



Swallow-tailed Cotinga, an emblematic "most wanted" bird in the fascinating Brazilian Atlantic Forest (Eduardo Patrial)

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This was certainly the best edition of the Ultimate Southeast Brazil tour so far. A tour to be remembered for a long time. Over six hundred species were recorded on this tour for the first time. High quality was amazingly abundant with ninety eight (98) genuine Brazilian endemics plus dozens of near endemic/Atlantic Forest endemic and one of the finest selection of rarities we could ever get. From Espírito Santo, the northernmost of Southeast Brazil, to the southernmost, the state of Rio Grande do Sul, we minutely explored the best from the unique Atlantic Forest. Our outline route was mainly along the impressive range of Serra do Mar, visiting both hilly and lowland coastal sites in fascinating landscapes and natural habitats, besides several nice hotels and pousadas and the great food available on this tour. Best remarks go to: VALE Reserve and its respectable forest with Red-billed Curassows, many White-necked Hawks, a Harpy Eagle nest, endemic parrots/parakeets and White-winged Potoo; the hilly part of Espírito Santo state, with a remarkable lodge for

hummingbirds and home of the rare Cherry-throated Tanager, successfully watched this year; the hills of Serra dos Orgãos and their amazing Cotingas; the wetlands from REGUA; the Agulhas Negras Road and the altitudinal endemics; the beautiful coast of Ubatuba with its splendid foothill forests (and Jonas feeders, of course); the mighty Intervales State Park which contains basically everything (including Helmeted Woodpecker); the bay of Paranaguá and its mangrove on the coast of Paraná together with lowland forest from Volta Velha Reserve in Santa Catarina; the Araucaria woodlands and grasslands on the hilly plateaus in Rio Grande do Sul; and finally the coastal Pampa from Mostardas, Rio Grande do Sul, with several ducks, swans, water birds and marsh specialties. Here a short summary of the best achieved: Greater Rhea, Solitary Tinamou, Black-fronted Piping Guan, East Brazilian and Scaled Chachalacas, Red-billed Curassow, Scarlet Ibis, White-necked and Mantled Hawks, Harpy Eagle, Black Hawk-Eagle, Grey-bellied and Bicolored Hawks, Giant and Slaty-breasted Wood Rails, Rufous-sided, Red-and-white and Uniform Crakes, Blackish and Plumbeous Rails, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, South American Painted-Snipe, Giant Snipe, Pavonine Cuckoo, Black-capped and Long-tufted Screech Owls, Rusty-barred, Tawny-browed and Mottled Owls, Common, Great and White-winged Potoos, Pygmy, Long-trained, Little and Sickle-winged Nightjars, Sooty and Biscutate Swifts, Saw-billed, Dusky-throated and Minute Hermits, Brazilian Ruby, Frilled and Festive Coquettes, Green-crowned and Purple-crowned Plovercrests, Three-toed Jacamar, Crescent-chested and Buff-bellied Puffbirds, Rusty-breasted Nunlet, Black-necked Aracari, Saffron and Spot-billed Toucanets, Yellow-eared, Blond-crested, Ringed, Helmeted (!!) and Robust Woodpeckers, Brown-backed Parrotlet, Ochre-marked (or Blue-throated) and White-eared Parakeets, Pileated and Blue-bellied Parrots, Southern Mealy, Red-browed, Red-tailed and Red-spectacled and Amazons, Long-tailed Cinclodes, Araucaria and Striolated Tit-Spinetails, Itatiaia Spinetail, Straight-billed and Curve-billed Reedhaunters, Firewood Gatherer, Freckle-breasted Thornbird, Hudson's Canastero, Giant, Spot-backed, White-bearded, Tufted and Large-tailed Antshrikes, Sooretama Slaty Antshrike, Rufous-backed Antwreos, Ochre-rumped, Rufous-tailed, Bertoni's, Ferruginous, Dusky-tailed, Scaled, White-bibbed and Squamate Antbirds, Southern White-fringed, Serra, Black-hooded, Sao Paulo and Marsh Antwrens, Cryptic, Short-tailed and Rufous-tailed Antthrushes, Variegated and Speckle-breasted Antpittas, Mouse-colored, White-breasted, Marsh and Planalto Tapaculos, Slaty Bristlefront, Spotted Bamboowren, Russet-winged Spadebill, Hangnest, Eye-ringed, Fork-tailed and Kaempfer's Tody-Tyrants, Southern Bristle Tyrant, Oustalet's, Sao Paulo, Bay-ringed and Greenish Tyrannulets, Hooded and Black-headed Berryeaters, Grey-winged, Black-and-gold and Swallow-tailed Cotingas, Cinnamon-vented Piha, Bare-throated Bellbird, Brazilian Laniisoma, Buff-throated Purpletuff, Wied's and Serra-do-mar Tyrant-Manakins, Pin-tailed and Blue Manakins, Saffron-cowled and Scarlet-headed Blackbirds, Yellow-rumped Marshbird, Black-backed, Chestnut-backed, Brassy-breasted, Gilt-edged, Red-necked and Green-headed Tanagers, Black-legged Dacnis, Dubois's, Buffy-fronted, Temminck's, Black-bellied and Tawny-bellied Seedeaters, Black-throated, Ultramarine and Glaucous-blue Grosbeaks, and hundreds more.

The 2016 Ultimate Southeast Brazil tour began on November 6th at the airport of Vitória, the capital of Espírito Santo State. At the airport we met our local friend and guide Mr. Justino, who normally does the Espírito Santo part of the tour. It was late morning and this time we started differently, going for lunch at the district of Pitanga, a specific site not far from the airport. There a nice rocky outcrop offered our first Brazilian endemic of the tour, actually a nice bonus from the Northeast region, the amazing Pygmy Nightjar. In minutes we spotted a very well camouflaged couple. Other endemics, Band-tailed Hornero and Campo Troupial, showed up well too. Lunch was delicious and from there we took the regular itinerary, stopping at Augusto Ruschi Marine Biological Station, on the coast of Aracruz. There we spent about half an hour enjoying the crowded feeders. Red-legged Honeycreeper were just everywhere in the garden, but our main goal was to watch the small and localized endemic Minute Hermit. And what a place to see it, we got several. The supporting cast included lots of Blue-chinned Sapphire, Rufous-breasted Hermit, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird, Black-throated Mango, White-chinned Sapphire, Versicolored and Glittering-throated Emeralds and one immature male Stripe-breasted Starthroat. From there we headed to fantastic VALE Reserve in Linhares further north, getting there by mid-afternoon. We saw some Swallow-winged Puffbirds on our way in. After all set we started our exploration at VALE. As known, birding at VALE demands a quite a lot of driving in the forest. The forest is huge and with a complex dirt road grid. But before getting deep in there just outside our rooms we found Scaly-headed Parrot perched, White Woodpecker and Campo Flicker.

By the forest edge we found our firsts Red-billed Curassows (one of our main target here), two females and later a male, and glimpsed a Rusty-margined Guan. White-eared Parakeet and Red-browed Amazon (both localized endemics) were around and also provided great looks. Some nice mammals were part of the fun as well with a group of the handsome Geoffroy's Marmoset, some Black-tufted Capuchin and South American Coati. Finally on the road grid our first stop was to remove some fallen trees. And with that came our first chance to see Yellow-green Grosbeak and some Plumbeous Kite. Daylight was about to end so we rushed to reach our wanted site in good time. Getting there just before dusk the forest was getting quiet with only some Tinamous singing (Variegated and Little). The night cast started right after, first with Short-tailed Nighthawk coming and going in the forest canopy. We heard Tawny-browed Owl and Ocellated Poorwill in the area. But our main target gave its call after those, the rare White-winged Potoo. Mimicking its long sad whistle, it came and perched, but not for long. Few more soft whistles were enough to bring it back to the same place, this time for a quite long time. What an amazing view we got of this impressive rare bird! On our way back for dinner we saw plenty of Pauraques on the roads and already close to the lodge, we flushed a big-size owl which came to be a Tawny-browed Owl perched low at the forest edge, just awesome. We still spotted a Tapeti (Brazilian Rabbit) to finish this spectacular first day.



At Augusto Ruschi Marine Biological Station in Aracruz: Blue-chinned Sapphire and the localized endemic Minute Hermit (Eduardo Patrial)



An amazing start at VALE Reserve – Red-billed Curassow and the rare White-winged Potoo on our first evening (Eduardo Patrial)

November 7th was our first full day at VALE. First thing was a pre-breakfast walk by the lodge clearing. We found Green-headed and Turquoise (ssp. *brasiliensis*) Tanagers, Red-cowled Cardinal, many Orange-winged Amazon, Scaly-headed Parrot, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, some Red-browed Amazons, Channel-billed Toucan, White-winged Becard, White-barred Piculet, Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, and even a Lowland

(Brazilian) Tapir walking calmly the quite open area. Heading to the restaurant we still spotted a small group of Black-necked Aracari. Later on the road grid our first stop provided a Great Potoo on a day roost, Greyish Mourner and nice looks at Robust Woodpecker. Driving further we stopped in territory of the rare endemic Black-headed Berryeater which was very cooperative this time providing spectacular views. Female White-crowned Manakin and a male Red-headed Manakin showed up nicely nearby. Later at the tower clearing we enjoyed some activity provided by Sooretama Slaty Antshrike, Violaceous Euphonia, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Dacnis, Chestnut-crowned, Crested and Black-capped Becards. Not far we went checking later the Harpy Eagle nest that Justino and his soon had located recently at one of the roads (yes, amazingly a Harpy nest in the Atlantic Forest!). It was hard to tell if the nest was being used, so Justino suggested us to play another big raptor in the area, so we played the tape of Black Hawk-Eagle. Seconds later a large shadow cover the canopy in a rapid and silent flight. Surprisingly an adult male Harpy Eagle had perched on the nesting tree. Quite hidden for photos but showing nicely for binoculars and scope, we stayed watching that magnificent bird for a good time. From the largest to the smallest bird of prey in the same area, we had great looks at East Brazilian Pygmy Owl. Then by late morning we drove until the 'muçununga' habitat with a stop on the way where we saw a huge group of Plumbeous Kite and few Swallow-tailed Kites; also Blue-winged Parrotlet, the stunning Yellow-fronted Woodpecker and Grey-crowned Flatbill. At the 'muçununga' (an island of poor sandy soil covered on grasses and short bushes) we searched after Rusty-backed Antwren but it was only heard quite far. It was actually too hot already so we started to drive back for lunch. The drive back yielded our first decent view of the uncommon endemic White-necked Hawk which clearly benefits from the roads in the forest to hunt. It's also worth to mention the good sightings in the morning of Red-billed Curassow. In the afternoon we went pretty far in the forest. First notable stop was at the forest edge. While scoping some Scaled Pigeons, some passing Blue-winged Macaws attended the tape and landed really close to us. Back to the forest, more curassows were spotted while driving. In a quick stop at a marsh we had a group of White-eared Parakeet at very close range, and also a male White-crowned Manakin. Then suddenly the rain came and we got to wanted site under a heavy shower. Screaming Piha was luckily seen from the car. We waited a long time in the car before we decide to move forward to a restinga habitat at the edge of a lake. There we spotted the beautiful Brazilian Tanager, Southern Yellowthroat and a Little Tinamou that attend the tape very well. Driving back in the forest we found Solitary Tinamou on the road at dusk. At night we had no success with Black-capped Screech Owl but found another Tawny-browed Owl by chance along the road. Mammals for the day include Collared Peccary, Black-tufted Capuchin and Coatis.



Two of the finest endemic species at VALE Reserve: Black-headed Berryeater and White-necked Hawk (Eduardo Patrial)



Some good Psittacidae in the afternoon: Blue-winged Macaw and the endemic White-eared Parakeet (Eduardo Patrial)

November 8th. We repeated the same beginning on our last day at VALE, checking some corners of forest edge from the common clearing, finding Grey Elaenia, Streaked Xenops, Flame-crested Tanager and Ochre-colored Flatbill. After breakfast we took part of a trail close to the entrance gate and there we got a nice male Black-cheeked Gnateater and some Blue-headed Parrot (Atlantic ssp. *reichenowi*) perched at low level on our way out. Later on the road grid we didn't drive far until stop for some stunning Black-necked Aracaris. In search of the uncommon Ochre-marked (Blue-throated) Parakeet, we luckily got a response after play-back in the same area. Insisting a little we managed to bring a small group of this wonderful parakeet very close to us, just excellent! From there we went to check the Harpy Eagle nest again. The male Harpy was around again and provided splendid views. Black-headed Berryeater was heard and later spotted around the harpy's nest as well. Two of us still saw Buff-throated and Wedge-billed Woodcreepers while the rest tried to photograph the Harpy Eagle. Then we visited the 'muçununga' habitat again, getting there in much better time. We put a lot effort after Rusty-backed Antwren but all we got from it this time was a distant glimpse, and only by few in the group. But 'muçununga' yielded a nice Black-faced Tanager and a Wedge-tailed Grass Finch. From there we returned for lunch without any special sighting. Weather was overcast with some rains here and there. In the afternoon we went far again to try Plumbeous Antvireo, with some White-necked Hawks and a large group of Red-billed Curassow on the way. We also had a good stopped by a big marsh where we saw well a couple of Southern White-fringed Antwren, Eared Pygmy Tyrant and the endemic East Brazilian Chachalaca. We had no success with the antvireo despite all the effort in the area. But at least we found the uncommon Atlantic ssp. *tinnunculus* of Ringed Woodpecker. The rain started again so we began our drive back. Another stop at the marsh provided a better view of the chachalaca. Later we waited the dusk at a specific area in hope to find some Solitary Tinamous but unfortunately that didn't happen. Our last attempt then was to see Ocellated Poorwill near the tower clearing. We got very excited for hearing it very close but suddenly a heavy rain came from nothing and sadly messed up with our chances.



It wasn't an easy task to find the endemic Ochre-marked Parakeet this year; and the adult male Harpy Eagle, one of the best surprises at VALE (Eduardo Patrial)

November 9th. We left the VALE Reserve quite early after breakfast. We had a little time to see few things in the garden such as Chopi Blackbird, Plain Parakeet, Orange-winged Amazon, Red-rumped Cacique, Social Flycatcher and some other common species. We headed south and inland towards the hills (Serra do Mar), more precisely to the little town of Santa Teresa, arriving there by mid-morning. We went straight to the field, a private forest near the town's entrance which is being a great place for us in the last years. For our luck the hilly forest was very active and we stepped out the car spotting Mantled Hawk flying low and perching close at the forest edge, an amazing start. The rest of morning in the forest was extremely good with decent observations of Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher, a stunning couple Spot-billed Toucanet, Frilled Coquette, Plain Antvireo, Black-throated Grosbeak, White-eyed Foliage-gleaner, Sharpbill, Gilt-edged and Red-necked Tanagers, the localized endemic Wied's Tyrant-Manakin, White-bibbed Antbird, Black-throated Trogon, the rare Russet-winged Spadebill, Blue Manakin, Green-backed Becard and White-throated Spadebill. We stopped for lunch in the town before check-in the fascinating Pousada Vita Verde, a hummingbird paradise. At Vita Verde we spent couple hours closely watching an impressive number of hummingbirds such as dozens and dozens of Black Jacobin, also Sombre, White-throated and Swallow-tailed Hummingbirds, White-vented Violetear, Rufous-breasted and Planalto Hermit, Violet-capped Woodnymph, Versicolored, Glittering-throated and Glittering-bellied Emeralds, the endemics Brazilian Ruby and Dusky-throated Hermit (a good surprise on the feeder), Amethyst Woodstar and the main star in the garden, several males of Frilled Coquette. Some tanagers and other birds compose this lovely garden – Campo Troupial, Ruby-crowned and Sayca Tanagers, Chestnut-bellied Euphonia and even Slaty-breasted Wood Rail. Near three thirty pm we birded the forest again until dusk. The afternoon session was much slower as expected but even so we saw some great Atlantic Forest species – Streak-capped Antwren, the Brazilian endemic Yellow-eared Woodpecker, the beautiful Blond-crested Woodpecker, Wied's Tyrant-Manakin, Brazilian Teal, the endemic Cinnamon-vented Piha, Short-tailed Antthrush, Lesser Woodcreeper, Greenish Schiffornis and the gorgeous Pin-tailed Manakin. Santa Teresa was definitely a blast of birds. Night birding was poor and we had no luck with Ocellated Poorwill.



