



Field Guides Tour Report

GREAT RIVERS OF THE AMAZON I: Exploring the Rio Aripuana 2017

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Returning to the mother ship after a great morning outing. Photo by guide Bret Whitney.

Our adventure on some of the great rivers of the central Amazon began in Manaus, that burgeoning city of 2+ million people(!) at the confluence of the rios Negro and Amazonas. After an early breakfast at the lovely Tropical Hotel, a landmark in Manaus, we made our way across town to the port area, which was bustling as the first sign of dawn colored the eastern horizon. Check-in for the “lancha-ajato” (speed launch) to the little town of Novo Aripuana was quick and easy, and we boarded for an on-time departure, at about 06:00. It was interesting and really quite thrilling to pull away from the city into the main channel of the vast Rio Negro on a perfectly clear, calm morning, and gradually feel the power of those twin 200-horse engines kicking in! In minutes we were near the famed “Encontro das Aguas” (meeting of the waters), where the Negro meets the Rio Solimoes coming down from Peru and Colombia, the two together forming the Rio Amazonas. What a place to be, on the planet Earth! We really couldn’t appreciate the scale of the scene from our low angle in the speed launch, but we would see everything very well from our big, live-aboard boat on our return to Manaus.

The lancha-ajato trip to Novo Aripuana was to be an essentially all-day experience, we knew, but the planned “8-9 hours” ended up at about 11 hours, mainly owing to engine problems along the Rio Madeira portion of the run. We got through it in good enough shape and enjoyed a gorgeous sunset on the Madeira an hour or so before pulling in at Novo Aripuana. Much to our delight, our beautiful, big, white boat, the Tumbira, was there to meet us! We promptly transferred aboard and settled luggage into our rooms, and raised our first toast of the tour with caipirinhas and cervejas in hand, “Here’s to making it to the mouth of the Rio Aripuana and to the real start of a great birding adventure in some wild and little-known forests of central Amazonia!” We then sat down to Dona Eugenia’s first dinner, which was (as always they were!) delicious. That was a wonderful night’s sleep, after a long day of travel (or 2-3 days for some of us).

Next morning dawned lightly overcast and calm. It was delightfully cool on the top deck, where Neuza was serving a scrumptious breakfast. The Tumbira motored so smoothly and quietly up from the mouth of the Aripuana... it was hard to believe where we actually were, even looking at Bret’s satellite image showing our progress route up the river, cruising between several long, narrow islands. Birds were on all sides, vying for our attention as we enjoyed fresh pao-de-queijo, cakes, fruit, porridge, eggs and toast and coffee and tea and juices, and on and on. We were hollering out bird names left and right, and everyone was spotting stuff ahead and behind. Gosh, that was fun! Before long, we called our first stop, at one of these long, forested islands where Bret and Micah had done some scouting a week ahead of the tour. We walked down the gangplank and on to a nice trail they had put into

seasonally flooded forest (all of these islands flood completely for several months each year). We soon found the principal subject of our search: a male Amazonian Black-Tyrant! Also of special note was a huge White Witch moth (*Thysania agripinna*) “hiding” spread-winged on a tree trunk. Following a couple of more birding stops and lunch as we made our way upriver, we dropped anchor at the small community of Nova Olinda, where Bret had birded several times over the past 15+ years, including on Field Guides’s first tour to the Aripuana, in August of 2015. He and Micah had spent a few days here before our tour, to help put in some trails in terra firme forest a short distance behind the village. Those trails were very productive for us! Some of the great birds we picked up over the next several days included Laughing Falcon, Natterer’s Striolated-Puffbird (at the moment, still considered part of “Eastern” Puffbird, but you can be quite sure that this will change), Collared Puffbird, Pavonine Quetzal (a fabulous male and female together), Gould’s Toucanet, Blue-cheeked, Paradise, and Great jacamars; Black-girdled Barbet, Needle-billed Hermit, Kawall’s Parrot, the bizarre but also very beautiful Bald Parrot (restricted to a rather small area of the central Amazon basin), Crimson-bellied Parakeet, huge Red-necked Woodpeckers, Chestnut-winged Hookbill, an immature male Black-necked Red Cotinga, and nesting White-browed Purpletufts. There were several excellent sightings of woodcreepers, among them the endemic Hoffmann’s and Rondonia (the latter recently split as part of the Lineated complex), Ocellated (which is an unnamed population on this bank of the Aripuana), and Curve-billed Scythebill. A Glossy-backed Becard was a rare sighting (rarely documented south of the Amazon), as was a Cinnamon Neopipo, which is fairly widespread but seldom seen anywhere. Antbirds were great as well, with especially good sightings of Fasciated Antshrike, Chestnut-tailed Antbird (an unnamed population having a distinctive song), and three recently described (2013) species endemic to the narrow region between the Aripuana and Machado rivers: Roosevelt Antwren (probably soon to be called Roosevelt Stipplethroat), Aripuana Antwren, and Manicore Warbling-Antbird. Army ants were scarce, unfortunately, but one day we did manage brief views of White-breasted Antbird, and we heard both Pale-faced and Black-spotted bare-eyes. Special mention goes to the remarkably cooperative Banded Antbird that Marcelo called in for us! And speaking of special mentions... how about that Rufous Potoo that Micah miraculously spotted on its day-roost well back from the trail, while we were trying to find a calling Blue-backed Manakin! We were able to walk right up to it, as it relied on its camouflage, which even involves a rhythmic rocking motion it performs to emulate the sway of a dead, rufous-brown leaf in the breeze. And it was on Micah’s birthday, what a rare and wonderful event (present to himself and all of us) that was! Finally, one of our greatest highlights was finding the undescribed shrike-vireo Bret had discovered several years earlier. Wow, it was fantastic to watch it singing its distinctive song – in the scope, no less!!

That evening we hosted a dinner party for a bunch of folks on our boat and from Nova Olinda who had November birthdays. Micah was one of them, of course, and it turned out that he and one of the girls from the village had been born the same day, within a couple of hours of each other! Junior did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies (check out the video, below).

