



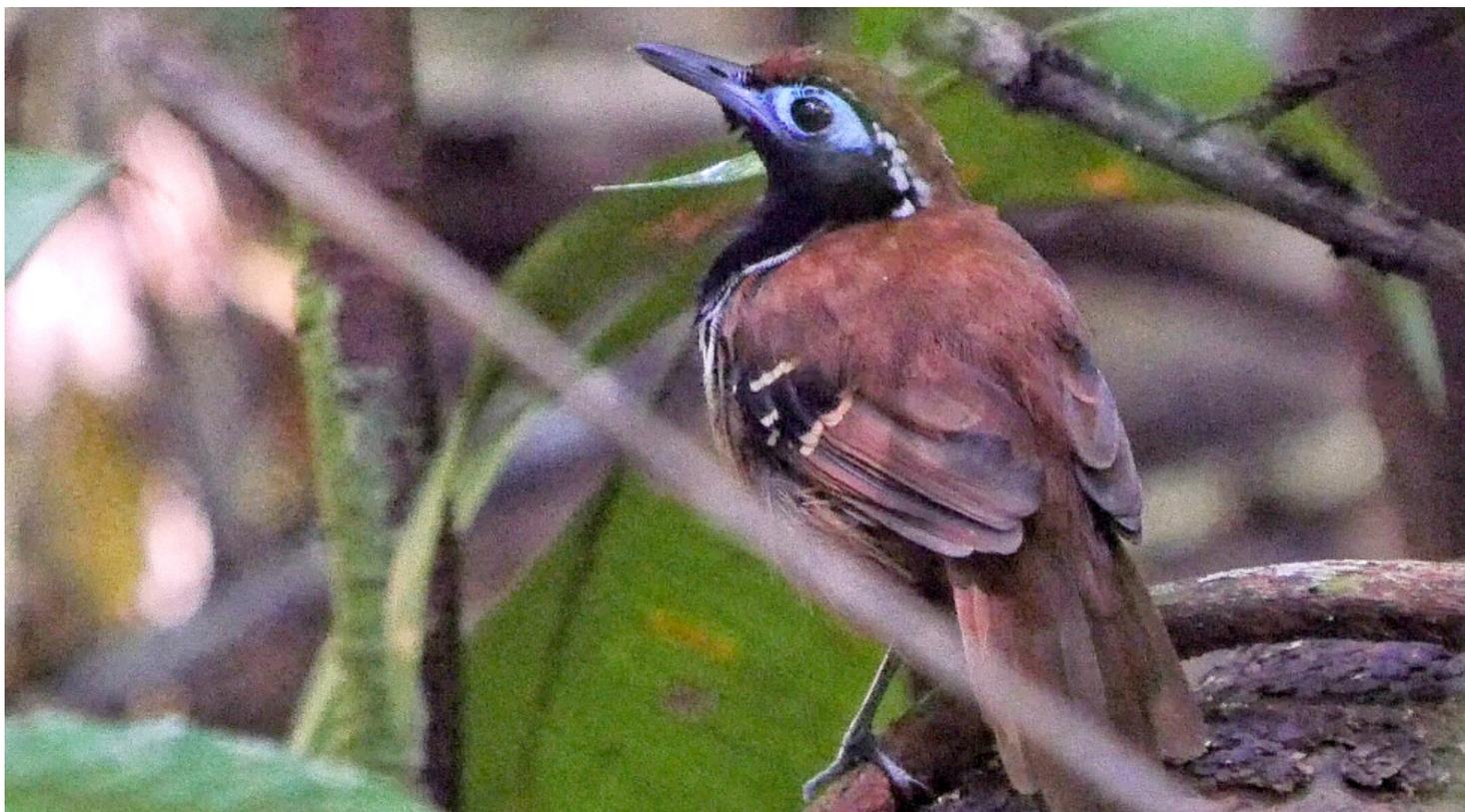
Field Guides Tour Report

Rio Negro Paradise: Manaus II 2017

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Ferruginous-backed Antbird. Photo by guide Bret Whitney.

This tour coincided perfectly badly with the arrival of Hurricane Irma into southern Florida, causing six of the ten participants to have to cancel because flights couldn't get out even several days later. Ruth did manage to get Dan down to Manaus so he could hop aboard the boat for the final two days. So, it was perhaps the roughest start to any Field Guides tour since the beginning, and it kept Ruth and the office hard at work to help folks understand what was happening and keep up with airport conditions to try to get as many participants down to Manaus as possible. With the resulting guide:pax ratio of 3:4, the arrivals were pretty happy and the tour itself was a breeze!

Weather was decent this time around, with daytime highs at about 93 and lows of about 75 (normal), with more rain than usual, which caused some problems and probably a few misses, but nothing life-threatening, like a hurricane. Marcelo and I went to the Reserva Ducke a couple of nights before the tour, and quickly found the Rufous Potoo nest that we were pretty sure would be active then, judging from the past two years. We were able to see the bird with the tour group, a mega-highlight(!), but, sadly, a predator ate the chick a week or so later, leaving just a bundle of downy feathers atop the stub. The balance of our morning at Ducke was easy and productive, with fine looks at Red-billed Woodcreeper, Green Aracari, Black-spotted Barbet, and Straight-billed Hermit being especially welcome, although Black-faced Hawk was silent, unseen.

Then, following an 03:30 breakfast and 04:00 departure from the hotel, we made it to the famous INPA tower about 50 kilometers north of Manaus, and got up on top about 06:00, which was fine on a lightly overcast morning. Although we had no close flock activity, we enjoyed good sightings of quite a nice variety of birds including Red-fan Parrot, Red-lored Parrot (unusual this early in the season), Guianan Puffbird, Glossy-backed Becard, Pompadour Cotinga, and Olive-green Tyrannulet.

