

SERRA DOS TUCANOS, BRAZIL

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I would have to say this was one of the best birding tours I have ever done to southeastern Brazil, but for the birders. Yet once the participants are considered—I'd have to say the best! With a group like ours, very little leadership is required to guarantee a great trip. Last year's tour to Serra dos Tucanos recorded a handful more endemics and quite a few more total species, but the excitement this tour provided with the avian endemics, the non-avian encounters, and the on-site conviviality surpassed all previous thrills to this, the lingerie capital of Brazil.

Stripped-down, eye-popping highlights included a whopping 107 Atlantic Forest endemics; a constant flurry of hummingbirds dashing about for breathtaking views; fine encounters with all "big five" antshrikes and all "little six" Drymophila antbirds; smashing views of the "big three" highland vocalists—Black-and-gold Cotinga, Hooded Berryeater, and Bare-throated Bellbird; perhaps the rarest bird of the trip in Gray-winged Cotinga; the bizarrely equipped Black-billed Scythebill; gaudy Tangara tanagers—surely the top bananas; getting the drop on Brazilian Antthrush and Variegated Antpitta from above; sensational run-ins with other ground-dwellers like Slaty Bristlefront and Rufous-capped Antthrush; a colony of limited-range Three-toed Jacamars; a pair of inquisitive Saffron Toucanets; everyone's favorite Blond-crested Woodpecker at the lodge banana feeders; my personal favorites—Brazilian Laniisoma (Shrike-like Cotinga) and Brown Tanager, both of which sang beautifully, permitting dynamite recordings; and, of course, the hands-down behavioral highlight of Blue Manakins dancing before us (and the female) for more than 10 minutes—awesome! Then, there was the electrifying venomous pitviper, Bothrops jararaca, under which three of us had already passed before Dave spotted it! At about four feet long, it was the largest pitviper I've seen in the Atlantic Forest. Then, there was the tarantula that gave some more of a frisson than the lingerie. What about the group of Near Threatened Black Capuchins? And did I mention the Lemon meringue pie? The caipirinhas? Our hosts and staff at Tucanos? These highs resulted in our overlooking the fair amount of rain we had that limited some of our birding. Yet I'll take a group like we had over a few more birds any day. Thanks to you all—and to Pete (Atlantic) Forrest—for collectively making this trip genuinely extraordinary. Fortunately for me, five of you continued on to the Alta Floresta tour, though we all missed the Nunnallees and the Prathers. Let's go birding together again somewhere soon. Pepper

List total: 282 bird taxa and 3 mammal taxa

*If marked to left of list, * = heard only, I = introduced, E = endemic,
N = nesting, a = austral migrant, b = boreal migrant*

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Tinamidae

- * BROWN TINAMOU (*Crypturellus obsoletus*)

Podicipedidae

- LEAST GREBE (*Tachybaptus dominicus*)
PIED-BILLED GREBE (*Podilymbus podiceps*)

Phalacrocoracidae

- NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Anhingidae

- ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*)

Fregatidae

- MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD (*Fregata magnificens*)

Ardeidae

- WHISTLING HERON (*Syrigma sibilatrix*)
A lovely heron! We had 16 of these handsome birds feeding in a field near REGUA.
- CAPPED HERON (*Pilherodius pileatus*)
COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)
GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)
SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)
CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)
One seen by Tom near Rio.

Anatidae

- WHITE-FACED WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna viduata*)
BRAZILIAN TEAL (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*)

Cathartidae

- BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)
TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

Accipitridae

- GRAY-HEADED KITE (*Leptodon cayanensis*)
One at the beginning of the Portao Azul track; it surprised us by responding immediately to playback.
- RUFIOUS-THIGHED KITE (*Harpagus diodon*)
A spring returnee sighted during a diesel station stop.
- CRANE HAWK (*Geranospiza caerulescens gracilis*)
One glimpsed by Pete (only) at REGUA.
- SAVANNA HAWK (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)
ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris*)
SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus*)
WHITE-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo albicaudatus*)
- N** BLACK-AND-WHITE HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizastur melanoleucus*)
A pair, nesting for the second year well upslope from the Tucanos lodge, was visible on clear days from the patio.
- BLACK HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus tyrannus*)
One vocalizing above the parking lot at Serra dos Orgaos National Park.