Out along the Aripuana and on side streams, there were many quite different species, perhaps highlighted by eight(!) Agami Herons in one short stretch of a backwater lagoon. Watching the video (below), you’ll enjoy reliving the trip we made in there one afternoon, via a very narrow and shallow entrance! In the Nova Olinda area, it was also very interesting to see several species of North American breeding birds, here on their territories for the winter months. These included Broad-winged Hawk (probably the first record for the Aripuana), hundreds of Common Nighthawks, some perhaps still moving south (flying well above the numerous resident Band-tailed Nighthawks, low over the river); several Eastern Wood-Pewees, and a couple of Olive-sided Flycatchers. We also found several American Golden-Plovers and a few Pectoral Sandpipers, migrants headed for more southerly wintering grounds in Brazil and Argentina.

We also saw some interesting mammals, of course! Common Woolly Monkey, White-nosed Bearded Saki, Prince Bernard’s Titi Monkey, and Gold-and-white Marmoset put in appearances, but we had no luck finding the rare Dwarf Marmoset. We also had fabulous views of a rarely seen Neotropical Pygmy Squirrel, a solitary Ghost Bat that Micah somehow managed to spot as it hung quietly beneath a palm leaf, and several Amazon (Pink) River Dolphins. There were sundry other fascinating critters and bugs, such as those Red-eyed Planthoppers with their impressive, waxy tail plumes, and a rarely seen *Agrias* genus butterfly, which is highly prized by lepidopterists and butterfly collectors. As he had done on the 2015 Aripuana tour, Micah had deployed several autonomous camera traps at propitious trail crossings and watering holes in the forest. He collected them during the tour, and, like kids in a candy store, we loved checking the video cards to see what might be captured there. There good images of curious Dark-winged Trumpeters (which we did not encounter “live” on the trails, sad to report), Razor-billed Curassow, Brazilian Tapir, and a Greater long-nosed Armadillo. Fantastic!

Our plan was to continue up the lower Aripuana, above Nova Olinda, to bird for 2-3 days along a narrow tributary to the left bank of the river. Bret and Micah had noted that the river was quite low and still dropping a week ahead of the tour, so we had remained hopeful that several rains that had fallen in the interim might have raised water levels enough to permit our passage upriver in the Tumbira... but it was not to be. Indeed, 2017 was an unusually dry year in the headwaters region of the Aripuana (well above us, mostly in Mato Grosso state). Our crew made a valiant effort backed by many years of collective experience, but, after narrowly getting by the first massive sandbar exposed by the falling river, the second one was impassable -- there was less than 1.5 meters of depth at the front of the Tumbira (thus, significantly less directly beneath her) across the main channel. It was a bummer to not reach the tributary stream, where we had hoped to find the recently described Dwarf Manatee, but this setback would not mean missing any species of birds there. This turn of events underscored one of the great advantages of our boat-based tours: flexibility to accommodate shifts in the planned itinerary, whether occasioned by unfavorable conditions ahead, or to take advantage of ephemeral opportunities or novel ideas that may come up.

Thus, we swung the bow downriver to pass Nova Olinda a ways, and explore a recently opened, clandestine logging road through well-developed terra firme forest. A massive rainstorm caught up with us there, but, fortunately, it hit before we had left the Tumbira so all we had to do was enjoy the wind and lightning show, and let it pass, which took an hour or so. Birding was quite productive here (several of the species listed above were found). Our revised tour plan would be to continue down the Aripuana, making a stop or two as we approached the confluence with the Rio Madeira, then make opportunistic stops on islands and on both banks of that great river, en route back to Manaus.

The ensuing week of exploratory birding turned out to be very interesting and productive. Our first morning dawned on the left bank of the Madeira, where we worked a beautiful, level trail through seasonally flooded forest with many enormous trees exceeding 30 meters in height. Highlights included Chestnut-capped Puffbird, Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper, Lemon-throated Barbet (what a beauty!), and Varzea Thrush, which Bret and Micah had found ahead of the tour, marking an important new locality on the Madeira for this recently named species (Dan Lane and colleagues described it from northern Peru). A couple of this morning’s birds would have been lifers for Marcelo, but he had to miss being with us, having fallen victim to a roughly 24-hour virus that had been steadily working its way through us. This was a lousy and highly unusual hardship that almost everyone except Steve, Bret, and Micah had to deal with on one day or another.

Birding the big island in the Madeira, in front of Novo Aripuana, was made possible by our boat crew having opened a fresh trail through rank, young-island vegetation. The main treat here was great views of Glossy and also Castelnau’s antshrikes (on the Madeira, most authors call the latter Blackish-gray Antshrike). That evening, we continued a short ways down the Madeira to a community near a large lake a few kilometers back from the river, Lago Maraja. The next morning’s birding took place beneath, low, threatening clouds, but just a short distance along the trail we had fine scope views of Amazonian Umbrellabird, Festive and Short-tailed parrots feeding on acai palm fruits, Plain Softtail, and a good bunch of other species, all seen well.

We made it back to the Tumbira just as the rain started to pelt down, and we decided to just continue downriver toward the old town of Borba, on the right bank of the Madeira, where Bret and Micah had taken another Field Guides group a few months earlier.

Borba yielded a few special prizes for us, particularly Least Nighthawk (we're still working out the taxonomy of this complex in Amazonia), White-browed Hawk, Spotted Puffbird, Brown-banded Puffbird, Brown-chested Barbet (the latter two in the same tree!), Amazonian Scrub-Flycatcher, and a fine scope study of a very close Bald Parrot. Not far away, but on the other side of the Madeira, we got on to a trail on private property that the owner showed us, winding about a mile back from the river through manioc fields and second-growth to enter tall, undisturbed rainforest. By the time we made it all the way in there, it was mid-morning, and the forest was very quiet... but the habitat was excellent and we continued walking ahead on a vague little trail. Our efforts soon paid off, as we found a large army ant swarm with a good number of birds in attendance, although most of them were good at keeping themselves largely out-of-sight: Common Scale-backed Antbird, White-throated Antbird, Reddish-winged Bare-eye, and White-chinned, Plain-brown, and fantastic Bar-bellied woodcreepers. A couple of nice mixed-species flocks yielded Madeira Antwren (probably soon to be called Madeira Stipplethroat, a close relative of the Roosevelt Stipplethroat we'd seen on the Aripuana) and Spot-throated Woodcreeper, and we had nice scope views of Golden-collared Toucanet on the way in, and Curl-crested Aracaris on the walk out. Great looks at seldom-seen Pearly Antshrikes was another biggie in there. Another stop on the west (left) bank of the Madeira on the way downriver toward Manaus produced Humaita Antbird, which is seldom-seen species split a few years ago from the Spot-winged Antbird complex.

