

Field Guides Tour Report

Guyana: Wilderness Paradise 2014

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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

BIRDS

Tinamidae (Tinamous)

GREAT TINAMOU (Tinamus major) - We heard one calling from the darkening forest as we walked out to the White-winged Potoo stakeout. [*]

CINEREOUS TINAMOU (Crypturellus cinereus) [*]

LITTLE TINAMOU (Crypturellus soui) [*]

UNDULATED TINAMOU (Crypturellus undulatus) [*]

RED-LEGGED TINAMOU (Crypturellus erythropus) [*]

VARIEGATED TINAMOU (Crypturellus variegatus) [*]

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

WHITE-FACED WHISTLING-DUCK (Dendrocygna viduata) – A sleeping group of them huddled in the middle of a shallow savanna pond, seen on the day we transferred to Atta Rainforest Lodge.

MUSCOVY DUCK (Cairina moschata)

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

VARIABLE CHACHALACA (Ortalis motmot)

MARAIL GUAN (Penelope marail)

SPIX'S GUAN (Penelope jacquacu)

BLACK CURASSOW (Crax alector) - A trio of males in the clearing around the Atta Rainforest Lodge, where they have become reasonably tame.

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

CRESTED BOBWHITE (Colinus cristatus)

MARBLED WOOD-QUAIL (Odontophorus gujanensis) – We heard the distant raucous "car alarm" calls of a covey from the forest as we waited for the White-winged Potoo to make its appearance. [*]

Ciconiidae (Storks)

MAGUARI STORK (Ciconia maguari) – A trio foraged in a wet meadow on the Rupununi Savanna -- until a pair of Jabirus arrived and chased them off. This is the least common of the storks seen in Guyana.

JABIRU (Jabiru mycteria) – Several pairs seen on the Rupununi Savanna, including a pair on a huge nest atop a broken palm tree. [N]

WOOD STORK (Mycteria americana)

Fregatidae (Frigatebirds)

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD (Fregata magnificens) – A trio drifted past, high over Hope Beach. Talk about effortless fliers -- they didn't flap once, the whole time they were in view.

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (Phalacrocorax brasilianus)

Anhingidae (Anhingas)

ANHINGA (Anhinga anhinga)

Pelecanidae (Pelicans)

BROWN PELICAN (Pelecanus occidentalis) - A couple flapped ponderously past Hope Beach early on our first morning.

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

PINNATED BITTERN (Botaurus pinnatus)

LEAST BITTERN (Ixobrychus exilis)

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (Tigrisoma lineatum) – One crept up a grassy bank along the Rupununi River on our first late afternoon boat trip, and a second stood -- neck stretched to its full length -- near the boat dock at the Iwokrama River Lodge, watching the proceedings.

COCOI HERON (Ardea cocoi)

GREAT EGRET (Ardea alba)

SNOWY EGRET (Egretta thula)

LITTLE BLUE HERON (Egretta caerulea)

TRICOLORED HERON (Egretta tricolor) – Reasonably common along the coast, where we saw dozens leaving one of the roost islands among the mangroves. They were far outnumbered by the previous species, though!

CATTLE EGRET (Bubulcus ibis)

STRIATED HERON (SOUTH AMERICAN) (Butorides striata striata)

CAPPED HERON (Pilherodius pileatus)

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (Nycticorax nycticorax)

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (Nyctanassa violacea)

BOAT-BILLED HERON (Cochlearius cochlearius)

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

SCARLET IBIS (Eudocimus ruber)

GREEN IBIS (Mesembrinibis cayennensis)

BUFF-NECKED IBIS (Theristicus caudatus)

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 (Osprev)

OSPREY (Pandion haliaetus)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

PEARL KITE (Gampsonyx swainsonii)

GRAY-HEADED KITE (Leptodon cayanensis)

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (Elanoides forficatus)

HARPY EAGLE (Harpia harpyja) – WOW, WOW, WOW!!! One with a South American Two-toed Sloth in its clutches -- and a trio of very agitated Red-throated Caracaras in attendance -- was definitely the highlight of our first afternoon in the Iwokrama forest.