Presidente Figueiredo was also very good, especially a couple of new trails opened near Mari Mari, where we stay and visit the Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock lek. We had great looks at White-throated and White-fronted manakins, and a Cinnamon Manakin-Tyrant, which is rarely seen anywhere. Other highlights in that area included an adult male Crimson Topaz that stayed put for good scope views, both Wing-banded and Musician wrens (both fantastic encounters!), Ferruginous-backed Antbird, Cinnamon-crested Spadebill (unusually leisurely viewing of a singing bird), Pale-bellied Mourner, Black Manakin, Cocoa Thrush, and Blue-backed Tanager. Mari Mari itself was fabulous for the cocks-of-the-rock, and also produced Pelzeln's Tody-Tyrant, Yellow-crowned Manakin, and several other good birds.

Then it was down to the Negro to board the Tumbira, our lovely, comfortable live-aboard river boat. We set off up the Negro on an overcast afternoon, caipirinhas in hand, and Junior (owner of the boats and our capable biologist-guide of many years) gave us a fun introduction to the crew, and logistics, amenities, and safety on the boat. Folks and leaders alike enjoyed getting a much-needed nap that afternoon ahead of our first excellent dinner on the boat. A post-dinner, nightlighting excursion produced exciting encounters with two species of enormous treefrogs, Boat-billed Herons, Band-tailed Nighthawks, and several other critters. Next morning, we started with a pre-breakfast swing around the Anavilhanas anchor area, hearing but not coaxing into view a pair of Spectacled Owls, and both species of Band-tailed Nighthawks. Breakfast was on the top deck, just great to be up there on a clear morning in the Anavilhanas. All of the target species showed pretty easily, especially Wire-tailed Manakin, which seemed to be on all sides all morning! Ash-breasted Antbird failed to come in for a look (super-unusual). As always, people loved that very birdy morning. I wish we could get a cell signal out there – it would be a fabulous venue for a live Facebook feed. We then motored up to the town of Novo Airao, where pax went with Marcelo to see the Night Monkeys at their longtime roost at Junior’s hotel, and I zipped out to collect a nest of Klages’s Antwren found by Micah Riegner in early July, which he had shown to me and Tom Johnson just ahead of our Great Rivers, Madeira-Tapajos tour. Our second mate, Isaqueu, managed a simply amazing climb of essentially unclimbable trees to use a makeshift, 3-meter pole with a hooked twig tied to the end of it, to pull the nest limb close enough to cut it off, 14 meters above the ground. It’s the only known nest of the species! I then ripped back to the mother ship to wait for the group so we could visit the feeding platform of the Amazon River Dolphins, which was a huge hit with the group.

We motored upriver through the night and woke up next morning at the entrance to remote Jau National Park. As usual, sunrise was spectacular there, with good numbers of Large-billed and Yellow-billed terns and a few Black Skimmers flying around and calling, lots of parrots coming by, etc. We spotted a juvenile Gray-bellied Hawk (looks like a miniature Ornate Hawk-Eagle!) perched atop a low snag, which most folks got to see before it zipped away. We’d seen an adult only a few hundred meters away from that spot on the 2015 tour.

Our three Days in Jau were excellent, highlighted by several sightings of the big macaws in great light, a White-winged Potoo that came in to the exact perch we wanted it on, at least three Tawny-tufted Toucanets, a fabulous Orange-breasted Falcon that allowed close approach, a pair of Pearly Antshrikes, a pair of Amazonian Black-Tyrants, a singing Rio Negro Gnatcatcher (= Guianan Gnatcatcher), Pavonine Quetzal (males on two days), and a pair of Bar-bellied Woodcreepers. We nearly dipped on antswarms (a couple of folks did get White-plumed and White-cheeked antbirds, no Chestnut-crested even heard), and, unfortunately, we didn’t get to go for Nocturnal Curassow due to water levels being too low in the spots we needed to visit.

Our run down the Negro toward Manaus was uneventful – almost. We had to do some engine repair work that ate up a couple of hours of time as the boat had to go much slower than usual – but we passed by Manaus at about 02:00 to pick up Dan who had finally made it in from Miami. Low water in both the Negro and Amazon meant we couldn’t easily get the Tumbira through the narrow shortcut channel across to Marchantaria Island, but after it got light enough to see, we discovered that it was going to be just barely passable, and we made it! We then made two highly productive stops on Marchantaria and a young, satellite island that was essentially connected to Marchantaria, with the rivers so very low (and still dropping!). We cleaned up most everything in 2-3 hours of really fun birding, then headed back to the mother ship for showers, a great lunch, and a swing across the famous “Encontro das Águas” = Meeting of the Waters, where the Negro meets the Soilmões, together forming the Rio Amazonas, always among the memorable events of the tour.

A late-afternoon stop on Jaguar Island, well down the Amazonas toward the Madeira, produced Red-and-white Spinetail and a handful of other birds on a lovely boat ride against a gorgeous sunset with threatening thunderstorms all around – with quite a dramatic charge back to the big boat! We awoke next morning at the mouth of the Madeira, with a massive thunderstorm brewing ominously in just the wrong direction for us. We tried getting ashore to see a few birds before it hit, but that essentially didn’t work, and we had to retreat and wait for it to pass. Fortunately, it did pass in an hour or so, and post-storm birding was excellent. We barely walked 100 meters, seeing a fine list of species typical of youngest-growth, whitewater islands. Most of us had been standing in one spot for several minutes when Bret called attention to a female Varzea Piculet in a vine-tangled set of small trees about 30 meters away. He then noticed that there was another bird in the tangle that he couldn’t get a good look at, but which was sized/shaped like a conebill. When it hopped into view, he and the rest of us were totally shocked to see it was a Tennessee Warbler! This bird was waayyy east and south of where it’s supposed to be; it turns out to be the first record for Brazil, and possibly for the Amazon basin. We theorized that high-elevation winds associated with Hurricane Irma et al. might have played a role in displacing this migrant individual (and, then, probably lots of other migrating birds). It was clearly an adult bird, and, by plumage, probably a female. Excellent, indeed, and it was very nicely documented for such a brief sighting.

We were running at least a couple of hours behind schedule, and had lunch on the boat before making a final birding stop on another, old-growth island. We quickly bumped into a mixed-species flock that had the hoped-for White-throated Woodpecker and a number of other new birds for us, including our fifth species of fancy Celeus woodpecker, Cream-colored. That afternoon we turned the bow upriver to head back to Manaus, having a delicious top-deck dinner on the way. We made it to Manaus very early the next morning.

