antbird *Cercomacra cinerascens* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Mato Grosso Antbird ◊ *Cercomacra melanaria* Pantanal.
Band-tailed Antbird *Hypocnemoides maculicauda* Pantanal and Rio Azul.
Spot-backed Antbird *Hylophylax naevius* Cristalino Lodge.
Dot-backed Antbird *Hylophylax punctulatus* Rio Azul Lodge.
Silvered Antbird *Sclateria naevia* Cristalino Lodge.
Rufous-faced Antbird ◊ *Myrmelastes ruffacies* Rio Azul Lodge.
Black-faced Antbird *Myrmoborus myotherinus* Rio Azul Lodge.
White-browed Antbird *Myrmoborus leucophrys* Rio Azul Lodge.
White-backed Fire-eye *Pyriglena leuconota* Chapada dos Guimarães.
White-shouldered Fire-eye ◊ *Pyriglena leucoptera* Serra do Cipó, Atlantic Forest.
Black-faced Antthrush *Formicarius analis* (H) Heard at Cristalino Lodge.
Alta Floresta Antpitta ◊ *Hylopezus whittakeri* Amazing view at Cristalino Lodge.
Thrush-like Antpitta *Myrmothera campanisona* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Rufous Gnateater *Conopophaga lineata* Seen well at Canastra NP.
Chestnut-belted Gnateater ◊ *Conopophaga aurita* (H) Heard at Rio Azul.
Marsh Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus iraiensis* (H) Heard at our feet in Cipó.
Rock Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus petrophilus* A good one at Serra do Cipó.
Brasilia Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus novacapitalis* Great views at Canastra.
Collared Crescentchest ◊ *Melanopareia torquata* Seen at Canastra and Chapada.
Wing-barred Piprites (W-b Manakin) *Piprites chloris* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Planalto Tyrannulet ◊ *Phyllomyias fasciatus* Canastra, Cipó and Chapada.
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus* Rio Azul.
Forest Elaenia *Myiopagis gaimardii* Pantanal and Chapada.
Greenish Elaenia *Myiopagis viridicata* Pantanal.
Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* Sightings in Minas Gerais.
Large Elaenia *Elaenia spectabilis* Pantanal.
Plain-crested Elaenia *Elaenia cristata* Canastra, Cipó and Chapada.
Lesser Elaenia *Elaenia chiriquensis* Canastra and Cipó.
Highland Elaenia *Elaenia obscura* Canastra NP.
White-lored Tyrannulet *Ornithion inerme* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum* Canastra, Cipó and Pantanal.
Suiriri Flycatcher ◊ *Suiriri suiriri* Cipó and Chapada.
Chapada Flycatcher ◊ *Suiriri affinis* Chapada dos Guimarães.
Sooty Tyrannulet *Serpophaga nigricans* Canastra and Cipó.
White-crested Tyrannulet *Serpophaga subcristata* Canastra.
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet *Phaeomyias murina* Cipó.
Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Grey-backed Tachuri ◊ *Polystictus superciliaris* Canastra NP.
Doradito sp. (Pantanal Doradito) ◊ *Pseudocolopteryx sp. nov.* Pantanal.
Southern Antpipit ◊ *Corythopsis delalandi* Canastra NP and Chapada.
Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant *Euscarthmus meloryphus* (H) Heard at Pantanal.
Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes ventralis* (H) Heard at Serra do Cipó.
Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus* Seen at Cipó and Chapada.
Southern Scrub Flycatcher *Sublegatus modestus* Cipó and Chapada.
Amazonian Inezia (A Tyrannulet) *Inezia subflava* Cristalino Lodge, Teles Pires River.
Bran-colored Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus* (H) Heard at Cipó.
Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant ◊ *Culicivora caudacuta* Seen in Canastra NP.
White-bellied Tody-Tyrant ◊ *Hemitriccus griseipectus* Rio Azul Lodge

Zimmer's Tody-Tyrant ◊ *Hemitriccus minimus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul.
Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant ◊ *Hemitriccus striaticollis* Pantanal.
Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer* Cipó and Pantanal.
Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant *Myiornis ecaudatus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Helmeted Pygmy Tyrant *Lophotriccus galeatus* (H) Same as above.
Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus plumbeiceps* (H) Heard at Cipó.
Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher ◊ *Poecilatriccus latirostris* Pantanal.
Spotted Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum maculatum* Ariosto Island, Cristalino Lodge.
Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher ◊ (Grey-headed T-F) *Todirostrum poliocephalum* Canastra.
Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* Pantanal.
Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum* (H) Heard at Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Olivaceous Flatbill *Rhynchocyclus olivaceus* A nice one at Cristalino.
Yellow-olive Flatbill (Y-o Flycatcher) *Tolmomyias sulphurescens* Pantanal.
Grey-crowned Flatbill (G-c Flycatcher) *Tolmomyias poliocephalus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Ochre-lored Flatbill (Yellow-breasted F) *Tolmomyias flaviventris* Seen at Rio Azul.
Golden-crowned Spadebill *Platyrinchus coronatus* (H) Heard at Cristalino.



