



Field Guides Tour Report

RIO NEGRO PARADISE: MANAUS II 2016

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Pure tranquility at Jau National Park. Photo copyright Bret Whitney.

This, the second of Field Guides' 2016 Manaus tours, was a wonderful trip! We had a most congenial group of birders, good weather (in spite of unusually prolonged, recent rains), decent if not ideal water levels, and generally great luck finding birds, with relatively few endemic species "slipping through the net". We got underway with a leisurely but productive afternoon of birding on the grounds of the Tropical Hotel, which is situated in an area of forest just above the Rio Negro. This was an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with lots of the most common birds of the area, but a Green Aracari stayed put for prolonged scope viewing, and we found a male Klages's Antwren(!) singing away. This bird was known from five specimens collected in the early 20th century near Santarem (Para state) until its "rediscovery" in about 1993, in the Anavilhanas Archipelago on the Rio Negro above Manaus. So, finding one at the Tropical Hotel was quite an exciting surprise – and we had fine views of the bird (which we saw well a couple of times later, on the Anavilhanas)! Also that afternoon, we saw a family group of the handsome Brazilian Bare-faced Tamarin, which has a tiny world range centered on the Manaus area, and a couple of Two-toed Sloths. We enjoyed our first caipirinhas and roasted Tambaqui (a vegetarian member of the piranha family) that evening, and we were off to a perfect start!

Just ahead of the tour, I had done a couple of days of scouting with my co-leaders, Pepe Rojas and Marcelo Barreiros. We especially wanted to try to locate the nest of Rufous Potoo at Reserva Ducke; Marcelo had found a nest there almost exactly one year earlier, which we had been thrilled to see on our 2015 tours. We suspected that the pair of potoos would again be nesting, not far from the previous site. Sure enough, we found the nest, just the night before the start of our tour! It was FABULOUS to be able to walk up and scope the adult bird perfectly as it incubated its single egg. Yip Yip Yip!! And that was just the closer for that fine morning of birding at Ducke, which started with a Black-faced Hawk, perched Red Fan and Caica parrots, and Guianan Toucanet, then continued with great views of Amazonian Pygmy-Owl, Paradise and Yellow-billed jacamars, and a gorgeous male White-fronted Manakin. That afternoon was also really good, highlighted by a very low and close male Purple-breasted Cotinga (check out the photo in the list, below!).

Early (very early!) next morning, it was off to the INPA tower, and Presidente Figueiredo. The recent rains and lack of maintenance of the dirt road into the INPA tower had caused trouble for Field Guides first Manaus tour, so I decided to rent three 4WD pickup trucks (as we had done for the first tour) to ensure we would get in there. This was a good plan, as it turned out, and we had a very productive early morning on the tower with good views of Guianan and Spotted puffbirds, a singing male Black-spotted Barbet, a beautiful Black-bellied Cuckoo, Waved and Golden-collared woodpeckers, some spectacular flyby macaws, and a good number of smaller, canopy flock birds like Guianan Woodcreeper, Spot-backed Antwren, Olive-green Tyrannulet, Glossy-backed Becard (sweet!), Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo, Buff-cheeked Greenlet, and several honeycreepers and tanagers. En route to Presidente Figueiredo, a fortuitous stop resulted in one of the tour highlights for me (and probably some of the rest of you!) – a point-blank Point-tailed Palmcreeper that flew up to within just a few feet of us. Check out the images in the list, below.

Over the past 12 years or so, Field Guides Manaus tours have based for three nights at the Biological Dynamics of Forest Fragments Project research camp, well back in the forest, where we have slept in hammocks under a metal roof, with two flush toilets and two showers. Starting this year, we decided to move the tour to a new hotel about an hour's drive north, outside the little town of Presidente Figueiredo, where we would have air conditioned rooms with hot water, and close proximity to a fabulous lek of Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock. Although I, personally, very much miss the hammock camp and trail system to which it affords easy access, I must say that it was very pleasant to stay at the hotel, and a bit of scouting its environs ahead of the tour enabled me to find territories of most of the "hammock camp" birds, many of which are Guianan Shield endemics. A few of the most important birds we picked up in that area were perched Sapphire-rumped Parrotlets, an exciting show from several Crimson Topaz at their flowering trees, a very cooperative White-winged Potoo (nice, long scope views of a singing bird!), Capuchinbird (very quiet, but a male came in to perch for good views), Pompadour Cotinga (a dashing male in the scopes), superb Chestnut-belted Gnatcatcher and Ferruginous-backed Antbird, Rufous-bellied Antwren, Long-tailed and Red-billed woodcreepers, Rufous-tailed Xenops, White-throated Manakin, Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin, Pelzel's Tody-Tyrant, Collared Gnatcatcher, and a fantastic pair of Blue-backed Tanagers -- and, of course, those amazing, incredible Guianan Cocks-of-the-Rock!! Some of them even came to eat fruit at several acai palm trees right beside the hotel dining area -- along with an assortment of aracaris, toucans, and other birds. Unfortunately, Guianan Red-Cotinga and Black Manakin, despite being fairly conspicuous during pre-tour scouting, were nowhere to be seen during our stay.

