



Field Guides Tour Report

RIO NEGRO PARADISE: MANAUS 2012

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The 2012 running of the Rio Negro Paradise: Manaus tour proved to be fantastic in all regards. As is usually the case in September, weather was fine all along the route, with rain interrupting activities briefly and not seriously only a couple of times -- this despite the fact that "I ain't a weatherman". We were fortunate in having all three major river systems (Negro, Jaú, Solimões/Amazonas) at good levels to permit us to get into all the nooks and crannies (igarapés and paranás, I should say) we wanted to bird. Our little group of birders was sharp and fun, and a fine time was had by all including, of course, your guides :-)

The tour got off to a roaring start in tall, undisturbed terra firme forest at the edge of sprawling Manaus with

great scope views of Black-faced Hawk, Dusky Parrot, Amazonian Pygmy-Owl, and Ringed Woodpecker, while an impressive army ant swarm produced tantalizing views for most of us of White-plumed and Rufous-throated antbirds, and Amazonian Barred and Black-banded woodcreepers. We were also thrilled that morning to have fine views of a monster Red-billed Woodcreeper, always a red-letter event! It would turn out to be an extraordinary trip for woodcreepers overall.

Our visit to the justly famed INPA tower north of Manaus was exciting, producing great views of so many species. Every morning up there is different, and we may be able to arrange the tour for next year to spend two mornings on the tower. The pair of Paradise Jacamars that came in sooo close to us will stay in my memory forever -- for a great refresher, check out the video clip embedded in the the list below! An amazing, totally unexpected sighting from the tower was the scope view of a full adult male White Bellbird -- a unique record in this region of Brazil, and believe me, that's hard to do around Manaus!

Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock was, as usual, a mega-highlight of our time around Presidente Figueiredo (and in an immersive way, properly breaking us in to the heat and humidity at this equatorial latitude) -- but a hunting Gray-bellied Hawk (juv plumage that resembles Ornate Hawk-Eagle!), a family of Pelzel's Tody-Tyrants, and a dashing male Crimson Topaz were just about as good (well, maybe not the tody-tyrant, when it comes to plumage). Camp 41 was hot, and not just for temperature. We started off with a HUGE Harpy Eagle immature that had fledged only a month or so before our visit, and we were lucky to find it easily. It looked grim for Capuchinbird for a couple of hours, but we eventually found a group of males that showed off nicely, their bizarre voices blaring through the forest around us. Also especially memorable at the Camp was the Ferruginous-backed Antbird that paraded in then sat and sang for a couple of minutes as we watched at close range, and a tremendous male Black-throated Antshrike that showed nicely, for the first time in several years (on the tour, I mean). The hammocks were, as always, appreciated to varying degrees among the group, but I've gotta say that the rain we had the night of arrival, which broke a long dry spell, was bad luck because it really got the frogs going! What a racket, and all night long for the first two nights! Dona Eduarda's great cooking (incomparable roasted Tambaqui!), lots of cold drinks including pitchers of caipirinhas at the list



An adult male Wire-tailed Manakin was there to greet us on our first morning at Anavilhanas National Park (photo Bret Whitney)

every evening, and lots of beautiful forest all around us outweighed the noisy frogs by a long shot. But it was sweet to say good-bye and take off for a week in paradise on the boat! Yessss!

When we boarded the luxurious Victoria Amazonia, Teresa and Bill Paschall were already there, having come in from Austin. Teresa is the Field Guides Tour Manager for most of the Brazil tours, and had been on the boat part of the tour a few years ago. It was Bill's first trip to South America! It was fun to have them on the boat with us, and they brought in some mighty fine Peacock Bass and other fish for top-deck grilling a couple of times. Lunch was served as we started up the beautiful Rio Negro. An afternoon stop at a place we'd never birded before produced two fine views of Amazonian Black-Tyrant, always tough to come by. We awoke next morning to Pavarotti and breakfast on the top deck in the wonderful Anavilhanas Archipelago. What a morning it was! Lots of birds and all seen very well, most folks getting 5-10 lifers, some 30+! Highlights included dazzling male Wire-tailed Manakins, Klages's and Leaden antwrens, Black-chinned and Ash-breasted antbirds, Blackish-gray Antshrike, Green-tailed Jacamar, Zimmer's, Striped, and Straight-billed woodcreepers, Speckled Spinetail (first of a long list of spinetails on the tour), Snethlage's Tody-Tyrant, Varzea Schiffornis, Festive Parrots (red rumps would come only later), and a group of Hoatzins. And we were properly blown away by a Long-billed Woodcreeper just before heading back to the boat to hit the cooler. That, my friends, is what birding is all about. And it was fun to celebrate Marcelo's birthday on the boat (but I really don't think that chimp on the card looked much like me, what with all the teeth and hair).

Next came Jaú National Park. This vast, remote preserve ranks among the most pristine in all of Brazil, with very few people living in it and very little visitation through the year. Rain on the morning of arrival precluded birding our planned stop but we made up for it nicely by stopping at some places we'd never visited before, which was fun as well as productive. Perhaps topping the highlights was the White-winged Potoo that we outsmarted one evening, eventually managing to get it in the scope for prolonged views. We came sooo close to getting a look at Rufous too: After we'd heard it several times, I finally found it perched but it flew seconds before the group arrived to get a look at it aaarrgh! Ant swarms were better than the past couple of years, and we got to see Chestnut-crested Antbird, always hugely hoped-for at Jaú. Also present were White-plumed and Bicolored antbirds, and a Reddish-winged Bare-eye that refused to do more than sing back to us weakly a couple of times. Pearly Antshrike put in a fine and highly appreciated appearance, as did Bar-bellied Woodcreeper which has been tough to produce in recent years. There was not a sign of Pavonine Quetzal, however, which is unusual at Jaú. We were super-fortunate to pick up Tawny-tufted Toucanet, here at the extreme eastern edge of its range, although it was hard to see clearly through leaves high in a tree.