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White-crested Spadebill *Platyrinchus platyrhynchos* Seen at Cristalino.
Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea* Canastra.
Euler's Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus euleri* (H) Heard in Minas Gerais.
Fuscous Flycatcher *Cnemotriccus fuscatus* Pantanal.
Scarlet Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* Pantanal.
Crested Black Tyrant ◊ *Knipolegus lophotes* Canastra and Cipó.
Drab Water Tyrant *Ochthornis littoralis* Cristalino Lodge.
Yellow-browed Tyrant *Satrapa icterophrys* Canastra NP.
Grey Monjita *Xolmis cinereus* Canastra and Cipó.
White-rumped Monjita *Xolmis velatus* Common in Canastra NP.
Black-backed Water Tyrant *Fluvicola albiventer* Pantanal.

Masked Water Tyrant *Fluvicola nengeta* Minas Gerais.
White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala* Pantanal.
Cock-tailed Tyrant ◊ *Alectrurus tricolor* Stunning males at Canastra NP.
Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus* Canastra.
Cattle Tyrant *Machetornis rixosa* At most places.
Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaius* Some in the Pantanal.
Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis* Pantanal and Amazon.
Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* Canastra and cipó.
Dusky-chested Flycatcher *Myiozetetes luteiventris* Cristalino Lodge.
Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* Common.
Lesser Kiskadee *Philohydor lictor* Pantanal.
Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus* Pantanal.
Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* (H) Heard at Pantanal.
Variegated Flycatcher *Empidonomus varius* Canastra and Rio Azul.
White-throated Kingbird *Tyrannus albogularis* Canastra NP.
Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Common.
Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana* At most places.
Greyish Mourner *Rhytipterna simplex* (H) Heard at Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Pale-bellied Mourner ◊ *Rhytipterna immunda* Good view at Rio Azul Lodge.
Sibilant Sirystes *Sirystes sibilator* Canastra NP.
Rufous Casiornis *Casiornis rufus* Pantanal.
Swainson's Flycatcher *Myiarchus swainsoni* Canastra and Cipó.
Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox* Minas Gerais and Pantanal.
Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus* (H) Some heard at Cipó.
Large-headed Flatbill *Ramphotrigon megacephalum* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Rufous-tailed Flatbill *Ramphotrigon ruficauda* (H) Heard at Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Dusky-tailed Flatbill ◊ *Ramphotrigon fuscicauda* Seen at Cristalino.
Cinnamon Attila *Attila cinnamomeus* (H) heard at Cristalino.
White-eyed Attila ◊ *Attila bolivianus* Pantanal.
Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus* (H) Amazon.
Spangled Cotinga *Cotinga cayana* Seen at Cristalino.
Screaming Piha *Lipaugus vociferans* (H) Amazon.
Bare-necked Fruitcrow *Gymnoderus foetidus* Seen at Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Amazonian Umbrellabird *Cephalopterus ornatus* Ariosto Island, Cristalino Lodge.
Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin *Tyranneutes stolzmanni* Seen at Rio Azul.
Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin ◊ *Neopelma pallescens* Seen well at Cipó.
Helmeted Manakin ◊ *Antilophia galeata* Canastra, Cipó and Pantanal.
Blue-backed Manakin *Chiroxiphia pareola* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Pin-tailed Manakin ◊ *Ilicura militaris* Nice male at Canastra NP.
Black Manakin ◊ *Xenopipo atronitens* Females at Rio Azul Lodge.
Snow-capped Manakin ◊ *Lepidothrix nattereri* Nice male at Cristalino Lodge.
Flame-crested Manakin ◊ (F-crowned M) *Heterocercus linteatus* Seen well at Rio Azul.
White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus* A female at Cipó.
Band-tailed Manakin *Pipra fasciicauda* Pantanal and Chapada.
Fiery-capped Manakin *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus* Chapada dos Guimarães, also heard in the Amazon.
White-crowned Manakin *Pseudopipra pipra* Rio Azul Lodge.
Red-headed Manakin *Ceratopipra rubrocapilla* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Amazonian Royal Flycatcher ◊ *Onychorhynchus coronatus* Cristalino Lodge.
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher *Terentriacus erythrurus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul.
Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor* Pantanal.
Black-tailed Tityra *Tityra cayana* Pantanal.
Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata* Amazon.
Brown-winged Schiffornis (Thrush-like S) *Schiffornis turdina* Rio Azul Lodge.
Cinereous Mourner *Laniocera hypopyrra* Cristalino Lodge.