After four days on land, we were ready for the boat! And what a great time we had on the "Dorinha". Our first morning saw us having breakfast on the top deck, just after a predawn swing in the small boats to see a haunting pair of Spectacled Owls and both species of band-tailed nighthawks. Birding on an island in the Anavilhanas, we saw a lot of species, all really well, then continued our way upriver to visit a family of Three-striped Night-Monkeys (fantastic!), then do a late-afternoon cruise through a narrow cut in a long, linear island in hopes of spotting Amazonian Umbrellabird (which didn't show for us). We awoke next morning far upriver, at the mouth of the Rio Jau, in Jau National Park. The scene at daybreak was breathtaking, as "rosy-fingered dawn" illuminated the eastern horizon over the mirror-flat waters of the Jau. Large-billed and Yellow-billed terns, and a few Black Skimmers were flying around, and both species of river dolphins were feeding just below us. Pulling up to the dock at the park entrance, we learned that the park guards had been up all night processing a huge, clandestine catch of river turtles that traffickers had attempted to take past the park, to sell in Manaus. We didn't actually see the turtles, which were all released (more than 500!), but we saw the pictures, which were very impressive. The largest turtle weighed 49 kilograms (over 100 lb), and many weighed in excess of 30 kg.

Two and half days in Jau were very productive, resulting in excellent views of several species of birds rarely seen anywhere, especially Tawny-tufted Toucanet (wow!), Bar-bellied Woodcreeper, Cherrie's Antwren, Chestnut-crested Antbird, and Brown-headed Greenlet (in the scope!), and we were fortunate to get to see the little-known Black Uakari monkey as well. Those of us who elected to do a post-dinner spotlighting trip one evening under an amazing, starry sky were amply rewarded with both Great and Common potoos, Boat-billed Herons, a Sungrebe on its night roost, only a few feet away, a Blackish Nightjar that sat tight, probably on its nest, a couple of species of arboreal rodents (spiny rats), a tremendous view of a Paca that allowed us to maneuver the boats to within 20 feet of it before it finally walked away, and a couple of species of bats, frogs, and caimans. That was an action-packed hour, for sure!

Our final three days found us birding at a variety of stops along the Solimoes (as the Amazon west of the mouth of the Negro is called) and Amazonas rivers, in "whitewater" island habitats. We did awesomely well at these venues! Among the extensive roster of islands specialties present in this region, we dipped only on Olive-spotted Hummer, which we would have seen had the river level not been too low for us to reach one particular island, and, surprisingly, Scaled Spinetail, which was inexplicably absent from its usual haunt (don't worry, you'll get it on the Great Rivers of the Amazon tour ;-). A couple of others came in right at the buzzer (e.g., Lesser Wagtail-Tyrant, River Tyrannulet), but... they showed beautifully!

Back in Manaus, we had one last day to do some canopy birding at the "Museum of the Amazon" tower in Reserva Ducke, and then do a swing through downtown, mainly to see the famous Opera House. Dawn on the tower was excellent, providing us with fine views of many species, perhaps most memorable among them several Paradise and Spotted tanagers that came in very close, a Painted Tody-Flycatcher in the same treetop at eye-level, and a stunning pair of Caica Parrots. We had a relaxing final dinner on the boat, with time to clean up and rest a bit before heading to the airport for easy check-in for flights home.

Thanks so much to all of you for coming with us to Manaus. It was a beautiful tour, and I hope you harbor many fond memories of it. Come back to bird more of Brazil as soon as you can -- we'll be waiting for you!

I want to send out a special thank you to Ken Havard for sharing his many excellent photos from the tour! I had already prepared most of the media to go into this list by the time I saw them, so I managed to get only a few of them in here. You can view all of Ken's shots on his Flickr account at

www.flickr.com/photos/128294516@N08/albums

Com grandes abraços, Bretche, Pepe, e Marcelo

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*) – A few folks had a decent look at one that came out on to a narrow trail and walked ahead of us, at Ducke.

UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*) [*]

VARIEGATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus variegatus*) [*]

Anhimidae (Screamers)

HORNED SCREAMER (*Anhima cornuta*) – We had a good view of two of these huge birds, first on the ground, foraging at the edge of the water, then lumbering off in flight.

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

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

MUSCOVY DUCK (*Cairina moschata*)

BRAZILIAN TEAL (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*)

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

VARIABLE CHACHALACA (*Ortalis motmot*)

MARAIL GUAN (*Penelope marail*) [*]

SPIX'S GUAN (*Penelope jacquacu*) – Good views at Jau.