Then it was down, all the way down, the Negro to the Rio Solimões. It's quite amazing to think of our crew doing that for us -- our guys up all night, in shifts, navigating us steadily and safely down that great river so we would be in place for a fantastic morning of birding on Marchantaria Island at daybreak. I mean, Wow. (And we even managed to stop for some late afternoon birding that finally resulted in good views of the red rumps on Festive Parrots, even if the sometimes-present Amazonian Umbrellabirds didn't show this time around.) Marchantaria was dynamite, lots of species seen well in short order. As predicted, the spinetails were thick and it was fun to see them all well and sort out their distinguishing features. Green-throated Mango was easier than usual but there wasn't a glimpse of Olive-spotted Hummer, one of very few island species that slipped through the net. The area we traditionally visit is now becoming pretty degraded, so I think we'll need to do more exploring by next year -- always fun, but it's going to be a challenge to budget the time for it! We enjoyed a nice view of the "Meeting of the Waters," at the confluence of the Rio Negro with the Solimões/Amazonas off Manaus, and learned of the very different nature of these two magnificent rivers. What a place (I always like to imagine us as a grain of sand speck down there on Google Earth).

Our final birding venue was the region around the mouth of the Rio Madeira, longest tributary of the Amazon. Higher-than-normal water levels there plus loss of the upstream end of "Ilha do Bufalo" had us scrambling for our early morning birding stop, but we got ashore at a superb place and chopped a trail for seeing nearly everything from Lesser Wagtail-Tyrant and Pearly-breasted Conebill to Varzea Piculet and Orange-backed Troupial (Parker's Spinetail got away again this year, but we'll try to fix that for the future) -- and we again managed to dodge rain squalls as we headed across the Madeira to Machado. Good luck continued there as we nailed Scaled Spinetail, Glossy Antshrike, and Cream-colored Woodpecker, with a bonus of at least three Giant Tree Rats! And no one fell in the creek ;)

We closed out the birding with a brief but memorable stop on the north bank of the Amazonas to see Plain Softtail and a few other birds before heading back up the Amazon toward Manaus. We awoke next morning for breakfast as we cruised into the port of Manaus, then disembarked for a swing through the fish and vegetable markets, followed by a little shopping and a fine tour through the Opera House with Junior as our guide. It was a fun and memorable morning, even as we learned that American Airlines had cancelled the flight to Miami that evening! It looked nasty for a while, but the able team of Marcelo, Teresa, and, back in Austin, Peggy, got it straightened out for everyone to get home via TAM free of extra charges, and everyone did -- some folks even more quickly than they would have on AA!

Marcelo and I thank you all very much for coming to bird with us around Manaus, and we very much look forward to seeing you again as soon as the opportunity presents itself. Meanwhile, have great birding and other travels, and keep in touch!

Com grandes abraços para todos, Brette

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*) – Seen briefly by a couple of folks at Camp 41, where we heard its wonderful voice often after dark.

UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*) [*]

VARIEGATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus variegatus*) [*]

Anhimidae (Screamers)

HORNED SCREAMER (*Anhima cornuta*) [*]

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

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

MUSCOVY DUCK (*Cairina moschata*)

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

VARIABLE CHACHALACA (*Ortalis motmot*) – Seen really well at the Topical Hotel.

CRESTLESS CURASSOW (*Mitu tomentosum*) – Several head at dawn in the Anavilhanas, but not a glimpse this year. [*]

BLACK CURASSOW (*Crax alector*) – One vehicle on the way into Camp 41 was fortunate to see a pair along the road. (We missed Marail Guan this year, which was unusual.)

Podicipedidae (Grebes)

LEAST GREBE (*Tachybaptus dominicus*)

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*)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)

CAPPED HERON (*Pilherodius pileatus*)

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

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

GREEN IBIS (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*)

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

LESSER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes burrovianus*)

GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes melambrotus*)

KING VULTURE (*Sarcoramphus papa*) – Seen especially well over the road near Camp 41, when six were circling high against a bright blue sky.

Pandionidae (Osprey)

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*) – Several, mostly on the Amazonas and Madeira, as usual.

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

GRAY-HEADED KITE (*Leptodon cayanensis*)

HOOK-BILLED KITE (*Chondrohierax uncinatus*) – A dark morph bird photographed by John was neat, and we had a group of six(?) moving over Ilha do Bufalo as well.

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*) – Great view of a perched bird.

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*)

BLACK-COLLARED HAWK (*Busarellus nigricollis*)

GRAY-BELLIED HAWK (*Accipiter poliogaster*) – A fabulous experience watching a distant juv in the scope initiate a dashing chase of a Scaled Pigeon. Unfortunately, we didn't get to see the outcome.

CRANE HAWK (*Geranospiza caerulescens*) – A single adult in the Anavilhanas

BLACK-FACED HAWK (*Leucopternis melanops*) – A superb scope study, back and front, of an adult at Ducke right off the bat.