BLACK-COLLARED HAWK (Busarellus nigricollis)

SNAIL KITE (Rostrhamus sociabilis)

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (Harpagus bidentatus) – One on a leafless Cecropia branch over the main road through Iwokrama forest gave us good scope studies, sitting tight even when we eventually drove past right below it.

PLUMBEOUS KITE (Ictinia plumbea)

LONG-WINGED HARRIER (Circus buffoni)

RUFOUS CRAB HAWK (Buteogallus aequinoctialis) – Two perched in palm trees along the coastal highway were like a plate in a field guide: one sat facing us (calling repeatedly), and the other sat facing away. They'd certainly attracted the attention of the local Yellow-headed Caracaras.

SAVANNA HAWK (Buteogallus meridionalis)

GREAT BLACK-HAWK (Buteogallus urubitinga)

ROADSIDE HAWK (Rupornis magnirostris)

WHITE-TAILED HAWK (Geranoaetus albicaudatus)

WHITE HAWK (Pseudastur albicollis)

BLACK-FACED HAWK (Leucopternis melanops) – A youngster peered down from its perch over our heads in the Iwokrama forest. It was definitely hungry; we heard it calling repeatedly, presumably for its nearby parents.

GRAY-LINED HAWK (Buteo nitidus)

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (Buteo brachyurus)

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

OCELLATED CRAKE (Micropygia schomburgkii)

CLAPPER RAIL (Rallus longirostris) – A pair at Hoop Beach alternated between creeping along the edges of the mangroves and calling from among the tree roots.

Aramidae (Limpkin)

LIMPKIN (Aramus guarauna) – An apparently one-legged bird hopped around a field along the DeHoop Branch road (en route to the Mahaica River), probing for tasty morsels.

Psophiidae (Trumpeters)

GRAY-WINGED TRUMPETER (Psophia crepitans)

Burhinidae (Thick-knees)

DOUBLE-STRIPED THICK-KNEE (Burhinus bistriatus)

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER (Pluvialis squatarola) – We heard one calling from the mudflats at Hope Beach, but couldn't find it among the vegetation. [*]

PIED LAPWING (Vanellus cayanus)

SOUTHERN LAPWING (Vanellus chilensis)

<u>Jacanidae (Jacanas)</u>

WATTLED JACANA (Jacana jacana)

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (Actitis macularius)

SOLITARY SANDPIPER (Tringa solitaria)

GREATER YELLOWLEGS (Tringa melanoleuca)

WILLET (Tringa semipalmata) – A handful mingled with the other shorebirds on the mudflats at Hope Beach, occasionally changing locations with a flurry of black and white wings.

WHIMBREL (Numenius phaeopus)

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER (Calidris pusilla) – Scores pattered across the Hope Beach mudflats; many of the birds banded in the Delaware Bay each spring overwinter in the Guianas.

SOUTH AMERICAN SNIPE (Gallinago paraguaiae)

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

LARGE-BILLED TERN (Phaetusa simplex)

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (Patagioenas cayennensis)

SCALED PIGEON (Patagioenas speciosa)

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (Patagioenas plumbea)

RUDDY PIGEON (Patagioenas subvinacea)

EARED DOVE (Zenaida auriculata)

COMMON GROUND-DOVE (Columbina passerina)

PLAIN-BREASTED GROUND-DOVE (Columbina minuta)

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (Columbina talpacoti)

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (Leptotila verreauxi)

GRAY-FRONTED DOVE (Leptotila rufaxilla)

Opisthocomidae (Hoatzin)

HOATZIN (Opisthocomus hoazin) – A handful in the tangled vegetation along the Mahaica River, including one that sat nicely framed in a hollow during one of our downpours. We heard others growling from the dense brush just before reaching Narish's home for breakfast.

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

LITTLE CUCKOO (Coccycua minuta) – Superb views of one that flew in and landed on an open branch beside the Mahaica River, shortly after we started our boat trip.