CRESTLESS CURASSOW (*Mitu tomentosum*) – Boy, they were really singing a lot in the Anavilhanas, but we weren't lucky enough to get to see one this time around. [*]

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Anhingidae (Anhingas)

ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*)

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*)

FASCIATED TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma fasciatum*) – After comparing a number of photos of both species of tiger-herons, I am sure the immature bird we saw at Mari-Mari, that I suspected was a Fasciated Tiger-Heron, indeed was one. Although I'm not aware of any previous records from the Manaus/Pres. Figueiredo region, it's occurrence there is not especially surprising. Check out these photos for comparison of two immature birds we saw on the tour >>>

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)

CAPPED HERON (*Pilherodius pileatus*) – Gorgeous birds, seen several times.

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

BOAT-BILLED HERON (*Cochlearius cochlearius*)

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*) – Steve spotted our first ones, at Presidente Figueiredo.

Pandionidae (Osprey)

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

HOOK-BILLED KITE (*Chondrohierax uncinatus*)

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*)

ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus ornatus*) – One was calling fairly loudly (= not too far away), but we didn't have enough of an opening in the canopy to see it. [*]

BLACK-COLLARED HAWK (*Busarellus nigricollis*)

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*)

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*)

CRANE HAWK (*Geranospiza caerulescens*) – A pair in the Anavilhanas was apparently attending its nest.

SAVANNA HAWK (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)

GREAT BLACK HAWK (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Rupornis magnirostris*)

BLACK-FACED HAWK (*Leucopternis melanops*) – Great scope study on our first morning in undisturbed forest!

GRAY-LINED HAWK (*Buteo nitidus*)

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

RUFOUS-SIDED CRAKE (*Laterallus melanophaeus*) [*]

GRAY-BREASTED CRAKE (*Laterallus exilis*) – A close calling bird ended up showing pretty darned well for all of us, once we got everyone into the right angles in our boats!

GRAY-COWLED WOOD-RAIL (*Aramides cajaneus*) – This is the new English name, after recent splitting.

Heliornithidae (Finfoots)

SUNGREBE (*Heliornis fulica*) – Wonderful view of a sleepy bird that Junior spotted for us, in Jau!

Aramidae (Limpkin)

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna*)

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*)

COLLARED PLOVER (*Charadrius collaris*)

Jacanidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*) – There were very few shorebirds around this trip.

SOLITARY SANDPIPER (*Tringa solitaria*)

GREATER YELLOWLEGS (*Tringa melanoleuca*) [*]

LESSER YELLOWLEGS (*Tringa flavipes*)

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

YELLOW-BILLED TERN (*Sternula superciliaris*)

LARGE-BILLED TERN (*Phaetusa simplex*)

BLACK SKIMMER (*Rynchops niger*)

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

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*) – Excellent views of these weird birds on a couple of days.

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*)

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

STRIPED CUCKOO (*Tapera naevia*)

LITTLE CUCKOO (*Coccyzina minuta*)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

BLACK-BELLIED CUCKOO (*Piaya melanogaster*)

DARK-BILLED CUCKOO (*Coccyzus melacoryphus*) – One seen well in the Anavilhanas, where it is an austral migrant.

Strigidae (Owls)

TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops choliba*) – One flushed during the day in Jau was really neat to see!

TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops watsonii*) – This one took some concerted effort, but Pepe eventually got his light on it, for all to see well.

SPECTACLED OWL (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*) – Great view of a singing pair, early on our first morning in the Anavilhanas.

AMAZONIAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium hardyi*) – Good scope views at Reserva Ducke.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

BAND-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Nyctiprogne leucopyga*) – We heard and saw both species of Band-tailed Nighthawks. We continue to work through the complicated taxonomy of this group; stay tuned for definitive scientific and English names.

BLACKISH NIGHTJAR (*Nyctipolus nigrescens*)

COMMON PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*) – We enjoyed spectacularly close flybys (then perched views) of adult males in Jau and on the lower Madeira.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*)

COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*)

WHITE-WINGED POTOO (*Nyctibius leucopterus*)

RUFOUS POTOO (*Nyctibius bracteatus*) – Check out the video of our nesting bird at Ducke!

Apodidae (Swifts)

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

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura*)

BAND-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura spinicaudus*) – Ditto that!

GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)

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

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

CRIMSON TOPAZ (*Topaza pella*)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*)

STRAIGHT-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis bourcieri*)

STREAK-THROATED HERMIT (*Phaethornis rupurumii*) – A fortuitous stop on an island we've never visited resulted in amazing views of these hermits at a lek.

