

**POUSADA RIO ROOSEVELT & RIO MADEIRA AT CHRISTMAS**

Dec 15, 2011 to Dec 28, 2011  
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*Along the Rio Roosevelt (Photo by guide Bret Whitney)*

Our second Christmastime offering of the Rio Roosevelt tour, although somewhat rainier than the 2010 tour, was still a highly successful trip with many rare birds seen well and a fun group of birders. The Roosevelt and Madeirinha were mighty high (certainly the highest I'd ever seen them), which had its ups and downs. For instance, we could rip around in the boats without having to watch out for rocks, cutting across areas where we usually have to detour widely, and high water meant that trailheads were often just a step or two out of the boat (instead of tricky climbs to the level section). On the other side of the ledger, high rivers precluded us from getting out of the boats to view thundering Santa Rita rapids up close (no exposed rock to stand on!), there were no emergent rocks or sandbars for wildlife to forage or loaf on, and a couple of sections of trails were flooded too deeply to pass on foot.

Birding highlights must include two wonderful encounters with Zigzag Herons, a much-wanted bird for several members of the group (as usual); two exciting sightings of Dark-winged Trumpeters; lots of seldom-seen Azure Gallinules; a fabulous Crested Eagle that launched off its perch to fly directly over our heads as we watched from the boats; a handsome pair of White-necked Hawks that came in near eye-level from our perch on the tower; fine views of Slaty-backed and Cryptic forest-falcons; and seeing well a truly amazing \*seven\* birds as yet undescribed to science (the haul: a remarkable big jay, five antbirds, and the flycatcher I found on the 2009 tour). Beyond these seven, we also saw a "Spotted" Antipitta really well which is going to receive the name "H. whittakeri" (see comments in the main list). Mammal sightings were also terrific, especially a good number of Common Woolly Monkeys, several White-nosed Bearded Sakis, and a Prince Bernard's Titi-Monkey carrying a youngster on its back. Each year is different, of course, but we can usually count on several regional specialties to make it onto the list during a week of birding. Thus, it was a surprise this year to miss Black-bellied Gnateater, which simply did not raise a feather or whisper the entire time despite dedicated searching. As was the case in 2010, army ant swarms were very scarce. We found just one good one this year, with our only White-breasted Antbirds in attendance (yee-haw!) but, again, no Pale-faced Antbirds, so it's clear that this is a challenge we'll face at this time of year. We also came away without seeing (although we did hear it a couple of times) Buff-cheeked Tody-Flycatcher, mainly due to flooded trails and a couple of poorly timed rain storms. The clay lick was also very quiet for birds (few Kwall's Parrots around, although we saw them well in other places) but our morning visit was rewarded with a close group of White-lipped Peccaries. We missed seeing a Brazilian Tapir this year, which is unusual at the Roosevelt, and we only heard Giant Otters

(but what an awesome sound it was, echoing through the flooded forest!).

We enjoyed a festive Christmas Eve and merry Christmas Day at the pousada, which lived up to our expectations in terms of comfort and service in the veritable "middle of nowhere," where, truth be told, we saw not a single person who was not associated with the lodge the whole week we were there. There's a lot to be said for that! Have fun reliving a few of our sightings highlighted in the following list, and I hope to see all of you soon for another exciting birding tour in Brazil.

Grandes abraços para todos e um feliz 2012!

--Bretche

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## KEYS FOR THIS LIST

One of the following keys may be shown in brackets for individual species as appropriate: \* = heard only, I = introduced, E = endemic, N = nesting, a = austral migrant, b = boreal migrant

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## BIRDS

### Tinamidae (Tinamous)

**GRAY TINAMOU** (*Tinamus tao*) – We heard a number of these big guys, but most of us were fortunate enough to see one pretty well as it lifted off laboriously from right beside us on the trail.

**GREAT TINAMOU** (*Tinamus major*) [\*]

**WHITE-THROATED TINAMOU** (*Tinamus guttatus*)  
[\*]

**CINEREOUS TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus cinereus*) [\*]

**LITTLE TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus soui*) [\*]

**UNDULATED TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus undulatus*) –  
Seen pretty well by some of us.

**BRAZILIAN TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus strigulosus*) [\*]

**VARIEGATED TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus variegatus*) [\*]

**SMALL-BILLED TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus parvirostris*)  
– One I had glimpsed in tall grass flushed for all to see after I circled around behind it.