Green-backed Becard *Pachyramphus viridis* Pantanal.
White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus* (H) Heard at Canastra.
Black-capped Becard *Pachyramphus marginatus* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* Seen in Chapada.
Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius leucotis* (H) Heard in the Amazon.
Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus* Pantanal and Rio Azul.
Grey-eyed Greenlet ◊ *Hylophilus amaurocephalus* Seen at Cipó.
Grey-chested Greenlet ◊ *Hylophilus semicinereus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul and Cristalino.



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Ashy-headed Greenlet ◊ *Hylophilus pectoralis* Pantanal.
Tawny-crowned Greenlet *Hylophilus ochraceiceps* (H) Cristalino.
Purplish Jay ◊ *Cyanocorax cyanomelas* Pantanal.
Curl-crested Jay ◊ *Cyanocorax cristatellus* Seen at Chapada dos Guimarães.
Plush-crested Jay *Cyanocorax chrysops* Seen at Rio Azul Lodge.
White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* Pantanal and Amazon.
White-rumped Swallow *Tachycineta leucorrhoa* Canastra.
Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* Pantanal and Chapada.
Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera* Pantanal.
Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* Minas Gerais.
White-banded Swallow *Atticora fasciata* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* At most places.
Tawny-headed Swallow *Alopochelidon fucata* Canastra NP.
Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla* Pantanal.
Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus* Pantanal.
Tooth-billed Wren ◊ *Odontorchilus cinereus* Cristalino Lodge.
Grass Wren (Sedge W) *Cistothorus platensis* Canastra NP.
Moustached Wren *Pheugopedius genibarbis* Pantanal.
Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis* Pantanal and Rio Azul.
Fawn-breasted Wren ◊ *Cantorchilus guarayanus* Pantanal.

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* Seen in Minas Gerais.

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus* (H) Heard at Rio Azul.

Masked Gnatcatcher *Poliophtila dumicola* Pantanal.

Chalk-browed Mockingbird *Mimus saturninus* Minas Gerais, Pantanal and Chapada.

Eastern Slaty Thrush ◊ *Turdus subalaris* (H) Heard at Cipó, Atlantic Forest.

Rufous-bellied Thrush *Turdus rufiventris* Frequent on main tour.

Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas* Common on main tour.

Hauxwell's Thrush *Turdus hauxwelli* (H) Heard at Rio Azul.

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* (H) Heard at Cipó and Cristalino.

House Sparrow (introduced) *Passer domesticus* More records during main tour.

Ochre-breasted Pipit ◊ *Anthus nattereri* Seen well at Canastra NP.

Hooded Siskin *Spinus magellanicus* Canastra and Cipó.

Purple-throated Euphonia *Euphonia chlorotica* Canastra and Cipó.

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia lanirostris* Chapada dos Guimarães.

White-lored Euphonia (Golden-bellied E) *Euphonia chrysopasta* Rio Azul and Cristalino.

Rufous-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia rufiventris* Seen at Cristalino.

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* Common in Minas Gerais.

Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus humeralis* Canastra and Chapada.

Pectoral Sparrow *Arremon taciturnus* Seen at Chapada.

Saffron-billed Sparrow *Arremon flavirostris* Seen at Canastra, heard in the Pantanal.

Red-breasted Blackbird *Leistes militaris* Frequent on road to Rio Azul and Cristalino.

White-browed Blackbird *Leistes supercilii* Few at Pantanal.

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* Canastra, Pantanal and Cristalino.

Olive Oropendola (Para O, Amazonian O) *Psarocolius bifasciatus* Rio Azul and Cristalino.

Solitary Cacique *Cacicus solitarius* Pantanal.

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* Pantanal and Amazon.

Red-rumped Cacique *Cacicus haemorrhous* (H) Heard at Cristalino.

Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus* Pantanal.

Variable Oriole *Icterus pyrrhopterus* Pantanal.