BLACK-EARED FAIRY (*Heliodytes auritus*)

GREEN-TAILED GOLDENTHROAT (*Polytmus theresiae*)

GREEN-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax viridigula*)

BLUE-TAILED EMERALD (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*)

BLUE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE (*Chlorestes notata*)

GRAY-BREASTED SABREWING (*Campylopterus largipennis*)

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)

VERSICOLOR EMERALD (*Amazilia versicolor*)

GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD (*Amazilia fimbriata*)

RUFOUS-THROATED SAPPHIRE (*Hylocharis sapphirina*)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*)

GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*)

GUIANAN TROGON (*Trogon violaceus*)

AMAZONIAN TROGON (*Trogon ramonianus*) [*]

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*)

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*) – One very fine view -- but we couldn't come up with a Pygmy Kingfisher this time.

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

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

GUIANAN PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus macrorhynchus*) – Close, and striking -- split from widespread White-necked Puffbird, this one is a Guianan endemic.

PIED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus tectus*)

SPOTTED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco tamatia*) – An excellent spot by Carolyn!

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*) – Excellent scope studies on the Anavilhanas.

BRONZY JACAMAR (*Galbula leucogastra*) – Ridiculously close (would you believe, 4 feet?!) at Presidente Figueiredo -- wow!

PARADISE JACAMAR (*Galbula dea*)

GREAT JACAMAR (*Jacameros aureus*) – Just one view, but it was a beauty!

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

BLACK-SPOTTED BARBET (*Capito niger*) – It was fascinating to watch the male's odd singing posture -- check out the video >>>

GILDED BARBET (*Capito auratus*) – Darn, couldn't get them to come in for good looks. [*]

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

GREEN ARACARI (*Pteroglossus viridis*) – The one at the Tropical Hotel on our first afternoon was fabulous (video of these barbets and toucans is pretty cool!)

BLACK-NECKED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus aracari*)

CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus castanotis*)

GUIANAN TOUCANET (*Selenidera piperivora*) – Great views of this colorful little toucan at both Ducke and atop the towers.

TAWNY-TUFTED TOUCANET (*Selenidera nattereri*) – A mega-highlight of the tour was seeing this little-known toucanet, at Jau, in the same fruiting trees it had been frequenting a week or so earlier, on our first Manaus tour.

TOCO TOUCAN (*Ramphastos toco*) – A pair at the mouth of the Madeira was fun to see.

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus*) – The form east of the Negro

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*) – West of the Negro (Jau)

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus*) – This one was east of the Negro; we didn't even hear the "Yellow-ridged" type on the west side.

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

LAFRESNAYE'S PICULET (*Picumnus lafresnayi*) – Excellent views, at the entrance to Jau.

GOLDEN-SPANGLED PICULET (*Picumnus exilis*) – Good views from the lunch table at Mari-Mari!

VARZEA PICULET (*Picumnus varzeae*) – After a couple of foiled attempts to pull one in, we enjoyed excellent views of a pair, then others later in the morning.

YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)

GOLDEN-COLLARED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis cassini*) – Best from the tower; a Guianan endemic.

LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus*)

WHITE-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus leucolaemus*) – Nice views of an adult male.

YELLOW-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus flavigula*)

GOLDEN-GREEN WOODPECKER (*Piculus chrysochloros*) – This one took some maneuvering, but we eventually got it in the scope for good looks.

SPOT-BREASTED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes punctigula*) – A handsome woodpecker indeed!

RINGED WOODPECKER (*Ceolus torquatus*) – Several folks had it in view, close, from the boats, before it hitched up a tree trunk, out of sight. It then became hard to get, flying across the river a few times.

SCALE-BREASTED WOODPECKER (*Ceolus grammicus*) [*]

WAVED WOODPECKER (*Ceolus undatus*) – Superb view from the tower.

CREAM-COLORED WOODPECKER (*Ceolus flavus*) – Very nice!

RED-NECKED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus rubricollis*) – Seen well a couple of times.

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) – Same for this big guy.

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

BARRED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur ruficollis*) [*]

COLLARED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur semitorquatus*) [*]

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 rufigularis*)

Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots)

SCARLET-SHOULDERED PARROTLET (*Touit huetii*) [*]

SAPPHIRE-RUMPED PARROTLET (*Touit purpuratus*) – It was a real treat to walk up to a grove of Mauritia palms at Mari-Mari and see several of these secretive little parrots feeding quietly.

TUI PARAKEET (*Brotogeris sanctithomae*)

WHITE-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris versicolurus*)

GOLDEN-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris chrysoptera*)

CAICA PARROT (*Pyrilia caica*) – It's not every trip that we see this fancy Guianan endemic parrot well, but we sure did it up right this time around!

DUSKY PARROT (*Pionus fuscus*) – Also seen extraordinarily well.