Falconidae

- SOUTHERN CARACARA (*Caracara plancus*)
YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)

Cracidae

- DUSKY-LEGGED GUAN (*Penelope obscura*)
Nice looks along the Portao Azul track.

Odontophoridae

- E** SPOT-WINGED WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus capueira*)
Heard best—and very close—along the Theodoro Trail, but the pair would not show in response to playback.

Rallidae

- * RUFIOUS-SIDED CRAKE (*Laterallus melanophaius*)
E SLATY-BREASTED WOOD-RAIL (*Aramides saracura*)
About 6 seen along the Portao Azul track; also heard behind the grounds of Tucanos lodge.
* ASH-THROATED CRAKE (*Porzana albicollis*)
PURPLE GALLINULE (*Porphyrio martinica*)
COMMON MOORHEN (*Gallinula chloropus*)

Cariamidae

- N** RED-LEGGED SERIEMA (*Cariama cristata*)
One bird seen on its nest in the top of a large tree stump—well below the observers!

Jacanidae

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

Charadriidae

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*)

Laridae

KELP GULL (*Larus dominicanus*)

Columbidae

- I** ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)
PICAZURO PIGEON (*Patagioenas picazuro*)
PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)
PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*)
RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)
* BLUE GROUND-DOVE (*Claravis pretiosa*)
* WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*)
GRAY-FRONTED DOVE (*Leptotila rufaxilla*)
Psittacidae
BLUE-WINGED MACAW (*Primolius maracana*)
Two distant birds in flight near Duas Barras.
WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (*Aratinga leucophthalmus*)
E MAROON-BELLIED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura frontalis frontalis*)
Seen daily, often at the banana feeders on the Tucanos grounds.
E PLAIN PARAKEET (*Brotogeris tirica*)
Seen almost daily as well, this is the longest-tailed of all the Brotogeris.
SCALY-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus maximiliani*)

Cuculidae

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)
SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)
GUIRA CUCKOO (*Guira guira*)
Ungainly looking birds!

Tytonidae

BARN OWL (*Tyto alba*)
A pair at their day roost near Sumidouro.

Strigidae

- TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops choliba*)
A bird on a day roost at REGUA.
* TAWNY-BROWED OWL (*Pulsatrix koenigswaldiana*)
Heard by Pepper, Pete, and Andy only—from the lodge patio!

- * FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)
- BURROWING OWL (*Athene cunicularia*)

Caprimulgidae

PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)
A male flushed at REGUA.

Apodidae

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)
 SICK'S SWIFT (*Chaetura meridionalis*)
The common Chaetura during our stay.

Trochilidae

- E SAW-BILLED HERMIT (*Ramphodon naevius*)
Regular at the lodge feeders!
- E SCALE-THROATED HERMIT (*Phaethornis eurynome*)
Seen best along Theodoro Trail.
- REDDISH HERMIT (*Phaethornis ruber*)
Pete spotted a sitting bird singing at a lek during our visit to REGUA. We had fine scope views!
- E SOMBRE HUMMINGBIRD (*Campylopterus cirrochloris*)
One of the two most aggressive hummers at the lodge feeders.
- SWALLOW-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Eupetomena macroura*)
Regular at the lodge feeders.
- E BLACK JACOBIN (*Melanotrochilus fuscus*)
The other most aggressive hummer at the lodge feeders. A striking beauty!
- E PLOVERCREST (*Stephanoxis lalandi lalandi*)
Bill saw one at Pico da Caledonia; two females were later seen along the Bamboo Trail.
- E FRILLED COQUETTE (*Lophornis magnificus*)
Two females seen, one at the lodge, one along the Cedae Trail.
- GLITTERING-BELLIED EMERALD (*Chlorostilbon aureoventris*)
Jo had a male along the Portao track; another was seen near Duas Barras.
- E VIOLET-CAPPED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania glaucopis*)
Beautiful; seen daily at the lodge feeders.
- WHITE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD (*Leucochloris albicollis*)
Seen nicely on a number of occasions.
- VERSCOLORED EMERALD (*Agyrtria versicolor*)
A few were regular at the lodge feeders.
- SAPPHIRE-SPANGLED EMERALD (*Polyerata lactea*)
Two males seen.
- E BRAZILIAN RUBY (*Clytolaema rubricauda*)
Only females—and no bad deal at that!
- AMETHYST WOODSTAR (*Calliphlox amethystina*)
A male was seen along the Portao Azul track.