Our final tour day saw us leaving a port in Manaus after an 04:00 breakfast to visit the MUSA tower, which finally produced our missing Guianan Toucanet, a nice scope view of a Marail Guan (which we’d seen at close range, but only “in pieces” on our first morning, at Ducke), and a number of other new species for the tour. Unfortunately, we called a halt to the birding just 15 minutes later than we should have, because we got caught in a heavy, hour-long thunderstorm, huddling under the roof overhang of a small building in the forest before it let up enough for us to make a run back to the entrance area and grab a cup of coffee. Lunch was grand back on the boat, and we had a siesta before reemerging for a swing through downtown, where Junior treated us to a fine tour of the Opera House (Teatro Amazonas), and folks could do a little shopping (and Bret could get us some acai (ah-sah-EE)). We had a nice, light dinner on the boat, and hour or so to pack up, then headed to the airport for easy check-in with AA on the daily, 23:00 flight to Miami.

We certainly hope that all of you who got blocked out by Irma are able to come on the tour next year, or as soon as your timing allows. We will be there waiting for you!

Marcelo Barreiros

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

Tinamidae (Tinamous)

GREAT TINAMOU (*Tinamus major*) [*]

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*) – We saw many individuals at Jaú National Park.

BRAZILIAN TEAL (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*) – On our first morning in the "white water", a single bird was spotted on the shore.

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

VARIABLE CHACHALACA (*Ortalis motmot*) [*]

MARAIL GUAN (*Penelope marail*) – Two birds spotted by David on the first day, at Ducke Reserve in Manaus and also on the last morning, from the MUSA Tower.

CRESTLESS CURASSOW (*Mitu tomentosum*) – Several birds were heard many times in Anavilhanas National Park. [*]

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*)

AGAMI HERON (*Agamia agami*) – We had really great looks at a beautiful adult in Jaú National Park! Compliments to our friend Sibah for that one!

CAPPED HERON (*Pilherodius pileatus*) – Seen few times in Jaú NP and on the Amazon river.

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

BOAT-BILLED HERON (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) – We spotted a couple birds during some night canoe trips.

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*) – Two of those vultures remained very calm for great shots at the Marchantaria island. Great looks at their colorful head.

GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes melambrotus*)

KING VULTURE (*Sarcoramphus papa*) – A beautiful adult spotted by Becky on a canoe trip! Thanks, Becky!

Pandionidae (Osprey)

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

HOOK-BILLED KITE (*Chondrohierax uncinatus*) – A pair of birds soaring over the headquarters of Ducke Reserve.

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*) – Three birds soaring over the Buffalo island and another three from the MUSA Tower, on the last morning.

BLACK HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) – Just after we got in Jaú NP, one bird soaring early in the morning over the canopy. We also had one bird near to the mouth of the Madeira River.

ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus ornatus*) – We heard a bird calling a couple of times in Ducke Reserve but unfortunately we did not get a clear view of the sky to spot him! [*]

BLACK-COLLARED HAWK (*Busarellus nigricollis*) – Seen a few times over the rivers.

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*) – A single scope view from the ZF-2 INPA Tower.

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*) – We saw several birds in Jaú NP and we also saw a big flock flying over the Marchantaria island.

GRAY-BELLIED HAWK (*Accipiter poliogaster*) – WOW! What a bird! An immature spotted near to the Jaú NP entrance, early in the morning! Nice way to starting a birding day!

CRANE HAWK (*Geranospiza caerulescens*) – Only one bird seen this year in Jaú NP from the Tumbira top deck.

SAVANNA HAWK (*Buteogallus meridionalis*) – A couple sightings on the first morning in the white water rivers.

GREAT BLACK HAWK (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Rupornis magnirostris*) – David spotted a nest at Marchantaria island. Really cool!

GRAY-LINED HAWK (*Buteo nitidus*) – Becky spotted one bird perched at Ducke Reserve.

Eurypygidae (Sunbittern)

SUNBITTERN (*Eurypyga helias*) – Our friend Junior spotted a bird seated on a log during a canoe trip in the Igarapé Preto, at Jaú NP! Thanks, Junior!

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

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

GRAY-COWLED WOOD-RAIL (*Aramides cajaneus*) – We heard them a few times in Anavilhanas and Jau and saw two birds on a lake on the Amazon River.

Heliornithidae (Finfoots)

SUNGREBE (*Heliornis fulica*) – This year we saw many of these elegant birds, including a very friendly female on the bank of Jaú River for several minutes.

Aramidae (Limpkin)

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna*)

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER (*Pluvialis squatarola*) – Few birds in a group of shore birds on an Amazon river island.

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*)

COLLARED PLOVER (*Charadrius collaris*)

Jacanidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

HUDSONIAN GODWIT (*Limosa haemastica*) – A group of 8 birds flying over the Amazon river on the way back to Manaus.

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER (*Calidris fuscicollis*) – A group with 18 birds was seen feeding by the Amazon river.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER (*Calidris melanotos*)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*)

SOLITARY SANDPIPER (*Tringa solitaria*)

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

YELLOW-BILLED TERN (*Sternula superciliaris*)

LARGE-BILLED TERN (*Phaetusa simplex*)

BLACK SKIMMER (*Rynchops niger*)

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

SCALED PIGEON (*Patagioenas speciosa*) – We had some nice scope views of this fancy pigeon.

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*) [*]

RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*) – We could see the courtship flight from the ZF-2 INPA tower! Very interesting display!

COMMON GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina passerina*) – The leucistic individual was seen again near to Manaus! It's always nice to see that little guy.

PLAIN-BREASTED GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina minuta*) – A single bird spotted by Dan on Marchantaria Island!

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)

RUDDY QUAIL-DOVE (*Geotrygon montana*) [*]

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*) – At Lajes waterfalls, in Presidente Figueiredo, we saw had this guy taking a bath in a puddle after a raining morning. Really cool!