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)

SHORT-TAILED PARROT (*Graydidascalus brachyurus*)

FESTIVE PARROT (*Amazona festiva*) – Many fewer than normal for this time of year.

MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*)

ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (*Amazona amazonica*)

RED-FAN PARROT (*Deroptyus accipitrinus*) – Fine scope views on our first morning at Ducke.

PAINTED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura picta*) – A small group at Presidente Figueiredo was near the southern edge of its range (in this region).

BROWN-THROATED PARAKEET (*Eupsittula pertinax*)

RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilatus*)

BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW (*Ara ararauna*) – An unforgettable, memory-etched sighting of a pair flying past the tower at eye-level!

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 spodiopila*) – Seen... not especially well by most folks, but that's the look you get if you're not lucky enough to have them close from the top of a tower!

FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*)

BLACK-CRESTED ANTSHRIKE (*Sakesphorus canadensis*)

GLOSSY ANTSHRIKE (*Sakesphorus luctuosus*) – Excellent views of both sexes near the mouth of the Madeira.

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)

MOUSE-COLORED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus murinus*)

CASTELNAU'S ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus cryptoleucus*) – After a bit of coaxing, we finally had very good views of a singing pair.

BLACKISH-GRAY ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus nigrocinereus*) – This one came remarkably easily, always welcome ;-)

NORTHERN SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus punctatus*)

AMAZONIAN ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus amazonicus cinereiceps*) – This gray-crowned form has a distinctive song as well; its range is north of the Amazon and west of the Negro.

DUSKY-THROATED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*)

CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes caesius*)

PLAIN-THROATED ANTWREN (*Isleria hauxwelli*) [*]

RUFOUS-BELLIED ANTWREN (*Isleria guttata*) – Outstanding views of this Guianan endemic -- we even had it in the scope for a couple of minutes!

SPOT-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Pygiptila stellaris*)

BROWN-BELLIED ANTWREN (*Epinecrophylla gutturalis*) – It took a good while to come up with this one, another Guianan endemic, but we finally nailed it at Ducke.

FULVOUS-THROATED ANTWREN (*Epinecrophylla pyrrhonota*) – This is the "Stipple-throated" Antwren a few folks got to see at Jau. As the complex has recently been split, it is probably going to end up with the name Rio Negro Stipplethroat.

PYGMY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula brachyura*) – A nice view at Presidente Figueiredo; this is the nominate form, that will be split as a Guianan endemic.

CHERRIE'S ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula cherriei*) – Good looks at both sexes in Jau

KLAGES'S ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula klagesi*) – Seen well at the Tropical Hotel and also in the Anavilhanas.

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)

LONG-WINGED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula longipennis*)

GRAY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*)

LEADEN ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula assimilis*)

SPOT-BACKED ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus dorsimaculatus*)

WHITE-FRINGED ANTWREN (*Formicivora grisea*)

GUIANAN WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis cantator*)

YELLOW-BROWED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis hypoxantha*) – It took a while, but we eventually all had very nice views of this attractive antbird.

GRAY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*)

ASH-BREASTED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus lugubris*)

BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus ardesiacus*) – This very dark form occurs in Jau.

BLACK-CHINNED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemoides melanopogon*)

BLACK-AND-WHITE ANTBIRD (*Myrmochanes hemileucus*) – Great show by a pair on Marchantaria Island.

BLACK-HEADED ANTBIRD (HELLMAYR'S) (*Percnostola rufifrons subcristata*) – Nice views of an adult male in shrubbery right on the side of the road

FERRUGINOUS-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoderus ferrugineus*) – A singing male approached to within a few yards of us, providing everyone with really nice views.

WHITE-CHEEKED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopithys leucaspis*) [*]

CHESTNUT-CRESTED ANTBIRD (*Rhegmatorhina cristata*) – An elusive, difficult species in general, the pair we found at Jau lived up to that reputation. If you saw it one of the first two times it came in, you did very well. After that, the birds became increasingly harder to see, but still, everyone managed at least a brief view!

COMMON SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Willisornis poecilinotus*)

Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)

CHESTNUT-BELTED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga aurita*) – Beautiful bird!

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

SPOT-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Certhiasomus stictolaemus*) – Very nicely in Jau

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)

LONG-TAILED WOODCREEPER (*Deconychura longicauda*) – We got this little-known woodcreeper on both sides of the Negro, which represents two different species (a revision of the group will be undertaken soon).

PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)

LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Nasica longirostris*)

BAR-BELLIED WOODCREEPER (*Hylexetastes stresemanni*) – Fabulous views of this seldom-seen woodcreeper at Jau; it replaces Red-billed west of the Negro.

RED-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Hylexetastes perrotii*) – We finally, after much effort, pulled in a pair for good views at Presidente Figueiredo -- whew!

STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*)

CHESTNUT-RUMPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus pardalotus*)

OCELLATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus ocellatus*) – This one proved to be hard to see well at Jau, but we did get it reasonably well a couple of times. This is supposedly the subspecies *X. o. beaupertusii*.

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*) [*]

STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex picus*)

ZIMMER'S WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex kienerii*) – Superb views a couple of times.

GUIANAN WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*) – Recently split from widespread Lineated Woodcreeper. We didn't even hear the one west of the Negro, now called Duida Woodcreeper.

POINT-TAILED PALMCREEPER (*Berlepschia rikeri*) – Incredible show!

RUFOUS-TAILED XENOPS (*Microxenops milleri*) – One bird provided brief but good views in a mixed-species flock at Presidente Figueiredo.

WING-BANDED HORNERO (*Furnarius figulus*)

LESSER HORNERO (*Furnarius minor*)

CINNAMON-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor pyrrhodes*) – One was seen briefly in a mixed-species flock

BUFF-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus ochrolaemus*)

RUSTY-BACKED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca vulpina*) – All of these spinetails were seen really well, except for the heard-only Plain-crowned.

PARKER'S SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca vulpecula*)

SPECKLED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca gutturata*)

YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL (*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*)

RED-AND-WHITE SPINETAIL (*Certhiaxis mustelinus*)

PALE-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albescens*)

DARK-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albigularis*)

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*)

YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*)

FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardii*)

GRAY ELAENIA (*Myiopagis caniceps*)

YELLOW-CROWNED ELAENIA (*Myiopagis flavivertex*)

BROWNISH ELAENIA (*Elaenia pelzelni*) – An excellent scope study!

RUFOUS-CROWNED ELAENIA (*Elaenia ruficeps*)

RIVER TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga hypoleuca*)

OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes oleagineus*)

MCCONNELL'S FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes macconnelli*) – Seen two or three times -- and it took that long for most of us to get a decent view!

OLIVE-GREEN TYRANNULET (*Phylloscartes virescens*) – Fantastic, close views from the INPA tower.

SLENDER-FOOTED TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius gracilipes*) – West of the Negro

GUIANAN TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius acer*) – East of the Negro

AMAZONIAN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER (*Sublegatus obscurior*)

AMAZONIAN TYRANNULET (*Inezia subflava*) – Low and very close at Jau; an especially attractive tyrannulet.

RINGED ANTIPIBIT (*Corythopis torquatus*) [*]

LESSER WAGTAIL-TYRANT (*Stigmatura napensis*) – At the buzzer, mates!

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

SNETHLAGE'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus minor pallens*) – We even found a nest on the Anivilhanas!

WHITE-EYED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus zosterops rothschildi*) – East of the Negro; good views.

WHITE-EYED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus zosterops zosterops*) – West of the Negro; seen well by most folks

PELZELN'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus inornatus*) – With perseverance, most folks had a decent view of this rare little bird.

TODY-TYRANT SP. (*Hemitriccus* sp. nov.?) – This one, sister to Pelzeln's and occurring only west of the Negro, was calling close but was seen by just a couple of folks.

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

SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum maculatum*)

PAINTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum pictum*)

BROWNISH TWISTWING (*Cnipodectes subbrunneus*) [*]

YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (RIVERINE) (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens insignis*)

YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias assimilis*)

GRAY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*)

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus coronatus*) [*]

WHITE-CRESTED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus platyrhynchos*)

RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*)

WHISKERED FLYCATCHER (*Myiobius barbatus*)

FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER (FUSCOUS) (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus fuscator*)

RIVERSIDE TYRANT (*Knipolegus orenocensis*)

AMAZONIAN BLACK-TYRANT (*Knipolegus poecilocercus*) – This was the one near the ground in the taller forest on Marchantaria (after we'd seen the very similar-looking Riverside Tyrant on the young island).

RUFOUS-TAILED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*)

CINNAMON ATTLA (*Attila cinnamomeus*) – Superb views at the palmcreeper spot.