Epulet Oriole *Icterus cayanensis* Cristalino Lodge.

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* Canastra and Pantanal.

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* Frequent on main tour.

Scarlet-headed Blackbird ◊ *Amblyramphus holosericeus* Pantanal.

Chopi Blackbird *Gnorimopsar chopi* Frequent on main tour.

Greyish Baywing *Agelaioides badius* Pantanal.

Unicolored Blackbird *Agelasticus cyanopus* Pantanal.

Chestnut-capped Blackbird *Chrysomus ruficapillus* Seen in Canastra.

Yellow-rumped Marshbird ◊ *Pseudoleistes guirahuro* Canastra and Cipó.

Southern Yellowthroat *Geothlypis velata* Cipó.

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiaiyumi* (H) Heard at Canastra.

Flavescent Warbler *Myiothlypis flaveola* Seen at Cipó and Chapada.

Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus* Cipó, Pantanal and Chapada.

Red-billed Pied Tanager ◊ *Lamprospiza melanoleuca* Cristalino Lodge.

Rose-breasted Chat ◊ *Granatellus pelzelni* (H) Heard at Cristalino.

Rothschild's Grosbeak *Cyanocompsa rothschildii* A male at Cristalino Lodge.

Red-crested Cardinal *Paroaria coronata* Pantanal.

Red-capped Cardinal *Paroaria gularis* Rio Azul and Cristalino.

Yellow-billed Cardinal ◊ *Paroaria capitata* Pantanal.

Cinnamon Tanager ◊ *Schistochlamys ruficapillus* Cipó.

Black-faced Tanager *Schistochlamys melanopsis* Seen near Poconé.

Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* On road to Rio Azul Lodge.

Hooded Tanager *Nemosia pileata* Canastra.

Orange-headed Tanager *Thlypopsis sordida* One in the Pantanal.

White-rumped Tanager ◊ *Cypsnagra hirundinacea* Canastra and Chapada.

Grey-headed Tanager *Eucometis penicillata* Cipó, Pantanal and Chapada.
Flame-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus cristatus* Cristalino Lodge.
Ruby-crowned Tanager ◊ *Tachyphonus coronatus* (H) Heard at Canastra.
White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus* Chapada and Rio Azul Lodge.
Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* Common at Pantanal, Chapada and Amazon.
Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Sayaca Tanager *Thraupis sayaca* Common on main tour.
Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* More in the Amazon.
Shrike-like Tanager ◊ (White-banded T) *Neothraupis fasciata* Chapada dos Guimarães.
Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Green-and-gold Tanager *Tangara schrankii* Rio Azul.



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Dotted Tanager ◊ *Tangara varia* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge.
Burnished-buff Tanager *Tangara cayana* Common in Minas Gerais.
Blue-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanicollis* Rio Azul Lodge.
Masked Tanager *Tangara nigrocincta* Rio Azul Lodge.
Opal-rumped Tanager *Tangara velia* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis* At most places.
Black-faced Dacnis *Dacnis lineata* Rio Azul Lodge.
Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* At most places.
Short-billed Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes nitidus* Rio Azul Lodge.
Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* Rio Azul Lodge.
Rufous-headed Tanager ◊ *Hemithraupis ruficapilla* Canastra NP.
Chestnut-vented Conebill *Conirostrum speciosum* Pantanal.
Coal-crested Finch ◊ *Charitospiza eucosma* Chapada dos Guimarães.
Grey Pileated Finch (Pileated F) *Coryphospingus pileatus* Minas Gerais.

