

YELLOW-HOODED BLACKBIRD (*Chrysomus icterocephalus*) – A few small groups along the deHoop road. Males look quite a bit like North America's Yellow-headed Blackbird, but this species is smaller, and lacks the big white spot in the wing.

Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)

PLUMBEOUS EUPHONIA (*Euphonia plumbea*) – One chowing down on mistletoe berries in a clump over the Atta clearing on our first afternoon there.

FINSCH'S EUPHONIA (*Euphonia finschi*) – A trio, including a bright male, near Surama's Itch Pond -- nice spotting Rob! We heard others elsewhere on the tour. This is a Guianan Shield endemic.

VIOLACEOUS EUPHONIA (*Euphonia violacea*) – Nice views of several at the Georgetown Botanical Garden, with others in the clearing by the Buro-Buro River. Unlike males of the previous species (which have dark bibs), males of this species are yellow right up to the chin.

ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia xanthogaster*) – One at the Iwokrama forestry camp helped keep us entertained while we waited for the rain to stop.

GOLDEN-SIDED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia cayennensis*) – A male seen high in a tree along the highway for some. Unfortunately, he moved before everybody got on the right tree!

MAMMALS

COMMON OPOSSUM (*Didelphis marsupialis*)

LONG-NOSED BAT (*Rhynchonycteris naso*) – A little group clung to a tree trunk leaning over the Essequibo River, and another group hung on the side of one of the big rocks in the Buro-Buro River. These little insect eaters typically roost over water.

GREATER GHOST BAT (*Diclidurus ingens*) – Those in Ron's boat on our evening outing onto the Essequibo River spotted one in flight.

GREATER BULLDOG BAT (*Noctilio leporinus*)

RED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta seniculus*) – We heard plenty in the Iwokrama Forest, but only Miriam was lucky enough to actually see one.

WEDGE-CAPPED CAPUCHIN (*Cebus olivaceus*)

BROWN CAPUCHIN (*Cebus apella*) – The youngsters trailing along behind us at the Georgetown Botanical Garden spotted one in some trees beyond the overgrown canal. Unfortunately, it thrashed off into the forest before everybody got much of a look.

BLACK SPIDER MONKEY (*Ateles paniscus*) – An agitated group peering down from the trees over the Turtle Mountain trail gave us great scope views. Those red faces are really striking.

GIANT ANTEATER (*Myrmecophaga tridactyla*) – We found THREE of these ungainly creatures on the Rupununi savanna -- two rather distant ones ambling across the grasslands and the third so close we could almost reach out and touch it as it trotted past.

RED-RUMPED AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta agouti*) – Seen scurrying across trails on several occasions -- including one daintily leaping over the puddles on the Buro-Buro trail.

TAYRA (*Eira barbara*) – Two, including one albino, loped across the Georgetown-Lethem road and scrambled up into the trees. We saw another further along the highway on a different day.

GIANT OTTER (*Pteronura brasiliensis*) – Two swimming along the edge of the Mahaica River kept a wary eye on our boat, blowing noisily at us before disappearing under the vegetation.

Herps

GREEN IGUANA (*Iguana iguana*) – A couple of males scrapped along the shore of the Rupununi River.

COMMON HOUSE GECKO (*Hemidactylus frenatus*) – A handful clung to the rafters in the dining room (and elsewhere) at Surama Ecologde.

BLACK-COLLARED LIZARD (*Tropidurus hispidus*) – Quite common around Caiman House.

GIANT AMEIVA (*Ameiva ameiva*) – Also known as "Green Garden Lizard", this was these were the relatively large green and brown lizards we saw scurrying across the lawns at Iwokrama and Atta.

GOLDEN TEGU (*Tupinambis teguixin*) – One in the road near the airport terminal at Lethem couldn't decide what to do when the hordes of kids leaving school started to approach.

GREEN VINE SNAKE (*Oxybelis fulgidus*) – We saw one of these very slim snakes crossing the Georgetown-Lethem road; as we approached, it started rocking gently and moving forward only by the tiniest amounts, presumably not realizing it was mighty obvious already on the red road!

BROWN VINE SNAKE (*Oxybelis aeneus*) – And a day after we found the previous species, we found this skinny brown one -- though it left the road a lot quicker when Ron tapped it on the end of its tail!

SPECTACLED CAIMAN (*Caiman crocodilus*) – A couple of these smaller caimans seen along the Rupununi River.

BLACK CAIMAN (*Melanosuchus niger*) – And plenty of these big, mostly nocturnal hunters along the Rupununi as well. Concerted conservation efforts in the watershed have contributed to a massive recovery in the species' numbers.

YELLOW-SPOTTED RIVER TURTLE (YELLOW-SPOTTED SIDENECK) (*Podocnemis unifilis*) – These were the turtles being raised by the community in the ponds at Caiman House for release back into the Rupununi River. Delene gave us a great explanation of what they're trying to do at dinner on our first night there.

GOLDEN ROCKET FROG (*Anomaloglossus beebei*) – We found a few of these tiny yellow endemic frogs in the big tank bromeliads near Kaieteur Falls. [E]

KAIE ROCKET FROG (*Anomaloglossus kaiei*) – These were the tiny dark frogs we saw hopping around in the wet spots along the trail to Kaieteur Falls. This is another species first described from specimens collected at the falls.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 363 bird taxa and 12 mammal taxa