Trogonidae

- E SURUCUA TROGON (*Trogon surrucura*)
A very pretty trogon; seen well.

Alcedinidae

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Ceryle torquatus*)

Momotidae

- E RUFIOUS-CAPPED MOTMOT (*Baryphthengus ruficapillus*)
Difficult to see well, but we had pretty good looks at several of these big Atlantic Forest endemics.

Galbulidae

- E** THREE-TOED JACAMAR (*Jacamaralcyon tridactyla*)
Stunning views of these rare jacamars near Sumidouro. They reminded some of bee-eaters.

Bucconidae

- WHITE-EARED PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus chacuru*)
A very handsome puffbird!

Ramphastidae

- E** SAFFRON TOUCANET (*Bailloni bailloni*)
Fine views of a pair along the Portao Azul track!
- E** SPOT-BILLED TOUCANET (*Selenidera maculirostris*)
Our best views were of a pair along the Cedae Trail our last morning.
- CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus ariel*)

Picidae

- E** WHITE-BARRED PICULET (*Picumnus cirratus*)
Seen best along the Portao Azul track.
- E** YELLOW-EARED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis maculifrons*)
Seen at Serra dos Orgaos and along the Bamboo Trail.
- * YELLOW-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus flavigula erythropis*)
- E** YELLOW-BROWED WOODPECKER (*Piculus aurulentus*)
A beauty! Seen along the Portao track.
- N** GREEN-BARRED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes melanochloros*)
Seen at nest holes, one on the Portao track, the other in Serra dos Orgaos NP.
- CAMPO FLICKER (*Colaptes campestris campestris*)
- BLOND-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Celeus flavescens*)
Finally a super look for all at the lodge feeders!

Furnariidae

- EN** TAIL-BANDED HORNERO (*Furnarius figulus*)
Seen at the nest near Duas Barras.
- RUFOUS HORNERO (*Furnarius rufus*)
- CHICLI SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis spixi*)
- E** RUFOUS-CAPPED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis ruficapilla*)
Seen once nicely, then mostly heard.
- E** GRAY-BELLIED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis cinerascens*)
Dick got a quick look at a vocalizing bird (above the Trogon Ladies!) that responded to playback but would not show for all of us.
- E** PALLID SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca pallida*)
Nice views of this attractive, endemic, arboreal spinetail.
- YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL (*Certhiaxis cinnamomea*)
Seen at REGUA.
- E** ITATIAIA THISTLETAIL (*Oreophylax moreirae*)
This restricted endemic was seen by Tom, Dave, Pepper, and Pete at the top of our ascent on Pico da Caledonia.
- N** COMMON THORNBIRD (*Phacellodomus rufifrons*)
Huge stick nests!
- EN** RED-EYED THORNBIRD (*Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus erythrophthalmus*)
We had nice views of a nesting pair near Duas Barras (where we only heard the Serra Antwren).
- N** FIREWOOD-GATHERER (*Anumbius annumbi*)
Nice response from this nesting bird. What a name!
- * STREAKED XENOPS (*Xenops rutilans*)
Heard at REGUA.
- E** SHARP-BILLED TREEHUNTER (*Heliobletus contaminatus*)
At least four seen on the Bamboo Trail. Some noted that it suggests a Xenops.

- E** WHITE-BROWED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Anabacerthia amaurotis*)
One seen by most of the group.
- BUFF-BROWED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Syndactyla rufosuperciliata*)
Seen well along the Theodoro Trail.
- E** PALE-BROWED TREEHUNTER (*Cichlocolaptes leucophrus leucophrus*)
Great study of this big endemic along the Theodoro Trail!
- N** BUFF-FRONTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor rufus*)
Seen well on several occasions; we found a nest burrow in a bank.
- E** OCHRE-BREASTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor lichtensteini*)
One seen along the Cedae Trail by some.
- E** BLACK-CAPPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor atricapillus*)
Two seen along the Cedae Trail. A very pretty foliage-gleaner.
- E** WHITE-COLLARED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Anabazenops fuscus*)
The most handsome of all the foliage-gleaners in the Atlantic Forest! Seen splendidly.
- E** WHITE-EYED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus leucophthalmus*)
Also seen well, though just one!
- SHARP-TAILED STREAMCREEPER (*Lochmias nematura nematura*)
Everyone finally got nice views of this peculiar bird; a pair was nesting at the lodge.