After a couple of overnight surges on those "river-highways" toward Manaus, we made fun and highly memorable stops at the mouth of the Madeira for Olive-spotted Hummer and Brownish Elaenia, then (nearer Manaus) at Lago dos Reis, inside Carreiro Island in the Amazonas, and on a satellite island off the south side of Marchantaria Island. Lago dos Reis was absolutely teeming with Large-billed Terns, egrets, herons, some storks, and lots of other piscivorous birds – as Bret pointed out, it was "A bad place to be a fish." Among those myriad fishes were lots of Red-bellied Piranhas, several of which we managed to catch on baited lines (to save a thousand words, just watch the video). The Meeting of the Waters was a real crowd-pleaser, a very impressive sight as we cruised slowly along the sharp demarcation of the warmer, more acidic, tea-colored Rio Negro with the colder, denser, "café com leite" Rio Solimoes (= Amazon). Our final stop -- which was actually on the Rio Solimoes just above its confluence with the Negro at Manaus -- was a quickie, but it netted us Green-throated Mango, Parker's Spinetail, River Tyrannulet, Riverside Tyrant, Island Fuscous Flycatcher, and both Bicolored and Pearly-breasted cone-bills. Back in Manaus, our private van was there to whisk us off to the old downtown area for a lovely tour of the justly famed "Teatro Amazonas" (the Opera House), which Junior ably guided for us. Following some time to relax, repack, and have our farewell caipirinhas and dinner on the Tumbira, we shared good-bye hugs with the crew and made our way over to the international airport in good time for a leisurely check-in to flights home.

When we're checking in for flights, thinking about what's been going on at home and all we have to do when we get back... it's hard to focus on what we have "been at" the past couple of weeks. It was really quite a lot, and it was important, more than just ticking off a list of observed species. So few people (non-residents) have devoted the resources -- time, money, effort, stamina -- required to access remote lands such as these. On the wonderful Tumbira, it seems so easy (and in many ways, it usually is quite comfortable), but, as you lay your heads to rest this night, hark back to those steep river banks, newly cut forest trails, muggy temperatures, (with almost no biting bugs!!), and some mad dashes to shelter ahead of torrential downpours... and I know your hearts will beat that bit harder and faster, just as mine does now, reliving our days afield.

And what a jovial and congenial group we were! Thanks to all for coming with us to explore some very unusual destinations in a remote sector of the Amazon basin. We certainly look forward to seeing everyone again for more fun birding, whenever the timing works out. Here's to us!! Best wishes for a hasty close to winter and a lovely spring and summer ahead!

Bret (writing this intro), Marcelo (doing the main list, his first endeavor!), and our apprentice-guide, Micah Riegner, who did a superb job

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

BIRDS

Tinamidae (Tinamous)

GREAT TINAMOU (*Tinamus major*) [*]

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

CINEREOUS TINAMOU (*Crypturellus cinereus*) [*]

LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*) [*]

UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*) – Really nice looks of one bird on the forest edge at Meirum lake.

BRAZILIAN TINAMOU (*Crypturellus strigulosus*) [*]

VARIEGATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus variegatus*) [*]

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) – Four birds flying over the Lago dos Reis, on the last morning.

MUSCOVY DUCK (*Cairina moschata*)

BRAZILIAN TEAL (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*) – Seen once, at Flechal Island, on the last day of the tour.

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

SPECKLED CHACHALACA (*Ortalis guttata*) [*]

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

RED-THROATED PIPING-GUAN (*Pipile cujubi*) – Micah spotted a single bird from the Tumbira's top deck.

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

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

Ciconiidae (Storks)

WOOD STORK (*Mycteria americana*) – Great looks of this huge bird at Lago dos Reis. Really cool!

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Anhingidae (Anhingas)

ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*)

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*)

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*) – A few immature birds with other species of Egrets in the Lagos dos Reis area.

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)

AGAMI HERON (*Agamia agami*) – Wow! It's always great to see this elegant and colorful Heron! A few birds gave us a show in a narrow canal at Meirum lake.

CAPPED HERON (*Pilherodius pileatus*)

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

BOAT-BILLED HERON (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) – Great looks of a few individuals on the last morning.

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*) – An immature bird flying over the forest near Borba.

Pandionidae (Osprey)

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*)

ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus ornatus*) – This beautiful hawk was seen very briefly in a logging road.

BLACK-AND-WHITE HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus melanoleucus*) – This is the rarest Hawk-eagle in Amazon but it was seen four times on this tour. Really nice!

BLACK-COLLARED HAWK (*Busarellus nigricollis*)

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) – Seen a few times from the Tumbira's top deck.

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*)

CRANE HAWK (*Geranospiza caerulescens*)

SLATE-COLORED HAWK (*Buteogallus schistaceus*) – Seen briefly on the first day, and later, on the last day, we had nice looks of two birds at Lago dos Reis.

SAVANNA HAWK (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)

GREAT BLACK HAWK (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Rupornis magnirostris*)

WHITE-BROWED HAWK (*Leucopternis kuhli*) – Two birds responded well to playback in Borba! We also saw a small structure in the canopy that could be their nest.

GRAY-LINED HAWK (*Buteo nitidus*)

BROAD-WINGED HAWK (*Buteo platypterus*) – This North American migrant had just arrived in South America and we got it!

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus*) – Nice looks of a dark morph bird soaring over the Aripuanã river.