Some of the good-looking species in the forest of Santa Teresa: female Spot-billed Toucanet and Blond-crested Woodpecker (Eduardo Patrial)



Pousada Vita Verde is incredible for hummingbirds; here the most wanted male Fritted Coquette and a stunning male Brazilian Rubby (Eduardo Patrial)

November 10th. We had a nice breakfast at six am at Vita Verde enjoying the hummingbirds awakening from the porch. It was a bit sad to leave the Vita Verde but with a lot to do in the day, including a bendy drive to Vargem Alta, we departed from Santa Teresa still early. Pallid Spinetail was seen at pousada parking lot. As in the last years we took the cut to visit the peculiar rocky peaks from Pousada Cantinho dos 3 Pontões near Afonso Claudio and to have lunch there. We did at least four stops on our way that contemplated some secondary forest edges, a marsh and some disturbed open areas, recording birds like Orange-headed Tanager, Spix's Spinetail, White-crested Tyrannulet, the amazing Streamer-tailed Tyrant, Rough-legged Tyrannulet, White-shouldered Fire-eye, and Dubois's and Double-collared Seedeaters. Getting to 3 Pontões we first had a look at their fruit feeder that yielded great looks at East Brazilian Chachalaca. Finally in the drier forest on the hilltop we struggled this time to find Serra Antwren, the major target in the place. The species wasn't vocalizing or attending tapes and only after a long and careful search we realized some contact calls coming from a pair and a young bird next to the road in a scrubby coffee plantation. Watching well the whole family was then the most welcomed reward. Other interesting birds up there were the endemics Hangnest Tody-Tyrant, Cinnamon Tanager and Yellow-eared Woodpecker, also Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, Yellow-olive Flatbill, Moustached Wren, Grey-pileated Finch, Rusty-margined Guan and a glimpse of Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle. During lunch at 3 Pontões we saw Green-barred Woodpecker and Dusky-legged Guan on the feeder. Soon after we were on the road again, arriving with time to get introduced to Caetés Forest by late afternoon. The forest from Caetés always provides good birding and this time wasn't

different, there we saw Golden-chevroned Tanager, Yellow-legged Thrush, Long-tailed Tyrant, Tropical Pewee, Green-backed and Crested Becards, the stunning Saffron Toucanet, the singular Swallow-tailed Cotinga (first spotted at the forest edge and later a female on a nest), Rufous-capped Spinetail, Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher, Fawn-breasted Tanager and Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper.



East Brazilian Chachalaca at Cantinho dos 3 Pontões (Eduardo Patrial)



Yellow-eared Woodpecker at Cantinho dos 3 Pontões (Eduardo Patrial)



Swallow-tailed Cotinga at Caetés Forest (Eduardo Patrial)

November 11th was a full day exploring the famous Caetés Forest, known as one of the few places with records of the mega rare endemic Cherry-throated Tanager. Recent sightings in the area put us very excited to search for it. Getting to the forest we made a quick stop after hearing Temminck's Seedeater from the car. It was a female and there was also a male Uniform Finch, Rufous-crowned Greenlet and an obliging White-collared Foliage-gleaner in the bamboo. Further we entered the proper Caetés and stopped where the tanager was last seen few weeks ago according our local friend. Out of the car surprisingly it took a minute to realize how lucky we were, Cherry-throated Tanager was calling a little distant. We taped it and for our luck it rapidly came through the canopy right beside the road. It was just one adult individual and it stayed around providing wonderful observations for a long time, we just couldn't believe. Taking a very steep trail uphill in the forest gave us the chance to approach the canopy to eye level almost, making our views of the tanager simply memorable. Nice pictures and good recording were obtained too (XC361335). Continuing the trail a little further we spent time with other goodies: Rufous-headed Tanager, a very close Hooded Berryeater, Surrucura Trogon, and an amazing Cryptic Anthrush that behaved very well for us. Down from the trail we got great looks at Planalto Woodcreeper. Rest of morning was covering the forest along the road in property. A good flock later with Oustalet's Tyrannulet, Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner, Olivaceous, Scaled and White-throated Woodcreepers, and Sharpbill. We also saw the endemics Star-throated Antwren, Ochre-rumped and Ferruginous Antbirds and Brassy-breasted Tanager; Greenish Tyrannulet, Euler's Flycatcher. After lunch in a village nearby, we did a trail at Caetés that links an old road in a different part of the forest. Rufous-fronted Thornbird was seen at the clearing before taking the trail. On the trail we had Yellow-browed and Yellow-eared Woodpeckers, Spot-breasted Antwren, White-bibbed Antbird and Rufous-thighed Kite before the heavy rain that caught us in the forest. About an hour later and soaked, the rain finally gave a break for us to return. Cinnamon-vented Piha, Spot-billed Toucanet and a really close Nine-banded Armadillo were seen on the way back. To finish the day we watched Swallow-tailed Cotinga on the nest again and that was the end of our luckiest day of the trip.



The mega-rare Cherry-throated Tanager (photo courtesy by tour participant Brendan Ryan) and the beautiful Hooded Berryeater (Eduardo Patrial)

November 12th was a long day on the road. From Vargem Alta we said goodbye to our friend Justino and continued south to our next place in Rio de Janeiro state, the beautiful REGUA Reserve on the foothills of Serra dos Orgãos. We drove the whole morning until stopping for lunch already near Cabo Frio on the coast. Soon later we made a quick visit to a restinga habitat near Arraial do Cabo to see the threatened localized Restinga Antwren. Just few tapes were enough to bring a very responsive male to the bushes right in front of us, permitting even some decent photos (something unusual). In this area by the coast we still spotted White-cheeked Pintail, Grey-headed and Kelp Gulls, Roseate Spoonbill and Lesser Yellowlegs. We arrived at REGUA at five pm under rain. A Rufous-thighed Kite was sitting on a snag beside the lodge. Not much we could do about that rain besides waiting for a while. The weather stayed the same so we decided to have a short walk around the wetlands under our umbrellas. There we saw plenty of Brazilian Tanagers, Common and Purple Gallinules, Greater Ani, Cocoi and Cappen Herons, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Social Flycatcher, White-headed Marsh Tyrant and a very cooperative Rufous-sided Crake to finish this wet end of day.



Male Restinga Antwren near Arraial do Cabo and Rufous-thighed Kite when arriving at REGUA (Eduardo Patrial)

November 13th started drizzling at REGUA. The decision of a day trip to Caledônia Peak and Carmo was made last night due to even worse weather forecast for the next days in the area. So we went early uphill to the town of Nova Friburgo and made a first stop before at the good Theodoro Trail, a place on the hill about a thousand meters above sea level. It was still drizzling a little and the narrow trail had become a fast stream, but nothing serious for stopping us (and Adilei, our excellent local guide) to try our first mega target on that day, the rare endemic Brazilian Laniisoma. We got to its place and happily we heard the bird singing. Few steps out of the trail put us in close contact with that special bird for about half an hour, watching it singing and behaving in the dark forest, a fascinating moment. Scale-throated Hermit was also seen well

along the wet trail. From there we crossed Nova Friburgo and finally took the steep road to Caledônia Peak. Getting up there with our common car wasn't so easy, even more under a non-stop rain. We did walking the last stretch to reach the top of the road over two thousand meters. As known, this is one of the very few sites available to see the extremely localized and rare endemic Grey-winged Cotinga. The weather was horrible but certainly all the luck was with us once more. It took quite long and we were just about to give up after only hearing it few times and quite far. When it gave a much closer call we were quick enough to spot a male Grey-winged Cotinga on a treetop downhill. The view was very good and we got more than happy with the opportunity given the wet rainy condition. Our wet session up there also yielded Variable Antshrike, Fawn-breasted Tanager, Plumbeous Pigeon, Blue-billed Black Tyrant, Thick-billed Saltator and the endemics Rufous-tailed Antbird, Serra do Mar Tyrannulet, Bay-chested Warbling Finch and the handsome restricted range congener Black-and-gold Cotinga. Later at lower elevation the rain slowed down a bit so we birded a good side road which provided us other bunch of good stuff such as an incredible tame Red-legged Seriema, a family of Swallow-tailed Cotinga, better looks at Scaled Woodcreeper, Olivaceous Elaenia, Lineated Woodpecker, Shear-tailed Grey Tyrant and the endemics Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin and Mouse-colored Tapaculo. Leaving the Caledônia area around one pm we also spotted a perched Rufous-thighed Hawk. Then we passed Nova Friburgo and drove the hilly road further west to reach the drier forest patches around the little town of Carmo. At Carmo the rain was just a light drizzle and there was no trouble in finding our main target bird, another restricted range endemic, the curious Three-toed Jacamar (which is actually a very easy bird when you get to its place). In the forest at Carmo we also had Crested Black Tyrant, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Chestnut-vented Conebill, Grey-eyed Greenlet, Chestnut-backed Antshrike, a male Ultramarine Grosbeak (a nice surprise) and a stunning male Sarrucura Trogon. Driving back the bendy road we stopped to see White-eared Puffbird before crossing Nova Friburgo again. It was still heavily raining there, traffic was intense and we got back to REGUA down the hill only by eight o'clock at night. Indeed a tiring day with bendy roads, steep walking and all the rain, but for sure a remarkably lucky and rewarding day.



Despite all the rain, our day trip was outstanding: the rare Brazilian Laniisoma near Nova Friburgo and the curious Three-toed Jacamar at Carmo (Eduardo Patrial)

November 14th was unfortunately an even wetter day. We supposed to explore the good trail system in foothill forests from REGUA, but under the constant heavy rain it just wouldn't be worth it, so we passed the day around the lodge covering the wetlands and few forest trails in the surrounding area. To have an idea about the rain, we went out for the first time only at eight o'clock am. By the wetlands then we got Rufescent Tiger Heron, Purple Gallinule, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Lemmon-chested Greenlet, the endemic Long-billed Wren, an obliging Southern Antpipit, Red-rumped Cacique, lots of Capybaras and surprisingly a brief sighting of Uniform Crake. More heavy rain before lunch made sent us back to the lodge. We went out again by two thirty pm. This time we visited a nice hide by a lake, and with the help of Adilei we were able to get amazing looks at a nice group of Boat-billed Heron, an unusual inhabitant of the wetlands, seen on this tour for the first time. The wetlands provided few more additions to our list such as Grey-necked Wood Rail, Silvery-flanked Antwren, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Whistling Heron and a shy Rufous-capped Motmot.

Wishing for trying Uniform Crake again, we visit a neighbor lowland forest that belongs to REGUA. There we heard it very close but never managed a view. The endemic Saw-billed Hermit provided good views in the area though. Later and just before dusk we got to the Giant Snipe site near REGUA. Fortunately at the time there was just a light drizzle so we managed to get superb and close views of Giant Snipe on the ground. We even tried some owling nearby but nothing responded the tape under that rain. Our time at REGUA this year was unfortunately very wet but luckily productive during our stay, so no further complaints.

November 15th. In this next day we departed from REGUA around seven am towards our next stay, the lovely Hotel do Ypê at Itatiaia National Park, further south in the Serra da Mantiqueira domains. We got to Itatiaia by ten am with a much better weather, and first we covered some forest edge and scrub along a side road just before the park's gate. Despite the effort we got no sign of the endemic Half-collared Sparrow. On the other hand we found Green-billed (Red-breasted) Toucan and a couple of Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch. Finally in the park and heading up to Hotel do Ypê we stopped to see the endemic Brown Tanager by the road. Later at Hotel do Ypê just before lunch we had a nice introduction to the amazing garden and feeders, usually with a lot of birds. There we saw several Brazilian Ruby, White-throated Hummingbird, Violet-capped Woodnymph, Black Jacobin, a female Frilled Coquette, Green-headed, Black-goggled, Golden-chevroned and Olive-green Tanagers, the amazing Saffron Toucanet, loads of Dusky-legged Guan and Maroon-bellied Parakeets, so it was great fun to spend some time at the hotel grounds. In the afternoon we did part of the very good Três Picos Trail. There we began with the endemic Grey-capped Tyrannulet after parking the car next the abandoned Simon Hotel. Our session on the trail was good with plenty of bamboo specialists and other goodies - the endemic Fork-tailed Tody-Tyrant, Ferruginous Antbird, Half-collared Sparrow (intensely tried in the morning), Uniform Finch, the uncommon and bamboo-seed follower Buffy-fronted Seedeater, the endemic Orange-eyed Thornbird, Black-tailed Tityra, Magpie Tanager, a fascinating and distrustful female of Slaty Bristlefront, Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner, Bertoni's and Ochre-rumped Antbirds, and bizarre Black-billed Scythebill. Finishing our day Bat Falcon was seen on the top of Simon Hotel. The evening was very pleasant and as usual food was delicious at Hotel do Ypê.



The gorgeous Saffron Toucanet in the garden of Hotel do Ypê; several endemics seen at 3 Picos Trail in Itatiaia NP, including this nice Orange-eyed Thornbird (Eduardo Patrial)

November 16th. On this day we moved from Hotel do Ypê to the high part of Itatiaia National Park (Agulhas Negras) for one night stay at the nice São Gotardo Hotel. We had an early departure from Ypê where we saw few of usual hummingbirds and tanagers on the feeders and few other things around like Dusky-legged Guans and Slaty-breasted Wood Rails. A quick stop on main road just outside the hotel yielded good looks at Rufous-capped Motmot and Ferruginous Pygmy Owl. The next plan still in the low part of Itatiaia, was doing part of trail from Simon to Donati Hotel for a short period. The trail is good and with plenty of bamboo. There we began hearing Blue-napped Chlorophonia which unfortunately didn't approach. Further we spotted a small group of Black-fronted Titi, a good-looking endemic primate not often seen. The cast of birds then were: White-bibbed Antbird, Plain Parakeet, Brown Tanager, Streaked Xenops, White-barred Piculet, Rufous

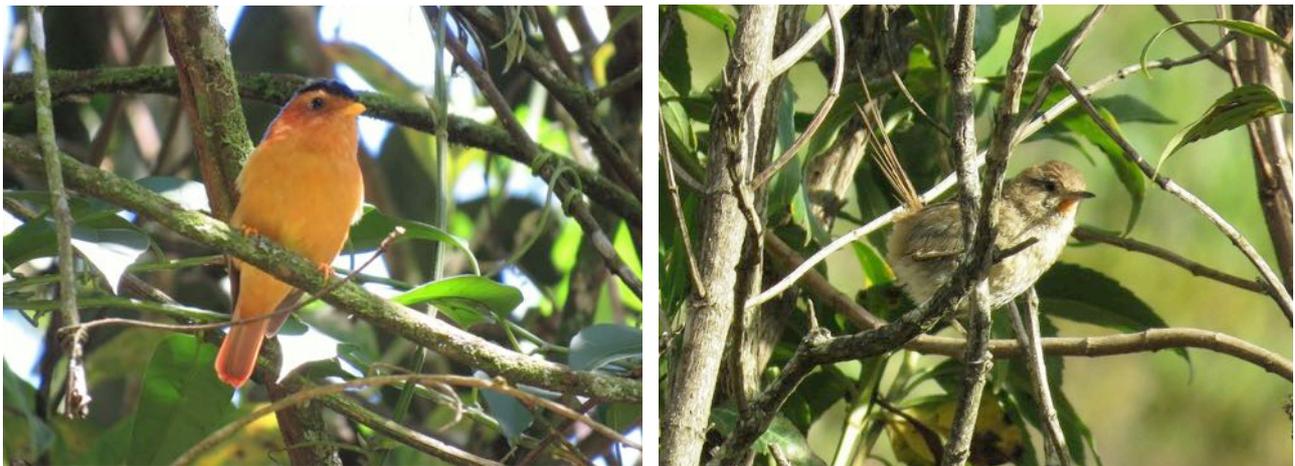
Gnateater and good looks at Brown Tinamou on the trail. One Variegated Antpitta was calling but quite far. Then by mid-morning we were getting to bird the Agulhas Negras Road for the rest of the day. The rest of our morning up there in forest, birding a stretch around two thousand meters of altitude, was already very good. We found several goodies, including some endemics from the altitude - Rufous-backed Antwreio, Rufous-tailed Antbird, Black-and-gold Cotinga, Buff-throated Warbling Finch; also Brassy-breasted and Diademed Tanagers, the secretive Rufous-tailed Antthrush, the rare Black-capped Piprites (a obliging male watched for about half an hour) and the recent split Green-crowned Plovercrest. Lunch was at São Gotardo Hotel right after our check-in. Next to our rooms Velvety Black Tyrant showed up very well. In the afternoon we checked our site for Speckle-breasted Antpitta. Bird was present but it gave us hard and long work for only brief views through the dense undergrowth. At the occasion, Serra do Mar Tyrannulet was watching everything. Then we drove up the Agulhas Negras to the paramo-like habitat (around 2500m), a good area to find the local endemic Itatiaia Spinetail. We saw a good number of them and also achieved good looks at Mouse-colored Tapaculo, more Velvety Black Tyrants, White-crested Tyrannulet and a shy male Large-tailed Antshrike. Back to lower elevation at the Brejo da Lapa area we checked the Araucaria woodland formation next to the slope. Its peculiar and dependant inhabitant Araucaria Tit-Spinetail was very responsive and showing off well. Other birds seen in the place were White-rimmed Warbler, Golden-winged Cacique, Serra do Mar Tyrannulet and Bay-chested Warbling Finch. We did night birding later in the same area where firstly Short-eared Owl was seen flying over the marsh. Then our main target, the impressive male Long-trained Nightjar, surprisingly appeared in a low and shocking flight. That huge tail in the air was absolutely breath taking. We also heard the fantastic calls of Rusty-barred Owl by the time it was getting dark, but it became unresponsive later. What we did was finding it at another site further on the very rough side road. But it was well worth it, great views obtained to finish that splendid day at Agulhas Negras Road.