Dendrocolaptidae

- E** THRUSH-LIKE WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla turdina*)
Fantastic study of a bird at REGUA!
- OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus sylviiellus*)
This taxon will doubtless be split from other taxa of "Olivaceous" Woodcreeper. Its uniform mustard coloration is very different from the Amazonian gray-and-rufescent taxa, and the vocalization is very different.
- E** WHITE-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphocolaptes albicollis*)
A whopping bill on this endemic woodcreeper!
- E** LESSER WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus fuscus*)
Seen nicely on numerous occasions; one of the endemics to be found at the lodge.
- E** SCALED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes squamatus squamatus*)
A very pretty woodcreeper.
- E** BLACK-BILLED SCYTHEBILL (*Campylorhamphus falcularius*)
Terrific looks at this sensational woodcreeper on the Bamboo Trail.

Thamnophilidae

- E** SPOT-BACKED ANTSHRIKE (*Hypoedaleus guttatus*)
What a great bird! We had excellent views of a pair along the Cedae Trail. The last of the "big five" antshrikes for us chronologically, but first phylogenetically.
- GIANT ANTSHRIKE (*Batara cinerea*)
AWESOME! What a bird. One of Ann's favorites, as it was a catch-up from Itatiaia on a former trip to the Atlantic Forest. She got both sexes!
- E** TUFTED ANTSHRIKE (*Mackenziaena severa*)
Nice looks at a black male along the Portao Azul track.
- E** LARGE-TAILED ANTSHRIKE (*Mackenziaena leachii*)
A STUNNER! This male almost jumped those still with us on Pico da Caledonia! One of my favorite birds of southeast Brazil.
- E** WHITE-BEARDED ANTSHRIKE (*Biatas nigropectus*)
Another favorite! An extraordinary bird with a fascinating history; we had a beautiful, singing male in the bamboo along the Bamboo Trail. The very mention of "Biatas" can bring grown men to tears!
- * CHESTNUT-BACKED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus palliatus*)
- E*** SOORETAMA SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus ambiguus*)
Oddly this antshrike would not show, although we kept it singing back near Sumidouro.

- VARIABLE ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus caerulescens caerulescens*)
Seen well and heard often.
- RUFIOUS-CAPPED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus ruficapillus ruficapillus*)
A pair seen well on the flanks of Pico da Caledonia.
- E** SPOT-BREASTED ANTVIREO (*Dysithamnus stictothorax*)
Seen repeatedly along the Cedae Trail.
- PLAIN ANTVIREO (*Dysithamnus mentalis*)
Common at the lodge.
- E** RUFIOUS-BACKED ANTVIREO (*Dysithamnus xanthopterus*)
A beautiful little antvireo! Seen well below Pico da Caledonia.
- E** STAR-THROATED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula gularis*)
A pair seen well in the lower part of Serra dos Orgaos NP.
- E** WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula axillaris luctuosa*)
Another taxon that will be split. We saw these antwrens nicely at REGUA.
- E** UNICOLORED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula unicolor*)
Three seen well at REGUA. This is a very good endemic to have seen well—it's limited to the lowlands in the Atlantic Forest.
- E*** SERRA ANTWREN (*Formicivora serrana interposita*)
Darn! We could hear this antwren responding to playback well upslope, but it refused to show!
- E** FERRUGINOUS ANTBIRD (*Drymophila ferruginea*)
The first, phylogenetically, of the "little six"—6 smashing species of Drymophila antbirds that are all endemic to the Atlantic Forest. This one is especially beautiful. Seen well along the Portao Azul track and even above the Tucanos grounds near the contemplation bench!
- E** BERTONI'S ANTBIRD (*Drymophila rubricollis*)
A great one.
- E** RUFIOUS-TAILED ANTBIRD (*Drymophila genei*)
This one prefers higher elevations.
- E** OCHRE-RUMPED ANTBIRD (*Drymophila ochropyga*)
Seen awfully well by those who wanted more than Trogons.
- E** DUSKY-TAILED ANTBIRD (*Drymophila malura*)
Stunning encounter with this cool little antbird, also along the Portao Azul track.
- E** SCALED ANTBIRD (*Drymophila squamata*)
Seen well, finally, at REGUA.
- E** STREAK-CAPPED ANTWREN (*Terenura maculata*)
Seen well many times. Fairly common on the lodge grounds.
- E** WHITE-SHOULDERED FIRE-EYE (*Pyriglena leucoptera*)
Seen along the Theodoro Trail; heard elsewhere.