Eurypygidae (Sunbittern)

SUNBITTERN (*Eurypyga helias*)

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

GRAY-BREASTED CRAKE (*Laterallus exilis*) [*]

GRAY-COWLED WOOD-RAIL (*Aramides cajaneus*)

RUSSET-CROWNED CRAKE (*Anurolimnas viridis*)

Heliornithidae (Finfoots)

SUNGREBE (*Heliornis fulica*)

Aramidae (Limpkin)

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna*)

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER (*Pluvialis dominica*) – We saw 15 birds foraging in a shallow lagoon near to the Aripuanã river.

PIED LAPWING (*Vanellus cayanus*)

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*)

COLLARED PLOVER (*Charadrius collaris*)

Jacaniidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

PECTORAL SANDPIPER (*Calidris melanotos*)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*)

SOLITARY SANDPIPER (*Tringa solitaria*)

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

YELLOW-BILLED TERN (*Sternula superciliaris*)

LARGE-BILLED TERN (*Phaetusa simplex*) – Common along the rivers.

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*)

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

GRAY-FRONTED DOVE (*Leptotila rufaxilla*)

Opisthocomidae (Hoatzin)

HOATZIN (*Opisthocomus hoazin*) – This is one of the weirdest birds in the Neotropics. After a couple looks at Aripuanã area, we had many birds on Lago dos Reis. That was fantastic!

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*)

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

LITTLE CUCKOO (*Coccyua minuta*) – Really cool small cuckoo! One bird responded to the calls and was spotted by Patty!

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

BLACK-BELLIED CUCKOO (*Piaya melanogaster*)

Strigidae (Owls)

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

AMAZONIAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium hardyi*) – Amazing views of this small creature in the scope for a few minutes.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

LEAST NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles pusillus*)

SAND-COLORED NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles rupestris*)

COMMON NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles minor*)

SHORT-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Lurocalis semitorquatus*) – A single bird seen during a canoe trip on Meirum lake.

BAND-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Nyctiprogne leucopyga*)

LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*) – Few individuals gave us a show from the Tumbira's top deck.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*) – WOW! Our friend Junior found three (!!) birds on the last night in the boat. Thanks Junior!

COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*) [*]

RUFOUS POTOO (*Nyctibius bracteatus*) – Well, seeing a Rufous Potoo is a prize but seeing a bird during the day is much better! Micah spotted a bird on the Nova Olinda Village trail.

Apodidae (Swifts)

AMAZONIAN SWIFT (*Chaetura viridipennis*)

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura*)

BAND-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura spinicaudus*)

GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)

FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT (*Tachornis squamata*)

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*)

RUFOUS-BREASTED HERMIT (*Glaucis hirsutus*)

NEEDLE-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis philippii*) – We had great scope views of this beautiful hummer!

LONG-TAILED HERMIT (*Phaethornis superciliosus*)

STREAK-THROATED HERMIT (*Phaethornis rupurumii amazonicus*) – This is another island specialist hummingbird. We had one buzzing close to the group on the Borba island.

BLACK-EARED FAIRY (*Heliodytes auritus*) – Seen in the scope on the logging road.

GREEN-TAILED GOLDENTHROAT (*Polytmus theresiae*) [*]

GREEN-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax viridigula*) – A male perched for a few minutes on the Flechal island.

BLACK-BELLIED THORNTAIL (*Discosura langsdorffi*) – A female of this tiny hummer got close to us when Bret played the Amazonian Pygmy-owl song.

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)

OLIVE-SPOTTED HUMMINGBIRD (*Leucippus chlorocercus*) – Another island specialist. Bird seen on the Búfalo island, mouth of Madeira river.

VERSICOLORED EMERALD (RONDONIA) (*Amazilia versicolor rondoniae*)

GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD (*Amazilia fimbriata*)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

PAVONINE QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus pavoninus*) – Two of this majestic bird were seen very well in the scope by the group!

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*)

GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*) – Heard many times and seen near Borba.

AMAZONIAN TROGON (*Trogon ramonianus*) – Seen a couple of times.

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*)

BLACK-THROATED TROGON (*Trogon rufus*) – Nice scope views of a beautiful male.

COLLARED TROGON (*Trogon collaris*) – A male seen by a few folks on the Marajá lake trail.

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*) – Very common during the hole tour.

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

GREEN KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle americana*)

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

WHITE-NECKED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus hyperrhynchus hyperrhynchus*) – Wayne spotted a bird over the logging road.

BROWN-BANDED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus ordii*) – Nice scope views in the scope of a pair of birds near Borba.

CHESTNUT-CAPPED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco macrodactylus*) – Not seen very often, we had nice looks during the tour.

SPOTTED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco tamatia*) – After a huge storm we had a really wet bird in a Campina area, near Borba.

COLLARED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco capensis*) – During our first visit to the Terra-Firme trail in Aripuanã area, a single bird was seen in the scope for everyone! Amazing bird.

EASTERN STRIOLATED-PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus striolatus*) – A very cooperative pair of birds seen in a border of Terra-Firme forest.

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*)

WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa morphoeus*) – Seen a couple of time on Terra-Firme forest trails.

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

BLUE-CHEEKED JACAMAR (*Galbula cyanicollis*) – Great looks of an adult male on the logging road.

GREEN-TAILED JACAMAR (*Galbula galbula*) – Seen a few times on the islands and flood forest of Aripuanã river.

BRONZY JACAMAR (*Galbula leucogastra*) [*]

PARADISE JACAMAR (*Galbula dea*) – Great looks in the scope of this elegant Jacamar.

GREAT JACAMAR (*Jacamerops aureus*) – Two birds seen briefly on the Terra-Firme forest at Nova Olinda village.

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

BLACK-GIRDLED BARBET (*Capito dayi*) – A family of birds seen foraging for several minutes near to the road. Great moment.

BROWN-CHESTED BARBET (*Capito brunneipectus*) – A great surprise! A pair of birds seen in the scope near Borba.