GRAY-FRONTED DOVE (*Leptotila rufaxilla*) [*]

Opisthocomidae (Hoatzin)

HOATZIN (*Opisthocomus hoazin*) – We just had one encounter with these guys on the first morning in Anavilhanas NP.

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*)

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

STRIPED CUCKOO (*Tapera naevia*) – One bird seen at the Machado island, mouth of the Madeira River.

LITTLE CUCKOO (*Coccyzua minuta*) – Great looks at this small cuckoo on the Buffalo island.

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

BLACK-BELLIED CUCKOO (*Piaya melanogaster*)

Strigidae (Owls)

SPECTACLED OWL (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*) – Heard a couple of times, first in Mari-Mari and later, from the boat in Anavilhanas NP. [*]

AMAZONIAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium hardyi*) – Great looks in the scope on the first day of the tour at Ducke Reserve.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

SAND-COLORED NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles rupestris*)

LESSER NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles acutipennis*)

SHORT-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Lurocalis semitorquatus*)

BAND-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Nyctiprogne leucopyga*) – Really nice to see these two races (likely to be split as separate species) flying together over the black waters of Negro river. It was important to compare their features.

COMMON PAURAUQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) – Bird seen in the night trips on Negro River.

LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydrosalis climacocerca*) – Male and female spotted on the night trips in the canoe at Jaú River.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*)

COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*)

WHITE-WINGED POTOO (*Nyctibius leucopterus*) – It's always great to see this bird! This year we had an incredible opportunity to see a pair of birds in Jaú NP. That was AWESOME!

RUFOUS POTOO (*Nyctibius bracteatus*) – A few days before the tour, we found a nest of this majestic little creature in Ducke Reserve. It's an amazing sensation to observe them in day light. It was possible to see the chick rocking underneath the adult's belly. Just incredible!

Apodidae (Swifts)

WHITE-CHINNED SWIFT (*Cypseloides cryptus*)

CHAPMAN'S SWIFT (*Chaetura chapmani*)

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura*)

BAND-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura spinicaudus*)

GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)

LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT (*Panyptila cayennensis*)

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

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

CRIMSON TOPAZ (*Topaza pella*) – After a rainy morning in Presidente Figueiredo, the "old friend" male Crimson Topaz gave us his show! Great looks in the scope and photos for everybody!

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*) – A few good views of this beautiful hummingbird, including a female seen in Mari-Mari.

RUFOUS-BREASTED HERMIT (*Glaucis hirsutus*) [*]

STRAIGHT-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis bourcierii*) – To seeing hermits in the dark Amazonian understory is always a challenge, but when we know where they are lekking it's much easier! We could appreciate a male in the scope for a few minutes.

LONG-TAILED HERMIT (*Phaethornis superciliosus*) – Bird heard at Presidente Figueiredo and seen very well, chasing a male Fork-tailed Woodnymph in a Chavascal habitat, at Jaú NP.

STREAK-THROATED HERMIT (*Phaethornis rufurumii*) – We had a curious bird buzzing really close to us on Anavilhanas island.

REDDISH HERMIT (*Phaethornis ruber*)

BLACK-EARED FAIRY (*Heliostyris auritus*)

GREEN-TAILED GOLDENTHROAT (*Polytmus theresiae*) – On a dark cloudy morning at Cachoeira das Lajes campina trail, we observed a male in the scope.

GREEN-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax viridigula*) – Really cool island specialist hummer spotted feeding for a couple minutes.

BLACK-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)

BLUE-TAILED EMERALD (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*)

BLUE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE (*Chlorestes notata*)

GRAY-BREASTED SABREWING (*Campylopterus largipennis*)

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)

VERSICOLORED EMERALD (*Amazilia versicolor*)

GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD (*Amazilia fimbriata*)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

PAVONINE QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus pavoninus*) – Yes! it's a privilege to have this awesome Quetzal in the scope, TWICE! Impossible to be better!

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*)

GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*)

GUIANAN TROGON (*Trogon violaceus*) – A recently split from Violaceous Trogon, this Guianan Shield endemic was seen on a terra-firme trail at Presidente Figueiredo.

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*) – Nothing better than to have an itinerant "canopy tower" (our boat Tumbira!!). A wonderful male seen in the scope from the top deck at Anavilhanas NP.

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*)

AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle aenea*) – Yes! All five possible kingfishers seen!

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

WHITE-NECKED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus hyperrhynchus*) – This calm puffbird sat quietly and let us view him in the scope after a heavy rain.

GUIANAN PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus macrorhynchus*) – Similar to his cousin (White-necked Puffbird), this one gave us a show on the two towers.

PIED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus tectus*) [*]

COLLARED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco capensis*) – As usual, heard early in the morning at Jau NP. [*]

RUSTY-BREASTED NUNLET (*Nonnula rubecula*) [*]

BLACK NUNBIRD (*Monasa atra*)

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*)

WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa morphoeus*) – These guys were more quiet than usual this year, but we saw one in the scope at Jau NP.

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

YELLOW-BILLED JACAMAR (*Galbula albirostris*) – In a very nice moment, a pair of birds landed just about 5 feet from the group in response to Bret's tape!

GREEN-TAILED JACAMAR (*Galbula galbula*) – Another cool bird seen from the top deck of our boat!

BRONZY JACAMAR (*Galbula leucogastra*) – Heard for a few times, we saw very well a pair of these campina habitat specialists at Cachoeira das Lajes.

PARADISE JACAMAR (*Galbula dea*)

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

BLACK-SPOTTED BARBET (*Capito niger*) – Barbets are always nice to observe and this Guianan Shield endemic isn't different. Male and female were seen really well on the first morning of the trip and heard a few times later.

GILDED BARBET (*Capito auratus*) – Well man, wasn't easy to get these colorful canopy birds this year but we did it! Two birds seen in the scope in Jaú NP.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

GREEN ARACARI (*Pteroglossus viridis*) – After a couple brief looks, on the last morning at MUSA tower we had a group foraging near to the tower.