**RED-WINGED TINAMOU** (*Rhynchotus rufescens*) [\*]

### Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

**BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK**  
(*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)

**MUSCOVY DUCK** (*Cairina moschata*)

**BRAZILIAN TEAL** (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*)

### Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

**SPIX'S GUAN** (*Penelope jacquacu*)

**RED-THROATED PIPING-GUAN** (*Pipile cufubi*) – A few nice sightings

**RAZOR-BILLED CURASSOW** (*Mitu tuberosum*) – Seen briefly 3-4 times, but a couple of sightings were nice and close!

### Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

**STARRED WOOD-QUAIL** (*Odontophorus stellatus*) [\*]

### Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

**NEOTROPIC CORMORANT** (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

### Anhingidae (Anhingas)



*Froest birding trail -- great birds await! (Photo by guide Bret Whitney)*

**ANHINGA** (*Anhinga anhinga*)

*Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)*

**ZIGZAG HERON** (*Zebrilus undulatus*) – The Roosevelt is a great place to go for this fantastic bird!

**RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON** (*Tigrisoma lineatum*)

**COCOI HERON** (*Ardea cocoi*)

**GREAT EGRET** (*Ardea alba*)

**SNOWY EGRET** (*Egretta thula*)

**CATTLE EGRET** (*Bubulcus ibis*)

**STRIATED HERON** (*Butorides striata*)

**CAPPED HERON** (*Pilherodius pileatus*)

**BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON** (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

*Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)*

**GREEN IBIS** (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*)

*Cathartidae (New World Vultures)*

**BLACK VULTURE** (*Coragyps atratus*)

**TURKEY VULTURE** (*Cathartes aura*)

**LESSER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE** (*Cathartes burrovianus*)

**GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE**  
(*Cathartes melambrotus*)

**KING VULTURE** (*Sarcoramphus papa*)

*Pandionidae (Osprey)*

**OSPREY** (*Pandion haliaetus*)

*Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)*

**GRAY-HEADED KITE** (*Leptodon cayanensis*)

**SWALLOW-TAILED KITE** (*Elanoides forficatus*)

**PLUMBEOUS KITE** (*Ictinia plumbea*)

**CRANE HAWK** (*Geranospiza caerulescens*)

**WHITE-BROWED HAWK** (*Leucopternis kuhli*)

**GREAT BLACK-HAWK** (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)

**SAVANNA HAWK** (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)

**ROADSIDE HAWK** (*Buteo magnirostris*)

**BROAD-WINGED HAWK** (*Buteo platypterus*) – A few winterers around.

**GRAY HAWK** (*Buteo nitidus*)

**SHORT-TAILED HAWK** (*Buteo brachyurus*)

**WHITE-TAILED HAWK** (*Buteo albicaudatus*)

**CRESTED EAGLE** (*Morphnus guianensis*) – Certainly one of the "birds of the trip!"

**ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE** (*Spizaetus ornatus*) – One adult soaring high.

*Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)*

**BARRED FOREST-FALCON** (*Micrastur ruficollis*) [\*]

**CRYPTIC FOREST-FALCON** (*Micrastur mintoni*)

**SLATY-BACKED FOREST-FALCON** (*Micrastur mirandollei*) – What a dramatic appearance this big bird made, coming in to land on a low, horizontal vine just a few yards from where we stood transfixed -- and then it moved off a little ways, allowing great scope study.

**BLACK CARACARA** (*Daptrius ater*)

**RED-THROATED CARACARA** (*Ibycter americanus*)



Charter planes are the way to reach the lodge on the Rio Roosevelt.  
(Photo by guide Bret Whitney)

**SOUTHERN CARACARA** (*Caracara plancus*)

**YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA** (*Milvago chimachima*)

**BAT FALCON** (*Falco rufigularis*)

*Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)*

**OCELLATED CRAKE** (*Micropygia schomburgkii*) – Aaarrgh, we had them sooo close, practically at our feet, a couple of times, but just could not coax one into showing itself, even with remote cords and mirrors, etc. I think hormone levels were just not as high as they need to be... I mean the crake's hormones... [\*]

**RUSSET-CROWNED CRAKE** (*Anurolimnas viridis*) [\*]

**ASH-THROATED CRAKE** (*Porzana albicollis*) [\*]

**AZURE GALLINULE** (*Porphyrio flavirostris*) – Lots around this year, fantastic to see it happening!

*Heliornithidae (Finfoots)*

**SUNGREBE** (*Heliornis fulica*) – A couple of nice views despite the very high river levels.

*Eurypygidae (Sunbittern)*

**SUNBITTERN** (*Eurypyga helias*) [\*]

*Psophiidae (Trumpeters)*

**DARK-WINGED TRUMPETER** (*Psophia viridis*) – Excellent, right out in the trail a couple of times! Much easier than last year.

*Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)*

**PIED LAPWING** (*Vanellus cayanus*)

**SOUTHERN LAPWING** (*Vanellus chilensis*)

*Jacanidae (Jacanas)*

**WATTLED JACANA** (*Jacana jacana*)

*Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)*

**SPOTTED SANDPIPER** (*Actitis macularia*)

**SOLITARY SANDPIPER** (*Tringa solitaria*)

*Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)*

**LARGE-BILLED TERN** (*Phaetusa simplex*)

**BLACK SKIMMER** (*Rynchops niger*)

*Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)*

**ROCK PIGEON** (*Columba livia*)

**PALE-VENTED PIGEON** (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

**SCALED PIGEON** (*Patagioenas speciosa*)

**PLUMBEOUS PIGEON** (*Patagioenas plumbea*)

**RUDDY PIGEON** (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)

**COMMON GROUND-DOVE** (*Columbina passerina*)

**PLAIN-BREASTED GROUND-DOVE** (*Columbina minuta*)

**RUDDY GROUND-DOVE** (*Columbina talpacoti*)

**LONG-TAILED GROUND-DOVE** (*Uropelia campestris*) – An excellent, point-blank study of one at Huamita.

**WHITE-TIPPED DOVE** (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

**GRAY-FRONTED DOVE** (*Leptotila rufaxilla*) [\*]

**RUDDY QUAIL-DOVE** (*Geotrygon montana*) [\*]

*Psittacidae (Parrots)*

**CRIMSON-BELLIED PARAKEET** (*Pyrrhura perlata*) – Not much in evidence this time around, but we eventually nailed



*Campos habitat (Photo by guide Bret Whitney)*

them right around the pousada. We had a very good list of parrots overall.