Rufous-capped Motmot and the furry endemic Black-fronted Titi at the low part of Itatiaia National Park (Eduardo Patrial)



The forest of Itatiaia National Park (Eduardo Patrial)



Rest of the day at Agulhas Negras Road was incredible! The rare Black-capped Piprites and the localized Itatiaia Spinetail were some of the highlights (Eduardo Patrial)

November 17th. The early morning before breakfast was spent giving another try on Speckle-breasted Antpitta (this time an unsuccessful quick one) and also did the forest of São Gotardo Hotel for a while. The weather was strange and we only managed good views of a Grey-bellied Spinetail. Giant Antshrike was heard far on the hill. Back for breakfast we saw few birds around the hotel such as Velvety Black Tyrant, Diademed Tanager, Buff-throated Warbling Finch, White-eyed Parakeet and Dusky-legged Guan. Then by mid-morning we hit the road down the Serra da Mantiqueira and later down the Serra do Mar southwards to our next stay for two nights, the very green Ubatuba on the north coast of São Paulo state. But birding on this day happened on our way to Ubatuba. Still on the plateau there was a quick stop near Volta Redonda to see some Curl-crested Jays crossing the road. Pale-breasted Spinetail was spotted on roadside too. Finally on the coast we reached the main birding site for the day, the forest valley from the district of Perequê in southern Rio de Janeiro state. Besides guarding the extremely localized and rediscovered Black-hooded Antwren, the area offers good birding and there we spent most of the afternoon. Our session was good with two pairs of Black-hooded Antwren, plus Green-headed, Brazilian and Swallow Tanagers, Long-tailed Tyrant, Riverbank Warbler, Yellow-fronted Woodpecker, Lemmon-chested Greenlet, Saffron Toucanet,

White-bearded Manakin, Flam-crested and Red-necked Tanager, the endemics Scaled and Ferruginous Antbirds, White-eyed Foliage-gleaner, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, the stunning Rufous-capped Antthrush, Grey-hooded Attila, Spot-breasted Antwreos and several others heard. We tried hard for Buff-bellied Puffbird and Buff-throated Purple-tuft but no signs of them this time. Leaving the forest we still spotted a perched Black Hawk-Eagle. It was not a bad day for a long day on the road. We got to Ubatuba Palace Hotel quite late near eight thirty pm, but with a welcome drink and simply delicious dinner.



Male Black-hooded Antwren, usually not an easy one to photograph; and the smart Grey-hooded Attila at Perequê (Eduardo Patrial)

November 18th was our full day of birding in Ubatuba. In the morning we did the good foothill forests from Angelim Farm, and as usual, it was very productive. The weather was overcast with intervals of drizzle but happily our morning yielded the main target species. At Angelim we saw Rufous-winged antwrens, Long-billed Gnatwren, a female Squamate Antbird, Spot-backed and Tufted Antshrikes, Maroon-bellied and Plain Parakeets, a lek of White-bearded Manakin, White-thighed Swallow, the secretive Spotted Bamboowren, the endemics Crescent-chested Puffbird and Unicolored Antwren (a couple), also Scaled Antbird, a nice male Black-cheeked Gnateater and incredible close looks at Rufous-capped Antthrush. At the main clearing we tried hard for the tiny Buff-throated Purple-tuft, but apparently not around by that time. From the clearing saw a Mantled Hawk soaring over the forest. Later we walked further the main path and part of the narrow trail that follows the fast river rapids uphill. There we found some Red-crowned Ant-Tanagers and a Black-capped Foliage-gleaner. The uncommon Sao Paulo Tyrannulet was spotted as well, but too high in a canopy flock, so better views were desired for that. Back to main clearing by late morning we finally got a discreet response from Buff-throated Purple-tuft, certainly the most important species lasting for us in the area, what a good relief that was. Good views through the scope were obtained so we went for lunch in the town after that. Following our schedule, we spent the afternoon in the southern part of Ubatuba, more precisely visiting the friendly Jonas and his amazing hummingbirds and fruit feeders at Sitio Folha Seca. It's always impressive the number of hummingbirds in that garden. We saw dozens of the endemic Saw-billed Hermit, dozens of the stunning Festive Coquette and Brazilian Ruby, many Black Jacobin and Violet-capped Woodnymph, a pair of Black-throated Mango, also Glittering-throated and Versicolor Emeralds, Swallow-tailed and Sombre Hummingbirds, White-chinned Sapphire and a male Amethyst Woodstar. The cast on the fruit feeder included Violaceous and Chestnut-bellied Euphonias, Green honeycreeper, Brazilian, Ruby-crowned, Green-headed, Red-necked and Azure-shouldered Tanagers. A later walk presented the marvelous surrounding forest, though very silent by that time. Daylight was about to end when amazingly the uncommon Buff-bellied Puffbird was spotted in the canopy of a tall tree. The species really came at a good time to finish the day. Owling was done at Jonas area and we successfully got great looks at the shy Black-capped Screech Owl.



The stunning male Festive Coquette and the uncommon Buff-bellied Puffbird were just some of the highlights in Ubatuba (Eduardo Patrial)

November 19th was the last day of the main tour. Transferring ourselves from the coast to Guarulhos on the plateau, we had some good birding stops on our way. First one occurred still early in the morning when we reach the top of Serra do Mar. There we birded the dirt road from the Serra do Mar State Park (Santa Virginia nucleus) which covers good montane forest. A couple hours there finally yielded superb views of two males Bare-throated Bellbird after hearing distantly at several places before. We were also very happy there with the sightings of Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, Brown-breasted Bamboo Tyrant and a cracking male Dusky-tailed Antbird. Later our next stop happened at our common stake out to see Firewood Gatherer near the town of Taubaté. We got great views of a pair nesting just beside the road. The open marshy area around also provided good looks at Tawny-headed Swallow and one Streamer-tailed Tyrant. Passing Taubaté in the late morning we had a detour through São José dos Campos to reach our infallible Sao Paulo Antwren stake out, which again worked perfectly, with close views of a male and a pair later at a different part of the marsh. With patience the skulker Orange-breasted Thornbird showed up as well, being another highlight in the same marsh. In the surroundings we still made a quick stop for some nice males of Lined Seedeater by the roadside. Back to the Dutra highway we made a stop for lunch not far from Guarulhos. Getting to Guarulhos in the afternoon we drove straight to the Cantareira State Park, which is only twenty minutes from our hotel at downtown. The Serra da Cantareira is a good stretch of preserved Atlantic Forest very close to the big São Paulo, and one of the best places to see the uncommon Southern Bristle Tyrant, so there was the place where we finished the day and also the birding on the main tour. At Cantareira, as soon as we got to the right place on the trail, a little mixed flock presented at least three Southern Bristle Tyrants, very responsive by the way. We stayed watching them closely for several minutes. Some other interesting species on the trail were an obliging Star-throated Antwren and a couple of Ochre-collared Piculet. We overnighted in Guarulhos at Ibis Hotel.



Good birding on the last day of the main tour, including some nice antwrens such as the newly discovered Sao Paulo Antwren (male) and the handsome Star-throated Antwren (Eduardo Patrial)

On November 20th began the second part of our long but amazingly good tour, which consists certainly of the best areas in the Atlantic Forest from southern São Paulo state to Rio Grande do Sul state. Variation of habitats is more pronounced on this part of trip, especially at Rio Grande do Sul with Araucaria Forest and grasslands (part of the Atlantic Forest), and the coastal Pampas. Back to our day, we first went very early to pick up a new client at Guarulhos International Airport, and then from there we drove most of morning to get to the famous Intervalles State Park for a four nights stay. Lunch was in the park, provided by the restaurant our good friend Jairo. After lunch we met Betinho, our amazing local guide at Intervalles, and went off for the afternoon. The local guides are feeding some shy species in the forest (and marsh) over last few years so first thing we did was checking the feeding site of Spot-winged Wood Quail. Incredibly there was a couple with two chicks at the place that tamely came at our feet after Betinho has thrown some corn for them. Watching those wood quails so close was ridiculously good. Later we covered the trails next to the research station building. There we saw Bare-throated Bellbird amazingly well, male Purple-crowned Plovercrest, Rufous-tailed Attila, the southern race of Slaty Bristlefront (which also performed at our feet), Surrucura Trogon (ssp. *surrucura*), the uncommon Rusty-breasted Nunlet and a stunning male Squammate Antbird, besides of course some common species and the numerous only heard in the forest, most of them previously seen. We worked later the beginning of the splendid Carmo Road, an area with plenty of bamboo and also a nest of the rare Grey-bellied Hawk to check. The hawk wasn't there but the young bird and adults were seen around the nest few times over the last week, so we were actually with good chances for a sighting. Meanwhile we enjoyed some other great stuff that showed up in that area such as Atlantic Royal Flycatcher (an unexpected one), Brown-breasted Bamboo Tyrant and a couple Blue-bellied, a rare endemic that timidly offered only some quick flight views despite all our effort at the time. The forest was getting dark so we finish daylight checking the feeding site of Red-and-white Crake next to the park's reception, but this time without succeeding. The species was recently tending chicks and coming few times a day to the feeder. At night we went owling along the park's entrance road, having successful views of Long-tufted Screech Owl.

November 21st. We began our first full day at Intervalles checking the crake feeder again. Time was perfect for it to have its first meal, and that happily was exactly what happened, Red-and-white Crake showing off in the open, great start. From the marsh we went close around the Pousada Onça Pintada in the park. We were after Variegated Antpitta but getting there we got distracted by a beautiful male Chestnut-backed Tanager, and then totally distracted by a very cooperative couple of Blue-bellied Parrot feeding on the *Euterpes* palm fruits behind the building. Usually very shy, here the parrots provided perfect views. A male Pileated Parrot, another shy one, took advantage of the palm fruits too. The Antpitta was still around at the forest edge and we could manage a brief look at it. This bird is also being fed by the locals but by that time of the year it breeds and doesn't come to feed during some months. We left the place after spotting a nice Blond-crested Woodpecker. Rest of morning was spent at Carmo Road and, confirming its reputation, we did have a great time there. At Carmo's gate we had the uncommon White-browed Foliage-gleaner and the

endemic Pale-browed Treehunter. Later an adult male Grey-bellied Hawk was by the nest this time, a little hidden for photos but offering great scope views, so lucky we were. In the same place we saw the hectic Bay-ringed Tyrannulet and the seasonal Golden-rumped Euphonia very well. Nearby we worked well for a while to get decent looks at White-breasted Tapaculo down at a roadside bank. Further down the Carmo we spotted a pair of Black-fronted Piping Guan on road, the uncommon White-bearded Antshrike and even a Mantled Hawk, in other words some other most wanted from Carmo Road amazingly watched in that morning. Activity declined by late morning but we still had few other things before lunch such as Planalto Woodcreeper and Oustalet's Tyrannulet. After lunch pair of the rare endemic Black-legged Dacnis started the session in the afternoon. This pair was feeding near park's restaurant on some 'capororoca' trees at low level, providing excellent views. Later we went much further down on Carmo Road and our time there yielded Saffron Toucanet, Ochre-breasted Foliage-gleaner and a very shy Pavonine Cuckoo that allowed us to see it only in flight. Forest was much quieter in the afternoon and we returned from Carmo few other sightings, including Three-striped Flycatcher and Dusky-tailed Antbird. Common Potoo was seen before dinner close to the park's reception. We also did some night birding in the evening in an attempt to find the rare Silky-tailed Nightjar but instead we saw Short-tailed Nighthawk and a fantastic male Long-trained Nightjar, the second on the trip.

November 22nd. For the morning of our second full day at Intervalles we visited the lovely valley of the Lageado Trail, in search of few particular species. We heard a lot on the trail along our way down, including Hooded Berryeater, bellbird, Rufous-capped and Short-tailed Antthrush, among others. There we got better views of Ochre-breasted Foliage-gleaner, Greenish Tyrannulet, the rare Russet-winged Spadebill (second on the trip) and Sao Paulo and Oustalet's Tyrannulets, Bare-throated Bellbird and Squamate Antbird. New records came with great looks at a nice adult Bicolored Hawk and at the small endemic Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant. Hooded Berryeater posed nicely on our way back and, at a bamboo clump we were surprised by a silent couple of the beast Giant Antshrike, which after play-back appeared close in the open for us. The rest of morning was spent nearby, doing the beginning of the road to Bocaina, as they locally call. There we started walking from the clearing where we realized there was a Green-throated (G-chinned) Euphonia singing softly at the forest edge. Happily it was a good performance of a bright male. Further on the road we found Slaty-breasted Wood Rail, two Solitary Tinamous on the road and a Scalloped Woodcreeper very well observed. The afternoon was at Carmo again and we tried to find the rare Helmeted Woodpecker at every corner around there, so far without any luck. We had fun watching an obliging Crescent-chested Puffbird, later a mixed flock with Three-striped Flycatcher, Sharpbill, Brown Tanager, Chestnut-crowned and Crested Becards, Yellow-fronted and White-spotted Woodpeckers, another flight view of Pavonine Cuckoo and a nice male Spot-billed Toucanet. Nothing else different was seen until dusk. For the nightfall we tried Silky-tailed Nightjar around the research station, obtaining one single call back after some play-back. We insisted more but the species didn't want to play to game this time so that was the end of our day.

November 23rd. Our last full day in the incredible Intervalles started in a surprisingly way when we just stepped outside the Pousada Pica Pau. The local Betinho was by the front porch already and very excited rapidly pointed the unceasing calls from a Helmeted Woodpecker not far from there. Shivering we jumped to the car and like a bullet we drove the few hundred meters to get to place just beside the Pousada Onça Pintada. The woodpecker was still calling a lot and with caution we managed to approach and finally watch minutely that spectacular rare bird. Great recording (XC362210) and some photos were obtained was well, and we stayed watching the bird for about an hour. What an amazing lucky moment we had. A stunning male Chestnut-backed Tanager was feeding in the same area, providing great views too. The rest of our morning was spent on the excellent Mirante (viewpoint) Trail. There we saw Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin, Short-tailed Antthrush, Mouse-colored Tapaculo, and from the beautiful viewpoint Shear-tailed Grey Tyrant, Three-striped Flycatcher and a close Rufous-backed Antvireo. Rufous-tailed Attila was seen again when returning the trail for lunch. Afternoon was much more relaxed. Outside the park we went to check a nest of Short-tailed Nighthawk, impressively made at eye level in the forest edge. The good-looking Yellow-rumped Marshbird was spotted nearby. Back to the park later we walked the pleasant Palmito Trail, coming across with the tame Spot-winged Wood Quail family. Later was a good time for a little coffee at the restaurant enjoying few birds on the feeder – Yellow-fronted Woodpecker, Azure-shouldered Tanager, Rufous-bellied

and Pale-breasted Thrushes. Finishing the daylight we put a good effort after Variegated Antpitta at the known corners. We tried it in at least three different places and fortunately managed superb views in the last one checked. In the evening we had another attempt for Silky-tailed Nightjar but this time the bird didn't even respond. But there were absolutely no complaints about our time in Intervalles, which is certainly the best Atlantic Forest area to be visited in Brazil. Below some images from our time at Intervalles.