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (Piaya cayana)

BLACK-BELLIED CUCKOO (Piaya melanogaster)

STRIPED CUCKOO (Tapera naevia)

RUFOUS-WINGED GROUND-CUCKOO (Neomorphus rufipennis)

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (Crotophaga ani)

Strigidae (Owls)

TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL (Megascops choliba)

TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL (Megascops watsonii)

GREAT HORNED OWL (Bubo virginianus) – One preened in a big tree overhanging the road through the Georgetown botanical garden, the last bird we found there during our late afternoon visit.

BURROWING OWL (Athene cunicularia)

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

LEAST NIGHTHAWK (Chordeiles pusillus)

LESSER NIGHTHAWK (Chordeiles acutipennis)

SHORT-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (Lurocalis semitorquatus)

BAND-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (Nyctiprogne leucopyga)

BLACKISH NIGHTJAR (Nyctipolus nigrescens) – Three snoozed under some little bushes along the edge of a flat expanse of laterite rock, near the start of the entrance road into Atta Rainforest Lodge. Good thing Leon knew where they were likely to be, because they were tough to see even when you knew where to look!

COMMON PAURAQUE (Nyctidromus albicollis)

WHITE-TAILED NIGHTJAR (Hydropsalis cayennensis)

LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR (Hydropsalis climacocerca)

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (Nyctibius grandis)

COMMON POTOO (Nyctibius griseus)

WHITE-WINGED POTOO (Nyctibius leucopterus) – Our 6:15 appointment with a regular bird at Atta Rainforest Lodge turned up trumps --though a few minutes late -- along one of the trails. It flew in and landed on a dead snag, sang a few times, looked around for a bit, then flew off into the twilight.

Apodidae (Swifts)

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (Streptoprocne zonaris)

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (Chaetura brachyura)

BAND-RUMPED SWIFT (Chaetura spinicaudus)

GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (Chaetura cinereiventris)

LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT (Panyptila cayennensis)

FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT (Tachornis squamata)

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (Florisuga mellivora)

REDDISH HERMIT (Phaethornis ruber)

WHITE-TAILED GOLDENTHROAT (Polytmus guainumbi) – Great views of two feeding on some spiky yellow flowers in the Rupununi Savanna, periodically chasing each other around, or perching for a bit in one of the little trees.

GREEN-TAILED GOLDENTHROAT (Polytmus theresiae)

BLACK-THROATED MANGO (Anthracothorax nigricollis)

LONG-BILLED STARTHROAT (Heliomaster longirostris)

BLUE-TAILED EMERALD (Chlorostilbon mellisugus)

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (Thalurania furcata)

GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD (Amazilia fimbriata)

RUFOUS-THROATED SAPPHIRE (Hylocharis sapphirina)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (Trogon melanurus)

GREEN-BACKED TROGON (Trogon viridis) – A calling male flew in and perched while we searched for Blue-backed Manakins in a forest island in the Rupununi Savanna, giving us the chance to study him in the scopes. This species is larger than the next, and has a bluish eyering and a mostly white undertail.

GUIANAN TROGON (Trogon violaceus) – A male sat high over the entrance road to the Atta Rainforest Lodge, allowing good scope study of his black and white barred undertail and yellow eyering.

Momotidae (Motmots)

AMAZONIAN MOTMOT (Momotus momota)

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (Megaceryle torquata)

AMAZON KINGFISHER (Chloroceryle amazona)

GREEN KINGFISHER (Chlorocervle americana)

GREEN-AND-RUFOUS KINGFISHER (Chloroceryle inda)

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

GUIANAN PUFFBIRD (Notharchus macrorhynchos) – One of these big puffbirds made repeated sallies from the top of one of the big trees near the clearing at the Atta Rainforest Lodge -- between bouts of clambering about in the canopy, that is. This species was recently split from the Whitenecked Puffbird.

SPOTTED PUFFBIRD (Bucco tamatia)

BLACK NUNBIRD (Monasa atra) – One hunted near the start of the entrance drive to the Atta Rainforest Lodge, conveniently sitting on a succession of open Cecropia branches.

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD (Chelidoptera tenebrosa)

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

YELLOW-BILLED JACAMAR (Galbula albirostris) – An adult made repeated forays from a looping vine on Turtle Mountain, returning again and again to feed a waiting fledgling.