DULL-CAPPED ATTLA (*Attila bolivianus*)

BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTLA (*Attila spadiceus*) [*]
SIBILANT SIRYSTES (*Sirystes sibilator*) – Seen well on our first morning in tall forest, at Ducke.
GRAYISH MOURNER (*Rhytipterna simplex*)
PALE-BELLIED MOURNER (*Rhytipterna immunda*) – Good views of one at Jau National Park.
DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) – Also seen well at Jau.
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*) – Great from the INPA tower!
THREE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias trivirgatus*) – Nicely from the boat at Jau.
STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)
ISLAND STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes [maculatus] sp. nov.*)
PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*)
VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*)
SULPHURY FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*)
TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)
FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus savana*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

GUIANAN COCK-OF-THE-ROCK (*Rupicola rupicola*) – Words cannot express... so, just look at the video! >>>
CAPUCHINBIRD (*Perissocephalus tricolor*) – It could have been better, but we had a pretty nice view (and it could have been a whole lot worse!)
PURPLE-BREASTED COTINGA (*Cotinga cotinga*) – This one could NOT have been better, amazingly low and close!
SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*) – Also seen really well a couple of times.
SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*) – Heard lots and seen well a couple of times (though there wasn't much to look at!).
POMPADOUR COTINGA (*Xipholena punicea*) – We saw a couple of female-plumaged birds from the INPA tower, then I managed to call in an adult male at Presidente Figueiredo, which was much more satisfying!

Pipridae (Manakins)

TINY TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes virescens*) – After hearing this tiny endemic a bunch of times, we finally spotted one and then some folks got to see it displaying, buzzing around with its yellow crest erect!
SAFFRON-CRESTED TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Neopelma chrysocephalum*)
WHITE-THROATED MANAKIN (*Corapipo gutturalis*) – We heard males a few times, but managed to see only one immature or possibly female bird.
BLACK MANAKIN (*Xenopipo atronitens*) – I think Steve was the only person who saw this bird, despite considerable effort to get one to come into view for all of us. We didn't even hear many.
WHITE-FRONTED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix serena*) – Seeing a full adult male of this Guianan endemic was one of the highlights of that first morning at Reserva Ducke.
YELLOW-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Heterocercus flavivertex*) – This bird proved to be flightier than usual, such that a couple folks didn't get to see it especially well. Those that did get on it perched had very nice looks indeed.
WIRE-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra filicauda*) – Our usual spot for this fancy manakin proved to be awfully quiet (one adult male did show up to stare at us for a few seconds), so we had to find them elsewhere... and, fortunately, we did get this fine adult male >>>
WHITE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Dixiphia pipra*)
GOLDEN-HEADED MANAKIN (*Ceratopipra erythrocephala*)
WING-BARRED PIPRITES (*Piprites chloris*) [*]

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*)
MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*)
VARZEA SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis major*) – Outstanding views on the Anavilhanas
BROWN-WINGED SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis turdina*) [*]
CHESTNUT-CROWNED BECARD (*Pachyramphus castaneus*) – Super low and close on Marchantaria (almost weird!)
WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*) [*]
BLACK-CAPPED BECARD (*Pachyramphus marginatus*)
GLOSSY-BACKED BECARD (*Pachyramphus surinamus*) – It was great to have such nice views of this bird from the INPA tower, where we have not had good luck with it in recent years.
PINK-THROATED BECARD (*Pachyramphus minor*)

Vireonidae (Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis)

RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) [*]
BROWN-HEADED GREENLET (*Hylophilus brunneiceps*)
LEMON-CHESTED GREENLET (*Hylophilus thoracicus*)
SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanius leucotis*) – A pair came through the tree closest to the INPA tower, providing good views for perhaps half a minute before they moved on.

DUSKY-CAPPED GREENLET (*Pachysylvia hypoxantha*) [*]
BUFF-CHEEKED GREENLET (*Pachysylvia muscipina*)
RED-EYED VIREO (RESIDENT CHIVI) (*Vireo olivaceus solimoensis*)

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

BLACK-COLLARED SWALLOW (*Pygochelidon melanoleuca*) – In Jau, where I don't recall our having had them before...
WHITE-THIGGED SWALLOW (*Atticora tibialis*) – Great looks north of Manaus
SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)
PURPLE MARTIN (*Progne subis*) – Not many at all, lots fewer than, say, ten years ago. That said, they seem to be showing up in big numbers in other areas of the central Amazon not too far away, so perhaps it's just relatively small-scale movement of populations.
GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)
BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*)
WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)
BARN SWALLOW (*Hirundo rustica*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

WING-BANDED WREN (*Microcerculus bambla*) – Darn it, we had a singing bird very close -- and it did indeed walk along right under a huge log that was slightly suspended above ground -- but several folks didn't get on it before it blasted off and refused to reappear.
HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*)
CORAYA WREN (*Pheugopedius coraya*) [*]
BUFF-BREASTED WREN (*Cantorchilus leucotis*) [*]
MUSICIAN WREN (*Cyphorhinus arada*) [*]

Poliophtilidae (Gnatcatchers)

COLLARED GNATWREN (*Microbates collaris*) – Hah, with the right technique of leading the bird, even guessing where it might next land, everybody finally managed to see it!
LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) [*]
TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (*Poliophtila plumbea*)
GUIANAN GNATCATCHER (RIO NEGRO) (*Poliophtila guianensis facilis*) – We had a bird singing consistently at Jau, but we just could not find a hole in understory vegetation to adequately see the very high canopy. [*]

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIOUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*)

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

PALE-BREASTED THRUSH (*Turdus leucomelas*)
BLACK-BILLED THRUSH (*Turdus ignobilis*)
WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (*Turdus albicollis*)

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

RIVERBANK WARBLER (*Myiothlypis rivularis*) – It was kind of a surprise to hear this bird near Presidente Figueiredo, and we all eventually came away with good views of it.