WHITE HAWK (*Leucopternis albicollis*)

GREAT BLACK-HAWK (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris*)

GRAY HAWK (*Buteo nitidus*)

HARPY EAGLE (*Harpia harpyja*) – An amazing beast to see! We learned later that it had been fitted with a radio transmitter before fledging, banded, etc. So maybe we can send her an e-mail, or at least a tweet, next year.

BLACK HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) [*]

ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus ornatus*) [*]

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

BLACK CARACARA (*Daptrius ater*)

RED-THROATED CARACARA (*Ibycter americanus*) – Great views from the top deck of the boat.

SOUTHERN CARACARA (*Caracara plancus*)
YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)
BAT FALCON (*Falco ruficularis*)
ORANGE-BREASTED FALCON (*Falco deiroleucus*)

Eurypygidae (Sunbittern)

SUNBITTERN (*Eurypyga helias*)

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

GRAY-NECKED WOOD-RAIL (*Aramides cajanea*)

Heliornithidae (Finfoots)

SUNGREBE (*Heliornis fulica*) – Numerous sightings even with somewhat higher river levels than usual at this season, confirming that this is oine heckuva good tour for Sungrebes! We got to see the weirdly banded legs and feet a couple of times as well.

Psophiidae (Trumpeters)

GRAY-WINGED TRUMPETER (*Psophia crepitans*) – A pair trumpeted nearby as we walked along a trail then flushed into trees where just a couple of folks at the head of the group got to see them briefly.

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*)

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER (*Pluvialis dominica*) – A single, high-flying bird over the Amazonas

COLLARED PLOVER (*Charadrius collaris*)

Jacaniidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*)

SOLITARY SANDPIPER (*Tringa solitaria*)

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

YELLOW-BILLED TERN (*Sternula superciliaris*)

LARGE-BILLED TERN (*Phaetusa simplex*)

BLACK SKIMMER (*Rynchops niger*) – These big guys and the terns were anxiously cruising around the rivers waiting for the water to drop enough to expose sand/mudbars for breeding.

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

SCALED PIGEON (*Patagioenas speciosa*)

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*) – Good views

RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*) – Ditto that

COMMON GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina passerina*)

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

Psittacidae (Parrots)

MAROON-TAILED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura melanura*) [*]

WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (*Aratinga leucophthalma*)

BROWN-THROATED PARAKEET (*Aratinga pertinax*) – Picked them up at Jaú, where there is a somewhat isolated population.

CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW (*Ara severus*)

RED-AND-GREEN MACAW (*Ara chloropterus*) – A couple of spectacular views, but numbers were low this trip.

SCARLET MACAW (*Ara macao*) – Wonderful views a few times.

BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW (*Ara ararauna*) – Same for these impressive birds -- generally the most common big macaw on the route.

RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilata*)

GREEN-RUMPED PARROTLET (*Forpus passerinus*) – Birefly but nicely a couple of times.

WHITE-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris versicolurus*)

GOLDEN-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris chrysoptera*)

TUI PARAKEET (*Brotogeris sanctithomae*)

SCARLET-SHOULDERED PARROTLET (*Touit huetii*) – Both Touit heard blasting high over the forest canopy (with us under the canopy) a couple of times. [*]

SAPPHIRE-RUMPED PARROTLET (*Touit purpuratus*) [*]

CAICA PARROT (*Pyrilia caica*) – Fly-bys seen from the tower by some people, but we never managed to find one perched.

SHORT-TAILED PARROT (*Graydidascalus brachyurus*) – Lots and lots of these distinctive parrots along the Solimões/Amazonas, especially islands.

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)

DUSKY PARROT (*Pionus fuscus*) – We were lucky to see this perched, at Ducke.

FESTIVE PARROT (*Amazona festiva*) – It took a while to get really satisfying views, but all did eventually catch up to them.

ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (*Amazona amazonica*)

MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*)

RED-FAN PARROT (*Deroptyus accipitrinus*) – A nice if distant view of a perched pair, from the tower.

Opisthocomidae (Hoatzin)

HOATZIN (*Opisthocomus hoazin*) – Good views our first morning in the Anavilhanas.

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

BLACK-BELLIED CUCKOO (*Piaya melanogaster*) – We didn't get these fancy canopy cuckoo from the tower this trip, but did manage to see it well at Camp 41.

STRIPED CUCKOO (*Tapera naevia*) [*]

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*)

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

Strigidae (Owls)

TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops choliba*) [*]

SPECTACLED OWL (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*) – Essentially heard only from the top deck of the boat in the Anavilhanas, although most of us did see the dark, owl shape cross the river then start calling over there. [*]

AMAZONIAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium hardyi*) – Two superb sightings!

BURROWING OWL (*Athene cunicularia*) – A pair always greeted us along the entrance road to our hotel in Pres. Figueiredo.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

SHORT-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Lurocalis semitorquatus*)

LESSER NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles acutipennis*)

BAND-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Nyctiprogne leucopyga*) – Great looks at and listens to the two distinctive forms in the region.

COMMON PAURAUQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

BLACKISH NIGHTJAR (*Caprimulgus nigrescens*)

LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*)

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*) – Rogério! One of many great spots by the MAN.

COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*)

WHITE-WINGED POTOO (*Nyctibius leucopterus*) – Seeing this elusive bird well was absolutely fantastic. It will soon be described as a separate species from the Atlantic Forest (nominated) population.