**SANTAREM PARAKEET (MADEIRA)** (*Pyrrhura amazonum snethlageae*) – Many more of these.

**DUSKY-HEADED PARAKEET** (*Aratinga weddellii*)

**PEACH-FRONTED PARAKEET** (*Aratinga aurea*)

**CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW** (*Ara severus*)

**RED-AND-GREEN MACAW** (*Ara chloropterus*) – When you are seeing this fabulous bird around Christmas, you know you are in a good place -- and not just because the colors are right!

**SCARLET MACAW** (*Ara macao*)

**BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW** (*Ara ararauna*)

**RED-BELLIED MACAW** (*Orthopsittaca manilata*)

**YELLOW-CHEVRONED PARAKEET** (*Brotogeris chiriri*) –

Yes, those were Golden-chevroned Parakeets alright, just not previously known from the left bank of the Madeira in that region. As a species, it is increasingly encroaching on the borders of Amazonia following forest destruction.

**GOLDEN-WINGED PARAKEET** (*Brotogeris chrysoptera*) –

Lots of good views this time.

**SCARLET-SHOULDERED PARROTLET** (*Touit huetii*) [\*]

**WHITE-BELLIED PARROT** (*Pionites leucogaster*) – Just one sighting of three screaming by.

**ORANGE-CHEEKED PARROT** (*Pyrilia barrabandi*) – Great views of this handsome parrot at the clay lick.

**BLUE-HEADED PARROT** (*Pionus menstruus*)

**KAWALL'S PARROT** (*Amazona kawalli*) – Not too many around the clay lick (perhaps too much water in there), but we saw quite a few here and there, with especially nice scope views from the tower.

**ORANGE-WINGED PARROT** (*Amazona amazonica*)

**MEALY PARROT** (*Amazona farinosa*)

**YELLOW-CROWNED PARROT** (*Amazona ochrocephala*)

#### Opisthocomidae (Hoatzin)

**HOATZIN** (*Opisthocomus hoazin*) – Several nice, close views, including a pair with two recently fledged chicks doing a lot of gesturing, wing-raising, huffing and puffing as only Hoatzins can do.

#### Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

**SQUIRREL CUCKOO** (*Piaya cayana*)

**BLACK-BELLIED CUCKOO** (*Piaya melanogaster*) – Some great views of this beauty.

**STRIPED CUCKOO** (*Tapera naevia*) [\*]

**SMOOTH-BILLED ANI** (*Crotophaga ani*)

#### Strigidae (Owls)

**TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL** (*Megascops watsonii*) [\*]

**AMAZONIAN PYGMY-OWL** (*Glaucidium hardyi*) – Superb scope study near Humaita.

**BURROWING OWL** (*Athene cunicularia*)

#### Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

**LEAST NIGHTHAWK** (*Chordeiles pusillus*) – Several close around us at dusk near Humaita, allied with the nominate subspecies group.

**SAND-COLORED NIGHTHAWK** (*Chordeiles rupestris*) – Just a few around the Roosevelt this time (many fewer than we had in 2010).

**COMMON PAURAQUE** (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

**LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR** (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*) – Nice views from the boats.

#### Apodidae (Swifts)

**AMAZONIAN SWIFT** (*Chaetura viridipennis*)

**SHORT-TAILED SWIFT** (*Chaetura brachyura*)



*The Amphisbaena we found in the campina habitat  
(Photo by guide Bret Whitney)*

**GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT** (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)  
**PALE-RUMPED SWIFT** (*Chaetura egregia*)  
**FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT** (*Tachornis squamata*)

*Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)*

**CRIMSON TOPAZ** (*Topaza pella*) – One good view of a female.  
**LONG-TAILED HERMIT** (*Phaethornis superciliosus*)  
**REDDISH HERMIT** (*Phaethornis ruber*)  
**WHITE-TAILED GOLDENTHROAT** (*Polytmus guainumbi*)  
**BLACK-THROATED MANGO** (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)  
**BLUE-TAILED EMERALD** (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*)  
**SWALLOW-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Eupetomena macroura*)  
**FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH** (*Thalurania furcata*)  
**GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD** (*Amazilia fimbriata*)  
**RUFOUS-THROATED SAPPHIRE** (*Hylocharis sapphirina*)

*Trogonidae (Trogons)*

**PAVONINE QUETZAL** (*Pharomachrus pavoninus*)  
**BLACK-TAILED TROGON** (*Trogon melanurus*)  
**GREEN-BACKED TROGON** (*Trogon viridis*) [\*]  
**AMAZONIAN TROGON** (*Trogon ramonianus*) [\*]  
**BLUE-CROWNED TROGON** (*Trogon curucui*)  
**BLACK-THROATED TROGON** (*Trogon rufus*)  
**COLLARED TROGON** (*Trogon collaris*)

*Momotidae (Motmots)*

**AMAZONIAN MOTMOT** (*Momotus momota*)  
**BROAD-BILLED MOTMOT** (*Electron platyrhynchum*) [\*]

*Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)*

**RINGED KINGFISHER** (*Megaceryle torquata*)  
**AMAZON KINGFISHER** (*Chloroceryle amazona*)  
**GREEN KINGFISHER** (*Chloroceryle americana*)  
**GREEN-AND-RUFOUS KINGFISHER** (*Chloroceryle inda*) – Superb view  
**AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER** (*Chloroceryle aenea*) – OK, ditto that remark!!