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*)
RED-BILLED PIED TANAGER (*Lamprospiza melanoleuca*) – Finally, on our last morning
HOODED TANAGER (*Nemosia pileata*)
ORANGE-HEADED TANAGER (*Thlypopsis sordida*)
FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)
FULVOUS-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus surinamus*)
RED-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus phoenicius*)
FULVOUS SHRIKE-TANAGER (*Lanio fulvus*) [*]
SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)
BLUE-BACKED TANAGER (*Cyanicterus cyanicterus*) – It had been a few years since we'd picked up this unusual tanager (monotypic genus) on a Manaus tour, but sure enough, we got them to come in for scope views this time!
BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)
PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)
SPOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara punctata*) – Great, close views -- but we never even heard a Dotted this year!
PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*) – Amazing views from the Ducke tower on our last morning!
OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER (*Tangara velia*)
BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*)
YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS (*Dacnis flaviventer*)
BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)
SHORT-BILLED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes nitidus*) – Seen well from atop the INPA tower.
PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)
GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)
GUIRA TANAGER (*Hemithraupis guira*) [*]

YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*)
BICOLORED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum bicolor*)
PEARLY-BREASTED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum margaritae*) – Barely got this one this year, but we did get it well!
ORANGE-FRONTED YELLOW-FINCH (*Sicalis columbiana*)
BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)
LINED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila lineola*) – Several individuals of this handsome seedeater on the young island off Marchantaria.
CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)
BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)
BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)
GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)

Emberizidae (Buntings and New World Sparrows)

YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

YELLOW-GREEN GROSBEAK (*Caryothraustes canadensis*)

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

RED-BREASTED MEADOWLARK (*Sturnella militaris*)

ORIOLE BLACKBIRD (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*)

YELLOW-HOODED BLACKBIRD (*Chrysomus icterocephalus*)

SHINY COWBIRD (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)

ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL (*Icterus croconotus*)

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*)

CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus*)

OLIVE OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius bifasciatus yuracares*) [*]

Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)

PLUMBEOUS EUPHONIA (*Euphonia plumbea*) – Another one we barely eeked out, but it, too, had a very happy ending!

GOLDEN-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chrysopasta*)

GOLDEN-SIDED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia cayennensis*)

Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)

HOUSE SPARROW (*Passer domesticus*)

MAMMALS

GREATER WHITE-LINED BAT (*Saccopteryx bilineata*)

BRAZILIAN FREE-TAILED BAT (*Tadarida brasiliensis*)

GOLDEN-HANDED TAMARIN (*Saguinus midas*) – Good sighting at Presidente Figueiredo

BRAZILIAN BARE-FACE TAMARIN (*Saguinus bicolor*) – Excellent, right on the grounds of the Tropical Hotel

COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY (*Saimiri sciureus*)

THREE-STRIPED NIGHT MONKEY (*Aotus trivirgatus*) – At home, in peace. The taxonomy of the *Aotus* night-monkeys has been polemical, with some authors splitting "Three-striped" into multiple species.

RED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta seniculus*)

BLACK UAKARI MONKEY (*Cacajao malanocephalus*) – A fast-moving troop at Jau; a couple of animals seen pretty well.

BROWN CAPUCHIN (*Cebus apella*) [*]

HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH (*Choloepus hoffmanni*)

GUIANAN SQUIRREL (*Sciurus aestuans*)

AMAZON RIVER DOLPHIN (*Inia geoffrensis*) – Lots of both species of dolphins, and we stopped at a place where they are feeding and protecting this species, which was pretty wonderful to see.

TUCUXI (*Sotalia fluviatilis*)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Among lots of other interesting fauna, from bugs to bats to bigger beasts, were the Paca mentioned in the introduction, Yellow-nosed Tree-Rat, huge *Artibeus*(?) bats feeding at dusk in Jau, a big *Boa constrictor*, Spectacled and Black caimans, Northern Caiman Lizard (Jau), a monstrous tarantula with red abdomen at Jau, several whip-scorpions that Pepe pointed out on an owling walk, a huge White Witch moth (*Thysania agripinna*) at Reserva Ducke, and, of course, those wonderful fish, the Tambaqui, Pirarucu (*Arapaima*), and Tucunare (Peacock Bass).

Totals for the tour: 416 bird taxa and 13 mammal taxa