RUFOUS POTOO (*Nyctibius bracteatus*) – Verry close to seeing this one as well, but it wouldn't stick quite long enough. [*]

Apodidae (Swifts)

CHAPMAN'S SWIFT (*Chaetura chapmani*) – Nicely from the tower.

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura*)

BAND-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura spinicaudus*)

GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)

FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT (*Tachornis squamata*) – We got to see a couple of near-chases for feather thievery but no actual strikes.

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

CRIMSON TOPAZ (*Topaza pella*) – A superb male right where we were directed to look for it, at a man's house where the special flowers the bird prefers are actively cared for.

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*)

STRAIGHT-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis bourcierii*) – One especially nice view of a perched bird at Camp 41.

LONG-TAILED HERMIT (*Phaethornis superciliosus*)

STREAK-THROATED HERMIT (*Phaethornis rufurumii*) – An excellent view on the Anavilhanas, at least for most folks.

REDDISH HERMIT (*Phaethornis ruber*)

BLACK-EARED FAIRY (*Heliodytes auritus*)

GREEN-TAILED GOLDENTHROAT (*Polytmus theresiae*)

GREEN-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax viridigula*) – Easy to come by this year, but almost all were imm/female plumaged birds (interesting).

BLUE-TAILED EMERALD (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*) – Teresa and Bill spotted a nest and we all got to see the female come in to settle softly on her eggs a couple of times.

BLUE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE (*Chlorestes notata*) – Not seen well by most of us, but Marcelo did get a nice photo of a male that stopped by briefly.

GRAY-BREASTED SABREWING (*Campylopterus largipennis*)

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)

VERSICOLORED EMERALD (*Amazilia versicolor*)

GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD (*Amazilia fimbriata*)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*)

GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*)

GUIANAN TROGON (*Trogon violaceus*)

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*) – Especially nice views along Igarapé Preto in Jaú.

BLACK-THROATED TROGON (*Trogon rufus*) [*]

Momotidae (Motmots)

AMAZONIAN MOTMOT (*Momotus momota*) [*]

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*)

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

GREEN KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle americana*)

GREEN-AND-RUFOUS KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle inda*) – Very nice, close studies of this rather elusive bird.

AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle aenea*) – Excellent, close looks at Ig. Preto.

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

WHITE-NECKED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus hyperrhynchus*) [*]

GUIANAN PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus macrorhynchus*)

PIED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus tectus*) – Below eye-level from the tower.

BLACK NUNBIRD (*Monasa atra*)

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*)

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

YELLOW-BILLED JACAMAR (*Galbula albirostris*)

GREEN-TAILED JACAMAR (*Galbula galbula*)

BRONZY JACAMAR (*Galbula leucogastra*) – Superb views of this beautiful jacamar in the campina.

PARADISE JACAMAR (*Galbula dea*)

GREAT JACAMAR (*Jacamerops aureus*)

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

BLACK-SPOTTED BARBET (*Capito niger*) – Seen fairly well by most, but we never had a good, prolonged view.

GILDED BARBET (*Capito auratus*) [*]

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

BLACK-NECKED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus aracari*)

GUIANAN TOUCANET (*Selenidera culik*) – Not seen as well as usual, and we somehow missed Green Aracari (first time ever on that count).

TAWNY-TUFTED TOUCANET (*Selenidera nattereri*) – Those of you who got a decent view of this rare toucanet were lucky indeed -- here at the far eastern edge of its range.

TOCO TOUCAN (*Ramphastos toco*) – A good spot by Dom Roberto from the top deck en route back to Manaus!

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus*) – East of Negro (Manaus side of river)

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*) – West of Negro (Jaú side)

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus*) – East of Negro

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus*) – West of Negro

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

LAFRESNAYE'S PICULET (*Picumnus lafresnayi*) – Good views at Jaú, with some effort.

GOLDEN-SPANGLED PICULET (*Picumnus exilis*) – A great spot by Patty led to good views for all (Camp 41).

VARZEA PICULET (*Picumnus varzeae*) – A pair put on quite a fine show for us at Bufalo that memorable morning.

YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)

GOLDEN-COLLARED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis cassini*) – A good spot by Dave was the only one we saw this trip.

LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus*)

YELLOW-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus flavigula*) – Several good sightings.

GOLDEN-GREEN WOODPECKER (*Piculus chrysochloros*) [*]

SPOT-BREADED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes punctigula*) – Close and highly appreciated; a fancy bird.

WAVED WOODPECKER (*Ceelus undatus*) – A good view from the tower of this attractive bird.

SCALE-BREADED WOODPECKER (*Ceelus grammicus*) – We coaxed one into showing itself to good advantage at Ig. Preto in Jaú.

CHESTNUT WOODPECKER (*Ceelus elegans*) – Seen nicely in the chavascal of Jaú.

CREAM-COLORED WOODPECKER (*Ceelus flavus*) – Finally got it nicely at Machado.

RINGED WOODPECKER (*Ceelus torquatus*) – Excellent views at both Ducke and Jaú.

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

RED-NECKED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus rubricollis*) – An impressively huge pair came in to investigate us at Camp 41.