*Bucconidae (Puffbirds)*

**WHITE-NECKED PUFFBIRD** (*Notharchus hyperrhynchus hyperrhynchus*)  
**BROWN-BANDED PUFFBIRD** (*Notharchus ordii*) – Nice out of Humaita.  
**PIED PUFFBIRD** (*Notharchus tectus*)  
**STRIOLATED PUFFBIRD** (*Nystalus striolatus*) – It took a while, but we finally managed to locate a calling pair for prolonged scope study.  
**WHITE-EARED PUFFBIRD** (*Nystalus chacuru*)  
**BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD** (*Monasa nigrifrons*)  
**WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD** (*Monasa morphoeus*)  
**SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD** (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)

*Galbulidae (Jacamars)*

**BLUE-CHEEKED JACAMAR** (*Galbula cyanicollis*) – Seen well a couple of times.  
**RUFOUS-TAILED JACAMAR** (*Galbula ruficauda*)  
**BRONZY JACAMAR** (*Galbula leucogastra*)  
**PARADISE JACAMAR** (*Galbula dea*)  
**GREAT JACAMAR** (*Jacamerops aureus*)

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

**BLACK-GIRDLED BARBET** (Capito dayi) – Steve spotted a male one day, but we didn't get a group view until a few days later; hard to see well if you aren't lucky enough to get them from the tower.

**GILDED BARBET** (Capito auratus) – Good views out of Humaita.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

**CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI** (Pteroglossus castanotis)

**IVORY-BILLED ARACARI** (Pteroglossus azara) – Great looks west of the Madeira.

**RED-NECKED ARACARI** (Pteroglossus bitorquatus) – Thanks to a good spot by Steve! Very quiet this trip.

**GOLDEN-COLLARED TOUCANET** (Selenidera reinwardtii) – Close twice... and why they didn't show up I do not know. Weird. [\*]

**GOULD'S TOUCANET** (Selenidera gouldii) – Perhaps more importantly, this one did show nicely.

**TOCO TOUCAN** (Ramphastos toco) – A couple of sightings of these huge toucans.

**WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN** (Ramphastos tucanus)

**CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN** (Ramphastos vitellinus) [\*]

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

**BAR-BREASTED PICULET** (Picumnus aurifrons) – Seen well on both sides of the Madeira, for good measure.

**YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER** (Melanerpes cruentatus)

**RED-STAINED WOODPECKER** (Veniliornis affinis)

**YELLOW-THROATED WOODPECKER** (Piculus flavigula)

**GOLDEN-GREEN WOODPECKER** (Piculus chrysochloros) – Seen well 3-4 times this trip.

**SPOT-BREASTED WOODPECKER** (Colaptes punctigula)

**CHESTNUT WOODPECKER** (Celeus elegans)

**CREAM-COLORED WOODPECKER** (Celeus flavus) – Wow, always great to see this fancy woodpecker.

**RINGED WOODPECKER** (Celeus torquatus) [\*]

**LINEATED WOODPECKER** (Dryocopus lineatus)

**RED-NECKED WOODPECKER** (Campephilus rubricollis) – Hard quite a bit, far off, but seen well just once. Once is good!

**CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER** (Campephilus melanoleucos) [\*]

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

**BLACK-TAILED LEAFTOSSER** (Sclerurus caudacutus) – Damn, leaftossers were just plain quiet this time around. [\*]

**CINEREOUS-BREASTED SPINETAIL** (Synallaxis hypospodia) – Beautifully near Humaita.

**RUDDY SPINETAIL** (Synallaxis rutilans) [\*]

**SPECKLED SPINETAIL** (Cranioleuca gutturata) – Always tough to see detail on this one, but we had it pretty well this trip.

**YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL** (Certhiaxis cinnamomeus)

**POINT-TAILED PALMCREEPER** (Berlepschia rikeri) – Just as we were ready to move on... Steve spotted one as it zipped in to nearby Mauritia palms, which led to fabulous scope views for all of us.

**CHESTNUT-WINGED HOOBILL** (Ancistrops strigilatus) – One fine view.

**RUFOUS-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (Philydor erythrocerum)

**CHESTNUT-WINGED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (Philydor erythropterum)

**CINNAMON-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (Philydor pyrrhodes)

**BUFF-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (Automolus ochrolaemus) [\*]

**PARA FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (Automolus paraensis) – One at a nest burrow was fascinating, great views of it perched, watching us, waiting for us to get the heck out of the area so it could get back to taking care of the family.

**RUFOUS-TAILED XENOPS** (Xenops milleri) – An excellent view of a pair (most folks saw just one bird) that descended from a mixed-species flock to check us out... nice!!