BLACK-NECKED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus aracari*)

GUIANAN TOUCANET (*Selenidera piperivora*) – Oh yes! Another Guianan Shield endemic! An incredible male seen in the scope for a few minutes.

TAWNY-TUFTED TOUCANET (*Selenidera nattereri*) – Much rarer than its relative from the east bank of Negro River (Guianan Toucanet), after looking for two days, a pair of birds was heard and our group could enjoy the male very very well in the scope!

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus*)

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*)

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus*)

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (YELLOW-RIDGED) (*Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus*)

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

LAFRESNAYE'S PICULET (*Picumnus lafresnayi*) – An inhabitant of the black water flooded forest, a male of this Piculet was seen very well.

VARZEA PICULET (*Picumnus varzeae*) – The white water flooded forests also have their Piculet species, and we had great looks at one from the Tumbira top deck, while we were waiting for a morning rain to go away.

YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)

GOLDEN-COLLARED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis cassini*)

LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus*)

WHITE-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus leucolaemus*) – Great look at one bird foraging at Machado island.

YELLOW-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus flavigula*)

SPOT-BREASTED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes punctigula*)

RINGED WOODPECKER (*Ceelus torquatus*) – A pair of birds seen in the scope.

SCALE-BREASTED WOODPECKER (*Ceelus grammicus*) – We had a pair of birds in the scope for several minutes! Really cool!

WAVED WOODPECKER (*Ceelus undatus*) – Another Guianan Shield endemic! The bird was heard from the INPA tower and seen in Presidente Figueiredo.

CREAM-COLORED WOODPECKER (*Ceelus flavus*) – A family seen very well in Machado island.

CHESTNUT WOODPECKER (*Ceelus elegans*) – Yes, we saw all the possible *Ceelus* woodpeckers on this trip! About this guy: we had two different subspecies, including the beautiful Guianan subspecies with their awesome blonde top crest from the MUSA tower, on the last morning!

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

RED-NECKED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus rubricollis*) – This is the biggest woodpecker in Brazilian Amazon!

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

BARRED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur ruficollis*) – Well, forest-falcons are always tough, guys! This shy bird crossed the trail at Mari-Mari lodge a couple of times, landing near to the group and some of us could see him briefly.

BLACK CARACARA (*Daptus ater*)

RED-THROATED CARACARA (*Ibycter americanus*) [*]

SOUTHERN CARACARA (*Caracara plancus*)

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)

LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)

BAT FALCON (*Falco ruficularis*) – Only one sighting, from the top of MUSA tower.

ORANGE-BREASTED FALCON (*Falco deiroleucus*) – That's a trophy! During a canoe trip, at Jau NP, we were going back to our boat and this guy was perched on the river side. Suddenly he just took off and attacked a martin over the Jau river. That was one of the highlights of this trip!

Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots)

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

SAPPHIRE-RUMPED PARROTLET (*Touit purpuratus*) – Heard several times and seen flying a couple of times on Presidente Figueiredo trails.

TUI PARAKEET (*Brotogeris sanctithomae*)

WHITE-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris versicolurus*)

GOLDEN-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris chrysoptera*)

CAICA PARROT (*Pyrilia caica*) – A single perched bird could be seen in the scope briefly, and some flying by later on the trip.

DUSKY PARROT (*Pionus fuscus*)

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)

SHORT-TAILED PARROT (*Graydidascalus brachyurus*)

FESTIVE PARROT (*Amazona festiva*) – As usually, great number of birds on island of Anavilhanas.

RED-LORED PARROT (DIADEMED) (*Amazona autumnalis diadema*)

MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*)

ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (*Amazona amazonica*)

GREEN-RUMPED PARROTLET (*Forpus passerinus*) – Four birds in the scope, feeding in a Cecropia tree at Marchantaria island.

RED-FAN PARROT (*Derophtus accipitrinus*) – This parrot, perhaps the most fancy in the Neotropics, is often present close to the tower, allowing great observations in the scope.

MAROON-TAILED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura melanura*)

BROWN-THROATED PARAKEET (*Eupsittula pertinax*) – Heard a few times and seen very well during a canoe trip at Igarapé Preto, Jau NP.

RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilatus*)

BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW (*Ara ararauna*) – This majestic big parrot chose a dead palm tree near by Sibah's house to nest in. During a canoe trip, we had beautiful looks at the pair of them!

SCARLET MACAW (*Ara macao*) – Seen a few times on the trip and on the last morning we had six birds flying by from the tower, just before the huge storm arrived! Amazing color contrast with those colorful birds and the different green tones of the Amazon forest canopy!

RED-AND-GREEN MACAW (*Ara chloropterus*)

CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW (*Ara severus*)

WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (*Psittacara leucophthalmus*)

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

ASH-WINGED ANTWRN (*Euchreptomis spodiopitila*) – Bird was heard from the INPA tower and seen briefly in Presidente Figueiredo for a few people of the group.

FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*)

GREAT ANTSHRIKE (*Taraba major*)

BLACK-CRESTED ANTSHRIKE (*Sakesphorus canadensis*)

GLOSSY ANTSHRIKE (*Sakesphorus luctuosus*) – Male and female seen at Machado island.

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)

MOUSE-COLORED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus murinus*)

CASTELNAU'S ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus cryptoleucus*) – An island specialist, this year it was much easier than the last! Two pairs seen very well.

BLACKISH-GRAY ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus nigrocinereus*) – As well his cousin above, this is another island specialist, found on the black and clear waters.

NORTHERN SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus punctatus*) [*]

AMAZONIAN ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus amazonicus cinereiceps*) – Yes! Really nice antshrike from the black waters chavascal! The subspecies *cinereiceps*, different from the subspecies of the southern Amazon.

PEARLY ANTSHRIKE (*Megastictus margaritatus*) – A pair of birds in a mixed species flock in Jau NP.

DUSKY-THROATED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*) [*]

CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes caesius*)

SPOT-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Pygiptila stellaris*) – A single bird heard from the boat at Anavilhanas NP. [*]

BROWN-BELLIED ANTWRN (*Epinecrophylla gutturalis*) – Nice looks at one bird in Pres Figueiredo.