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

- SHORT-BILLED LEAFTOSSER** (*Sclerurus rufigularis*) – An elusive individual was seen pretty well by most everybody, Camp 41.
- WING-BANDED HORNERO** (*Furnarius figulus*) – Picked it up at an impromptu, late-afternoon stop on the north bank of the Amazonas; nice!
- LESSER HORNERO** (*Furnarius minor*)
- PALE-BREASTED SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis albescens*)
- DARK-BREASTED SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis albigularis*)
- WHITE-BELLIED SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis propinqua*) – This is one of the most distinctive of all the island endemics; seen well!
- RUSTY-BACKED SPINETAIL** (*Cranioleuca vulpina*)
- SPECKLED SPINETAIL** (*Cranioleuca gutturata*)
- SCALED SPINETAIL** (*Cranioleuca muelleri*) – Yesss! It looked iffy for a while there, but perseverance paid off with a good view of a bird that was reluctant to come in closer than about 30 feet.
- YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL** (*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*)
- RED-AND-WHITE SPINETAIL** (*Certhiaxis mustelinus*) – Proved to be real easy this year, welcomed by your trusty guides.
- PLAIN SOFTTAIL** (*Thripophaga fusciceps obidensis*) – Perhaps the most recording-responsive bird in the world. Someday (soon, actually) it will get recognized as the good, full species it truly is!
- POINT-TAILED PALMCREEPER** (*Berlepschia rikeri*) – Talk about perseverance paying off -- we had to stop at palm swamps (buritizais) about ten time before connecting with one for a good scope view. But what a fine bird it is! Worth every drip and drop of sweat it pulled out of us.
- RUFOUS-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (*Philydor erythrocerum*)
- OLIVE-BACKED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (*Automolus infuscatus*) – A couple of sightings, subspecies *cervicalis*.
- PLAIN XENOPS** (*Xenops minutus*)
- SPOT-THROATED WOODCREEPER** (*Certhiasomus stictolaemus*)
- PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)
- WHITE-CHINNED WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocincla merula*)
- OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER** (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)
- LONG-TAILED WOODCREEPER** (*Deconychura longicauda*) – Nominat subspecies with a highly distinctive voice endemic to the Guianan Shield, seen real well (which is not often the case).
- WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)
- LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Nasica longirostris*) – Properly blew us away.
- BAR-BELLIED WOODCREEPER** (*Hylexetastes stresemanni*) – Yesss! It was tremendous to get both this one and Red-billed (its relative across the Negro, at Camp 41). And both were seen very well.
- RED-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Hylexetastes perrotii*)
- AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*)
- BLACK-BANDED WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*) – Amazingly close studies over and army ant swarm.
- STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Dendroplex picus*) – Nice, olive-legged views.
- ZIMMER'S WOODCREEPER** (*Dendroplex kienerii*) – Perfect, gray-legged views.
- STRIPED WOODCREEPER** (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*) – Fine, stripy views.
- OCELLATED WOODCREEPER** (*Xiphorhynchus ocellatus*) – Welll, we couldn't quite see the ocellations, but it was certainly spotted well, at Jaú (sorry, got a glass of wine in me).
- CHESTNUT-RUMPED WOODCREEPER** (*Xiphorhynchus pardalotus*)
- LINEATED WOODCREEPER** (*Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*)
- CURVE-BILLED SCYTHEBILL** (*Campylorhamphus procurvoides*) – Yip yip yip, soul-satisfying views of this impressive woodcreeper.

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

- FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE** (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*)
- BLACK-THROATED ANTSHRIKE** (*Frederickena viridis*) – Certainly among the trip highlights for me was getting a fine male, and a shier female, to show for us at Camp 41. It's been 4-5 years since we've even heard it on the tour.
- BLACK-CRESTED ANTSHRIKE** (*Sakesphorus canadensis*)
- GLOSSY ANTSHRIKE** (*Sakesphorus luctuosus*) – Sweet!
- MOUSE-COLORED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus murinus*) – So close it actually looked kind of nice.
- CASTELNAU'S ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus cryptoleucus*) – A recalcitrant male showed nicely but only for a few seconds, then returned to hidden places to sing back at us now and then. Time to find a new spot as that one has become heavily compromised by the local farmers.
- BLACKISH-GRAY ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus nigrocinereus*) – Real nicely on ghe Anavilhanas, male and female.
- NORTHERN SLATY-ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus punctatus*)
- AMAZONIAN ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus amazonicus cinereiceps*)
- PEARLY ANTSHRIKE** (*Megastictus margaritatus*) – An excellent view of an adult male at Jaú.
- DUSKY-THROATED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*)
- CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnomanes caesius*)
- SPOT-WINGED ANTSHRIKE** (*Pygiptila stellaris*)
- BROWN-BELLIED ANTWREN** (*Epinecrophylla gutturalis*) – This Guianan endemic showed nicely at Camp 41.
- PYGMY ANTWREN** (*Myrmotherula brachyura*)
- CHERRIE'S ANTWREN** (*Myrmotherula cherriei*) – Just look over there --->> at Marcelo's photo to get an idea of how beautifully we all saw this scarce little antwren, at Jaú!

KLAGES'S ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula klagesi*) – Not seen so well as Cherrie's but we did indeed get a good view of a pair at Anavilhanas, where it was first recorded "in life" as recently as 1994.

RUFOUS-BELLIED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula guttata*)

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)

LONG-WINGED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula longipennis*) – Distinctive, nominate subspecies endemic to the Guianan Shield.

GRAY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*)

LEADEN ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula assimilis*) – Fabulously close studies that magical morning on the Anavilhanas.