Spot-winged Wood Quail (EP)



Purple-crowned Plovercrest (EP)



Rusty-breasted Nunlet (EP)



Long-tufted Screech Owl (EP)



Red-and-white Crake (EP)



Blue-bellied Parrot (courtesy by Brendan Ryan)



Black-fronted Piping Guan (EP)



Russet-winged Spadebill (EP)



Giant Antshrike – male (EP)



Helmeted Woodpecker (EP)



Chestnut-backed Tanager (EP)



Short-tailed Nighthawk (EP)

November 24th. On this day we left Intervalles and drove south to Paraná state, having a stop on the hills at Graciosa Road on our way down to the coast. The long bendy drive from Intervalles to the surroundings of Curitiba (where we stopped for lunch) took basically the whole morning. From lunch then we quickly reached the Graciosa Road, a gorgeous and preserved stretch of the Serra do Mar. There, still by the hilltops, we stopped to spend few hours birding the good Corvo Road. Our main target there was the small Speckle-breasted Antpitta which happily took minutes to be found. Stepping in the dense forest, this time the Antpitta gave us a good show with close detailed views while circling us. We heard a lot of birds and regarding new

records the Corvo Road still yielded us reasonable views of Olive Spinetail, a Solitary Tinamou and the smart Sharp-billed Treehunter. Back to the paved Graciosa Road we made a quick stop at lower elevation to see a small group of Azure Jays. Reaching the lowlands we had to drive about an hour almost to get to the coast in the little town of Pontal do Sul. As known for the day, a boat trip would still happen at Paranaguá's Bay in the late afternoon to watch the localized Red-tailed Amazon. But with a little time before our boat trip, we visited this year a good 'restinga' habitat at Pontal do Sul. And the 'restinga' worked really well, we found our main goal, the stunning male Black-backed Tanager and also the endemic Restinga Tyrannulet. Then near five pm we met our boatman and crossed the Paranaguá's Bay (almost an hour) using a fast boat to reach the channels through vast mangroves at northern corner of the bay. There we saw several Brown Boobies, Kelp Gulls, Neotropic Cormorants, Cocoi and Little-blue Herons, Black-crowned Night Herons a quite large group of Scarlet Ibis, Roseate Spoonbill, Ringed Kingfisher and few groups of Guiana Dolphin. Then on the channel between the large Superagui and Peças Islands, we stopped by the quite small Pinheiros Island to wait for Red-tailed Amazon come to roost. The number of Amazons arriving pair by pair to this little island was simply amazing during the last hour of daylight. Our time there was more than pleasant with every possible way to watch closely and well the threatened localized Red-tailed Amazon. We saw easily about a hundred birds landing basically everywhere on that island. Finishing the day we enjoyed another spectacle from the boat during the sunset, about three hundred Scarlet Ibis gathered to roost on a tiny piece of land in the bay. Yellow-crowned Night Heron and Grey-necked Wood Rail were also spotted on the drive back. Later at Pontal do Sul we had a nice pizza and drove more half an hour to reach our comfortable hotel at Caiobá.



Graciosa Road is always a good stopover: Speckle-breasted Antpitta first and Azure Jay later (Eduardo Patrial)



At Paranaguá's Bay, Red-tailed Amazon coming to roost was a spectacle apart in the afternoon (Eduardo Patrial)



Scarlet Ibis came as a grand finale at Paranaguá's Bay (Eduardo Patrial)

November 25th. This day began early again on the road, but this time it was just a short drive to Itapoá in Santa Catarina, right across the state border. For that we had first to take a quick ferry across the Bay of Guaratuba still in Paraná. Few water birders were seen. Entering then the municipality of Itapoá, we stopped for Kaempfer's Tody-Tyrant at our stake out near the river Saí Mirim. It didn't take long to track down that little beauty in the "still" good restinga habitat available. A second bird was found deeper on the trail and we also saw some White-bearded Manakin, Restinga Tyrannulet and Blond-crested Woodpecker. Few hundred meters from there in taller forest, we found Plain Antwreos, Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant and Squamate Antbird before going to the next site on the other side of Itapoá, a marsh at Pontal. There it took seconds for us to get a pair of Marsh Antwren behaving at close range in the *Typha* habitat. Long-billed Wren was spotted there as well as few common birds. Finally in the late morning we went to Volta Velha Reserve, having a purposeful quick stop along the entrance road for the endemic Scaled Chachalaca, which even at noon provided very decent views for the group. At the marsh nearby was then the turn of Grey-breasted Crake to show up nicely for us after preparing an arena with Bluetooth speaker and a small mirror. We checked in at Volta Velha and enjoyed a delicious lunch right away. The afternoon was spent in the good forest of the reserve. The amount of horseflies was quite a nuisance again, as in every November. A relevant record on the trail was a showy Unicored Antwren. Later some hours were spent trying to see the endemic Yellow-legged Tinamou that started calling after play-back. But we had no luck this time, the bird was not moving and suddenly got quiet again. We still tried the Tinamou at other trail and had the same situation with a different bird. It was drizzling by that time and forest was already very quiet. A good surprise came after dusk when we found a responsive Little Nightjar in the main clearing, an unusual species in the area. At Sambaqui Trail we still saw a Mottled Owl to finish another good day.



Kaempfer's Tody-Tyrant (courtesy by Brendan Ryan) and Marsh Antwren (Eduardo Patrial), two threatened species from the lowlands of Itapoá.



Scaled Chachalaca and Unicolored Antwren were some other goodies found at Volta Velha Reserve (Eduardo Patrial)

November 26th. On this day we moved ourselves in the morning from the coast to the plateau of Curitiba, the capital of Paraná state. It took about an hour to get to the capital, but before leaving Itapoá we spend a little time checking the surroundings of Volta Velha Reserve. Except for a Striped Cuckoo, nothing different was seen in the lowland forest. At Curitiba we went straight across the city to the Araucaria Forest present at the popular Barigui Municipal Park. Araucaria Tit-Spintail is a quite common species there (several were heard), but the place is well known for being one of the best site for the uncommon Canebrake Groundcreeper, so that was our main target species. We managed to see three birds in two different spots in the park. An obliging pair was seen really well at the second spot, a quite unusual behavior from this normally shy and skulking species. Grey-throated Warbling Finch was also spotted in the forest and a small lake also provided close views of Silver and Brazilian Teals. Later we crossed the city again to have lunch near our hotel in the linked town of São José dos Pinhais. Lunch was at a good 'churrascaria' (steakhouse) and we ate a lot of meat. For the afternoon we covered some marshes and edge of Araucaria Forest at Borda do Campo, a small district of São José dos Pinhais. At the marsh we closely heard the endemic Marsh Tapaculo, for sure one of the hardest tapaculos to see. Several attempts have been made to see it but as its usual behavior, it never came out from the tall wet grass. On the other hand, a female Mottled Piculet watched minutely by the marsh was a very good surprise. Further we checked some other areas and managed few more interesting observations, such as Pampa Finch, Rufous-capped Antshrike, Long-tailed Reed Finch and Lesser Grass Finch. The weather got really fogged at dusk but even so we searched for the rare Sickle-winged Nightjar, unfortunately without any success this time.



The uncommon Canebrake Groundcreeper and Silver Teal at the popular Barigui Municipal Park in Curitiba (Eduardo Patrial)

November 27th. Overnighting at São José dos Pinhais, this following day began with a short internal flight in the morning to Porto Alegre, capital of Rio Grande do Sul state, where we continue birding for the rest of the trip. So from Porto Alegre in the mid-morning our goal was driving 300km west to reach the little town of Santana da Boa Vista in the middle of the state, a good breeding area of Atlantic Forest for the rare Red-spectacled Amazon. Crossing the wet lowlands around the capital and later the soft hills near Santana we saw a bunch of birds from the road, including many water bird species and some others from open habitats - Greater Rhea, Maguari Stork, Great Egrets, Neotropic Cormorants, Limpkin, Bare-faced Ibis, White-backed Stilt, Monk Parakeet, some Red-crested Cardinals and hundreds of Chestnut-capped Blackbird and Eared Dove. We got to Santana da Boa Vista with plenty of time in the afternoon, but sadly under an incessant rain. We didn't have much time there (one night only) so we went to field this time also counting on luck due the horrible weather. Happily we succeeded with Red-spectacled Amazon after a while of search, and unexpectedly when asking some local people about it close to a forest remnant. To our surprise after hearing them calling, a couple Amazon circled over our heads, showing well the differences between male and female, just what we needed for the day. Those were the only ones we saw that day. Despite the weather the nice mixture of habitats (edge of forest, second growths, marshes and open fields) in the rural area of Santana da Boa Vista provided us some good species and great sightings during the rest of our day, such as striking male Mottled Piculet, Dark-billed Cuckoo, Grey-throated Warbling Finch, Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner, Maroon-bellied Parakeet, Blue-and-yellow Tanager, Plumbeous Rail, a female Ultramarine Grosbeak, White-faced Ibis, the handsome Black-and-rufous Warbling Finch, White Monjita and Olive Spinetail.



Despite all the rain we had a good time at Santana da Boa Vista. This cracking male Mottled Piculet and Black-and-rufous Warbling Finch were some of the good ones (Eduardo Patrial)

November 28th. On this day we made a slight change on the original itinerary. Anyway we had to drive to the northeast region of Rio Grande do Sul to cover the fantastic Araucaria Woodland and natural grasslands at higher elevation (around a thousand meters of altitude) on the plateau. Normally from Santana we use to go for a two nights stay at Hampel Hotel in São Francisco de Paula, but this time we passed São Francisco and stayed the first night at Vacaria, a little further north. Despite the similarity to the grassland marshes in São Francisco, the ones near Vacaria unfortunately present a surrounding even more disturbed by crops, but still offering some special birds usually not available in São Francisco. But first back to the very long drive on this day it is worth mentioning few things spotted on the road when leaving Santana da Boa Vista, such as two Nacunda Nighthawks and another pair of Red-spectacled Amazon in flight. We had to cross the ring-road of Porto Alegre, spotting again a bunch of water birds. We finally got to Vacaria by two pm. The weather was fine and the rest of the day was spent near Vacaria covering some good marshes that definitely made it worth it going. There we managed to find and actually get some views of the endemic Marsh Tapaculo, besides the fine cast of grassland specialties including the beautiful Black-bellied Seedeater, the inconspicuous Freckle-breasted Thornbird, Black-and-white Monjita, Straight-billed Reedhaunter, Grass Wren (an interesting surprise, seen only by one in the group after have heard), a young male Glaucous-blue Grosbeak and a little group of Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant, a nice one and for the first time on SE tour. But we can say the main reason of visiting Vacaria was still about to come in the evening, a site with real chances to find the rare Sickle-winged Nightjar. And amazingly the site didn't let us down. One play-back was enough to promptly bring a responsive male Sickle-winged Nightjar to land on the ground right by our feet. Watching that small nightjar so close for several minutes was absolutely breath-taking and without any adoubt best reward of the day. So mission was accomplished at Vacaria. Driving back to the hotel we still spotted a Western Barn Owl.



Visiting Vacaria was doubtless a great option: Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant for the first time on the tour and the rare Sickle-winged Nightjar at our feet (Eduardo Patrial)

November 29th. On this day we departed early from Vacaria, spending the morning doing some birding near the little town of Bom Jesus before heading to São Francisco de Paula. Near Bom Jesus we went checking a site (Passo de Santa Vitória) where the uncommon and recently described endemic Tropeiro Seedeater was recorded breeding the last year. To get to this place we had to drive about 28km on quite rough dirt roads. Finally there by mid-morning we unfortunately failed in finding it. We did get to the right place (a quite small marsh surrounded by good grassland) but the bird just wasn't there this time. On the other hand we found two handsome males Tawny-bellied Seedeater. In the same area we also found Grey Monjita, Scaly-headed Parrot and South American Snipe. Returning from there we made few stops along the dirt road, covering other marshes and also some edge of Araucaria woodland, which yielded for us some good birds – the endemic Striolated Tit-Spinetail, another Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant, Black-bellied Seedeater and the uncommon Saffron-cowled Blackbird. So despite missing the seedeater we still had a productive morning. Lunch came right after when we crossed the town of Bom Jesus. Later at São Francisco de Paula we quickly checked in at the lovely Veraneio Hampel Hotel before the afternoon session in the good Araucaria forest from São Francisco de Paula National Forest. On our way we spent a few time birding an interesting marsh

near the road. There we found the last regional endemic, the Long-tailed Cinclodes, plus Black-and-white Monjita and Straight-billed Reedhaunter. Later in the National Forest bird activity was very poor in the forest. It's true we heard some good birds such as Speckle-breasted Antpitta, Short-tailed Antthrush, Bare-throated Bellbird and some Vinaceous-breasted Amazons (the only ones heard on the tour) which sadly we couldn't get a view. But our long walk in the forest yielded another superb look at Black-capped Piprites, an even rarer event. The species has much smaller populations in southern Brazil (Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul). At dusk we still tried for Buff-fronted Owl in the National Forest (where heard in 2014), but no signs of the ghost. Only Rusty-barred Owl was heard quite far and that was the end of the day.



Two smart endemic species from the grassland habitats in the Araucaria region of Rio Grande do Sul: Black-bellied Seedeater and Long-tailed Cinclodes (Eduardo Patrial)

November 30th. We left packed and early from Hampel Hotel, according the plans for the day. Still exploring the araucaria/grasslands region on the plateau, we spent almost the whole morning in areas near Cambará do Sul, a touristic little town famous for its canyons in two National Parks (Aparados da Serra and Serra Geral). We first covered spots of Araucaria woodland along the road to Aparados da Serra. The shaded roadside scrub is the perfect habitat for Planalto Tapaculo, our main target in this area. We found a very cooperative one on our second attempt. Scalloped Woodcreeper and some Araucaria Tit-Spinetail also provided nice close views. From there we went next to the access road to Serra Geral NP. There, also in Araucaria woodland we were expecting to detect Eastern Slaty Thrush but apparently there was no evidence of the species in the region. What we saw was some Diademed and Fawn-breasted Tanagers and few other common species. In order to cover a last bit of grasslands on the plateau before heading to the coast, we visited a nice area from the background of Aparados National Park. There we found Hellmayr's Pipit, Sooty, White-collared and Biscutate Swifts (flying low, excellent views), Pileated Parrot, Black-bellied Seedeater and plenty of Grassland Yellow Finch. So finally by late morning we said goodbye to the Serra do Mar on this tour, it was time now to reach the coastal Pampas and its lovely lacustrine habitats (lakes, marshes, reed beds, lowland meadow and sand dune vegetation), to be explored during the last days of our tour. After an hour driving from the plateau we got to our next birding site at Tramandaí, our usual stake out for the tiny and uncommon Crested Doradito. The Doradito was found in the reeds on our second attempt in the area. The little bird attended well to its soft call, giving us simply superb looks. In this area we also saw some Tawny-headed Swallows, a Western Osprey, Firewood Gatherer, Yellowish Pipit, Southern Screamer and Common Miner. Not far from there we stopped quickly then near the town of Cidreira, where a marshy area with roadside scrub provided a stunning male Glaucous-blue Grosbeak. From Cidreira we kept south for about two hours to get to the little town of Mostardas for a two nights stay. On our way along the BR 101 we spotted a bunch of birds, including Giant Wood Rail, Greater Rheas, Maguari and Wood Storks, Bare-faced and White-faced Ibises, Red-crested Cardinal and others. We arrived in Mostardas near six pm, with time to explore a little from the spectacular Lagoa do Peixe National Park. We did the Dunes Trail very close to Mostardas, a beautiful part of the park which offers amazing marshy habitats, reeds and some small lakes as well. The rest of day in this place was more than pleasant and with many new birds for us – Curve-billed

Reedhaunter, several Long-winged Harriers, the gorgeous Ringed Teal, Maguari and Wood Storks, loads of herons and egrets, Gilded Sapphire, Green Kingfisher, Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs, Pectoral Sandpiper, Yellow-billed and Silver Teals, Spot-flanked Gallinule, the cracking male Spectacle Tyrant, Brown-and-yellow Marshbird and Wren-like Rushbird. The evening came later with a delicious dinner at Pousada Pouso Alegre in Mostardas.