FULVOUS-THROATED ANTWRN (*Epinecrophylla pyrrhonota*) [*]

PYGMY ANTWRN (*Myrmotherula brachyura*)

CHERRIE'S ANTWRN (*Myrmotherula cherriei*) – We saw a family in Chavascal trail and later, from the boat, a pair of birds really close, from the top deck of Tumbira! That was cool!

KLAGES'S ANTWRN (*Myrmotherula klagesi*) – Another island specialist, it was seen on the first morning in Anavilhanas NP and heard a few times later.

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWRN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)

LONG-WINGED ANTWRN (*Myrmotherula longipennis*)

GRAY ANTWRN (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*)

LEADEN ANTWRN (*Myrmotherula assimilis*)

SPOT-BACKED ANTWRN (*Herpsilochmus dorsimaculatus*)

WHITE-FRINGED ANTWRN (*Formicivora grisea*) – Only found in campina forest near to Manaus, a pair of birds were seen well at Lajes, Pres Figueiredo.

GUIANAN WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis cantator*)

YELLOW-BROWED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis hypoxantha*)

GRAY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*) [*]

ASH-BREASTED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus lugubris*) [*]

BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus ardesiacus*)

BLACK-CHINNED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemoides melanopogon*)

BLACK-AND-WHITE ANTBIRD (*Myrmochanes hemileucus*) – This is another white water island specialist! It's always nice to see this fancy antbird!

BLACK-HEADED ANTBIRD (HELLMAYR'S) (*Percnostola rufifrons subcristata*) – Only found on the Guianan Shield, this bird was seen a couple of times.

FERRUGINOUS-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoderus ferrugineus*) – Well, this is one of the most fancy antbirds of Guianan Shield! We had the privilege of seeing a male walking very relaxed on the log for a few minutes!

WHITE-PLUMED ANTBIRD (*Pithys albifrons*) – The best chance to see this bird is to find an ant swarm and we did it! A few individuals foraging near to the trail in Jaú NP.

WHITE-CHEEKED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopithys leucaspis*) – On the same ant swarm we saw the White-plumed Antbird, a couple of birds were seen.

RUFOUS-THROATED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopithys rufigula*) [*]

SPOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax naevius*) [*]

COMMON SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Willisornis poecilinotus*) – A beautiful pair of birds seen very well early in the first morning in Pres. Figueiredo.

REDDISH-WINGED BARE-EYE (*Phlegopsis erythroptera*) [*]

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

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

Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

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

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)

LONG-TAILED WOODCREEPER (*Deconychura longicauda*)

WHITE-CHINNED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla merula*) – Usually quiet, this woodcreeper is often seen following ant swarm, as we saw in Jaú NP.

PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)

CINNAMON-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrexetastes rufigula*)

LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Nasica longirostris*) – One of the most elegant woodcreepers in the Amazon, seen a few times in the flooded forest. Very cool!

AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*) – We had the two possible subspecies this year! The nominal (*certhia*) subspecies on the east of Rio Negro, and the subspecies *radiolatus* to the west of Negro River.

BLACK-BANDED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*)

BAR-BELLIED WOODCREEPER (*Hylexetastes stresemanni*) – Well done, my friends! Just before a huge rain fell, a pair of this rare bird was seen very well in Jaú NP.

RED-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Hylexetastes perrotii*) – Another Guianan Shield endemic seen really close to the trail on the first morning, at Reserva Ducke.

STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*)

CHESTNUT-RUMPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus pardalotus*)

OCELLATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus ocellatus*)

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*)

STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex picus*)

ZIMMER'S WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex kienerii*) – This trip was fabulous for this bird! Much more common than usual, the bird was seen several times on the Chavascal and island trails.

CURVE-BILLED SCYTHEBILL (*Campylorhamphus procurvoides*) [*]

GUIANAN WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*)

POINT-TAILED PALMCREEPER (*Berlepschia rikeri*) – This is a kind of mix between a woodcreeper and a spinetail (or a Foliage-gleaner??)? Whatever it is, I just know that is an awesome bird, only found living on Mauritia palm tree habitat.

WING-BANDED HORNERO (*Furnarius figulus*)

LESSER HORNERO (*Furnarius minor*) – Great looks at this bird improving his nest at Marchantaria island.

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

STRIPED WOODHAUNTER (*Automolus subulatus*) [*]

OLIVE-BACKED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus infuscatus*)

RUSTY-BACKED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca vulpina*)

PARKER'S SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca vulpecula*) – This is another example of white water island specialist! Bird was seen very well in a young growth patch of forest, at Marchantaria island.

YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL (*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*)

RED-AND-WHITE SPINETAIL (*Certhiaxis mustelinus*) – This guy is similar to the Yellow-chinned Spinetail but has a very accentuated contrast between white and red.

PALE-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albescens*)

DARK-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albigularis*)

WHITE-BELLIED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis propinqua*)