**SLENDER-BILLED XENOPS** (Xenops tenuirostris) – Would you believe scope views of this enigmatic little furnariid?!  
YESSS

**PLAIN XENOPS** (Xenops minutus)

**SPOT-THROATED WOODCREEPER** (*Certhiasomus stictolaemus*)  
**PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*) [\*]  
**WHITE-CHINNED WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocincla merula*)  
**OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER** (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)  
**LONG-TAILED WOODCREEPER** (*Deconychura longicauda*)  
**WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)  
**LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Nasica longirostris*) – Always a mindbender, this one!  
**CINNAMON-THROATED WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrexetastes rufigula*) – A surprisingly good view.  
**RED-BILLED WOODCREEPER (UNIFORM)** (*Hylexetastes perrotii uniformis*) – It took a bit of searching, but we did finally find one for a good view.  
**AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*) [\*]  
**HOFFMANN'S WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocolaptes hoffmannsi*)  
**STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Dendroplex picus*)  
**STRIPED WOODCREEPER** (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*)  
**ELEGANT WOODCREEPER** (*Xiphorhynchus elegans*)  
**BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (DUSKY-BILLED)** (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus eytoni*)  
**LINEATED WOODCREEPER** (*Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*)  
**RED-BILLED SCYTHEBILL** (*Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*) – We found one bird west of the Madeira, which apparently represents the poorly known subspecies *C. t. notabilis* described by J. T. Zimmer from three specimens taken by the Olalla brothers on the left bank of the lower Madeira.

*Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)*

**FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE** (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*)  
**GLOSSY ANTSHRIKE** (*Sakesphorus luctuosus*)  
**BARRED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)  
**CHESTNUT-BACKED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus palliatus*) [\*]  
**PLAIN-WINGED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*)  
**MOUSE-COLORED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus murinus*)  
**NATTERER'S SLATY-ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus stictocephalus*) [\*]  
**WHITE-SHOULDERED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus aethiops*)  
**AMAZONIAN ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus amazonicus*)  
**SATURNINE ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnomanes saturninus*)  
**CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnomanes caesius*)  
**SPOT-WINGED ANTSHRIKE** (*Pygiptila stellaris*)  
**WHITE-EYED ANTWREN** (*Epinecrophylla leucophthalma*)  
**STIPPLE-THROATED ANTWREN** (*Epinecrophylla haematonota*) – Good view with a mixed-species flock out of Humaita  
**[STIPPLE-THROATED] ANTWREN** (*Epinecrophylla* [haematonota] taxon novum) – Excelente  
**PYGMY ANTWREN** (*Myrmotherula brachyura*) [\*]  
**SCLATER'S ANTWREN** (*Myrmotherula sclateri*)  
**AMAZONIAN STREAKED-ANTWREN** (*Myrmotherula multostriata*) [\*]  
**PLAIN-THROATED ANTWREN** (*Myrmotherula hauxwelli*)  
**WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN** (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)  
**LONG-WINGED ANTWREN** (*Myrmotherula longipennis*) – I think we're seeing mostly subspecies *M. l. transitiva* around the Roosevelt.  
**IHERING'S ANTWREN** (*Myrmotherula iheringi*) – A great view of a male with a mixed-sp flock.  
**GRAY ANTWREN** (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*)  
**ANTWREN (NEW SPECIES) (W MADEIRA)** (*Herpsilochmus* sp. nov. 1) – We lucked out and had a superb view of this one, first found by Mario Cohn-Haft around Humaita in the late 90s.  
**ANTWREN (NEW SPECIES) (E MADEIRA)** (*Herpsilochmus* sp. nov. 2) – Seen perhaps even BETTER on the

Madeirinha/Roosevelt, considered a disjunct population of Black-capped Antwren by its discoverers in the late 80s but recognized as specifically different by me and colleagues in the late 90s, it is still unnamed... we'll get around to it one of these days!

**RUFOUS-WINGED ANTWREN** (*Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*) [\*]

**DOT-WINGED ANTWREN** (*Microrhophias quixensis*)

**WHITE-FRINGED ANTWREN** (*Formicivora grisea*)

**RUSTY-BACKED ANTWREN** (*Formicivora rufa*)

**ASH-WINGED ANTWREN** (*Terenura spodioptila*)

**GRAY ANTBIRD** (*Cercomacra cinerascens*)

**BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD** (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*)

**PERUVIAN WARBLING-ANTBIRD** (*Hypocnemis peruviana*) – This one out of Humaita

**SPIX'S WARBLING-ANTBIRD** (*Hypocnemis striata implicata*) – Right bank of the Roosevelt, a couple of times

**[SPIX'S WARBLING-] ANTBIRD** (*Hypocnemis [striata] taxon novum*) – Left bank Roosevelt, also a couple of times, description underway.

**BLACK-CHINNED ANTBIRD** (*Hypocnemoides melanopogon*)

**SILVERED ANTBIRD** (*Sclateria naevia*)

**RUFOUS-FACED ANTBIRD** (*Schistocichla rufifacies*)

**[CHESTNUT-TAILED] ANTBIRD** (*Myrmeciza [hemimelaena] taxon novum*) – After some searching... great, close views of this one.

**FERRUGINOUS-BACKED ANTBIRD** (*Myrmeciza ferruginea*)

**WHITE-BREASTED ANTBIRD** (*Rhegmatorhina hoffmannsi*) – We allllmoost missed this great antbird for lack of raiding ant swarms, and general lack of response to my searches along all trails... but, "graças a deus," we did indeed find an good, active swarm attended by at least one pair of these handsome, central Amazonian endemics.