We had an amazing start on the coastal zone of Rio Grande do Sul: Crested Doradito at Tramandaí and this striking male Glaucous-blue Grosbeak at Cidreira (Eduardo Patrial)



End of day at Lagoa do Peixe National Park provided other fine species, such as Ringed Teal and the attractive Curve-billed Reedhaunter (Eduardo Patrial)

December 1st was the last full day of birding on our tour. Most of the day was dedicated to explore the Talha Mar Trail area in the National Park and also few other surrounding spots. Our time at Talha Mar Trail, at the edge of the proper National Park's lagoon (Lagoa do Peixe) was really fun. We had nice walk around the lagoon through the south grasslands, partially dry and wet. There we found a large number of waders, including White-rumped and Pectoral Sandpipers, American Golden Plovers, a quite small group of Buff-breasted Sandpiper, hundreds of Correndera Pipit, some Chilean Flamingo, Greater Rhea, hundreds of Coscoroba and Black-necked Swans, many White-browed Blackbird, Yellow-billed Pintail, White-backed Stilt, the tiny Bay-capped Wren-Spinetail (a big target), few Hudsonian Godwit, few South American Painted-snipe (another big target), Black Skimmer, Brown-hooded Gull, Yellow-billed and Snowy-crowned Terns, Great Grebe, hundreds of Red-gartered Coot and one couple of Red Shoveler. Later we crossed the dunes and drove a good stretch of sand beach until reaching the mouth of the lagoon in the sea. On the beach drive we spotted Kelp Gulls, Cabot's, Common and Royal Terns, hundreds of Sanderling, Red Knot, some Grey Plovers and Ruddy Turnstones, Semipalmated Plover, hundreds of American Oystercatcher and more Chilean Flamingos. After checking the mouth of Lagoa do Peixe we went back to Mostardas for a quick

but welcomed coffee break. In the afternoon we drove inland for about twenty minutes to get to the edge of Lagoa dos Patos, the largest brackish water lagoon in South America. At this little corner of it called Porto do Barquinho we spent some time finding few more goodies in the reeds, marshes and even in a little portion of lowland forest. This pleasant session yielded us the craking Many-colored Rush-Tyrant, several Wren-like Rushbird, Plumbeous Rail, Grey-headed Gull, Snail Kites, Yellow-winged Blackbird, Masked Gnatcatcher and the massive Great-horned Owl at daytime roost. Rest of day was spent back at Talha Trail (Lagoa do Peixe NP), mainly after a second chance to find the stealthy Hudson's Canastero. But first we passed through Mostardas and the Dunes Trail, where in few stops we checked the usual cast around, including Ringed Teal, Giant Wood Rail, Spectacled Tyrant and many Long-winged Harriers again. Finishing the day at Talha Mar Trail we finally found Hudson's Canastero in the tall grassy clumps near the dunes. The bird attended well to tape, offering decent views while sitting curious on a fence. The lagoon just beside also provided a group of about twelve White-tufted Grebes. Leaving the Talha Mar Trail we still enjoyed a final birding along the sandy road. There we still put some effort to find Dot-winged Crake, but without any luck. Snowy-crowned Tern was closely studied again and Large-billed Tern showed up in the end. Food at dinner was delicious again and we also celebrated our last evening of this remarkable tour with some cold caipirinhas.



Black-necked Swan and Coscoroba Swan are certainly among the most elegants inhabitants of Lagoa do Peixe National Park (Eduardo Patrial)



The small Bay-capped Wren-Spinetail can be a tricky one in the tall grass; and all the beauty of Snowy-crowned Tern (Eduardo Patrial)



Great-horned Owl near Lagoa dos Patos and stealthy Hudson's Canastero at Talha Mar Trail, Lagoa do Peixe NP (Eduardo Patrial)

December 2nd. On this last day we could bird most of the morning in Mostardas. We spent the early hours at Porto do Barquinho (Lagoa dos Patos). Besides the usual birds around, on this morning we managed nice views of Rusty-collared Seedeater and with patience a pair of Plumbeous Ibis, which is quite uncommon in the area. Later we finished our investigation in Mostardas checking some marshes and open areas near the town. Spotted Nothura and the gorgeous Scarlet-headed Blackbird were basically the last species observed worthy of mention. Lunch was at Mostardas before we take the road towards Porto Alegre's international airport. The tour finished at the airport by late afternoon.



Nice birds even in the last few hours at Mostardas: Rusty-collared Seedeater and Scarlet-headed Blackbird (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* Seen near Santana da Boa Vista and Mostardas.
- Solitary Tinamou** ◊ *Tinamus solitarius* Sightings at VALE Reserve, Intervalles and Graciosa Road.
- Little Tinamou** *Crypturellus soui* Two seen well at VALE Reserve.
- Brown Tinamou** *Crypturellus obsoletus* Good looks at the low part of Itatiaia National Park.
- Yellow-legged Tinamou** ◊ *Crypturellus noctivagus* (H) Heard at Volta Velha Reserve.
- Variiegated Tinamou** *Crypturellus variegatus* (H) Heard at VALE Reserve.
- Tataupa Tinamou** *Crypturellus tataupa* (H) Heard at Caetés Forest and at Perequê.
- Red-winged Tinamou** *Rhynchotus rufescens* Seen near Vacaria, Rio Grande do Sul.
- Spotted Nothura** *Nothura maculosa* One flushed at Mostardas.
- Southern Screamer** *Chauna torquata* Quite common around Tramandaí and Mostardas.
- White-faced Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata* Seen at REGUA and Mostardas.
- Black-bellied Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis* Good view of a pair at REGUA.
- Coscoroba Swan** *Coscoroba coscoroba* Hundreds at Lagoa do Peixe National Park.
- Black-necked Swan** *Cygnus melancoryphus* Hundreds this year at Lagoa do Peixe National Park.
- Muscovy Duck** *Cairina moschata* Seen at few places on the tour.
- Brazilian Teal** *Amazonetta brasiliensis* Recorded at several places along the tour.
- Ringed Teal** *Callonetta leucophrys* Half dozen seen at Lagoa do Peixe NP, great!
- Red Shoveler** *Anas platalea* A pair at Lagoa do Peixe National Park.
- White-cheeked Pintail** *Anas bahamensis* Spotted from the car when passing through Cabo Frio.
- Yellow-billed Teal** *Anas flavirostris* Seen near Bom Jesus and at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
- Yellow-billed Pintail** *Anas georgica* Same as above.
- Silver Teal** *Anas versicolor* First in Curitiba, later in Mostardas.
- East Brazilian Chachalaca** ◊ *Ortalis araucuan* Seen at Vale Reserve and 3 Pontões. See note.
- Scaled Chachalaca** ◊ *Ortalis squamata* Superb views near Volta Velha Reserve, Itapoá. See note.
- Rusty-margined Guan** ◊ *Penelope superciliaris* Seen at VALE Reserve, 3 Pontões and REGUA.
- Dusky-legged Guan** ◊ *Penelope obscura* Seen at several hilly places along the tour.
- Black-fronted Piping Guan** ◊ *Pipile jacutinga* Great view at Intervalles State Park.
- Red-billed Curassow** ◊ *Crax blumenbachii* Plenty observed at VALE Reserve; population increasing.
- Spot-winged Wood Quail** ◊ *Odontophorus capoeira* The whole family at the amazing feeder of Intervalles.
- Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps* Seen near Tramandaí and Mostardas.
- White-tufted Grebe** *Rollandia Rolland* A group of twelve at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
- Great Grebe** *Podiceps major* Observed at Porto do Barquinho, Lagoa dos Patos in Mostardas.
- Chilean Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus chilensis* Few groups at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
- Wood Stork** *Mycteria Americana* Abundant around Mostardas.
- Maguari Stork** *Ciconia maguari* At lowlands around Porto Alegre, Tramandaí and Mostardas.
- Plumbeous Ibis** *Theristicus caerulescens* A pair at Lagoa dos Patos (Porto Barquinho) near Mostardas.
- Buff-necked Ibis** *Theristicus caudatus* Seen near Intervalles, Bom Jesus and São Francisco de Paula.
- Bare-faced Ibis** *Phimosus infuscatus* Seen around Curitiba and common in Rio Grande do Sul state.
- Scarlet Ibis** *Eudocimus ruber* A sunset spectacle at Paranaguá's Bay, almost three hundred birds.
- White-faced Ibis** *Plegadis chihi* Abundant in Rio Grande do Sul state.

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja* First at Cabo Frio then Paranaguá's Bay; frequent near Mostardas.

Rufescent Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum* Seen at REGUA.

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius* For the first time! A good one at REGUA wetlands.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* Common at Paranaguá's Bay and Mostardas.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* Recorded at several places on this tour.

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

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi* Seen at REGUA, Paranaguá's Bay and Rio Grande do Sul state.

Great Egret *Ardea alba* Common throughout the tour.

Capped Heron *Pilherodius pileatus* Few at REGUA wetlands.

Whistling Heron *Syrigma sibilatrix* Seen at several places, mainly in the south.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* Seen at Paranaguá's Bay.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* At several places along the tour.

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens* Seen at Cabo Frio, Ubatuba, Paranaguá, Itapoá and Tramandaí.

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster* Several seen at Paranaguá's Bay.

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Common throughout the tour.

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* Two by the road on the way to Ubatuba.

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



Red-billed Curassow - females (Eduardo Patrial)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* An everyday bird, everywhere.

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* One seen at Tramandaí. See note.

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* Seen at VALE, 3 Pontões, Intervalles, near Curitiba and RS.

Harpy Eagle *Harpia harpyja* An adult male by a nest at VALE Reserve, impressive!

Black Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus* Seen at Santa Teresa and Perequê.

Rufous-thighed Kite *Harpagus diodon* Seen at Caetés, REGUA and Itatiaia NP.

Rufous-thighed Hawk *Accipiter erythronemius* Good view at Pico Caledônia.

Grey-bellied Hawk *Accipiter poliogaster* A male seen perched at Intervalles State Park. Outstanding!

Bicolored Hawk *Accipiter bicolor* Good view of an adult at Intervalles S P.

Long-winged Harrier *Circus buffoni* Quite common around Mostardas.

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* Seen mostly at Espírito Santo state.

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis* Several sightings at Rio Grande do Sul state.

Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* Sightings at VALE and in Rio Grande do Sul state.

White-necked Hawk ◊ *Buteogallus lacernulatus* Many encounters at VALE this year.

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Common throughout the tour.

White-tailed Hawk *Geranoaetus albicaudatus* Few records - normally on journeys – along the tour.

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* Seen in flight at Cantinho dos 3 Pontões.

Mantled Hawk ◊ *Pseudastur polionotus* Good views at Santa Teresa, Ubatuba and Intervaes.

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus* One on our to Ubatuba.

Red-legged Seriema *Cariama cristata* Amazingly close at Pico Caledônia.

Rufous-sided Crake *Laterallus melanophaius* Superb views at REGUA wetlands.

Red-and-white Crake ◊ *Laterallus leucopyrrhus* Amazing view at Intervaes, heard later at some other sites.

Grey-necked Wood Rail *Aramides cajaneus* Seen at REGUA and at Paranaguá's Bay.

Giant Wood Rail *Aramides ypecaha* Quite common around Tramandaí and Mostardas.

Slaty-breasted Wood Rail ◊ *Aramides saracura* Seen at several forested sites on the tour.

Uniform Crake *Amaurolimnas concolor* A brief view at REGUA.

Blackish Rail *Pardirallus nigricans* Great views at our pousada in Vargem Alta.

Plumbeous Rail *Pardirallus sanguinolentus* Superb views at Santana da Boa Vista and Mostardas.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus* Seen at REGUA wetlands.

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* Several sightings throughout the tour. See note.

Spot-flanked Gallinule *Gallinula melanops* Close views at Lagoa do Peixe N P, Mostardas

Red-gartered Coot *Fulica armillata* A large group at Lagoa do Peixe N P.

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* Common in the lowlands of Rio Grande do Sul state.

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus* Common at the beach of Mostardas.

White-backed Stilt *Himantopus melanurus* Several seen in the South region. See note.

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* Common throughout the tour.

American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica* A good number at Lagoa do Peixe N P.

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* A few on the beach at Mostardas.

Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris* Two at Lagoa dos Patos near Mostardas.

South American Painted-snipe *Nycticryphes semicollaris* Good views at Lagoa do Peixe NP.

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* Frequently spotted on the tour.

South American Snipe *Gallinago paraguaiiae* Some observed at Mostardas.

Giant Snipe *Gallinago undulata* Great views near REGUA. Also heard near Vacaria in the south.



White-necked Hawk (Eduardo Patrial)

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* Few at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* At Cabo Frio and plenty at Lagoa do Peixe NP.
Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* Seen at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Red Knot *Calidris canutus* More than a hundred at Lagoa do Peixe NP.
Sanderling *Calidris alba* Hundreds at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis* Abundant at Lagoa do Peixe NP.
Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos* A good number at Lagoa do Peixe NP and Lagoa do Patos
Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruficollis* A small group at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* Seen at Cabo Frio, Paranaguá's Bay and Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Brown-hooded Gull *Chroicocephalus maculipennis* Seen at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* Several seen at Cabo Frio and one at Lagoa dos Patos.
Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus* Seen at Cabo Frio, Paranaguá's Bay and coast of Rio Grande do Sul.
Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus* Seen at Lagoa do Peixe N P, Mostardas.
Cabot's Tern *Thalasseus acuflavidus* Same as above. See note.
Yellow-billed Tern *Sterna superciliaris* Few seen at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* Seen at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Snowy-crowned Tern *Sterna trudeaui* Great views at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex* Seen at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Rock Dove *Columba livia* Common in anthropic areas.
Picazuro Pigeon *Patagioenas picazuro* Common throughout the tour.
Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* Few sightings on the tour, more common at Paranaguá's Bay.
Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* Some sightings on the tour at hilly forested areas.
Scaled Dove *Columbina squammata* Seen at Santa Teresa and Vargem Alta.
Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* Common throughout the tour.
Picui Ground Dove *Columbina picui* Common around Santana da Boa Vista and Mostardas.
Blue Ground Dove *Claravis pretiosa* (H) Heard at Caetés Forest.
Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon montana* Seen at Angelim Farm, Ubatuba, heard at other places.
White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* Frequently spotted on the tour.
Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla* One seen at Caetés Forest.
Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* Very common from São Paulo southwards.
Guira Cuckoo *Guira guira* Common throughout the tour.
Greater Ani *Crotophaga major* Plenty at REGUA this time.
Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* Common throughout the tour.
Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia* Good view at Volta Velha Reserve.
Pavonine Cuckoo *Dromococcyx pavoninus* Two good sightings in flight at Intervales State Park.
Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* Seen at several places on the tour.
Dark-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus melacoryphus* Good view at Santana da Boa Vista.
Western Barn Owl *Tyto alba* One seen at Vacaria.
Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* Great views at Intervales.
Black-capped Screech Owl ♦ *Megascops atricapilla* Seen well at Ubatuba.
Long-tufted Screech Owl ♦ *Megascops sanctaecatarinae* Seen well at Intervales entrance road.
Rusty-barred Owl ♦ *Strix hylophila* Fantastic views at Agulhas Negras Road, Itatiaia. Heard at São F de Paula.
Mottled Owl *Strix virgata* Good view at Volta Velha Reserve.
Tawny-browed Owl ♦ *Pulsatrix koeniswaldiana* Two seen at VALE Reserve.
East Brazilian Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium minutissimum* Good view at VALE Reserve.
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum* Seen near 3 Pontões and at Itatiaia NP.
Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia* Sparse sightings on the tour.
Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus* Seen at Agulhas Negras Road, Brejo da Lapa.
Great Potoo *Nyctibius grandis* A day roost at VALE Reserve.
Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus* Great views at Intervales State Park.
White-winged Potoo ♦ *Nyctibius leucopterus* Superb looks at VALE Reserve.
Nacunda Nighthawk *Chordeiles nacunda* Seen on the road near Santana da Boa vista.
Short-tailed Nighthawk *Lurocalis semitorquatus* Seen at VALE, Intervales, Volta Velha and Santana da B Vista.

Pygmy Nightjar ◊ *Nyctipolus hyrundinaceus* For the first time on this tour. A pair observed close to Vitória.

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* Plenty at VALE Reserve, also seen at Intervalles and few more sites.

Little Nightjar *Setopagis parvula* A nice surprise well observed at Volta Velha Reserve.

Sickle-winged Nightjar ◊ *Eleothreptus anomalus* A male almost touched at Vacaria.