RUFOUS-TAILED JACAMAR (Galbula ruficauda)

GREEN-TAILED JACAMAR (Galbula galbula)

PARADISE JACAMAR (Galbula dea)

GREAT JACAMAR (Jacamerops aureus) – A calling female sat on a dead stick high above the entrance drive at the Atta Rainforest Lodge, and a second bashed a huge beetle to death on a branch along the trail on Turtle Mountain. This big species has a distinctively heavy, slightly decurved bill.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

GREEN ARACARI (Pteroglossus viridis) – Five atop trees in the gallery forest along the Essequibo River interrupted our journey to Turtle Mountain. The last two vehicles saw another pair feeding in some Cecropia trees over the road on the day we transferred from Atta to the Iwokrama River Lodge.

BLACK-NECKED ARACARI (Pteroglossus aracari)

GUIANAN TOUCANET (Selenidera piperivora) – A little female played hide and seek in a bush near one of the cabins at the Atta Rainforest Lodge, before flying up to an open perch in a big fruiting tree along the forest edge.

TOCO TOUCAN (Ramphastos toco)

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (Ramphastos tucanus)

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (Ramphastos vitellinus)

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (Melanerpes cruentatus)

BLOOD-COLORED WOODPECKER (Veniliornis sanguineus) – Fabulous views of a female with a noisy begging youngster in tow along the DeHoop Branch road. This species is restricted to a narrow coastal band in the Guianas.

YELLOW-THROATED WOODPECKER (Piculus flavigula) – A male hammered on a dead tree trunk for long minutes at the edge of the clearing at the Atta Rainforest Lodge.

WAVED WOODPECKER (Celeus undatus) - One foraging over the entrance road at the Atta Rainforest Lodge allowed great repeated scope views.

CREAM-COLORED WOODPECKER (Celeus flavus)

RINGED WOODPECKER (Celeus torquatus)

LINEATED WOODPECKER (Dryocopus lineatus)

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (Campephilus melanoleucos) – A pair nesting in a topless palm tree in the Georgetown botanical garden posed nicely, giving us a chance to study all the features that help to separate them from the country's other large woodpeckers. [N]

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

COLLARED FOREST-FALCON (Micrastur semitorquatus)

RED-THROATED CARACARA (Ibycter americanus) – Sporadic sightings throughout the tour, including a trio harassing the Harpy Eagle, and another noisy group in the woods between Surama village and the river.

CRESTED CARACARA (Caracara cheriway)

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (Milvago chimachima)

LAUGHING FALCON (Herpetotheres cachinnans) – One sat in a palm near a pair of Rufous Crab-Hawks, looking quite big-headed, and we saw another while en route to the Atta Rainforest Lodge. This species specializes on reptiles -- particularly snakes.

AMERICAN KESTREL (Falco sparverius)

APLOMADO FALCON (Falco femoralis)

BAT FALCON (Falco rufigularis) – A pair atop some dead trees along the road between Atta Rainforest Lodge and Iwokrama River Lodge sat for long minutes between rapid forays back and forth. As suggested by their common name, they really do eat bats.

PEREGRINE FALCON (Falco peregrinus)

Psittacidae (Parrots)

PAINTED PARAKEET (Pyrrhura picta) – Our first was a nearly-out-of-view single bird standing atop some palm fruits along the entrance drive into Atta Rainforest Lodge. Fortunately, it was joined by a gang of handsome flock mates who were far more visible as they messily gobbled mouthfuls of fruit.

BROWN-THROATED PARAKEET (Aratinga pertinax)

RED-AND-GREEN MACAW (Ara chloropterus)

SCARLET MACAW (Ara macao)

BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW (Ara ararauna)

RED-BELLIED MACAW (Orthopsittaca manilata)

RED-SHOULDERED MACAW (Diopsittaca nobilis)

GREEN-RUMPED PARROTLET (Forpus passerinus) – One of these tiny green parrots sat for a few seconds atop a fencepost along the DeHoop Branch road, seen as we headed back to our hotel after the Mahaica River boat trip.