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

WHITE-LORED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion inermis*) [*]
SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Campostoma obsoletum*)
MOUSE-COLORED TYRANNULET (*Phaeomyias murina*)
YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*)
FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardii*)
GRAY ELAENIA (*Myiopagis caniceps*) [*]
YELLOW-CROWNED ELAENIA (*Myiopagis flavivertex*) – Usually found in flooded forest, a bird was seen very well at Marchantaria island.
BROWNISH ELAENIA (*Elaenia pelzelni*) – Seen a couple times in the white water island.
RUFIOUS-CROWNED ELAENIA (*Elaenia ruficeps*) – Another Campina specialist bird seen in Pres Figueiredo area.
RIVER TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga hypoleuca*) – Great looks of this riverine bird in a young growth vegetation section at Marchantaria island.
OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes oleagineus*)
MCCONNELL'S FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes macconnelli*)
OLIVE-GREEN TYRANNULET (*Phylloscartes virescens*) – Common bird in canopy flocks, bird seen very close to the INPA tower.
SLENDER-FOOTED TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius gracilipes*)
GUIANAN TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius acer*)
AMAZONIAN TYRANNULET (*Inezia subflava*)
LESSER WAGTAIL-TYRANT (*Stigmatura napensis*) – A pair of birds seen very well at the nice Búfalo island.
SHORT-TAILED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis ecaudatus*) [*]
DOUBLE-BANDED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus vitiosus*)
SNETHLAGE'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus minor pallens*) – Heard a few times in Anavilhanas island and seen well in the Chavascal habitat.
WHITE-EYED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus zosterops zosterops*) – Nominal subspecies, found west of Negro River.
WHITE-EYED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus zosterops rothschildi*) – Distinct in voice, mainly, from the nominal subspecies, this one is found on the east of Negro River and seen on the first morning, at Ducke Reserve.
PELZELN'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus inornatus*) – As hard as all those *Hemitriccus* are to see, this one lives only in Campina habitat to the north of Manaus. We had a couple of nice looks at Mari-Mari Lodge.
TODY-TYRANT SP. (*Hemitriccus* sp. nov.?) – This is the sister species of Pelzeln's Tody-Tyrant, only found in Chavascal habitat, on the west of Negro river. He doesn't have a name yet, but we know how to find him!
RUSTY-FRONTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilotriccus latirostris*)
SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum maculatum*)
PAINTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum pictum*) – This beautiful tiny bird is always welcome on the tour! A Guianan Shield endemic seen from the INPA tower.
YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (RIVERINE) (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens insignis*)
YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias assimilis*)
GRAY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*)
YELLOW-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*)
CINNAMON-CRESTED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus saturatus*) – WOW! That was a show! A very responsive bird seen very well in Pres Figueiredo.
WHITE-CRESTED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus platyrhynchos*)
RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*) [*]
CINNAMON MANAKIN-TYRANT (*Neopipo cinnamomea*) – This was another highlight of this tour, for sure! One bird seen (and photographed!!) 6 feet above the ground!
WHISKERED FLYCATCHER (*Myiobius barbatus*)
FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER (CAMPINA) (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus duidae*)
FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER (FUSCOUS) (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus fuscator*)
RIVERSIDE TYRANT (*Knipolegus orenocensis*) [*]
AMAZONIAN BLACK-TYRANT (*Knipolegus poecilocercus*) – These shy birds were spotted during a canoe trip at Jaú NP! The group enjoyed a pair of birds foraging for several minutes.
WHITE-HEADED MARSH TYRANT (*Arundinicola leucocephala*)
RUFIOUS-TAILED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*)
CINNAMON ATTILA (*Attila cinnamomeus*) [*]
DULL-CAPPED ATTILA (*Attila bolivianus*)
BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTILA (*Attila spadiceus*) [*]
SIBILANT SIRYSTES (*Sirystes sibilator*) [*]
GRAYISH MOURNER (*Rhytipterna simplex*)
PALE-BELLIED MOURNER (*Rhytipterna immunda*) – Nice bird seen at Cachoeira das Lajes, in a Campina habitat.
DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)
SWAINSON'S FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus swainsoni phaeonotus*)
SWAINSON'S FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus swainsoni pelzelni*)
SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*)
BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)
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*)
THREE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias trivirgatus*)
STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)
ISLAND STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes [maculatus] sp. nov.*)
PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*)
VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*)
CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus*) – A single bird seen from the top deck of Tumbira, at Anavilhanas NP.
SULPHURY FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*)
WHITE-THROATED KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus albogularis*)
TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)
FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus savana*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

GUIANAN RED-COTINGA (*Phoenicircus carnifex*) [*]
GUIANAN COCK-OF-THE-ROCK (*Rupicola rupicola*) – As one of the most beautiful birds of the Neotropics, observing this big Cotinga at his display arena is fascinating!
CAPUCHINBIRD (*Perissocephalus tricolor*) – This is one of those birds that hearing it is as cool as seeing it! His voice is really bizarre and his blue bald head is the same! We had three of those guys above our heads at Mari-Mari.
SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*) – A few scope views from INPA tower.
SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*)
POMPADOUR COTINGA (*Xipholena punicea*)
BARE-NECKED FRUITCROW (*Gymnoderus foetidus*)

Pipridae (Manakins)

DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes stolzmanni*) [*]
TINY TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes virescens*)
SAFFRON-CRESTED TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Neopelma chrysocephalum*) – Another Campina specialist seen in Mari-Mari trail.
WHITE-THROATED MANAKIN (*Corapipo gutturalis*) – We had a beautiful adult male in Pres Figueiredo.
BLACK MANAKIN (*Xenopipo atronitens*) – Yes! it wasn't easy but we had his little guy at Cachoeira das Lajes trail, IN THE SCOPE!
BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix coronata*) – All the Manakins are awesome and this black guy with blue head is not different!
WHITE-FRONTED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix serena*) – Only found in Guianan Shield, this colorful Manakin gave us a show close to the trail. That was a really great look!
YELLOW-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Heterocercus flavivertex*) – Bird seen a couple of times in a Campina trails, in Pres Figueiredo area.
WIRE-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra filicauda*) – Well, this bird is a perfect example of sexual selection! We had great looks of several males displaying for us at Anavilhanas!
WHITE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Dixiphia pipra*) – Scope view of this guy at Ducke Reserve.
GOLDEN-HEADED MANAKIN (*Ceratopipra erythrocephala*)
WING-BARRED PIPRITES (*Piprites chloris*)

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*)
MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*) – A pair of birds seen well for the group at Búfalo island.
VARZEA SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis major*) [*]
BROWN-WINGED SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis turdina*) [*]
CINEREOUS MOURNER (*Laniocera hypopyrra*)
CINEREOUS BECARD (*Pachyramphus rufus*)
CHESTNUT-CROWNED BECARD (*Pachyramphus castaneus*)
WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)
BLACK-CAPPED BECARD (*Pachyramphus marginatus*)
GLOSSY-BACKED BECARD (*Pachyramphus surinamus*) – A male seen in the scope from the INPA tower.
PINK-THROATED BECARD (*Pachyramphus minor*)