Long-trained Nightjar ◊ *Macropsalis forcipata* Great view at Agulhas Negras Road, Intervalles and S F de Paula.

Ocellated Poorwill *Nyctiphrynus ocellatus* (H) Closely heard at VALE.

Silky-tailed Nightjar ◊ *Antrostomus sericocaudatus* (H) Heard at Intervalles.

Sooty Swift *Cypseloides fumigatus* First at REGUA and later much better views at Cambará do Sul.

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* Several sightings on the tour.

Biscutate Swift ◊ *Streptoprocne biscutata* Perfect views at Cambará do Sul.

Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris* A number of sightings along the tour.

Sick's Swift ◊ *Chaetura meridionalis* Same as above. See note.

Saw-billed Hermit ◊ *Ramphodon naevius* Well seen at REGUA and Siito Folha Seca, Ubatuba.

Rufous-breasted Hermit *Glaucis hirsutus* Good view at Aracruz, Santa Teresa and REGUA.

Scale-throated Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis eurynome* At Serra dos Orgãos, Itatiaia, Intervalles and Graciosa Road.

Planalto Hermit *Phaethornis pretrei* Seen at Vita Verde Pousada, Santa Teresa and near Sao Jose dos Campos.



White-winged Potoo (Eduardo Patrial)

Dusky-throated Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis squalidus* Close looks at Vita Verde Pousada ; also seen at Intervalles.

Minute Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis idaliae* A large number at the feeders of Augusto Ruschi B S, Aracruz.

Sombre Hummingbird ◊ *Aphantochroa cirrochloris* A Vita Verde, Perequê and Ubatuba.

Swallow-tailed Hummingbird *Eupetomena macroura* A number of sightings along the tour.

Black Jacobin *Florisuga fusca* Abundant this time of the year.

White-vented Violetear *Colibri serrirostris* Close looks at Vita Verde, Santa Teresa.

Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* Seen at Augusto Ruschi B S and also at Folha Seca, Ubatuba.

Green-crowned Plovercrest ◊ *Stephanoxis lalandi* Good views at Agulhas Negras Road, Itatiaia. See note.

Purple-crowned Plovercrest ◊ *Stephanoxis loddigesii* Lek at Intervalles State Park. See note.

Frilled Coquette ◊ *Lophornis magnificus* The star of Vita Verde's feeder. Also females at Caetés and Itatiaia.

Festive Coquette ◊ *Lophornis chalybeus* Abundant at the feeders of Folha Seca, Ubatuba.

Blue-chinned Sapphire *Chlorestes notata* Abundant at the feeders of Augusto Ruschi B S.

Glittering-bellied Emerald *Chlorostilbon lucidus* Sparse sightings on the tour.
Violet-capped Woodnymph *Thalurania glaucopis* Frequently seen on the tour.
Rufous-throated Sapphire *Hylocharis sapphirina* One at VALE Reserve.
White-chinned Sapphire *Hylocharis cyanus* Seen at Augusto Ruschi B S, VALE, REGUA and Ubatuba.
Gilded Sapphire *Hylocharis chrysura* Spotted at Cidreira and at Mostardas.
White-throated Hummingbird *Leucochloris albicollis* Seen at Vita Verde, Itatiaia, Intervalles and S F de Paula.
Versicolored Emerald *Amazilia versicolor* Seen from Espirito Santo to São Paulo state.
Glittering-throated Emerald *Amazilia fimbriata* Seen at Augusto Ruschi B S, REGUA and Ubatuba.
Brazilian Ruby ◊ *Clytolaema rubricauda* Seen at Vita Verde, Itatiaia, Ubatuba and Intervalles.
Stripe-breasted Starthroat ◊ *Helimaster squamosus* One immature at Augusto Ruschi B S, Aracruz.
Amethyst Woodstar *Calliphlox amethystina* Great views at Vita Verde, Ubatuba and Intervalles.
Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* Seen at VALE, Ubatuba, Intervalles and Volta Velha. See note.
Surucua Trogon *Trogon surrucura* Seen at Caetes Forest, Carmo, Itatiaia and Intervalles.
Black-throated Trogon *Trogon rufus* Seen at Santa Teresa, Itatiaia and Intervalles.
American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea* A female at Volta Velha Reserve.
Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* Sightings at Mostardas.
Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona* Few sightings on the tour.
Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* Several records along the tour.
Rufous-capped Motmot ◊ *Baryphthengus ruficapillus* Seen at REGUA, Itatiaia and Intervalles.
Three-toed Jacamar ◊ *Jacamaralcyon tridactyla* Easily found at Carmo, Rio de Janeiro state.
Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda* Well seen at REGUA and Perequê.
Buff-bellied Puffbird ◊ *Notharchus swainsoni* Good views at in Ubatuba.
Crescent-chested Puffbird ◊ *Malacoptila striata* First at Ubatuba, later at Intervalles.
Swallow-winged Puffbird *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* Seen at VALE Reserve.
Black-necked Aracari *Pteroglossus aracari* Good views at VALE Reserve.
Saffron Toucanet ◊ *Pteroglossus bailloni* Seen at Caetés, Perequê, Hotel do Ype and Intervalles.
Spot-billed Toucanet ◊ *Selenidera maculirostris* At Santa Teresa, Caetés Forest and Intervalles.
Green-billed Toucan ◊ *Ramphastos dicolorus* Seen at Itatiaia and Intervalles.
Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus* In Espirito Santo state, REGUA and Volta Velha Reserve.
Toco Toucan *Ramphastos toco* Few sightings along Dutra Highway.
White-barred Piculet *Picumnus cirratus* Good views in Espirito Santo state, REGUA, Itatiaia, Perequê and Ubatuba.
Ochre-collared Piculet *Picumnus temminckii* Seen at Cantareira near Guarulhos and at Intervalles State Park.
Mottled Piculet ◊ *Picumnus nebulosus* Great view this time at São José dos Pinhais and Santana da Boa Vista.
White Woodpecker *Melanerpes candidus* Seen at VALE.
Yellow-fronted Woodpecker *Melanerpes flavifrons* At VALE, Caetés, Perequê and Intervalles.
White-spotted Woodpecker *Veniliornis spilogaster* Seen at Itatiaia and Intervalles.
Red-stained Woodpecker *Veniliornis affinis* (H) Heard at VALE Reserve.
Yellow-eared Woodpecker ◊ *Veniliornis maculifrons* Nice looks at Santa Teresa and Caetés Forest.
Yellow-throated Woodpecker ◊ *Piculus flavigula* (H) Heard at VALE Reserve.
Yellow-browed Woodpecker ◊ *Piculus aurulentus* Great view at Caetés Forest. Heard at other places.
Green-barred Woodpecker *Colaptes melanochloros* Seen in Espirito Santo state, Pico Caledônia and Intervalles.
Campo Flicker *Colaptes campestris* Commonly seen throughout the tour.
Blond-crested Woodpecker ◊ *Celeus flavescens* Seen at Santa Teresa, Intervalles and Itapoá.
Ringed Woodpecker ◊ *Celeus torquatus tinnunculus* Good views at VALE Reserve.
Helmeted Woodpecker ◊ *Celeus galeatus* Amazing long views at Intervalles State Park. See note.
Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* Seen at Caetés, REGUA and Pico Caledônia.
Robust Woodpecker ◊ *Campephilus robustus* Good views at VALE and at Intervalles.
Southern Crested Caracara *Caracara plancus* Common throughout the tour.
Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima* Same as above.
Chimango Caracara *Milvago chimango* Common at Rio Grande do Sul state.
Barred Forest Falcon *Micrastur ruficollis* (H) Heard at Agulhas Negras Road.
Collared Forest Falcon *Micrastur semitorquatus* Breath-taking view at Intervalles State Park.
American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* Some sightings – normally on journeys – along the tour.

Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis* Seen near Vacaria, Rio Grande do Sul.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* One seen at Mostardas.

Brown-backed Parrotlet ◊ *Touit melanonotus* At least five seen in flight at Intervalles.

Monk Parakeet *Myiopsitta monachus* Quite common at the lowlands of Rio Grande do Sul state.

Plain Parakeet ◊ *Brotoyeris tircica* Common at VALE, later seen at several sites southwards.

Pileated Parrot ◊ *Pionopsitta pileata* Terrific views at Intervalles State Park and also at Cambará do Sul.

Blue-bellied Parrot ◊ *Triclaría malachitacea* Fantastic views of a couple at Intervalles State Park.

Blue-headed Parrot ◊ *Pionus mentruus reichenowi* Good views at VALE Reserve.

Scaly-headed Parrot *Pionus maximiliani* Seen and heard at a number of places.

Vinaceous-breasted Amazon ◊ *Amazona vinacea* (H) Heard at São Francisco de Paula.

Red-spectacled Amazon ◊ *Amazona pretrei* Nice looks in flight at Santana da Boa Vista and at S F de Paula.

Red-browed Amazon ◊ *Amazona rhodocorytha* Good views at VALE Reserve.

Southern Mealy Amazon *Amazona farinose* One seen well at VALE Reserve.

Red-tailed Amazon ◊ *Amazona brasiliensis* Around a hundred birds at Paranaguá's Bay, roosting island.

Orange-winged Amazon *Amazona amazonica* Quite common at VALE Reserve.

Blue-winged Parrotlet *Forpus xanthopterygius* Seen at VALE and at Intervalles.

Ochre-marked Parakeet ◊ *Pyrrhura cruentata* One small group of four seen well at VALE Reserve.

Maroon-bellied Parakeet *Pyrrhura frontalis* Common at most of places along the Serra do Mar.

White-eared Parakeet ◊ *Pyrrhura leucotis* Superb views at VALE Reserve, quite common.

Peach-fronted Parakeet *Eupsittula aurea* Few seen on our way to VALE Reserve.

Blue-winged Macaw ◊ *Primolius maracana* Great views at VALE Reserve.

White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus* Noticed at some places on the tour.

Common Miner *Geositta cunicularia* Seen really well at Tramandaí.

Long-tailed Cinclodes ◊ *Cinclodes pabsti* Good views at grasslands in São Francisco de Paula.

Band-tailed Hornero ◊ *Furnarius figulus* First at Pitanga near Vitoria, later at REGUA. Heard at more places.

Rufous Hornero *Furnarius rufus* Common throughout the tour.

Striolated Tit-Spinetail ◊ *Leptasthenura striolata* Seen well this time near Bom Jesus.

Araucaria Tit-Spinetail ◊ *Leptasthenura setaria* First at Agulhas Negras, common in Araucaria domain in the South.

Itatiaia Spinetail ◊ *Asthenes moreirae* Great looks at Agulhas Negras Road, Itatiaia N P.

Hudson's Canastero *Asthenes hudsoni* Seen at Lagoa do Peixe N P, a hard work this time.

Rufous-capped Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis ruficapilla* Seen and heard at a number of places.



- Grey-bellied Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis cinerascens* Perfect view at São Gotardo Hotel, heard elsewhere.
- Pale-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albescens* One found by the road on our way to Ubatuba.
- Spix's Spinetail *Synallaxis spixi* Seen on the way to 3 Pontões and also at Mostardas.
- Olive Spinetail ◊ *Cranioleuca obsoleta* Seen at Graciosa Road, better looks in Santana da Boa Vista.
- Pallid Spinetail ◊ *Cranioleuca pallida* Seen at several places along the Serra do Mar.
- Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* Seen at a number of sites on the tour, marshy areas.
- Rufous-fronted Thornbird *Phacellodomus rufifrons* Seen at Caetés Forest.
- Freckle-breasted Thornbird *Phacellodomus striaticollis* Nice view at Vacaria.
- Orange-eyed Thornbird ◊ *Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus* Close looks at Itatiaia National Park.
- Orange-breasted Thornbird ◊ *Phacellodomus ferrugineigula* Good view near São Jose dos Campos. See note.
- Canebrake Groundcreeper ◊ *Clibanornis dendrocolaptoides* Superb views at Barigui Park, Curitiba.
- Bay-capped Wren-Spinetail ◊ *Spartonoica maluroides* Seen well at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
- Wren-like Rushbird *Phleocryptes melanops* Quite common in reeds at Tramandaí and Mostardas.
- Curve-billed Reedhaunter ◊ *Limnornis curvirostris* Nice views at Lagoa do Peixe N P, Mostardas.
- Straight-billed Reedhaunter ◊ *Limnornis rectirostris* A nice performance at Vacaria and São F de Paula.
- Firewood-Gatherer *Anumbius annumbi* First near Taubaté, later quite common in Rio Grande do Sul.
- White-browed Foliage-Gleaner ◊ *Anabacerthia amaurotis* Seen well at Intervales State Park.
- Buff-browed Foliage-Gleaner *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata* Seen at Itatiaia, Intervales and Santana da Boa Vista.
- Ochre-breasted Foliage-Gleaner ◊ *Philydor lichtensteini* Seen at Intervales.
- Black-capped Foliage-Gleaner ◊ *Philydor atricapillus* Nice views in Ubatuba and Intervales.
- Buff-fronted Foliage-Gleaner *Philydor rufum* Seen at Caetés Forest and Itatiaia. Heard at more places.
- White-collared Foliage-Gleaner ◊ *Anabazenops fuscus* Seen near 3 Pontões, Caetés, Itatiaia and Intervales.
- Pale-browed Treehunter ◊ *Cichlocolaptes leucophrus* Seen well at Intervales State Park.
- White-eyed Foliage-Gleaner ◊ *Automolus leucophthalmus* Seen at Santa Teresa, Perequê and Intervales.
- Rufous-breasted Leaf-tosser ◊ *Sclerurus scansor* Seen at Intervales, heard at more sites.
- Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper ◊ *Lochmias nematura* Amazing views at Caetes and Intervales.
- Sharp-billed Treehunter *Heliobletus contaminatus* Good views at Intervales State Park.
- Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus* Seen at Intervales State Park.
- Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* Seen and VALE and Itatiaia NP.
- Plain-winged Woodcreeper ◊ *Dendrocincla turdina* Seen at VALE and Ubatuba. See note.
- Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus* Common at most of forested areas.
- Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* (NL) Spotted at VALE Reserve.
- White-throated Woodcreeper ◊ *Xiphocolaptes albicollis* Superb views of two feeding at Caetes Forest.
- Planalto Woodcreeper ◊ *Dendrocolaptes platyrostris* Seen at Caetes and Intervales.
- Lesser Woodcreeper ◊ *Xiphorhynchus fuscus* Seen and heard at several places.
- Buff-throated Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* (NL) Heard at VALE Reserve and later spotted by one of us.
- Scaled Woodcreeper ◊ *Lepidocolaptes squamatus* Great views at Caetés, Caledônia and Agulhas Negras.
- Scalloped Woodcreeper ◊ *Lepidocolaptes falcinellus* Perfect views at Intervales and Cambará do Sul.
- Black-billed Scythebill ◊ *Campylorhamphus falcularius* Seen well at Itatiaia N P.
- Spot-backed Antshrike ◊ *Hypoedaleus guttatus* Good view at Angelim Farm, Ubatuba; heard elsewhere.
- Giant Antshrike ◊ *Batara cinerea* A close couple at Intervales.
- Large-tailed Antshrike ◊ *Mackenziaena leachii* Good view at Agulhas Negras Road.
- Tufted Antshrike ◊ *Mackenziaena severa* Seen well a male at Ubatuba.
- White-bearded Antshrike ◊ *Biatas nigropectus* Good views at Intervales, Carmo Road.
- Chestnut-backed Antshrike *Thamnophilus palliatus* Close views at REGUA.
- Sooretama Slaty Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus ambiguus* Seen at VALE Reserve.
- Variable Antshrike *Thamnophilus caerulescens* Seen well at Caledônia Peak and Agulhas Negras.
- Rufous-capped Antshrike *Thamnophilus ruficapillus* At Vargem Alta, Borda do Campo and Cambará do Sul.
- Spot-breasted Antwreio ◊ *Dysithamnus stictothorax* Seen and heard at several places on the hills.
- Plain Antwreio *Dysithamnus mentalis* Seen at Santa Teresa, Cantareira State Park and at Itapoá.
- Rufous-backed Antwreio ◊ *Dysithamnus xanthopterus* First at Agulhas Negras Road, better view at Intervales.