Formicariidae

- RUFIOUS-CAPPED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius colma*)
Strikingly good looks at Serra dos Orgaos!
- *** SHORT-TAILED ANTTHRUSH (*Chamaeza campanisona campanisona*)
Heard along the Theodoro Trail.
- E** BRAZILIAN (RUFIOUS-TAILED) ANTTHRUSH (*Chamaeza ruficauda*)
Seen especially well as it walked below us along the canopy boardwalk, Serra dos Orgaos.
- E*** SUCH'S (CRYPTIC) ANTTHRUSH (*Chamaeza meruloides*)
Heard along the Bamboo Trail, but it would not show for us.

VARIEGATED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria varia*)

Another prize seen well below the boardwalk at Serra dos Orgaos.

Conopophagidae

E RUFIOUS GNATEATER (*Conopophaga lineata*)
Seen nicely on the lodge grounds—low for this species! And for the second year in a row.

E BLACK-CHEEKED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga melanops*)
What a beauty! Seen at our feet at the entrance to Serra dos Orgaos NP.

Rhinocryptidae

E* SPOTTED BAMBOOWREN (*Psilorhamphus guttatus*)
Painfully, this cool little tapaculo was heard only along the Bamboo Trail, the first time I've had it on this trip.

E SLATY BRISTLEFRONT (*Merulaxis ater*)
Three along the Bamboo Trail; most got to see it well, but some just glimpsed its ghost. What a vocalization!

E SERRA DO MAR TAPACULO (*Scytalopus notorius*)
Seen splendidly by all at our feet on the slopes of Pico da Caledonia.

E WHITE-BREASTED TAPACULO (*Scytalopus indigoticus*)
Glimpsed by most, seen well by some of us, along the Portao Azul track. A weird, frog-like vocalizations! We heard several others further out the track.

Cotingidae

SHARPBILL (*Oxyruncus cristatus*)
Truly extraordinary views of a bird so low we could almost touch it! We could even see its orange-red eye and sharp bill!

E BRAZILIAN LANIISOMA (*Laniisoma elegans elegans*)
*Outstanding! Seen beautifully on the Theodoro Trail, this bird was singing on its own, its voice recorded and played back for excellent views by all. I have followed Ridgely in calling this bird "Brazilian Laniisoma," one of its several common names; this designation seems preferable to other more confusing alternatives since it is more closely related to *Laniocera* than *Cotinga*. It is the nominate taxon and will be split from the Andean taxa; indeed, Ridgely splits it in his new guide to South American passerines.*

E SWALLOW-TAILED COTINGA (*Phibalura flavirostris flavirostris*)
Nice views of a bird sitting atop a tree on the flanks of Pico da Caledonia.

E BLACK-AND-GOLD COTINGA (*Tijuca atra*)
What a thrill to see this bird singing beside the road on our descent from Pico da Caledonia! A superb cotinga!

E GRAY-WINGED COTINGA (*Tijuca condita*)
Heard by those who scaled the road up Pico da Caledonia, and seen marvellously only (alas) by Tom, Pepper, and Pete, with apologies to Dave who was heeding the call of nature. I've never seen it so close.

E HOODED BERRYEATER (*Carpornis cucullatus*)
A stunning view of a male that responded nicely to playback along the Bamboo Trail.

E BARE-THROATED BELLBIRD (*Procnias nudicollis*)
More stunning views of this striking cotinga; and many were heard "ringing bells to high heaven" in the same vicinity of the Bamboo Trail.