GOLDEN-WINGED PARAKEET (Brotogeris chrysoptera)

LILAC-TAILED PARROTLET (Touit batavicus)

BLACK-HEADED PARROT (Pionites melanocephalus) – A calling bird sat atop one of the big trees edging the clearing at the Atta Rainforest Lodge for several minutes before flying off with two passing parrots. We saw another sitting in a treetop with a Blue-headed Parrot on our walk back from the Capuchinbird lek.

DUSKY PARROT (Pionus fuscus)

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (Pionus menstruus)

FESTIVE PARROT (Amazona festiva)

BLUE-CHEEKED PARROT (Amazona dufresniana)

YELLOW-CROWNED PARROT (Amazona ochrocephala)

MEALY PARROT (Amazona farinosa) – Two flew over the main road through Iwokrama, seen shortly after (and in good comparison with) the Bluecheeked Parrots we found sitting in a treetop. This species has a huge white eyering, but the rest of its face is plain green.

ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (Amazona amazonica)

RED-FAN PARROT (Deroptyus accipitrinus)

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

BLACK-CRESTED ANTSHRIKE (Sakesphorus canadensis)

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (Thamnophilus doliatus)

MOUSE-COLORED ANTSHRIKE (Thamnophilus murinus)

DUSKY-THROATED ANTSHRIKE (Thamnomanes ardesiacus)

PYGMY ANTWREN (Myrmotherula brachyura)

GUIANAN STREAKED-ANTWREN (Myrmotherula surinamensis) – Two pairs bounced through the vegetation along the side of the main road in Iwokrama, giving us fine views as they foraged.

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (Myrmotherula axillaris) – Most of the group spotted a male along the edge of the entrance road into the Atta Rainforest Lodge, part of a mixed flock that made a far too brief appearance as we started one of our walks.

GRAY ANTWREN (Myrmotherula menetriesii)

TODD'S ANTWREN (Herpsilochmus stictocephalus)

GRAY ANTBIRD (Cercomacra cinerascens)

WHITE-BROWED ANTBIRD (Myrmoborus leucophrys)

BLACK-CHINNED ANTBIRD (Hypocnemoides melanopogon)

SPOT-WINGED ANTBIRD (Schistocichla leucostigma)

WHITE-BELLIED ANTBIRD (Myrmeciza longipes)

FERRUGINOUS-BACKED ANTBIRD (Myrmeciza ferruginea)

WHITE-PLUMED ANTBIRD (Pithys albifrons)

RUFOUS-THROATED ANTBIRD (Gymnopithys rufigula)

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

SPOTTED ANTPITTA (Hylopezus macularius)

Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTTHRUSH (Formicarius colma)

BLACK-FACED ANTTHRUSH (Formicarius analis)

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (Dendrocincla fuliginosa)

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (Glyphorynchus spirurus)

AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (Dendrocolaptes certhia)

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (Xiphorhynchus guttatus)

STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (Dendroplex picus)

PALE-LEGGED HORNERO (Furnarius leucopus)

BUFF-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (Automolus ochrolaemus)

YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL (Certhiaxis cinnamomeus)

<u>Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)</u>

BEARDED TACHURI (Polystictus pectoralis) – Two feeding low along the edge of one of the savanna ponds we stopped at on our transfer day were a nice surprise. They flitted from stalk to stalk while we crept along behind them.

CRESTED DORADITO (Pseudocolopteryx sclateri)

YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (Tyrannulus elatus)

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (Elaenia flavogaster)

PLAIN-CRESTED ELAENIA (Elaenia cristata)

LESSER ELAENIA (Elaenia chiriquensis)

OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (Mionectes oleagineus)

HELMETED PYGMY-TYRANT (Lophotriccus galeatus) – One noisy individual flicked through some trees right near the start of the entrance road into Atta Rainforest Lodge, giving us all a great view.

SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (Todirostrum maculatum)

COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (Todirostrum cinereum)

GRAY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (Tolmomyias poliocephalus)

YELLOW-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (Tolmomyias flaviventris)

VERMILION FLYCATCHER (Pyrocephalus rubinus)

PIED WATER-TYRANT (Fluvicola pica)

WHITE-HEADED MARSH TYRANT (Arundinicola leucocephala)

LONG-TAILED TYRANT (Colonia colonus)

CINNAMON ATTILA (Attila cinnamomeus) – A pair feeding frogs to their (out of sight) nestlings were a highlight of our afternoon at the Georgetown botanical gardens. [N]

BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTILA (Attila spadiceus)

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)

STREAKED FLYCATCHER (Myiodynastes maculatus)

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (Legatus leucophaius)

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (Tyrannus melancholicus)

GRAY KINGBIRD (Tyrannus dominicensis)

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (Tyrannus savana)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

GUIANAN COCK-OF-THE-ROCK (Rupicola rupicola)

PURPLE-THROATED FRUITCROW (Querula purpurata) – A pair along the Buro-Buro River showed nicely, calling and peering down at our boat from their perch atop a riverside tree. We got a few wow-y flashes from the colorful throat of one of the birds.

CAPUCHINBIRD (Perissocephalus tricolor) – A pre-breakfast outing to a busy lek of these big cotingas was a highlight of our stay at the Iwokrama River Lodge. We could hear their odd humming songs long before we arrived at the lek, and their upright, rocking displays (complete with puffed-out thighs) were pretty entertaining.

PURPLE-BREASTED COTINGA (Cotinga cotinga) - A female sat preening atop one of the big trees edging the main clearing at the Iwokrama River

Lodge.

SCREAMING PIHA (Lipaugus vociferans)

POMPADOUR COTINGA (Xipholena punicea)

Pipridae (Manakins)

WHITE-THROATED MANAKIN (Corapipo gutturalis)

BLUE-BACKED MANAKIN (Chiroxiphia pareola)

BLACK MANAKIN (Xenopipo atronitens)

WHITE-CROWNED MANAKIN (Dixiphia pipra)

GOLDEN-HEADED MANAKIN (Ceratopipra erythrocephala erythrocephala)

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (Tityra cayana)

DUSKY PURPLETUFT (Iodopleura fusca) - One atop a big tree near the start of the Surama access road

CINEREOUS BECARD (Pachyramphus rufus)

Vireonidae (Vireos)

LEMON-CHESTED GREENLET (Hylophilus thoracicus)

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

CAYENNE JAY (Cyanocorax cayanus)

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

BLACK-COLLARED SWALLOW (Pygochelidon melanoleuca)

WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW (Atticora fasciata)

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (Stelgidopteryx ruficollis)

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (Progne chalybea)

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (Progne tapera)

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (Tachycineta albiventer)

BARN SWALLOW (Hirundo rustica)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

HOUSE WREN (SOUTHERN) (Troglodytes aedon clarus)

BICOLORED WREN (Campylorhynchus griseus)

BUFF-BREASTED WREN (Cantorchilus leucotis)

Polioptilidae (Gnatcatchers)

TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (Polioptila plumbea)

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIUS (Donacobius atricapilla) – One singing from a lotus flower in the Georgetown botanical garden showed very well.

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

PALE-BREASTED THRUSH (Turdus leucomelas)

COCOA THRUSH (Turdus fumigatus)

WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (Turdus albicollis)

Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)

TROPICAL MOCKINGBIRD (Mimus gilvus)

Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)

YELLOWISH PIPIT (Anthus lutescens)

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

YELLOW WARBLER (Setophaga petechia)

BLACKPOLL WARBLER (Setophaga striata)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (Paroaria gularis) – Very common throughout, including a pair nest-building in the eaves of a house across the street from our Georgetown hotel. [N]

HOODED TANAGER (Nemosia pileata) – A pair worked their way through a tree beside the Rupununi River, seen on our second boat trip out of Caiman House.

FULVOUS-CRESTED TANAGER (Tachyphonus surinamus) – One above the entrance road at Atta proved to be cooperative, foraging along several branches in the open.

WHITE-LINED TANAGER (Tachyphonus rufus)

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (Ramphocelus carbo) – Common and widespread, including a few reddish females at our Blood-colored Woodpecker spot along DeHoop Branch road, and a velvety male in Yupukali.