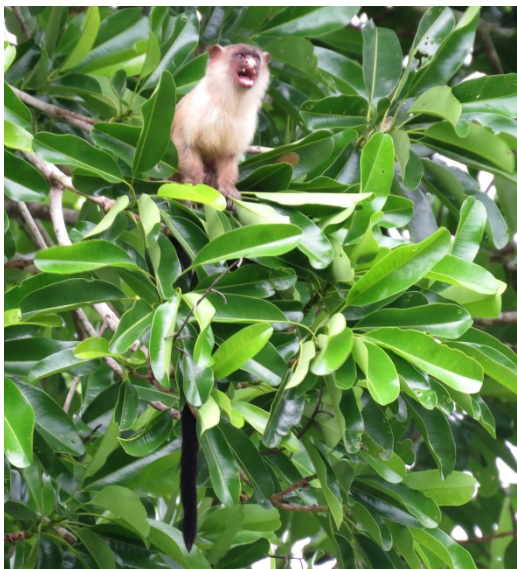
Red Pileated Finch (Red-crested F) *Coryphospingus cucullatus* Chapada dos Guimarães.
Blue Finch ◊ (Yellow-billed B F) *Porphyrospiza caerulescens* Canastra and Cipó.
Long-tailed Reed Finch *Donacospiza albifrons* Serra do Cipó.
Cinereous Warbling Finch ◊ (Grey-and-white W-F) *Poospiza cinerea* Canastra and Cipó.
Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* Common.
Wedge-tailed Grass Finch *Emberizoides herbicola* Canastra and Cipó.
Lesser Grass Finch ◊ *Emberizoides ypiranganus* A nice one at Serra do Cipó.
Pampa Finch (Great P F) *Embernagra platensis* Seen in Canastra NP.
Serra Finch ◊ (Pale-throated Pampa-F) *Embernagra longicauda* Serra do Cipó.
Slate-colored Grosbeak (S-c Saltator) *Saltator grossus* (H) Heard at Cristalino.
Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* Chapada dos Guimarães.
Green-winged Saltator *Saltator similis* Minas Gerais.
Greyish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* Pantanal.
Black-throated Saltator ◊ *Saltator atricollis* Canastra, Cipó and Chapada.
Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* Noticed at most places.
Plumbeous Seedeater *Sporophila plumbea* Canastra, Cipó and Chapada.
Rusty-collared Seedeater *Sporophila collaris* Pantanal.
Lined Seedeater *Sporophila lineola* Pantanal.
Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis* Cipó.
Dubois's Seedeater ◊ *Sporophila ardesiaca* Canastra and Cipó.
Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch (Lesser S F) *Oryzoborus angolensis* Pantanal.
Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* At most places.



Jaguar (Eduardo Patrial)

MAMMALS (27)

- Giant Anteater** *Myrmecophaga tridactyla* Canastra NP.
Black-pencilled Marmoset ◊ *Callithrix penicillata* (H) Heard at São Roque de Minas.
Snethlage's Marmoset ◊ *Mico emiliae* Seen at Cristalino Lodge.
Black-tailed Marmoset *Mico melanurus* Pantanal and Chapada.
Guianan/margarita Island Brown Capuchin *Cebus paella* Cristalino Lodge.
Bearded Capuchin (Black-striped C) *Cebus libidinosus* Pantanal.
Azara's Night Monkey ◊ (Feline) *Aotus [azarae] infulatus* Amazing views at Piuval Lodge, Pantanal.
Black-and-gold Howler Monkey *Alouatta caraya* Pantanal.
Spix's Red-handed Howler Monkey ◊ *Alouatta discolor* Cristalino Lodge.
White-cheeked Spider Monkey (W-whiskered) ◊ *Ateles marginatus* Rio Azul and Cristalino.
Red-bellied Titi Monkey (Dusky) *Callicebus moloch* (H) Heard at Rio Azul Lodge.
Capybara *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris* Pantanal and Amazon.
Azara's Agouti *Dasyprocta azarae* Pantanal and Chapada.
Jaguar *Panthera onca* Pantanal, four.
Crab-eating Fox *Cerdocyon thous* Pantanal
Maned Wolf ◊ *Chrysocyon brachyurus* Canastra NP.
Tayra *Eira barbara* On way to Rio Azul.
Neotropical Otter (N River O, Southern River O) *Lontra longicaudis* Cristalino.
Giant Otter *Pteronura brasiliensis* Pantanal.
South American Coati *Nasua nasua* Pantanal and Chapada.
Wild Boar (introduced) *Sus scrofa* Pantanal.
White-lipped Peccary* *Tayassu pecari* Rio Azul Lodge.
Marsh Deer *Blastocerus dichotomus* Pantanal.
Grey Brocket (Brown B) *Mazama gouazoubira* Pantanal.
Pampas Deer *Ozotoceros bezoarticus* Canastra NP.
Lesser Bulldog Bat (L Fishing B) *Noctilio albiventris* Pantanal.
Greater Bulldog Bat* (G Fishing B) *Noctilio leporinus* Pantanal.



Black-tailed Marmoset (Eduardo Patrial)



Marsh Deer (Eduardo Patrial)



Giant Otter (Eduardo Perial)

Top five birds voted by the group

1. Hyacinth Macaw
2. Yellow-faced Parrot
3. Hyacinth Visorbearer
4. Bare-eyed Antbird
5. Zigzag Heron