GILDED BARBET (*Capito auratus*) [*]

LEMON-THROATED BARBET (*Eubucco richardsoni*)

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

LETTERED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus inscriptus*)

CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus castanotis*) – Seen several times on the tour.

CURL-CRESTED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus beauharnaesii*) – Two birds seen very well in the scope on the left bank of Madeira river. Fantastic bird!

RED-NECKED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus bitorquatus*)

GOLDEN-COLLARED TOUCANET (*Selenidera reinwardtii*) – Another great surprise on the tour. Great looks of a male in the scope for several minutes!

GOULD'S TOUCANET (*Selenidera gouldii*) – Seen briefly for a few folks.

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus*)

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus*)

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

BAR-BREASTED PICULET (*Picumnus aurifrons*)

YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cruentatus*) – Common on the open areas and Terra-Firme forest borders.

LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus*)

RED-STAINED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis affinis*)

YELLOW-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus flavigula*) – Great looks of a bird foraging with a mixed species flock.
GOLDEN-GREEN WOODPECKER (*Piculus chrysochloros*)
SPOT-BREASTED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes punctigula*)
SCALE-BREASTED WOODPECKER (*Celeus grammicus*) – A male seen foraging with some ant swarm followers.
CREAM-COLORED WOODPECKER (*Celeus flavus*)
LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*)
RED-NECKED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus rubricollis*) – The biggest Woodpecker in the Amazon!
CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) – We had good views, specially of one male foraging for a few minutes close the canoes on Lago dos Reis area.

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

CRYPTIC FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur mintoni*) [*]
BLACK CARACARA (*Daptrius ater*)
RED-THROATED CARACARA (*Ibycter americanus*)
SOUTHERN CARACARA (*Caracara plancus*)
YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)
LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)
BAT FALCON (*Falco ruficularis*) – Several birds along the Aripuanã river.
PEREGRINE FALCON (TUNDRA) (*Falco peregrinus tundrius*) – Micah spotted a bird perched on the sand beach of Solimões river.

Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots)

SCARLET-SHOULDERED PARROTLET (*Touit huetii*) [*]
TUI PARAKEET (*Brotogeris sanctithomae*) – Nice looks on the riverine forest.
GOLDEN-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris chrysoptera*) – Seen a few times flying and great scope views on the left bank of Madeira river.
BALD PARROT (*Pyrilia aurantiocephala*) – Well, this is one of the highlights of this tour. We had great looks of this weird (and beautiful) little parrot.
BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)
SHORT-TAILED PARROT (*Graydidascalus brachyurus*) – We had a bunch of these guys feeding some Açaí berries on the village near to Marajá lake.
FESTIVE PARROT (*Amazona festiva*) – Beautiful parrot with a red rump seen several times over the tour.
MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*) [*]
KAWALL'S PARROT (*Amazona kawalli*) – Our friend Izaqueu spotted a pair of birds feeding on the Terra-Firme trail behind Nova Olinda village.
ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (*Amazona amazonica*)
CRIMSON-BELLIED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura perlata*) – Great looks of these fancy birds in the scope!
DUSKY-HEADED PARAKEET (*Aratinga weddellii*)
RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilatus*)
BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW (*Ara ararauna*)
SCARLET MACAW (*Ara macao*)
RED-AND-GREEN MACAW (*Ara chloropterus*)
CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW (*Ara severus*)
WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (*Psittacara leucophthalmus*)

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

ASH-WINGED ANTWREN (*Euchrepomis spodioptila*) [*]
FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) – We had a male on eye level for the group!
GREAT ANTSHRIKE (*Taraba major*)
GLOSSY ANTSHRIKE (*Sakesphorus luctuosus*) – Male and female seen well on the Marajá lake access trail.
BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)
PLAIN-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*)
MOUSE-COLORED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus murinus*)
CASTELNAU'S ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus cryptoleucus*)
WHITE-SHOULDERED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus aethiops*)
AMAZONIAN ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus amazonicus*)
PEARLY ANTSHRIKE (*Megascictus margaritatus*) – This is always a tough bird to get and it was seen very well a couple of times during the tour.
SATURNINE ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes saturninus*)
CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes caesius*) – His calls usually indicate a mixed species flock in the area.
PLAIN-THROATED ANTWREN (*Isleria hauxwelli*) – A pair of birds seen very well on the trail behind Nova Olinda village.
SPOT-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Pygiptila stellaris*) – This bird has a really distinguished short tail in compare with the other birds of the family. We had a few nice looks.
WHITE-EYED ANTWREN (*Epinecrophylla leucophthalma*)
MADEIRA ANTWREN (*Epinecrophylla amazonica*)
MADEIRA ANTWREN (ROOSEVELT) (*Epinecrophylla amazonica dentei*) – Another super endemic bird. We had spectacular views in the scope (!!) for a few minutes. That was awesome!
PYGMY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula brachyura*) – Heard several times and seen really well in a Campina area near Borba.
SCLATER'S ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula sclateri*) [*]

AMAZONIAN STREAKED-ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula multostriata*) – Seen well a few times during the tour.

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)

LONG-WINGED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula longipennis*)

LONG-WINGED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula longipennis garbei*) – The subspecies "garbei" is only found on the left bank of Madeira river.

GRAY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*)

LEADEN ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula assimilis*) – Common bird on the islands and flooded forest.

BANDED ANTBIRD (*Dichrozona cincta*) – What a bird! A really nice bird gave us a show for several minutes perched on a log near to the ground.

Everyone had great looks in the telescope!

ARIPUANA ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus stotzi*) – Yes! Another special bird from Aripuanã river region! Seen a couple of times by everyone.

DOT-WINGED ANTWREN (*Microrhopias quixensis*) – Beautiful little bird seen a few times on the mixed species flocks.

PERUVIAN WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis peruviana*) – A pair of birds really close to the trail on the left bank of Madeira River.

SPIX'S WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis striata implicata*) – Replacing the Peruvian Warbling on the right bank of Madeira and left bank of Aripuanã rivers.

MANICORE WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis rondoni*) – One of the most wanted birds in the tour! A pair of them seen very well by everyone.