Pipridae

WHITE-BEARDED MANAKIN (*Manacus manacus*)
A snappily dressed male visited one of the small fruiting trees beside the swimming pool on the lodge grounds.

E BLUE MANAKIN (*Chiroxiphia caudata*)
*One of the highlights of the tour was watching a group of four males display along a limb before a female. All were orderly and took turns hovering before her, only to return to the end of the line, queueing up yet again with renewed hope of impressing her the next time. She remained unmoved by all! We watched this extraordinary performance take place at REGUA for more than 10 minutes! Treat yourself by reading the fine, illustrated description of this remarkable display in Helmut Sick's *Birds in Brazil* (1993).*

E PIN-TAILED MANAKIN (*Ilicura militaris*)
What sensational attire! Several beautiful males were seen at the fruiting trees beside the pool on the lodge grounds.

E SERRA TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Neopelma chrysolophum*)
Excellent study of a bird in the scope (filling the field!) on the slopes of Caledonia. Also heard on the Portao track.

- E** GREENISH SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis virescens*)
Uncommonly good views on the Theodoro Trail.

Tyrannidae

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

YELLOW TYRANNULET (*Capsiempis flaveola*)

Seen on the Bamboo Trail; this group of taxa is complex and needs further study.

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster*)

OLIVACEOUS ELAENIA (*Elaenia mesoleuca*)

- E** GRAY-HOODED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes rufiventris*)

Our best look was that of a bird eating small fruit beside the pool on the lodge grounds. Also seen at REGUA.

SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*)

SERRA DO MAR TYRANNULET (*Phylloscartes difficilis*)

A lovely bird seen on our descent from Caledonia in response to playback. Recall that "Chestnut-sided Warbler green" coloration?

PLANALTO TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias fasciatus*)

- E** GRAY-CAPPED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias griseocapilla*)

Nice studies of a bird in the fruiting trees beside the pool.

- E** EARED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis auricularis*)

A nice surprise at the Three-toed Jacamar spot. This bird is downright miniscule!

OCHRE-FACED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilatriccus plumbeiceps*)

The flatulent one.

- E** DRAB-BREASTED BAMBOO-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus diops*)

Excellent views at the end of the Portao track.

- E** EYE-RINGED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus orbitatus*)

Common in the forest at REGUA where we had nice views. One bird was also seen on the trail above the lodge.

- E** HANGNEST TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus nidipendulus*)

One seen by part of the group along the Portao track.

- E** YELLOW-LORED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum poliocephalum*)

Seen well on the lodge grounds and elsewhere.

- * LARGE-HEADED FLATBILL (*Ramphotriccus megacephala megacephala*)

Heard along the Bamboo Trail.

- E** YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens sulphurescens*)

This nominate taxon is endemic to the Atlantic Forest and will eventually be split when this genus is finally sorted out. Common on the lodge grounds and elsewhere in forest.

WHITE-THROATED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus mystaceus*)

Seen on the lodge grounds, one even from the patio as it inspected the water at the back of the lawn.

- E** YELLOW-RUMPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiobius mastacalis*)

EULER'S FLYCATCHER (*Lathrotriccus euleri euleri*)

WHITE-RUMPED MONJITA (*Xolmis velata*)

BLUE-BILLED BLACK-TYRANT (*Knipolegus cyanirostris*)

Seen on the slopes of Pico da Caledonia.

- E** VELVETY BLACK-TYRANT (*Knipolegus nigerrimus*)

One male seen by those who hiked up for the thistletail on Caledonia.

CRESTED BLACK-TYRANT (*Knipolegus lophotes*)

Seen near Duas Barras and Sumidouro.

- N** MASKED WATER-TYRANT (*Fluvicola nengeta*)

Nesting near the pool on the lodge grounds.

WHITE-HEADED MARSH-TYRANT (*Arundinicola leucocephala*)

One male seen at the wetlands, REGUA.