SPOT-BACKED ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus dorsimaculatus*) – We couldn't get one to come in while we were on the tower, but boy did we get it up close at Presidente Figueiredo!! Those were amazing views!

WHITE-FRINGED ANTWREN (*Formicivora grisea*)

ASH-WINGED ANTWREN (*Terenura spodioptila*) – Tough to see in the canopy, but several people got a pretty good view a time or two.

GRAY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*) [*]

DUSKY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra tyrannina*) [*]

ASH-BREASTED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus lugubris*) – Right in our faces at Anavilhanas.

BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*)

GUIANAN WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis cantator*)

YELLOW-BROWED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis hypoxantha*) – Nicely at Jaú; a handsome bird!

BLACK-CHINNED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemoides melanopogon*)

BLACK-AND-WHITE ANTBIRD (*Myrmochanes hemileucus*) – This highly distinctive island endemic showed especially well at Bufalo, where we got to watch a female collecting nesting material.

BLACK-HEADED ANTBIRD (HELLMAYR'S) (*Percnostola rufifrons subcristata*)

FERRUGINOUS-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza ferruginea*) – Just plain Excellent!

WHITE-PLUMED ANTBIRD (*Pithys albifrons*) – Seen pretty nicely a few times, really nicely a couple of times, for some folks -- but I was hoping for that stunning show, up close, that happens every now and then. It was interesting to see an independent juv working an ant swarm.

BICOLORED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopathys leucaspis*) – Nice views at a Jaú ant swarm (replaces Rufous-throated west of the Negro).

RUFOUS-THROATED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopathys rufigula*) – Seen fairly well at Ducke, less so at Camp 41.

CHESTNUT-CRESTED ANTBIRD (*Rhegmatorhina cristata*)

REDDISH-WINGED BARE-EYE (*Phlegopsis erythroptera*) – Disappointing to have this one refuse to show, or even fly by. [*]

Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius colma*) [*]

BLACK-FACED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius analis*) [*]

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

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

Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)

CHESTNUT-BELTED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga aurita*) – We were treated to a fine, crest-flared view of an adult male at Jaú, where we've had trouble locating it in recent years. A spectacular little bird!!

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

WHITE-LORED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion inermis*)

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

MOUSE-COLORED TYRANNULET (*Phaeomyias murina*)

YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*)

FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardii*)

GRAY ELAENIA (*Myiopagis caniceps*)

YELLOW-CROWNED ELAENIA (*Myiopagis flavivertex*)

BROWNISH ELAENIA (*Elaenia pelzelni*) – Very nicely on Marchantaria.

RUFOUS-CROWNED ELAENIA (*Elaenia ruficeps*)

RIVER TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga hypoleuca*)

MCCONNELL'S FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes macconnelli*) – Eventually seen well by most at Camp 41.

OLIVE-GREEN TYRANNULET (*Phylloscartes virescens*) – Good views of this Guianan endemic.

SLENDER-FOOTED TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius gracilipes*) – West of the Negro; never actually saw it. [*]

GUIANAN TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius acer*)

AMAZONIAN TYRANNULET (*Inezia subflava*) – Remarkably close views from the boats at Jaú; a pretty snazzy tyrannulet!

LESSER WAGTAIL-TYRANT (*Stigmatura napensis*) – Excellent at Bufalo.

SHORT-TAILED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis ecaudatus*)

DOUBLE-BANDED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus vitiosus*)

SNETHLAGE'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus minor pallens*) – Close study at Anavilhanas.

WHITE-EYED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus zosterops rothschildi*) – East of Negro

WHITE-EYED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus zosterops zosterops*) – West of Negro

PELZELN'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus inornatus*) – Whew, good spot Beto! We enjoyed close views, for a couple of minutes, of a foraging

family in the campina of Pres. Figueiredo. This rare little bird can be real tough to locate, and then see well.

TODY-TYRANT SP. (*Hemitriccus* sp. nov.?)

RUSTY-FRONTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilotriccus latirostris*)

SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum maculatum*)

PAINTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum pictum*) – Would you believe... in the scope for two minutes! This little canopy flycatcher has rather ornate plumage but one rarely gets to appreciate it as we did.

YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias sulphureus*)

YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias assimilis*)

WHITE-CRESTED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus platyrhynchos*)

ROYAL FLYCATCHER (*Onychorhynchus coronatus*)

RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*)

CINNAMON MANAKIN-TYRANT (*Neopipo cinnamomea*) – It called to us at close range a couple of times, but nary a feather did we see. [*]

WHISKERED FLYCATCHER (*Myiobius barbatus*)

EULER'S FLYCATCHER (*Lathrotriccus euleri*)

FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus duidae*) – Wonderful views of this skulker at Pres. Figueiredo. It will be officially split from Fuscous Fly.

FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus fuscator*) – Whitewater river islands only, another split from widespread Fuscous Fly.

AMAZONIAN BLACK-TYRANT (*Knipolegus poecilocercus*) – This was truly a banner trip for this scarce species, yielding at least five sightings! I wish we could save up four of those through 2016.

RIVERSIDE TYRANT (*Knipolegus orenocensis*) – Bufalo, baby, Bufalo!

CINNAMON ATTLA (*Attila cinnamomeus*)

DULL-CAPPED ATTLA (*Attila bolivianus*)

BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTLA (*Attila spadiceus*)

GRAYISH MOURNER (*Rhytipterna simplex*)

SWAINSON'S FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus swainsoni*) – Distinctive, dark birds at Jaú seen well a few times.