BLACKISH ANTBIRD (*Cercomacroides nigrescens*)

GRAY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*) [*]

WHITE-BROWED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus leucophrys*)

ASH-BREASTED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus lugubris*) – Cool bird! Two birds got close after Micah called them in the Borba island. Really nice!

BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*) – Heard a few times and seen in two opportunities by the group.

BLACK-CHINNED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemoides melanopogon*)

BLACK-AND-WHITE ANTBIRD (*Myrmochanes hemileucus*) – Another island specialist, this one was found on the last afternoon on the Flechal island, in Solimões river.

HUMAITA ANTBIRD (*Myrmelastes humaythae*) – Another shy Antbird seen very well for the whole group.

[CHESTNUT-TAILED] ANTBIRD (*Sciaphylax [hemimelaena] sp. nov.?*) – Really tough bird to see. A pair of birds showed up quickly on the trail behind Nova Olinda village.

WHITE-THROATED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopathys salvini*) – Seen really nicely in a spectacular ant swarm found on the left bank of Madeira river.

WHITE-BREASTED ANTBIRD (*Rhegmatorhina hoffmannsi*) – Heard and seen a couple of times for a few folks.

HAIRY-CRESTED ANTBIRD (*Rhegmatorhina melanosticta purusiana*) – Only found on the left bank of Madeira river, a single bird showed itself briefly close to the ant swarm.

COMMON SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Willisornis poecilinotus*) – We saw very well a couple of times.

COMMON SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD (BLACK-BIBBED) (*Willisornis poecilinotus gutturalis*) – The subspecies "gutturalis" only found on the left bank of Madeira river.

BLACK-SPOTTED BARE-EYE (*Phlegopsis nigromaculata*)

REDDISH-WINGED BARE-EYE (*Phlegopsis erythroptera*) – Amazing bird! Everyone had great looks on the ant swarm on the left bank of Madeira river. Fantastic moment!

PALE-FACED BARE-EYE (*Phlegopsis borbae*) [*]

Grallariidae (Antpittas).

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

Formicariidae (Antthrushes).

RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius colma*) – Seen very well in the scope in a Terra-Firme trail behind Nova Olinda village.

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers).

SPOT-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Certhiasomus stictolaemus*) – Always hard bird to get, we had nice looks of this little Woodcreeper.

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (AMAZONIAN) (*Sittasomus griseicapillus amazonus*) – Seen a few times during the tour.

WHITE-CHINNED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla merula olivascens*) – A single bird seen following an ant swarm.

PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus inornatus*)

CINNAMON-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrexetastes rufigula moniliger*)

LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Nasica longirostris*) – Great looks of this majestic Woodcreeper.

AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (JURUA) (*Dendrocolaptes certhia juruanus*) – A pair of birds seen well. This is another bird only found on the left bank of Madeira.

HOFFMANN'S WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes hoffmannsi*) – We saw this big Woodcreeper twice, both times as an ant swarm follower.

BAR-BELLIED WOODCREEPER (*Hylexetastes stresemanni*) – Outstanding views of this huge Woodcreeper foraging in an ant swarm for several minutes.

STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*) – Seen a few times on the island and riverine forest.

OCELLATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus ocellatus*) – Fairly common in the Terra-Firme forest, it was seen a couple of times for everyone.

ELEGANT WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus elegans*) – Nice views on the left bank of Madeira river.

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (LAFRESNAYE'S) (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus dorbignyanus*)

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (DUSKY-BILLED) (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus eytoni*)

STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex picus*)

ZIMMER'S WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex kienerii*) – Only present on flood forest, we had great looks, including scope views, of this nice Woodcreeper.

CURVE-BILLED SCYTHEBILL (RONDONIA) (*Campylorhamphus procurvoides probatus*) – Maybe this group has the most specialist behaving among the Woodcreepers. That beak is awesome! We had a couple of nice encounters during the tour.

RONDONIA WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes fuscicapillus*) – Recently split from Lineated Woodcreeper.

SLENDER-BILLED XENOPS (*Xenops tenuirostris*) – Great looks in the scope on the trails behind Nova Olinda village.

PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*) [*]

POINT-TAILED PALMCREEPER (*Berlepschia rikeri*) – Very specialist bird, only found in Mauritia Palm trees. We had a very cooperative pair of birds near Borba.

RUFOUS-TAILED XENOPS (*Microxenops milleri*) – A very responsive bird came in really close to the group near Borba.

WING-BANDED HORNERO (*Furnarius figulus*)

PALE-LEGGED HORNERO (*Furnarius leucopus*)

LESSER HORNERO (*Furnarius minor*)

RUFOUS-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor erythrocerum*) – Seen briefly a couple times on the tour.

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

CHESTNUT-WINGED HOOKBILL (*Ancistrops strigilatus*) – Wow! Amazing bird seen very well almost at eye level behind Nova Olinda village. Really cool!

PLAIN SOFTTAIL (*Thripophaga fusciceps obidensis*) – Nice looks a couple of times on the tour.

RUSTY-BACKED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca vulpina*)

PARKER'S SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca vulpecula*) – Great looks of this island specialist on the last day of the tour, on the Flechal island.

SPECKLED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca gutturata*) – Seen well in a trail to the lake in front of Boa Frente village.

YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL (*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*) – Seen a few times near to the rivers.

DARK-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albigularis*) – Seen on the last day, at Flechal island.

WHITE-BELLIED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis propinqua*)

PLAIN-CROWNED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis gujanensis*) [*]

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

WHITE-LORED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion inermis*) [*]

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

MOUSE-COLORED TYRANNULET (*Phaeomyias murina*) – Seen once, in a Campina forest near Borba.

YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*)

FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardii*)

BROWNISH ELAENIA (*Elaenia pelzelni*) – A single bird seen at Búfalo island, mouth of Madeira river.

PLAIN-CRESTED ELAENIA (*Elaenia cristata*) – A pair of birds seen near Borba, in a patch of Campina forest.