**HAIRY-CRESTED ANTBIRD** (*Rhegmatorhina melanosticta purusiana*) – Hmm, cool to hear it west of the Madeira but too far off in habitat too trashed to get them in closer. [\*]

**SPOT-BACKED ANTBIRD** (*Hylophylax naevius*)

**DOT-BACKED ANTBIRD** (*Hylophylax punctulatus*) [\*]

**SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD** (*Willisornis poecilinotus*) – A good view, now called Common Scale-backed Antbird (same scientific name), split from Xingu Scale-backed which occurs south of the Amazon in lower Amazonia.

**BLACK-SPOTTED BARE-EYE** (*Phlegopsis nigromaculata*) – Exciting views at the big ant swarm!

#### Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

**RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTTHRUSH** (*Formicarius colma*) – A fine scope view of a singing male on a wet, dreary morning on the Madeirinha.

#### Grallariidae (Antpittas)

**VARIEGATED ANTPITTA** (*Grallaria varia*) [\*]

**SPOTTED ANTPITTA** (*Hylopezus macularius*) – This one took quite a bit of work, but we finally came out to the trail having had a GREAT view of it. A forthcoming paper in *The Auk* will propose that this population -- between the Rio Madeira and the Rio Xingu -- be named *H. whittakeri*. It is weakly differentiated from the subspecies *H. m. paraensis* of regions farther east (perhaps even including a good part of the purported range of *whittakeri*). *H. m. paraensis* is pretty clearly a species distinct from nominate *macularius*, so you'll possibly pick up one "species" with that split... but whether this slightly different, at most, new form will stand up to scrutiny as a species distinct from *H. paraensis* is open to question... so stay tuned for developments. Whatever, we sure did see it well!

**THRUSH-LIKE ANTPITTA** (*Myrmothera campanisona*) [\*]

#### Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)

**CHESTNUT-BELTED GNATEATER** (*Conopophaga aurita*) – Dynamite views of a singing male, probably to be split in the future. And I'm STILL pissed about missing Black-bellied, sooo bizarre!

#### Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)

**RUSTY-BELTED TAPACULO** (*Liosceles thoracicus*) – Singing here and there, always in the next county. [\*]

#### Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

**SUIRIRI FLYCATCHER** (*Suiriri suiriri affinis*)  
**YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET** (*Tyrannulus elatus*)  
**FOREST ELAENIA** (*Myiopagis gaimardii*)  
**GRAY ELAENIA** (*Myiopagis caniceps*)  
**YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA** (*Elaenia flavogaster*)  
**PLAIN-CRESTED ELAENIA** (*Elaenia cristata*)  
**LESSER ELAENIA** (*Elaenia chiriquensis*)  
**OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER** (*Mionectes oleagineus*)  
**SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER** (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*) [\*]  
**AMAZONIAN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER** (*Sublegatus obscurior*)  
**SHARP-TAILED TYRANT** (*Culicivora caudacuta*) – Great views of a pair in the campos of Huamita!  
**RINGED ANTPIPIT** (*Corythopsis torquatus*) [\*]  
**SNETHLAGE'S TODY-TYRANT** (*Hemitriccus minor*)  
**ZIMMER'S TODY-TYRANT** (*Hemitriccus minimus*) – One seen well, others heard  
**BUFF-CHEEKED TODY-FLYCATCHER** (*Poecilatriccus senex*) – Irritating to be shut out on this one [\*]  
**SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHER** (*Todirostrum maculatum*)  
**YELLOW-BROWED TODY-FLYCATCHER** (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*) [\*]  
**YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER** (*Tolmomyias assimilis*) – Nice views of one hat I coaxed down to only about 6 meters above ground; subspecies in this region is *T. a. calamae*.  
**GRAY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER** (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*) [\*]  
**GOLDEN-CROWNED SPADEBILL** (*Platyrinchus coronatus*) [\*]  
**WHITE-CRESTED SPADEBILL** (*Platyrinchus platyrhynchos*)  
**ROYAL FLYCATCHER** (*Onychorhynchus coronatus*) [\*]  
**RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER** (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*)  
**WHISKERED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiobius barbatus*)  
**DRAB WATER TYRANT** (*Ochthornis littoralis*)  
**WHITE-HEADED MARSH TYRANT** (*Arundinicola leucocephala*)  
**CINNAMON ATTLA** (*Attila cinnamomeus*) [\*]  
**BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTLA** (*Attila spadiceus*) [\*]  
**SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiarchus ferox*) [\*]  
**LESSER KISKADEE** (*Pitangus lictor*)  
**GREAT KISKADEE** (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)  
**RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*)  
**DUSKY-CHESTED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiozetetes luteiventris*) – One good view  
**YELLOW-THROATED FLYCATCHER** (*Conopias parvus*)  
**STREAKED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)  
**PIRATIC FLYCATCHER** (*Legatus leucophaeus*)  
**SULPHURY FLYCATCHER** (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*)  
**WHITE-THROATED KINGBIRD** (*Tyrannus albogularis*)  
**TROPICAL KINGBIRD** (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