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*)

YELLOW-THROATED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias parvus*) – Remarkably good scope study of this one.

THREE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias trivirgatus*) – Accidentally picked it up at that impromptu, late afternoon stop on the north bank of the Amazonas; nice in the scope.

ISLAND STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes [maculatus] sp. nov.*) – One day, this bird will get sussed out and probably described as a species separate from widespread Streaked Fly.

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*)

VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*)

CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus*) – One from atop the INPA tower.

SULPHURY FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*) – Fine views at the Hotel Tropical.

WHITE-THROATED KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus albogularis*) – Only one, at Junior's place (it was late enough that we were lucky to find even one; it's an austral winterer to this part of the Amazon).

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus savana*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

BLACK-NECKED RED-COTINGA (*Phoenicircus nigricollis*) – (And we didn't even hear Guianan Red-Cotinga this year, which was strange.) [*]

GUIANAN COCK-OF-THE-ROCK (*Rupicola rupicola*) – There are no words... wait a sec, here's some: WOWW, KAPOWEE, SHAZAMM, BLAMMO and "It's sooo...ORANGE!" And, "Where's the BILL?" This is truly one of the world's great, great birds. Another one that was worth every drop of sweat we gave up along the hike into the lek :-). The little video here does nothing more than whet the appetite, it doesn't come close to illustrating this stunning bird.

CAPUCHINBIRD (*Perissocephalus tricolor*) – Marcelo's photo over there --->> shows the male in partial display posture, with orange pom-poms formed by the wrap-around underparts. Another truly amazing member of the class Aves, endemic to the Guianas.

SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*) – Few sightings this time around, but seen well.

SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*) – Seen a few times and heard daily, to be sure, but not really screaming all that much this trip.

WHITE BELLBIRD (*Procnias albus*) – A real surprise: an adult male seen well in the scope from atop the INPA tower for perhaps the first local record.

POMPADOUR COTINGA (*Xipholena punicea*) – Another one that has become less common over the past 3-4 years; we never saw a close adult male this trip (but we did see a couple).

BARE-NECKED FRUITCROW (*Gymnoderus foetidus*) – One seen well from HQ at Jaú.

Pipridae (Manakins)

SAFFRON-CRESTED TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Neopelma chrysocephalum*) – Good views with some effort in the campina.

DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes stolzmanni*) [*]

TINY TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes virescens*) – Seen best mobbing the Amazonian Pygmy-Owl atop the tower; "nicky-the-greek" was heard many times!

WHITE-THROATED MANAKIN (*Corapipo gutturalis*) – Unusually good looks at this often-elusive little bird, another Guianan endemic.

BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix coronata*) [*]

WHITE-FRONTED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix serena*) – Stunning views, properly appreciated by all.

BLACK MANAKIN (*Xenopipo atronitens*) – An adult male showed well a couple of times.

YELLOW-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Heterocercus flavivertex*) – Superbly at the campina north of Manaus; seen more briefly at Jaú (where it's actually much more common).

WHITE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Pipra pipra*)

WIRE-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra filicauda*) – Not supe-active at their lek this trip, but seen well nonetheless -- a really satisfying bird to see well! Yup, "Manakins Ruuule!"

GOLDEN-HEADED MANAKIN (*Pipra erythrocephala*)

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

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*)

VARZEA SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis major*) – Unusually fine views of a singing bird that stayed put for prolonged scope study on that fine morning at Anavilhanas.

CINEREOUS BECARD (*Pachyramphus rufus*) – Picked it up at the Castelnau's Antshrike stop; great view of an adult male, and we saw a female nicely at our last birding stop north of the Amazon.

CHESTNUT-CROWNED BECARD (*Pachyramphus castaneus*)

WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)

BLACK-CAPPED BECARD (*Pachyramphus marginatus*)

GLOSSY-BACKED BECARD (*Pachyramphus surinamus*) – Lucky rascals we were to get a singing male in the scope at a brief stop along the entrance road to the INPA tower, early in the tour.

Vireonidae (Vireos)

RED-EYED VIREO (MIGRATORY CHIVI) (*Vireo olivaceus chivi*)

GRAY-CHESTED GREENLET (*Hylophilus semicinereus*)

ASHY-HEADED GREENLET (*Hylophilus pectoralis*)

BROWN-HEADED GREENLET (*Hylophilus brunneiceps*) – Finally outsmarted one at Jaú to get a remarkably good view from the small boats hehehe

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

BUFF-CHEEKED GREENLET (*Hylophilus muscicapinus*) – Real nice, close, buff-cheeked views.

SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanus leucotis*) – A good view of a loudly singing bird from the tower, white malar and all.

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

PURPLE MARTIN (*Progne subis*) – Darned few around Manaus or the lower Solimões this trip, the fewest I've ever seen!! it was actually pretty alarming, I thought.

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*)

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

BANK SWALLOW (*Riparia riparia*) – A few starting to show up by the last couple of days of the trip.

BARN SWALLOW (*Hirundo rustica*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

CORAYA WREN (*Pheugopedius coraya*)

BUFF-BREASTED WREN (*Cantorchilus leucotis*)

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*)

WING-BANDED WREN (*Microcerculus bamba*) – Unfortunately, a pair that came in and sang close by several times remained largely out of sight for about half of the group, but some did get very nice views of at least one of them.