LONG-TAILED TYRANT (*Colonia colonus*)

- CATTLE TYRANT (*Machetornis rixosus*)
- E** SHEAR-TAILED GRAY-TYRANT (*Muscipipra vetula*)
Seen on Pico da Caledonia. An interesting tyrannid in its proportions.
- E** GRAY-HOODED ATTILA (*Attila rufus*)
Several of these handsome birds were seen well, one especially so on the lodge grounds.
- * GRAYISH MOURNER (*Rhytipterna simplex simplex*)
Heard only at REGUA.
- SWAINSON'S FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus swainsoni*)
Seen on the Portao Azul track.
- BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)
A pair seen at the Three-toed Jacamar spot.
- N** GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)
Nesting on the lodge grounds.
- BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarhynchus pitangua*)
- * RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*)
Heard out the Theodoro Trail.
- SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)
- STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)
- VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*)
- TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)
- FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus savana*)
- N** CHESTNUT-CROWNED BECARD (*Pachyramphus castaneus*)
A pair nesting on the lodge grounds.
- * GREEN-BACKED BECARD (*Pachyramphus viridis*)
A distant bird heard on the Portao Azul track.
- BLACK-CAPPED BECARD (*Pachyramphus marginatus*)
One female by Pepper only.
- CRESTED BECARD (*Pachyramphus validus*)
A pair seen at the lower section of Serra dos Orgaos.

Hirundinidae

- BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*)
- GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)
- WHITE-RUMPED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta leucorrhoa*)
- BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW (*Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*)
- TAWNY-HEADED SWALLOW (*Alopochelidon fucata*)
Fine study of a pair (in the scope!) near Duas Barras.
- SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

Troglodytidae

- BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*)
One near Duas Barras.
- HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*)
Daily.

Mimidae

- CHALK-BROWED MOCKINGBIRD (*Mimus saturninus*)
Seen near Duas Barras and Sumidouro.

Turdidae

- YELLOW-LEGGED THRUSH (*Platycichla flavipes*)
Ann got us on our first one.

- N** RUFIOUS-BELLIED THRUSH (*Turdus rufiventris*)
Daily.
- N** PALE-BREASTED THRUSH (*Turdus leucomelas*)
Daily. A pair was nesting along the palm trunk in the lodge garden.
- CREAMY-BELLIED THRUSH (*Turdus amaurochalinus*)
Seen on the lodge grounds and elsewhere.
- * WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (*Turdus albicollis albicollis*)
Heard on the Cedae Trail.

Passeridae

- I** HOUSE SPARROW (*Passer domesticus*)

Vireonidae

- RED-EYED (CHIVI) VIREO (*Vireo olivaceus chivi*)
- E** RUFIOUS-CROWNED GREENLET (*Hylophilus poicilotis*)
Seen nicely along the Portao track.
- RUFIOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*)
Daily.

Fringillidae

- VIOLACEOUS EUPHONIA (*Euphonia violacea*)
Daily. A constant visitor to the banana feeders.
- ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)
An occasional visitor to the banana feeders.
- E** CHESTNUT-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia pectoralis*)
A regular visitor to the banana feeders, this endemic is the Atlantic Forest counterpart of the Amazonian Rufous-bellied Euphonia.
- BLUE-NAPED CHLOROPHONIA (*Chlorophonia cyanea*)
What beautiful birds these are!
- HOODED SISKIN (*Carduelis magellanica*)

Parulidae

- TROPICAL PARULA (*Parula pitiayumi*)
- MASKED YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis aequinoctialis*)
- GOLDEN-CROWNED WARBLER (*Basileuterus culicivorus*)
- E** WHITE-RIMMED (-BROWED) WARBLER (*Basileuterus leucoblepharus*)
This endemic warbler was seen best on the Theodoro Trail.

Coeribidae

- BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

Thraupidae

- E** BROWN TANAGER (*Orchesticus abeillei*)
What a thrill to hear and see three of these fine tanagers at Serra dos Orgaos NP! It was extremely gratifying to your guide to get such good recordings of their song. This is a rare, monotypic tanager endemic to southeastern Brazil.
- E** RUFIOUS-HEADED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis ruficapilla*)
Two pair seen on the Cedae Trail.
- YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*)
- FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)
- E** RUBY-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus coronatus*)
Daily at the lodge feeders.
- BLACK-GOGGLED TANAGER (*Trichothraupis melanops*)
Almost daily.
- E** BRAZILIAN TANAGER (*Ramphocelus bresilius*)
What a brilliant tanager! Strikingly present daily at the lodge feeders.