Silvery-flanked Antwren ◊ *Myrmotherula luctuosa* Seen at REGUA. See note.
Unicolored Antwren ◊ *Myrmotherula unicolor* Seen at Ubatuba and at Volta Velha Reserve.
Star-throated Antwren ◊ *Rhopias gularis* Seen well at Caetes and at Cantareira State Park.
Rufous-winged Antwren *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus* Good views at Angelim Farm, heard elsewhere.
Black-hooded Antwren ◊ *Formicivora erythronotos* Amazing views at Perequê (on way to Ubatuba).
Southern White-fringed Antwren *Formicivora grisea* A nice pair at VALE Reserve.
Serra Antwren ◊ *Formicivora serrana* Seen well at 3 Pontões, a har work this time.
Restinga Antwren ◊ *Formicivora serrana littoralis* Great views at stakeout near Cabo Frio. See note.
Rusty-backed Antwren *Formicivora rufa* A brief view at VALE Reserve. It wasn't attending play-back.
Marsh Antwren ◊ *Stymphalornis acutirostris* Great views of pair at Itapoá.
Sao Paulo Antwren ◊ *Stymphalornis sp nov* Seen very well near São Jose dos Campos.
Ferruginous Antbird ◊ *Drymophila ferruginea* Seen well at Caetés, Itatiaia, Perequê, Ubatuba and Intervales.
Bertoni's Antbird ◊ *Drymophila rubricollis* Good view at Itatiaia NP. Also heard in Itervales.
Rufous-tailed Antbird ◊ *Drymophila genei* Seen well at Caledonia Peak and Agulhas Negras Road.
Ochre-rumped Antbird ◊ *Drymophila ochropyga* Seen at Caetés Forest and Itatiaia NP.
Dusky-tailed Antbird ◊ *Drymophila malura* Great looks at Serra do Mar State Park near Ubatuba; also at Intervales.
Scaled Antbird ◊ *Drymophila squamata* Good views at Perequê and Ubatuba.
Streak-capped Antwren ◊ *Terenura maculata* Seen at Santa Teresa and Itatiaia.
White-shouldered Fire-Eye *Pyriglena leucoptera* Seen at near 3 Pontões and at Intervales, heard at several places.
White-bibbed Antbird ◊ *Myrmeciza loricata* Superb views at Santa Teresa, Caetes and Itatiaia.
Squamate Antbird ◊ *Myrmeciza squamosa* At Ubatuba and Intervales State Park.
Rufous-capped Antthrush *Formicarius colma* Amazing sightins at Angelim Farm, Ubatuba.



Brazilian Laniisoma - male (Eduardo Patrial)

Short-tailed Antthrush *Chamaeza campanisona* First at Santa Teresa, later at Intervales.
Cryptic Antthrush ◊ *Chamaeza meruloides* Good views at Caetes Forest, heard elsewhere.
Rufous-tailed Antthrush ◊ *Chamaeza ruficauda* Seen well at Agulhas Negras Raod.
Variegated Antpitta *Grallaria varia* A very rewarding view at Intervales State Park.
Speckle-breasted Antpitta ◊ *Hylopezus nattereri* Briefly at Agulhas Negras, much better at Graciosa Road.
Rufous Gnat eater ◊ *Conopophaga lineata* Seen and hear at a number of places.
Black-cheeked Gnat eater ◊ *Conopophaga melanops* Seen at VALE Reserve and Ubatuba.

Spotted Bamboowren ◊ *Psilorhamphus guttatus* One seen really well at Angelim Farm, Ubatuba.
Slaty Bristlefront ◊ *Merulaxis ater* Seen both races, first at Itatiaia NP, later at Intervalles.
White-breasted Tapaculo ◊ *Eleoscytalopus indigoticus* Fantastic views at Intervalles.
Marsh Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus iraiensis* Closely heard at São José dos Pinhais but seen nicely at Vacaria.
Mouse-colored Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus speluncae* At Caledonia, Agulhas Negras and Intervalles. See note.
Planalto Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus pachecoi* Great view at Cambará do Sul, araucaria woodland.
Wing-barred Piprites *Piprites chloris* Seen at Intervalles.
Black-capped Piprites ◊ *Piprites pileata* Great views at Agulhas Negras Road and also at São F de Paula NF.
Planalto Tyrannulet ◊ *Phyllomyias fasciatus* Seen well at Caetes and Agulhas Negras Road.
Rough-legged Tyrannulet ◊ *Phyllomyias burmeisteri* Seen near 3 Pontões and at Intervalles State Park.
Greenish Tyrannulet ◊ *Phyllomyias virescens* Seen at Caetes Forest, but better views at Intervalles.
Grey-capped Tyrannulet ◊ *Phyllomyias griseocapilla* Seen well at Itatiaia N P.
Grey Elaenia *Myiopagis caniceps* Good views at VALE.
Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* Seen at VALE Reserve and at Perequê.
Small-billed Elaenia *Elaenia parvirostris* Seen at Santana da Boa Vista and at Bom Jesus.
Olivaceous Elaenia ◊ *Elaenia mesoleuca* Good view at Caledônia Peak.
Highland Elaenia *Elaenia obscura* Seen at Borda do Campo, São Jose dos Pinhais.
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum* Seen at VALE Reserve, heard at more places.
Sooty Tyrannulet *Serpophaga nigricans* Seen at Intervalles, Vacaria and Mostardas.
White-crested Tyrannulet *Serpophaga subcristata* Few good sightings on the tour.
Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola* (H) Heard at Caetes Forest and Itatiaia NP.
Crested Doradito *Pseudocolopteryx sclateri* Superb views at our stake-out in Tramandaí.
Southern Antpiper *Corythopis delalandi* Seen well at REGUA.
Southern Bristle Tyrant ◊ *Pogonotriccus eximius* Good views at Cantareira State Park.
Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes ventralis* Seen at São F de Paula National Forest.
Restinga Tyrannulet ◊ *Phylloscartes kronei* Close views at Pontal do Sul and Itapoá.
Sao Paulo Tyrannulet ◊ *Phylloscartes paulista* Best views at Intervalles State Park.
Oustalet's Tyrannulet ◊ *Phylloscartes oustaleti* Seen well at Intervalles State Park.
Serra Do Mar Tyrannulet ◊ *Phylloscartes difficilis* Seen at Caledonia and Agulhas Negras Road.
Bay-ringed Tyrannulet ◊ *Phylloscartes sylviolus* Good view at Intervalles.
Grey-hooded Flycatcher ◊ *Mionectes rufiventris* Few sightings on the tour.
Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus* Same as above.
Bran-colored Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus* Same as above.
Many-colored Rush Tyrant *Tachuris rubrigastra* Great views at Lagoa dos Patos, Mostardas.
Sharp-tailed Grass Tyrant ◊ *Culicivora caudacuta* For the first time on the tour. Seen at Vacaria and near B Jesus.
Drab-breasted Bamboo Tyrant ◊ *Hemitriccus diops* Seen well at Caetes Forest.
Brown-breasted Bamboo Tyrant ◊ *Hemitriccus obsoletus* Great views at Serra do Mar SP and Intervalles.
Eye-ringed Tody-Tyrant ◊ *Hemitriccus orbitatus* Close views at Intervalles.
Hangnest Tody-Tyrant ◊ *Hemitriccus nidipendulus* Seen well at 3 Pontões.
Kaempfer's Tody-Tyrant ◊ *Hemitriccus kaempferi* Great views at Saí Mirim, Itapoá.
Fork-tailed Tody-Tyrant ◊ *Hemitriccus furcatus* Good views at Itatiaia N P.
Eared Pygmy Tyrant ◊ *Myiornis auricularis* Seen and heard at several places.
Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus plumbeiceps* Seen well at 3 Pontões, heard elsewhere south.
Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher ◊ *Todirostrum poliocephalum* Seen and heard at several places.
Yellow-olive Flatbill *Tolmomyias sulphurescens* Good views at Caetés, heard at several other places.
Grey-crowned Flatbill ◊ *Tolmomyias poliocephalus* One at VALE Reserve.
Ochre-lored Flatbill *Tolmomyias flaviventris* Seen at VALE Reserve.
White-throated Spadebill *Platyrinchus mystaceus* Seen at Santa Teresa and Intervalles.
Russet-winged Spadebill ◊ *Platyrinchus leucoryphus* Good view this time at Santa Teresa and at Intervalles.
Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea* Seen at Itatiaia NP.
Euler's Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus euleri* Seen and heard at several places.
Fuscous Flycatcher *Cnemotriccus fuscatus* One seen at Pontal do Sul, Paraná state.
Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus* Seen at Santa Teresa, Caetes and Itatiaia N P.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* One spotted at Tramandaí.

Blue-billed Black Tyrant ◊ *Knipolegus cyanirostris* At Caledonia Peak, Agulhas Negras, Serra do Mar and south.

Crested Black Tyrant *Knipolegus lophotes* Seen well at Carmo, near Itatiaia N P and near Taubaté.

Velvety Black Tyrant ◊ *Knipolegus nigerrimus* Seen at Agulhas Negras Road.

Spectacled Tyrant *Hymenops perspicillatus* Good views at Mostardas, Lagoa do Peixe N P.

Yellow-browed Tyrant *Satrapa icterophrys* Seen at Perequê and Mostardas.

White Monjita *Xolmis irupero* Quite common at the lowlands of Rio Grande do Sul state.

Black-and-white Monjita ◊ *Heteroxolmis dominicana* Great views at Vacaria and São F de Paula.

Streamer-tailed Tyrant ◊ *Gubernetes yetapa* Good views near 3 Pontões and at our stakeout near Taubaté.

Shear-tailed Grey Tyrant ◊ *Muscipira vetula* Best views at Intervalles State Park.

Masked Water Tyrant *Fluvicola nengeta* Seen at several places (common on main tour).

White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala* Nice looks at REGUA.

Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus* Seen at several places on this tour.

Cattle Tyrant *Machetornis rixosa* Commonly recorded on this tour.

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus* Seen and heard at a number of places.

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* Commonly recorded on this tour.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* Common throughout the tour.

Three-striped Flycatcher *Conopias trivirgatus* Good views at Intervalles S P.



Red-tailed Amazon (Eduardo Patrial)

Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus* Seen and heard at several places.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* Same as above.

Variiegated Flycatcher *Empidonomus varius* Same as above.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Very common throughout the tour.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana* Commonly recorded on this tour.

Greyish Mourner *Rhytipterna simplex* Seen well at VALE Reserve.

Sibilant Sirystes *Sirystes sibilator* Seen at a number of places. See note.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* (H) Heard at VALE Reserve.

Swainson's Flycatcher *Myiarchus swainsoni* Seen well at Intervalles.

Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox* Seen at Santa Teresa, Caetes and Itatiaia.

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus* Seen well at Carmo.

Large-headed Flatbill *Ramphotrigon megacephalum* Seen at Intervalles S P.
Rufous-tailed Attila ◇ *Attila phoenicurus* Great view at Intervalles.
Grey-hooded Attila ◇ *Attila rufus* Seen at VALE Reserve (unusual) and at Perequê. Heard at more sites.
Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus* (H) Heard at VALE Reserve.
Swallow-tailed Cotinga ◇ *Phibalura flavirostris* A pair nesting at Caetés, a family later at Caledonia Peak.
Hooded Berryeater ◇ *Carpornis cucullata* First at Caetes Forest, later at Intervalles.
Black-headed Berryeater ◇ *Carpornis melanocephala* Superb views at VALE Reserve.
Bare-throated Bellbird ◇ *Procnias nudicollis* First at Serra do Mar State Park near Ubatuba, more at Intervalles.
Black-and-gold Cotinga ◇ *Tijuca atra* Great views at Caledonia, also seen at Agulhas Negras Road.
Grey-winged Cotinga ◇ *Tijuca condita* A male seen under the rain at Caledonia Peak, luck!!
Screaming Piha *Lipaugus vociferans* Two sightings at VALE.
Cinnamon-vented Piha ◇ *Lipaugus lanioides* Seen well at Santa Teresa and Caetés Forest.
Wied's Tyrant-Manakin ◇ *Neopelma aurifrons* Quite easy at our site in Santa Teresa.
Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin ◇ *Neopelma chrysolophum* First at Caledônia Peak, later at Intervalles.
Pin-tailed Manakin ◇ *Ilicura militaris* A stunning male at Santa Teresa, heard later at more sites.
White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus* Seen at REGUA, Perequê, Ubatuba and Itapoá.
Blue Manakin ◇ *Chiroxiphia caudata* First at Santa Teresa, seen later at several places.
Red-headed Manakin *Dixiphia rubrocapilla* Seen at VALE Reserve.
Sharpbill *Oxyruncus cristatus* Good views at Santa Teresa, Caetés and Intervalles.
Atlantic Royal Flycatcher ◇ *Onychorhynchus swainsoni* One at Intervalles. See note.
Black-tailed Myiobius *Myiobius atricaudus* Seen well at Caetes Forest and Itatiaia NP.
Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor* Seen at Intervalles and Volta Velha.
Black-tailed Tityra *Tityra cayana* Seen at VALE, Itatiaia, Perequê and Intervalles.
Brown-winged Schiffornis *Schiffornis turdina* One seen at VALE Reserve.
Greenish Schiffornis ◇ *Schiffornis virescens* Seen at Santa Teresa and Intervalles, heard at more places.
Buff-throated Purpletuft ◇ *Iodopleura pipra* Angelim Farm in Ubatuba saved in the last minute.
Brazilian Laniisoma ◇ *Laniisoma elegans* This time on the hills near Nova Friburgo. Best wet part of the trip.
Green-backed Becard *Pachyramphus viridis* Good views at Santa Teresa and at Caetés Forest.
Chestnut-crowned Becard *Pachyramphus castaneus* Seen at several places on the tour.
White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus* Seen at VALE and Intervalles.
Black-capped Becard *Pachyramphus marginatus* One at VALE Reserve.
Crested Becard *Pachyramphus validus* Seen and heard at several places.
Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* Heard at several places, seen at few.
Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus* Seen and heard at several places.
Rufous-crowned Greenlet ◇ *Hylophilus poicilotis* Seen at Caetés, Caledônia, Agulhas Negras, Pontal and Volta V.
Grey-eyed Greenlet ◇ *Hylophilus amaurocephalus* Good views at Carmo.
Lemon-chested Greenlet ◇ *Hylophilus thoracicus* Seen well at REGUA, Perequê and Ubatuba.
Azure Jay ◇ *Cyanocorax caeruleus* First at Graciosa Road, quite common on the coast of Paraná, also at S F de P.
Curl-crested Jay *Cyanocorax cristatellus* Good views on the road near Volta Redonda, on our way to Ubatuba.
Sand Martin *Riparia riparia* Few sightings in Mostardas.
White-rumped Swallow *Tachycineta leucorrhoa* Spotted at several places.
Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* Common throughout the tour.
Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera* Commonly recorded in the South.
Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* Commonly recorded on the tour.
White-thighed Swallow *Neochelidon tibialis* Few seen at Angelim Farm, Ubatuba.
Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Common throughout the tour.
Tawny-headed Swallow *Alopocheidon fucata* Good views near Taubatá and at Tramandaí.
Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* Seen at Mostardas.
Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla* (H) Heard at REGUA.
Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus* Seen at VALE Reserve.
Grass (Sedge) Wren *Cistothorus platensis* Recorded for the first time on this tour, at Vacaria.
Moustached Wren *Pheugopedius genibarbis* Good views at 3 Pontões.
Long-billed Wren ◇ *Cantorchilus longirostris* Seen well at REGUA and at Itapoá.