*Cotingidae (Cotingas)*

**BLACK-NECKED RED-COTINGA** (*Phoenicircus nigricollis*) – One adult male seen by most, but it took of definitively before all could see it well.  
**AMAZONIAN UMBRELLABIRD** (*Cephalopterus ornatus*)  
**SPANGLED COTINGA** (*Cotinga cayana*)  
**SCREAMING PIHA** (*Lipaugus vociferans*) – Pihas were pretty quiet this trip, but we saw them well a couple of times.  
**POMPADOUR COTINGA** (*Xipholena punicea*) – A female  
**BARE-NECKED FRUITCROW** (*Gymnoderus foetidus*)

Pipridae (Manakins)

**DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN** (*Tyrannus stolzmanni*)

**BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN** (*Lepidothrix coronata*) – Steve saw a female.

**SNOW-CAPPED MANAKIN** (*Lepidothrix nattereri*) – The adult male spotted by Nils was certainly our best sighting of this beautiful little bird.

**WHITE-BEARDED MANAKIN** (*Manacus manacus*) [\*]

**BLUE-BACKED MANAKIN** (*Chiroxiphia pareola regina*)

**BLACK MANAKIN** (*Xenopipo atronitens*) [\*]

**FLAME-CROWNED MANAKIN** (*Heterocercus linteatus*) – Super-quiet and unresponsive this trip; not enough sunshine for them to be active. [\*]

**BAND-TAILED MANAKIN** (*Pipra fasciicauda*)

**GOLDEN-HEADED MANAKIN** (*Pipra erythrocephala*)

**RED-HEADED MANAKIN** (*Pipra rubrocapilla*)

**WING-BARRED PIPRITES** (*Piprites chloris*) [\*]

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

**BLACK-TAILED TITYRA** (*Tityra cayana*) – Dorothy spotted the only pair we saw.

**MASKED TITYRA** (*Tityra semifasciata*)

**THRUSH-LIKE SCHIFFORNIS** (*Schiffornis turdina*) [\*]

**WHITE-BROWED PURPLETUFT** (*Iodopleura isabellae*) – A good view of this little gem on the west side of the Madeira.

**BLACK-CAPPED BECARD** (*Pachyramphus marginatus*)

Vireonidae (Vireos)

**GRAY-CHESTED GREENLET** (*Hylophilus semicinereus*) – Nice, low views of one on the Roosevelt.

**DUSKY-CAPPED GREENLET** (*Hylophilus hypoxanthus*)

**BUFF-CHEEKED GREENLET** (*Hylophilus muscicapinus*)

**TAWNY-CROWNED GREENLET** (*Hylophilus ochraceiceps*) [\*]

**SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO** (*Vireolanius leucotis*) – Jeannie made a good spot on one high in a canopy flock.

**RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE** (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) [\*]

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

**BLACK-COLLARED SWALLOW** (*Pygochelidon melanoleuca*) – Muchos although not as many as usual owing to rocks being underwater.

**WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW** (*Atticora fasciata*)

**SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW** (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

**PURPLE MARTIN** (*Progne subis*) – Thousands in and around Porto Velho, great to see.

**GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN** (*Progne chalybea*)

**WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW** (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

**THRUSH-LIKE WREN** (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*) [\*]

**TOOTH-BILLED WREN** (*Odontorchilus cinereus*) – Good views of one with a canopy flock -- I just wish we could have coaxed one to come in close while we were up on the tower!

**MOUSTACHED WREN** (*Pheugopedius genibarbis*)

**BUFF-BREASTED WREN** (*Cantorchilus leucotis*)

**HOUSE WREN** (*Troglodytes aedon*)

**MUSICIAN WREN** (*Cyphorhinus arada*)

Poliophtilidae (Gnatcatchers)

**LONG-BILLED GNATWREN** (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)

**GUIANAN GNATCATCHER** (*Poliophtila guianensis*) – Fantastic views of this rarely seen canopy flock associate. The population(s) west of the Madeira are not named (and often not even mapped as existing!).

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

**PALE-BREASTED THRUSH** (*Turdus leucomelas*)

**HAUXWELL'S THRUSH** (*Turdus hauxwelli*)

**LAWRENCE'S THRUSH** (*Turdus lawrencii*) [\*]

**WHITE-NECKED THRUSH** (*Turdus albicollis*) [\*]

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

**BUFF-RUMPED WARBLER** (*Phaeothlypis fulvicauda*) – A fine view of one at the clay lick.

Coerebidae (Bananaquit)

**BANANAQUIT** (*Coereba flaveola*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

**BLACK-FACED TANAGER** (*Schistochlamys melanopsis*)

**RED-BILLED PIED TANAGER** (*Lamprospiza melanoleuca*)

**WHITE-RUMPED TANAGER** (*Cypsnagra hirundinacea*) – Superb views, and audio, of duetting pairs out of Humaita, the type locality of subspecies *C. h. pallidigula*.

**YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER** (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*)

**FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER** (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)

**WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER** (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*)

**SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER** (*Ramphocelus carbo*)

**BLUE-GRAY TANAGER** (*Thraupis episcopus*)

**PALM TANAGER** (*Thraupis palmarum*)

**TURQUOISE TANAGER** (*Tangara mexicana*)

**PARADISE TANAGER** (*Tangara chilensis*)

**GREEN-AND-GOLD TANAGER** (*Tangara schrankii*)

**DOTTED TANAGER** (*Tangara varia*) – We had good views of an adult male from the tower, always a fine bird to pick up.

**BAY-HEADED TANAGER** (*Tangara gyrola*) – Steve and Nils saw one well.

**MASKED TANAGER** (*Tangara nigrocincta*)

**BLACK-FACED DACNIS** (*Dacnis lineata*)

**YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS** (*Dacnis flaviventer*) – The fine pair around the pousada beach was present and accounted for.

**BLUE DACNIS** (*Dacnis cayana*)

**GREEN HONEYCREEPER** (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

**SHORT-BILLED HONEYCREEPER** (*Cyanerpes nitidus*) – Good views of a pair on the west side of the Madeira.

**PURPLE HONEYCREEPER** (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)

**BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR** (*Saltator maximus*)

**SLATE-COLORED GROSBEAK** (*Saltator grossus*) [\*]

**YELLOW-SHOULDERED GROSBEAK** (*Parkerthraustes humeralis*) – I wish we could have managed to find a hole in the understory to have a chance at seeing the bird we heard, high overhead. [\*]

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)

**BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT** (*Volatinia jacarina*)

**PLUMBEOUS SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila plumbea*)

**YELLOW-BELLIED SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila nigricollis*)

**DARK-THROATED SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila ruficollis*)

**CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)

**CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEED-FINCH** (*Oryzoborus angolensis*)

**WEDGE-TAILED GRASS-FINCH** (*Emberizoides herbicola*)

**RED-CAPPED CARDINAL** (*Paroaria gularis*)

**BLACK-MASKED FINCH** (*Coryphaspiza melanotis*) – Superb, very close studies in the campos of Humaita.

**PECTORAL SPARROW** (*Arremon taciturnus*)

**GRASSLAND SPARROW** (*Ammodramus humeralis*)  
**YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW** (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)

*Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)*

**RED-CROWNED ANT-TANAGER** (*Habia rubica*)  
**BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK** (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*)

*Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)*

**RED-BREASTED BLACKBIRD** (*Sturnella militaris*)  
**GIANT COWBIRD** (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)  
**EPAULET ORIOLE** (*Icterus cayanensis*)  
**RED-RUMPED CACIQUE** (*Cacicus haemorrhous*)  
**YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE** (*Cacicus cela*)  
**GREEN OROPENDOLA** (*Psarocolius viridis*)  
**OLIVE OROPENDOLA** (*Psarocolius bifasciatus*)

*Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)*

**PURPLE-THROATED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia chlorotica*)  
**THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia lanirostris*)  
**RUFIOUS-BELLIED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia rufiventris*)

*Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)*

**HOUSE SPARROW** (*Passer domesticus*)

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## **MAMMALS**

**LONG-NOSED BAT** (*Rhynchonycteris naso*)  
**LARGE FRUIT-EATING BATS** (*Artibeus* spp.)  
**FREE-TAILED BAT SP.** (*Tadarida* sp.)  
[SILVERY] **MARMOSET** (*Callithrix [argentata]* sp.) – Seen best right near the pousada airstrip.  
**SADDLEBACK TAMARIN** (*Saguinus fuscicollis*) [\*]  
**COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY** (*Saimiri sciureus*) – Only a couple, surprisingly.  
**DUSKY TITI MONKEY** (*Callicebus moloch*)  
**PRINCE BERNARD'S TITI MONKEY** (*Callicebus bernhardi*)  
**WHITE-NOSED BEARDED SAKI MONKEY** (*Chiropotes albinasus*)  
**WHITE-FRONTED CAPUCHIN** (*Cebus albifrons*)  
**BROWN CAPUCHIN** (*Cebus apella*)  
**COMMON WOOLLY MONKEY** (*Lagothrix lagotricha*)  
**WHITE-BELLIED SPIDER MONKEY** (*Ateles belzebuth chamek*)  
**NEOTROPICAL PYGMY SQUIRREL** (*Sciurillus pusillus*) – A good sighting of this tiniest squirrel in the world.  
**CAPYBARA** (*Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*)  
**RED-RUMPED AGOUTI** (*Dasyprocta agouti*)  
**TUCUXI** (*Sotalia fluviatilis*)  
**SOUTHERN RIVER OTTER** (*Lutra longicaudis*)  
**GIANT OTTER** (*Pteronura brasiliensis*) [\*]  
**COLLARED PECCARY** (*Tayassu tajacu*) – Three right in the middle of the trail near the pousada, and a couple of others spooked in the forest.  
**WHITE-LIPPED PECCARY** (*Tayassu pecari*) – A small herd eating clay at the clay lick was exciting to see, only a few yards from where we stood in the forest.  
**PAMPAS DEER** (*Ozotoceros bezoarticus*) – One seen well in the campo of Humaita where quite uncommon.

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## **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Our most noteworthy extras were a Pampas Deer (*Ozotoceros bezoarticus*) in the Humaita campos; an enormous Yellow-footed Tortoise (*Geochelone* sp.) on the Roosevelt; and a beautiful, black-and-white *Amphisbaena* about a foot long at the campina on the Rio Madeirinha.

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**Totals for the tour: 398 bird taxa and 22 mammal taxa**