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (Thraupis episcopus)

PALM TANAGER (Thraupis palmarum)

BURNISHED-BUFF TANAGER (Tangara cayana) – Our best views came along the DeHoop Branch road, where we spotted a couple of birds in a nearby fruiting tree while waiting out a downpour under a friendly Guianan family's back porch.

SPOTTED TANAGER (Tangara punctata)

BAY-HEADED TANAGER (Tangara gyrola)

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (Dacnis lineata)

BLUE DACNIS (Dacnis cayana)

PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (Cyanerpes caeruleus)

RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER (Cyanerpes cyaneus)

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (Chlorophanes spiza)

YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER (Hemithraupis flavicollis)

BICOLORED CONEBILL (Conirostrum bicolor)

GRASSLAND YELLOW-FINCH (Sicalis luteola)

WEDGE-TAILED GRASS-FINCH (Emberizoides herbicola) – One perched up in tawny dead weed stems in the little marsh where we found our Crested Doradito, showing well its long, wedge-shaped tail and bicolored bill.

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (Volatinia jacarina) – Quite common along the coast, including several males doing their endearing "Johnny Jump Up" courtship dances.

WING-BARRED SEEDEATER (Sporophila americana)

RUDDY-BREASTED SEEDEATER (Sporophila minuta)

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER (Sporophila castaneiventris)

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEED-FINCH (Oryzoborus angolensis)

BANANAQUIT (Coereba flaveola)

GRAYISH SALTATOR (Saltator coerulescens)

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (Saltator maximus)

SLATE-COLORED GROSBEAK (Saltator grossus)

Emberizidae (Buntings and New World Sparrows)

GRASSLAND SPARROW (Ammodramus humeralis)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

YELLOW-GREEN GROSBEAK (Caryothraustes canadensis) – One sitting near the top of a tree in the Atta Rainforest Lodge clearing stood out nicely against the dark green leaves; nice spotting, Helen!

BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK (Cyanocompsa cyanoides)

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

RED-BREASTED BLACKBIRD (Sturnella militaris) – Seen particularly well around the little pond where we found our Crested Doradito, where a gang of a dozen or so flicked through the marsh grasses, periodically sitting up on the taller stems for a good look around.

EASTERN MEADOWLARK (Sturnella magna)

CARIB GRACKLE (Quiscalus lugubris)

SHINY COWBIRD (Molothrus bonariensis)

GIANT COWBIRD (Molothrus oryzivorus)

EPAULET ORIOLE (MORICHE) (Icterus cayanensis chrysocephalus)

YELLOW ORIOLE (Icterus nigrogularis) – Common along the coast, including one building a nest above the Mahaica River and another at the top of a tree in the botanical gardens, nibbling yellow flowers that were the exact same color as it was. [N]

RED-RUMPED CACIQUE (Cacicus haemorrhous)

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (Cacicus cela)

GREEN OROPENDOLA (Psarocolius viridis) – Super views of several -- including one weaving a long piece of grass into its hanging nest, and another performing its somersaulting courtship display -- in a tall emergent tree in the Iwokrama forest.

CRESTED OROPENDOLA (Psarocolius decumanus)

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

FINSCH'S EUPHONIA (Euphonia finschi)

VIOLACEOUS EUPHONIA (Euphonia violacea)

MAMMALS

GRAY FOUR-EYED OPOSSUM (Metachirops opossum)

LONG-NOSED BAT (Rhynchonycteris naso)

GREATER BULLDOG BAT (Noctilio leporinus)

COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY (Saimiri sciureus)

RED HOWLER MONKEY (Alouatta seniculus) – A morose looking group rested in a tree above the Mahaica River, not at all happy with the rain.

GUIANAN SAKI MONKEY (Pithecia pithecia)

WEDGE-CAPPED CAPUCHIN (Cebus olivaceus)

BLACK SPIDER MONKEY (Ateles paniscus)

GUIANAN SQUIRREL (Sciurus aestuans)

PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE SP. (Coendou pallidus)

CAPYBARA (Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris)

RED-RUMPED AGOUTI (Dasyprocta agouti)

CRAB-EATING FOX (Cerdocyon thous)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 322 bird taxa and 14 mammal taxa