RIVER TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga hypoleuca*) – Really cool bird only found in riverine forest, seen very well on the Flechal island.

OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes oleagineus*)

GUIANAN TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius acer*) – Seen once in a Terra-Firme forest south of Borba town.

AMAZONIAN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER (*Sublegatus obscurior*) – Amazing views of this rare bird in a Campina forest near Borba. That was very cool!

AMAZONIAN TYRANNULET (*Inezia subflava*) [*]

SHORT-TAILED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis ecaudatus*) – This is the smallest Passerine in the world! We saw it a couple of times on the Terra-Firme forest trails.

SNETHLAGE'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus minor*) – Seen very well on the trail behind Nova Olinda village and on the left bank of Madeira river which probably is a new species for science.

SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum maculatum*) – Heard a couple of times and seen really nice near the houses of Nova Olinda village.

YELLOW-BROWED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*) – Beautiful tiny Flycatcher seen in a border of Terra-Firme forest behind Nova Olinda village.

YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (RIVERINE) (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens insignis*) – Common in the island and flooded forest along the rivers.

YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias assimilis*) – This bird seen on the left bank of Madeira river doesn't have a subspecies name yet.

YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (ZIMMER'S) (*Tolmomyias assimilis assimilis*) – This is the subspecies found on the right bank of Aripuanã river. We saw one really low in a logging road.

YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (ZIMMER'S) (*Tolmomyias assimilis calamae*) – Really cool to seeing three different subspecies in one tour! This one is only found on the left bank of Aripuanã river.

GRAY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*)

YELLOW-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*)

ROYAL FLYCATCHER (*Onychorhynchus coronatus*) – It's always nice to see this emblematic bird. We found a very responsive bird behind Nova Olinda village and we also saw something that probably was his under-construction nest.

RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*)

CINNAMON MANAKIN-TYRANT (*Neopipo cinnamomea*) – Wow! Another rarely seen bird seen well by the group!

BLACK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Myiobius atricaudus*) – A single bird spotted by Patty when we were watching the ant swam followers.

EULER'S FLYCATCHER (*Lathrotriccus eulerei*)

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER (*Contopus cooperi*) – A North American migrant seen a few times behind Nova Olinda village.

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE (*Contopus virens*)

FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER (FUSCOUS) (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus fuscator*) – Another island specialist, we had one bird on the last afternoon, at Flechal island.

RIVERSIDE TYRANT (*Knipolegus orenocensis*) – Really nice views at Flechal island.

AMAZONIAN BLACK-TYRANT (*Knipolegus poecilocercus*) – Amazing shy bird! Micah spotted a male at São José island on the very first day of the tour.

DRAB WATER TYRANT (*Ochthornis littoralis*)

CINNAMON ATTLA (*Attila cinnamomeus*) – Heard and seen a few times on the tour.

DULL-CAPPED ATTLA (*Attila bolivianus*)

GRAYISH MOURNER (*Rhytipterna simplex*) [*]

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)

SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*)

LESSER KISKADEE (*Pitangus lictor*)

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*)

RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*)

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)

DUSKY-CHESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes luteiventris*) – Great looks in a border of Terra-Firme forest behind Nova Olinda village.

YELLOW-THROATED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias parvus*)

THREE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias trivirgatus*) – Seen well on the left bank of Madeira river in a riverine forest.

STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*)

VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*)

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus savana*) – Another migrant, seen on the Bufalo island and at Lago dos Reis area.

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

BLACK-NECKED RED-COTINGA (*Phoenicircus nigricollis*) – Amazing Cotinga! We had an immature male flying across the logging road for a few times and seen in the scope for everyone.

AMAZONIAN UMBRELLABIRD (*Cephalopterus ornatus*) – One of the most spectacular Passerines on Neotropic! We had gorgeous views of a male eating some açai berries. Really awesome!

SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*) – Seen a few times during the tour.

SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*) – Heard almost everyday as always in the Amazon, we had great looks in the scope for a few minutes.

POMPADOUR COTINGA (*Xipholena punicea*) – Only females seen.

Pipridae (Manakins)

DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes stolzmanni*) – Nice views of this tiny manakin carrying nest material on the trail behind Nova Olinda village.

BLUE-BACKED MANAKIN (*Chiroxiphia pareola regina*) – This is the subspecies that has a yellow cap.

BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix coronata*) – Only found on the left bank of Madeira river.

SNOW-CAPPED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix nattereri*) – Awesome little bird! We saw a male in the scope very well.

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

BAND-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra fasciicauda*)

RED-HEADED MANAKIN (*Ceratopipra rubrocapilla*)

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

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*) – Really cool to see the three species of Tityra in one tour!

BLACK-CROWNED TITYRA (*Tityra inquisitor*)

MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*)

VARZEA SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis major*) – Seen very well on the first morning of the tour!

BROWN-WINGED SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis turdina*) [*]

CINEREOUS MOURNER (*Laniocera hypopyrra*)

WHITE-BROWED PURPLETUFT (*Iodopleura isabellae*) – Outstanding views of a pair of birds building a nest! Amazing show!

CINEREOUS BECARD (*Pachyramphus rufus*)

CHESTNUT-CROWNED BECARD (*Pachyramphus castaneus*)

WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)

BLACK-CAPPED BECARD (*Pachyramphus marginatus*)

GLOSSY-BACKED BECARD (*Pachyramphus surinamus*) – Rarely bird seen a couple of times on the tour. It's always nice to see it.

PINK-THROATED BECARD (*Pachyramphus minor*)

Vireonidae (Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis)

RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*)

GRAY-CHESTED GREENLET (*Hylophilus semicinctus*) – Heard a few times and seen in a flooded forest trail in front of Boa Frente village.

LEMON-CHESTED GREENLET (*Hylophilus thoracicus*)

SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanus leucotis simplex*)

SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanus [leucotis] sp nov?*) – Yes! This is one of the targets of this trip. This bird doesn't even have a name yet! Great looks in a logging road.