- SAYACA TANAGER (*Thraupis sayaca*)
- E** AZURE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Thraupis cyanoptera*)
Probably seen best along the Bamboo Trail. Nice song.
- E** GOLDEN-CHEVRONED TANAGER (*Thraupis ornata*)
An endemic present daily at the lodge feeders.
- PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)
- DIADEMED TANAGER (*Stephanophorus diadematus*)
A lovely tanager of high elevations in Rio.
- FAWN-BREASTED TANAGER (*Pipraeidea melanonota*)
One beauty along the Portao Azul track near the outset.
- E** GREEN-HEADED TANAGER (*Tangara seledon*)
This first of four extremely beautiful Tangaras, all endemic to the Atlantic Forest. Seen daily at the feeders.
- E** RED-NECKED TANAGER (*Tangara cyanocephala*)
Not a feeder visitor, but seen beautifully in the fruiting trees near the pool and along the Cedae Trail.
- E** BRASSY-BREASTED TANAGER (*Tangara desmaresti*)
This Tangara likes a bit higher elevation than the previous two.
- E** GILT-EDGED TANAGER (*Tangara cyanoventris*)
Unprecedented! These handsome birds came to join us for lunch near Duas Barras; they came to within 6-8 feet of us in response to playback, giving us unbelievable views and photos!
- BURNISHED-BUFF TANAGER (*Tangara cayana*)
A handsome Tangara seen in low numbers at the lodge feeders.
- BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)
- GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)
- SWALLOW TANAGER (*Tersina viridis*)
Seen along the Portao track.
- Emberizidae***
- E** BAY-CHESTED WARBLING-FINCH (*Poospiza thoracica*)
A very pretty finch, seen on the slopes of Pico da Caledonia.
- BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)
- E*** BUFFY-FRONTED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila frontalis*)
One heard only along the Theodoro Trail; rather surprisingly, it would not respond to playback, even by calling, much less showing.
- E** TEMMINCK'S SEEDEATER (*Sporophila falcirostris*)
One heard singing along the Bamboo Trail that shut up when we tried playback.
- WHITE-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila leucoptera leucoptera*)
One seen on a wire near Duas Barras.
- E** UNIFORM FINCH (*Haplospiza unicolor*)
Seen in largest numbers along Portao Azul track.
- N** SAFFRON FINCH (*Sicalis flaveola*)
- E** HALF-COLLARED SPARROW (*Arremon semitorquatus*)
A beautiful sparrow seen well on the Portao Azul track.
- GRASSLAND SPARROW (*Ammodramus humeralis*)
One at the "seven dwarfs" stop near Duas Barras.
- N** RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis*)
- Cardinalidae***
- BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)
One at REGUA.
- E** BLACK-THROATED GROSBEAK (*Saltator fuliginosus*)
Finally, good views on the Cedae Trail of two singing males.
- GREEN-WINGED SALTATOR (*Saltator similis*)

YELLOW-GREEN GROSBEAK (*Caryothraustes canadensis*)
One of Bill's favorites; seen near headquarters in Serra dos Orgaos NP.

Icteridae

CHESTNUT-CAPPED BLACKBIRD (*Chrysomus ruficapillus*)
Seen nicely near Duas Barras.

SHINY COWBIRD (*Molothrus bonariensis*)
My, how these cowbirds can fool you in good light!

GIANT COWBIRD (*Scaphidura oryzivora*)

RED-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus haemorrhous*)
Common at REGUA.

- N** CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus*)
CHOPI BLACKBIRD (*Gnorimopsar chopi*)
Seen in the Duas Barras area.

MAMMALS

- * BROWN HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta fuscus*)
Heard along the Portao Azul track.

- E** BLACK CAPUCHIN (*Cebus nigrurus*)
*This Atlantic Forest endemic was formerly placed with *Cebus apella*, Brown Capuchin, but is now recognized as a separate species by most authorities. Based on the range, I believe we saw the nominate taxon. We had about 12 in Serra dos Orgaos NP where we had our lunch. It is considered Near Threatened.*

GUIANAN SQUIRREL (*Sciurus aestuans*)
Fairly common; regular at the lodge feeders.