Poliptilidae (Gnatcatchers)

COLLARED GNATWREN (*Microbates collaris*) – A few lucky folks connected with the one we managed to get in close at Camp 41.

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)

TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (*Poliptila plumbea*)

GUIANAN GNATCATCHER (*Poliptila guianensis*) – Superb views from the INPA tower!

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIOUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*)

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

PALE-BREASTED THRUSH (*Turdus leucomelas*)

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

BLACK-BILLED THRUSH (*Turdus ignobilis*)

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

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

MASKED YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis aequinoctialis*)

Coerebidae (Bananaquit)

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

RED-BILLED PIED TANAGER (*Lamprospiza melanoleuca*) – Scarce this time around.

HOODED TANAGER (*Nemosia pileata*)

ORANGE-HEADED TANAGER (*Thlypopsis sordida*) – A couple of fine views.

BICOLORED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum bicolor*)

PEARLY-BREASTED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum margaritae*) – We finally found a cooperative pair at Bufalo, and saw them well in close comparison with a nearby pair of Bicolored Conebills.

GUIRA TANAGER (*Hemithraupis guira*)

YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*)

FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)

FULVOUS-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus surinamus*)

RED-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus phoenicius*) – Good views at Pres. Figueiredo.

MASKED CRIMSON TANAGER (*Ramphocelus nigrogularis*) – For the first time in several years -- a fine adult male at our final birding stop on the north bank of the Amazonas.

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*) – Stunning from the tower!

SPOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara punctata*)

DOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara varia*) – Seen fairly well by almost all, really well by a few -- always a tough bird to pick see.

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*)

YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS (*Dacnis flaviventer*)

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

SHORT-BILLED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes nitidus*) – Very nice views, tower and Camp 41.

PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)

RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)

GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

WING-BARRED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila americana*)

LINED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila lineola*)

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)

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

ORANGE-FRONTED YELLOW-FINCH (*Sicalis columbiana*)

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*)

YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

YELLOW-GREEN GROSBEAK (*Caryothraustes canadensis*)

BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK (*Cyanocopsa cyanoides*)

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

RED-BREASTED BLACKBIRD (*Sturnella militaris*)

ORIOLE BLACKBIRD (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*) – These big, handsome guys were especially evident on Marchantaria.

SHINY COWBIRD (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)

EPAULET ORIOLE (MORICHE) (*Icterus cayanensis chrysocephalus*) – Nice, close views at Presidente Figueiredo, first time in 3-4 years, and a lifer for Marcelo.

ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL (*Icterus croconotus*) – Really nicely on Bufalo.

RED-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus haemorrhous*)

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*)

CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus*)

OLIVE OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius bifasciatus yuracares*)

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

PLUMBEOUS EUPHONIA (*Euphonia plumbea*)

PURPLE-THROATED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chlorotica*)

GOLDEN-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chrysopasta*)

GOLDEN-SIDED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia cayennensis*)

MAMMALS

LONG-NOSED BAT (*Rhynchonycteris naso*)

GREATER BULLDOG BAT (*Noctilio leporinus*)

BRAZILIAN FREE-TAILED BAT (*Tadarida brasiliensis*)

GOLDEN-HANDED TAMARIN (*Saguinus midas*) – Great views from the tower, and also at Camp 41. The name "midas" for the golden touch!

BRAZILIAN BARE-FACE TAMARIN (*Saguinus bicolor*) [*]

COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY (*Saimiri sciureus*)

RED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta seniculus*) [*]

BROWN BEARDED SAKI MONKEY (*Chiropotes satanas*) – John and perhaps a couple of other folks were lucky to run into these beautiful primates at Camp 41.

BLACK SPIDER MONKEY (*Ateles paniscus*) [*]

PALE-THROATED THREE-TOED SLOTH (*Bradypus tridactylus*)

GUIANAN SQUIRREL (*Sciurus aestuans*) – Building a nest on the trail into the INPA tower -- fun to watch!

NORTHERN AMAZON RED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus igniventris*)

AMAZON RIVER DOLPHIN (*Inia geoffrensis*) – Lots of these fascinating creatures every day from the boat.

TUCUXI (*Sotalia fluviatilis*) – Also seen numerous times every day on the boat. Marcelo's quick instincts captured the baby porpoising beside its mom or dad in the middle of the Rio Amazonas.

SOUTH AMERICAN COATI (*Nasua nasua*) – Remember that distracted pair that came running up to us in thick brush at Presidente Figueiredo? They were more surprised than we were!

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Outstanding among numerous interesting creatures encountered along the way were Southern Two-toed Sloth (*Choloepus didactylus*, one carrying a baby at the Hotel Tropical), Bare-tailed Woolly Possum (*Caluromys philander*, the one we found during the day at the Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock place), Noisy Night Monkey (*Autos vociferans*, the family at Junior's place; apparently they get rowdy after dark), Spiny Tree Rat (*Mesomys hispidus*, one at Anavilhanas spotted fairly high in a tree), Giant Tree Rats (*Makalata grandis*, at least four of these monsters, a record!), Black and Spectacled caimans, several large Green Iguanas, and two truly remarkable insects: White Witch moths (*Thysania agripennis*, greatest wingspan of any moth; we found at least two!), and the spectacular Red-eyed Planthopper (family Fulgoridae). The massive, spectacularly tall tree we saw a couple of times was the Piquiá (*Caryocar* sp.)

Totals for the tour: 424 bird taxa and 15 mammal taxa