TAWNY-CROWNED GREENLET (RED-FRONTED) (*Tunchiornis ochraceiceps lutescens*) [*]
BUFF-CHEEKED GREENLET (*Pachysylvia musicapina*) – Seen a couple of times on the Terra-Firme trails.
RED-EYED VIREO (RESIDENT CHIVI) (*Vireo olivaceus solimoensis*)

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

BLACK-COLLARED SWALLOW (*Pygochelidon melanoleuca*)
SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*) – Common on the tour.
PURPLE MARTIN (*Progne subis*)
GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)
BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*)
WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)
BANK SWALLOW (*Riparia riparia*) – A few individuals seen on the last day of the tour, on the Lago dos Reis entrance.
BARN SWALLOW (*Hirundo rustica*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*)
THRUSH-LIKE WREN (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*)
MOUSTACHED WREN (*Pheugopedius genibarbis*)
BUFF-BREASTED WREN (*Cantorchilus leucotis*)

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIOUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*)

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

VARZEA THRUSH (*Turdus sanchezorum*) – Really good surprise on the tour. Bret and Micah saw this bird a few days before the tour in a scouting trip and we got it with the group. Very nice bird.
BLACK-BILLED THRUSH (*Turdus ignobilis*)
WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (*Turdus albicollis*)

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

MASKED YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis aequinoctialis*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*)
RED-BILLED PIED TANAGER (*Lamprospiza melanoleuca*) – Great looks in a border of Terra-Firme forest behind Nov Olinda village.
HOODED TANAGER (*Nemosia pileata*)
GRAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Eucometis penicillata*)
FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus cristatus*) – Seen a few times on the Terra-Firme forest trails, following mixed-species flocks.
FULVOUS-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus surinamus*)
WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*)
WHITE-LINED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus rufus*)
RED-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus phoenicius*) – A pair of birds seen briefly in a Campina forest near Borba.
WHITE-WINGED SHRIKE-TANAGER (*Lanio versicolor*) – Seen by a few folks in a canopy flock behind Nova Olinda village.
SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)
MASKED CRIMSON TANAGER (*Ramphocelus nigrogularis*)
BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)
PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)
DOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara varia*) [*]
TURQUOISE TANAGER (*Tangara mexicana*) – Seen a few times along the tour.
PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*)
OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER (*Tangara velia*) – Great looks in an open area behind Nova Olinda village.
BAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Tangara gyrola*) – Only seen once, spotted by Wayne, in a canopy mixed-species flock.
GREEN-AND-GOLD TANAGER (*Tangara schrankii*) – Beautiful Tanager seen a couple of times on the Terra-Firme forest trails.
BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*)
YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS (*Dacnis flaviventer*) – Seen a few times, usually near to the water.
BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)
PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)
RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)
GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*) – We saw a male on the logging road.
GUIRA TANAGER (*Hemithraupis guira*)
YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*)
CHESTNUT-VENTED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum speciosum*)
BICOLORED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum bicolor*)
PEARLY-BREASTED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum margaritae*) – This is another island specialist saw at Flechal island, on the very last afternoon!
ORANGE-FRONTED YELLOW-FINCH (*Sicalis columbiana*)
BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

LINED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila lineola*)
CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)
CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEED-FINCH (*Sporophila angolensis*)
WING-BARRED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila americana*)
YELLOW-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila nigricollis*)
BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)
BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)
GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)
SLATE-COLORED GROSBEAK (*Saltator grossus*)

Emberizidae (Buntings and New World Sparrows).

YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies).

RED-CROWNED ANT-TANAGER (*Habia rubica*)

BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK (*Cyanocopsa cyanoides*)

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies).

RED-BREASTED MEADOWLARK (*Sturnella militaris*)

ORIOLE BLACKBIRD (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*)

VELVET-FRONTED GRACKLE (*Lamprosar tanagrinus*) – Really cool surprise! A group of 13 birds seen very well on the logging road.

YELLOW-HOODED BLACKBIRD (*Chrysomus icterocephalus*)

SHINY COWBIRD (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)

EPAULET ORIOLE (*Icterus cayanensis*)

ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL (*Icterus croconotus*) – Beautiful orange and black bird seen a few times.

SOLITARY BLACK CACIQUE (*Cacicus solitarius*) – We had nice looks on the trail to Marajá lake.

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*) – Common along the tour.

CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus*)

OLIVE OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius bifasciatus*)

Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies).

PURPLE-THROATED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chlorotica*)

THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia laniirostris*)

GOLDEN-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chrysopasta*) – Seen a few times on the open areas and borders of Terra-Firme forest.

WHITE-VENTED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia minuta*) – A male seen once near to the houses at Nova Olinda village.

RUFOUS-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia rufiventris*)

MAMMALS

GREATER BULLDOG BAT (*Noctilio leporinus*)

FREE-TAILED BAT SP. (*Tadarida* sp.)

BARE-EARED SQUIRREL MONKEY (*Saimiri ustus*)

PRINCE BERNARD'S TITI MONKEY (*Callicebus bernhardi*)

RED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta seniculus*)

WHITE-NOSED BEARDED SAKI MONKEY (*Chiropotes albinasus*) – Great looks of this awesome monkey on the logging road.

BROWN CAPUCHIN (*Cebus apella*) [*]

COMMON WOOLLY MONKEY (*Lagothrix lagotricha*) – Seen twice on the Logging road.

WHITE-BELLIED SPIDER MONKEY (*Ateles belzebuth chamek*) [*]

BROWN-THROATED THREE-TOED SLOTH (*Bradypus variegatus*) – Yes! it's always cool to see it. We saw three individuals on the Lago dos Reis area.

SOUTHERN AMAZON RED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus spadiceus*)

NEOTROPICAL PYGMY SQUIRREL (*Sciurillus pusillus*) – WOW! As fast as a bullet! Really cool animal seen on the logging road.

AMAZON RIVER DOLPHIN (*Inia geoffrensis*) – Common along the tour on the great rivers.

TUCUXI (*Sotalia fluviatilis*)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 437 bird taxa and 14 mammal taxa