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* Common throughout the tour.
Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus* Seen at Angelim Farm, Ubatuba.
Masked Gnatcatcher *Poliophtila dumicola* Good view at Mostardas.
Chalk-browed Mockingbird *Mimus saturninus* Common throughout the tour.
Yellow-legged Thrush *Turdus flavipes* Seen and heard at several places.
Eastern Slaty Thrush *Turdus subalaris* (H) Heard from the car near Vacaria in Rio Grande do Sul.
Rufous-bellied Thrush *Turdus rufiventris* Common throughout the tour.
Creamy-bellied Thrush *Turdus amaurochalinus* Seen at several places.
White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* Seen at least three times in forests along the tour.
House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* Common at anthropic areas.
Common Waxbill *Estrilda astrild* Seen leaving Vargem Alta on our way to REGUA.
Yellowish Pipit *Anthus lutescens* Seen at Tramandaí and Mostardas.
Correndera Pipit *Anthus correndera* Common at Lagoa do Peixe N P.
Hellmayr's Pipit *Anthus hellmayri* Splendid views at Cambará do Sul.
Hooded Siskin *Spinus magellanica* Many sightings on the tour.
Purple-throated Euphonia *Euphonia chlorotica* (H) Heard at Aracruz.
Violaceous Euphonia *Euphonia violacea* Seen and heard at several places.
Green-chinned Euphonia ◊ *Euphonia chalybea* A male seen really well at Intervalles.
Golden-rumped Euphonia *Euphonia cyanocephala* Nice looks through the scope in Intervalles.
Chestnut-bellied Euphonia ◊ *Euphonia pectoralis* Seen at Santa Teresa, Ubatuba and Volta Velha.
Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea* (H) This time only heard in Itatiaia NP.
Southern Yellowthroat *Geothlypis velata* Seen at VALE; more seen in the South. See note.
Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiayumi* Heard and seen at several places.
White-rimmed Warbler ◊ *Myiothlypis leucoblephara* Seen well at Itatiaia, Curitiba and S F de Paula; heard at more.
Riverbank Warbler *Myiothlypis rivularis* Great views at Perequê
Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus* Commonly recorded on the tour.
White-browed Blackbird *Sturnella superciliaris* First at REGUA; common at Lagoa do Peixe NP.
Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* Seen at Caledônia Peak and Ubatuba.



Cherry-throated Tanager (courtesy by Andrew Taylor)

Golden-winged Cacique *Cacicus chrysopterus* Seen well at Itatiaia and Intervalles.
Red-rumped Cacique *Cacicus haemorrhous* Commonly seen throughout the tour.
Campo Troupial ◊ *Icterus jamacaii* Seen at VALE Reserve, Santa Teresa and 3 Pontões.
Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* Common throughout the tour.
Scarlet-headed Blackbird *Amblyramphus holosericeus* Close views on our last morning in Mostardas.
Chopi Blackbird *Gnorimopsar chopi* Frequent at VALE Reserve, Santa Teresa and São F de Paula.
Greyish Baywing *Agelaioides badius* Seen at Santana da Boa Vista, Tramandaí and Mostardas. See note.
Yellow-winged Blackbird *Agelasticus thilius* Few sightings at Mostardas.
Chestnut-capped Blackbird *Chrysomus ruficapillus* Seen at several places, very common in Rio Grande do Sul.
Saffron-cowled Blackbird ◊ *Xanthopsar flavus* This time three birds seen near Bom Jesus.
Brown-and-yellow Marshbird ◊ *Pseudoleistes virescens* Good views at and Mostardas.
Yellow-rumped Marshbird ◊ *Pseudoleistes guirahuro* First near Intervalles, later quite common in the South.
Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* Commonly seen along the tour.
Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* Same as above.
Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus humeralis* First at VALE, later in the south.
Half-collared Sparrow ◊ *Arremon semitorquatus* Seen at 3 Picos Trail, Itatiaia NP.
Brown Tanager ◊ *Orchesticus abeillei* Seen at Itatiaia NP and at Intervalles.
Red-crested Cardinal *Paroaria coronata* Quite common by the lowlands of Rio Grande do Sul State.
Red-cowled Cardinal ◊ *Paroaria dominicana* Seen well at VALE.
Cinnamon Tanager ◊ *Schistochlamys ruficapillus* Seen well at 3 Pontões and at Caledônia Peak.
Black-faced Tanager *Schistochlamys melanopsis* One seen well at VALE.
Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* At Caetes, Itatiaia and Intervalles.
Cherry-throated Tanager ◊ *Nemosia rourei* Mind-blowing long views of one bird at Caetés forest.
Olive-green Tanager ◊ *Orthogonys chloricterus* Seen at Itatiaia, Perequê and Intervalles.
Orange-headed Tanager *Thlypsis sordida* Seen near 3 Pontões.
Black-goggled Tanager *Trichothraupis melanops* Seen at a number of places.
Flame-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus cristatus* Seen at VALE and at Perequê.
Ruby-crowned Tanager *Tachyphonus coronatus* Seen at several places, common.
Brazilian Tanager ◊ *Ramphocelus bresilius* Seen at several places (lowlands) by the coast.
Sayaca Tanager *Thraupis sayaca* Common throughout the tour.
Azure-shouldered Tanager ◊ *Thraupis cyanoptera* Seen at Caetes, Perequê, Ubatuba and Intervalles.
Golden-chevroned Tanager ◊ *Thraupis ornata* Seen at a number of hilly areas.
Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Seen at several places.
Blue-and-yellow Tanager *Thraupis bonariensis* Great views at Santana da Boa Vista and Mostardas.
Diademed Tanager ◊ *Stephanophorus diadematus* Seen at Caledonia, Agulhas Negras, Intervalles and South.
Fawn-breasted Tanager *Pipraeidea melanonota* Seen well at Caetés, Caledônia, Intervalles and S F de Paula.
Turquoise Tanager (White-bellied T) ◊ *Tangara mexicana brasiliensis* A few at VALE. See note.
Green-headed Tanager ◊ *Tangara seledon* Seen at several places.
Red-necked Tanager ◊ *Tangara cyanocephala* Seen at Santa Teresa, Ubatuba and Intervalles.
Brassy-breasted Tanager ◊ *Tangara desmaresti* Seen at Caetés and Itatiaia NP.
Gilt-edged Tanager ◊ *Tangara cyanoventris* Seen well at Santa Teresa and Itatiaia.
Burnished-buff Tanager *Tangara cayana* Few records on the main tour.
Black-backed Tanager ◊ *Tangara peruviana* Great views of a male at Pontal do Sul, Paraná state.
Chestnut-backed Tanager ◊ *Tangara preciosa* At Intervalles, Graciosa Road, Vacaria and Bom Jesus.
Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis* Seen at Perequê; noticed at few places on tour.
Black-legged Dacnis ◊ *Dacnis nigripes* A close couple at Intervalles State Park.
Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* Common throughout the tour.
Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus* Common on the feeders of Augusto Ruschi B S.
Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza* One at Jonas' house in Ubatuba.
Rufous-headed Tanager ◊ *Hemithraupis ruficapilla* Seen at Caetés, Itatiaia and Ubatuba.
Chestnut-vented Conebill *Conirostrum speciosum* Seen at VALE and at Carmo.
Grey Pileated Finch ◊ *Coryphospingus pileatus* Nice views at 3 Pontões.

Uniform Finch ◊ *Haplospiza unicolor* Seen at Caetés Forest and Itatiaia NP.

Long-tailed Reed Finch ◊ *Donacospiza albifrons* At São José dos Pinhais, Vacaria, S F de Paula and Tramandaí.

Bay-chested Warbling Finch ◊ *Poospiza thoracica* Great views at Caledonia Peak and Agulhas Negras Road.

Black-and-rufous Warbling Finch *Poospiza nigrorufa* Seen nicely at Santana da Boa Vista and near Bom Jesus.

Buff-throated Warbling Finch ◊ *Poospiza lateralis* Good sightings at Agulhas Negras Road.

Grey-throated Warbling Finch ◊ *Poospiza cabanisi* First at Curitiba, more in Rio Grande do Sul state.

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* Common throughout the tour.

Grassland Yellow Finch *Sicalis luteola* Quite common at São F de Paula, Tramandaí and Mostardas.

Lesser Grass Finch ◊ *Emberizoides ypiranganus* At São José dos Pinhais and at Vacaria.

Pampa Finch *Embernagra platensis* First at S J dos Pinhais; quite common at most of Rio Grande do Sul state.

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* Common in disturbed areas and plantations, but few records on the tour.

Buffy-fronted Seedeater ◊ *Sporophila frontalis* A little group at Itatiaia NP, Tres Picos Trail.

Temminck's Seedeater ◊ *Sporophila falcirostris* Seen this time only at Caetés.

Lined Seedeater *Sporophila lineola* A few observed near São José dos Campos.

Dubois's Seedeater ◊ *Sporophila ardesiaca* One near 3 Pontões and another by our pousada in Vargem Alta.

Double-collared Seedeater *Sporophila caerulescens* Quite common throughout the tour.



Glaucous-blue Grosbeak - male (Eduardo Patrial)

Tawny-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila hypoxantha* Two stunning males near Bom Jesus.

Black-bellied Seedeater ◊ *Sporophila melanogaster* At Vacaria, Bom Jesus, São F de Paula and Cambará do Sul.

Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch *Oryzoborus angolensis* Nice views at Itatiaia NP and at São José dos Campos.

Red-crowned Ant Tanager *Habia rubica* Seen at Ubatuba and Volta Velha Reserve.

Yellow-green Grosbeak *Caryothraustes canadensis* Seen at VALE Reserve and at Santa Teresa.

Black-throated Grosbeak ◊ *Saltator fuliginosus* Nailed at Santa Teresa.

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* One at VALE Reserve.

Green-winged Saltator *Saltator similis* Seen and heard at several places.

Thick-billed Saltator ◊ *Saltator maxillosus* Splendid views at Caledonia Peak and Agulhas Negras Road.

Golden-billed Saltator *Saltator aurantiirostris* (H) Heard at Santana da Boa Vista.

Glaucous-blue Grosbeak ◊ *Cyanoloxia glaucocerulea* An immature male at Vacaria, later a full male at Cidreira.

Ultramarine Grosbeak *Cyanocompsa brissonii* A nice male observed at Carmo.

MAMMALS

Nine-banded Armadillo (N-b Long-nosed A) *Dasyus novemcinctus* One extremely close at Caetés Forest.

Tapeti (Forest Rabbit, Brazilian Cottontail) *Sylvilagus brasiliensis* Seen at VALE Reserve.

Coypu *Myocastor coypus* Quite common at Mostardas

Brazilian (Guianan) Squirrel *Sciurus aestuans* Seen at Itatiaia and Ubatuba.

Red-rumped Agouti *Dasyprocta leporina* One at VALE Reserve.

Brazilian Guinea-Pig *Cavia aperea* One on the road near Santana da Boa Vista.

Capybara *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris* Common at REGUA wetlands; more seen at Mostardas.

Crab-eating Fox *Cerdocyon thous* Few spotted at Intervales.

South American Coati *Nasua nasua* Few groups at VALE Reserve.

White-headed (Geoffroy's) Marmoset ◊ *Callithrix geoffroyi* Few seen at VALE. See note.

Black-tufted Capuchin ◊ *Cebus nigritus* Seen at VALE and at Itatiaia NP. See note.

Black-fronted Titi ◊ *Callicebus nigrifrons* Great views at Itatiaia NP. See note.

Masked Titi ◊ *Callicebus personatus* (H) Heard at VALE Reserve.

Brown Howler Monkey *Alouatta guariba* (H) Heard at some places on the tour.

Guina Dolphin *Sotalia guianensis* Few groups at Paranaguá's Bay.

Collared Peccary *Pecari tajacu* Few seen at VALE Reserve.

Lowland (Brazilian) Tapir *Tapirus terrestris* Fantastic view in the morning at VALE Reserve.



Lowland (Brazilian) Tapir (Eduardo Patrial)

Top five birds voted by the group:

- 1 – Cherry-throated Tanager;
- 2 – Helmeted Woodpecker;
- 3 – Swallow-tailed Cotinga;
- 4 – Brazilian Laniisoma;
- 5 – Crested Doradito.

NOTES

East Brazilian Chachalaca *Ortalis araucuan*

Some authors lump this species in Speckled Chachalaca *O. guttata*.

Scaled Chachalaca *Ortalis squamata*

Some authors lump this species in Speckled Chachalaca *O. guttata*.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Many authors use the name Cattle Egret for this species, but it has been renamed following the splitting off of the eastern (Asian) form *coromandus* under the name Eastern Cattle Egret.

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Many authors lump Eastern Osprey *P. cristatus* in this species using the name Osprey for the enlarged species. Western Osprey may be further split in the future. The form seen on this tour is the migratory North American *carolinensis*.

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*

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

White-backed Stilt *Himantopus melanurus*

Some authors lump this species in Black-necked Stilt *H. mexicanus*. In addition, Black-necked Stilt was formerly lumped in Black-winged Stilt *H. himantopus*.

Cabot's Tern *Thalasseus acutiflavidus*

This species was formerly lumped in Sandwich Tern *S. sandvicensis*. Note that the subspecies *eurygnatha*, which is often yellow-billed, is colloquially known as Cayenne Tern. Recent studies showed Cayenne Tern *T. eurygnatha* is sister species to Elegant Tern, not Sandwich Tern of Europe.

Sick's Swift *Chaetura meridionalis*

This species was formerly lumped in Ashy-tailed Swift *C. andrei* but *andrei* is now included in Vaux's Swift *C. vauxi*.

Green-crowned Plovercrest *Stephanoxis lalandi*

The nominate form *lalandi*, restricted to hills of Southeast Brazil (north of São Paulo), is split of the southern form *S. loddigesii* (IOC). English name Plovercrest changed to provisional Green-crown Plovercrest.

Purple-crowned Plovercrest *Stephanoxis loddigesii*

The southern form *S. loddigesii*, formerly considered a separate species from *S. lalandi*, remained lumped after Peters (1945) until recent studies finally separate the two different species. *S. loddigesii* occurs in southern Brazil south of São Paulo, east Paraguay and northeast Argentina.

Green-backed (or Amazonian White-tailed) Trogon *Trogon viridis*

(Western) White-tailed Trogon *T. chionurus* is often lumped in this species, with the name White-tailed Trogon being used for the enlarged species.

Helmeted Woodpecker *Celeus galeatus*

Recent analysis revealed that Helmeted Woodpecker belongs in the genus *Celeus*, despite similarities to the *Dryocopus* woodpeckers.

Orange-breasted Thornbird *Phacellodomus ferrugineigula*

Some authors lump this species in Orange-eyed Thornbird *P. erythrophthalmus*.

Plain-winged (or Thrush-like) Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla turdina*

Some authors lump this species in Plain Brown Woodcreeper *D. fuliginosa*.

Silvery-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula luctuosa*

Some authors lump this species in White-flanked Antwren *M. axillaris*.

Serra (Restinga) Antwren *Formicivora serrana littoralis*

Recent studies (Firme & Raposo 2011) pointed *F. s. littoralis* as a subspecies of Serra Antwren *F. serrana*. Analyses reveal a lack of diagnostic characters to consider Restinga Antwren *F. s. littoralis* a valid phylogenetic species.

Sao Paulo Antwren *Stymphalornis paludicola*

A newly described species (2014) restricted to marshes north of the big São Paulo area. Not yet present on the IOC Bird list.

Slaty Bristlefront *Merulaxis ater*

There may be two species involved in *Merulaxis ater*. Recent studies point particularly vocal differences in populations from the southern range (south of São Paulo/ Paraíba Valley).

Mouse-colored Tapaculo *Scytalopus speluncae*

There may be two species involved in *Scytalopus speluncae*. Recent studies point genetic differences in populations from the southern range (south of São Paulo/ Paraíba Valley).

Sibilant (Eastern) Sirystes *Sirystes sibilator*

Some authors lump Western Sirystes *S. albogriseus*, White-rumped Sirystes *S. albocinereus* and Todd's Sirystes *S. subcanescens* in this species, using the name Sirystes for the enlarged species.

Atlantic Royal Flycatcher *Onychorhynchus swainsoni*

Many authors lump this species (along with Northern Royal Flycatcher *O. mexicanus* and Pacific Royal Flycatcher *O. occidentalis*) in Amazonian Royal Flycatcher *O. coronatus*, using the name Royal Flycatcher for the enlarged species.

Southern Yellowthroat *Geothlypis velata*

This species, together with several other closely related species, is often lumped in Masked Yellowthroat *G. aequinoctialis*.

Greyish Baywing (Baywing) *Agelaioides badius*

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

Turquoise (White-bellied) Tanager *Tangara [mexicana] brasiliensis*

The IOC include this distinctive form in Turquoise Tanager *T. mexicana*. We have treated it as an allospecies as it is a likely future split.

Dubois's Seedeater *Sporophila ardesiaca*

Some authors lump this species in Yellow-bellied Seedeater *S. nigricollis*.

White-headed (Geoffroy's) Marmoset *Callithrix geoffroyi*

Some authors, including Emmons & Fear, lump this form in Tufted-ear Marmoset *C. jacchus*.

Black-tufted Capuchin *Cebus nigritus*

Some authors, including Emmons & Fear, lump this form in Brown Capuchin Monkey *C. apella*.

Black-fronted Titi *Callicebus nigrifrons*

Some authors, including Emmons & Fear, lump this form in Masked Titi Monkey *C. personatus*.