Vireonidae (Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis)

RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) [*]
ASHY-HEADED GREENLET (*Hylophilus pectoralis*)
GRAY-CHESTED GREENLET (*Hylophilus semicinereus*) [*]
BROWN-HEADED GREENLET (*Hylophilus brunneiceps*) – Heard a few times and seen at Igarapé Preto creek, Anavilhanas NP
SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanius leucotis*) – It's unusual to see from the ground, but we had a beautiful scope view in Manaus! Really cool!
TAWNY-CROWNED GREENLET (*Tunchiornis ochraceiceps*) [*]
DUSKY-CAPPED GREENLET (*Pachysylvia hypoxantha*) [*]
BUFF-CHEEKED GREENLET (*Pachysylvia musicapina*) – Great looks at two birds really close to MUSA tower, on our last morning.
RED-EYED VIREO (RESIDENT CHIVI) (*Vireo olivaceus solimoensis*)

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

BLACK-COLLARED SWALLOW (*Pygochelidon melanoleuca*)
WHITE-THIGHED SWALLOW (*Atticora tibialis*)
SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)
PURPLE MARTIN (*Progne subis*)
GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)
BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*)
WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)
BANK SWALLOW (*Riparia riparia*)
BARN SWALLOW (*Hirundo rustica*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

WING-BANDED WREN (*Microcerculus bambla*) – Another highlight! A very cooperative bird singing on a log 9 feet from the group!
HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*)
CORAYA WREN (*Pheugopedius coraya*)
BUFF-BREASTED WREN (*Cantorchilus leucotis*) [*]
MUSICIAN WREN (*Cyphorhinus arada*) – Maybe this is the most beautiful song on Neotropical birds. We had the privilege to see a very calm bird.

Poliophtilidae (Gnatcatchers)

COLLARED GNATWREN (*Microbates collaris*) [*]
LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)
TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (*Poliophtila plumbea*)
GUIANAN GNATCATCHER (RIO NEGRO) (*Poliophtila guianensis facilis*) – WOW! Really rare bird to see! We had a pair of them above our heads in Jau NP! Cool!

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIOUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*)

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

PALE-BREASTED THRUSH (*Turdus leucomelas*)
COCOA THRUSH (*Turdus fumigatus*) – This bird is rare to get north of Manaus! We had one singing a lot in Pres. Figueiredo.
HAUXWELL'S THRUSH (*Turdus hauxwelli*)
BLACK-BILLED THRUSH (*Turdus ignobilis*)
WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (*Turdus albicollis*) [*]

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

TENNESSEE WARBLER (*Oreothlypis peregrina*) – The biggest surprise of the trip! This is the first record in Brazil! One bird foraging with two Bicolored Conebills in the Búfalo island.
MASKED YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis aequinoctialis*)
RIVERBANK WARBLER (MESOLEUCA) (*Myiothlypis rivularis mesoleuca*) – Bird seen by a few folks at Mari-Mari lodge.

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*)
RED-BILLED PIED TANAGER (*Lamprospiza melanoleuca*)
HOODED TANAGER (*Nemosia pileata*)
ORANGE-HEADED TANAGER (*Thlypopsis sordida*)
GRAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Eucometis penicillata*)
FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)
FULVOUS-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus surinamus*)
RED-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus phoenicius*)
SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)
BLUE-BACKED TANAGER (*Cyanicterus cyanicterus*) – A male seen briefly but well for most of the group in Cachoeira das Lajes!
BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)
PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)
DOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara varia*) [*]
SPOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara punctata*)
PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*) – The perfect name for the bird!
OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER (*Tangara velia*) – Another fancy Tanager well seen!
BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*)
YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS (*Dacnis flaviventer*)
BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)
SHORT-BILLED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes nitidus*)
PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)
RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)
GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)
YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*)
BICOLORED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum bicolor*)

PEARLY-BREASTED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum margaritae*) – Great looks at this white water specialist at Marchantaria island.

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

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

LINED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila lineola*)

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)

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

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)

GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)

Emberizidae (Buntings and New World Sparrows)

YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)

PECTORAL SPARROW (*Arremon taciturnus*)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

YELLOW-GREEN GROSBEAK (*Caryothraustes canadensis*)

BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*) [*]

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

RED-BREASTED MEADOWLARK (*Sturnella militaris*)

ORIOLE BLACKBIRD (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*) – The fancy blackbird seen at Marchantaria island!

YELLOW-HOODED BLACKBIRD (*Chrysomus icterocephalus*)

SHINY COWBIRD (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)

EPAULET ORIOLE (MORICHE) (*Icterus cayanensis chrysocephalus*)

ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL (*Icterus croconotus*)

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*)

RED-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus haemorrhous*)

GREEN OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius viridis*)

CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus*)

OLIVE OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius bifasciatus yuracares*)

Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)

PLUMBEOUS EUPHONIA (*Euphonia plumbea*) – Heard several times but never responsive! [*]

GOLDEN-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chrysopasta*)

GOLDEN-SIDED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia cayennensis*)

Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)

HOUSE SPARROW (*Passer domesticus*)

MAMMALS

GOLDEN-HANDED TAMARIN (*Saguinus midas*) – Beautiful black monkey with yellow hands!

COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY (*Saimiri sciureus*)

THREE-STRIPED NIGHT MONKEY (*Aotus trivirgatus*) – A family seen at Tarântula Hotel, Junior's family hotel in Novo Arião town, Negro River.

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

BLACK HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta caraya*)

WHITE-FRONTED CAPUCHIN (*Cebus albifrons*)

BROWN CAPUCHIN (*Cebus apella*)

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

PALE-THROATED THREE-TOED SLOTH (*Bradypus tridactylus*) – It's always nice to see sloths! We had one spotted by our friend Pixico, from Tumbira's crew!

RED-RUMPED AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta agouti*)

AMAZON RIVER DOLPHIN (*Inia geoffrensis*)

TUCUXI (*Sotalia fluviatilis*)

Herps

BLACK CAIMAN (*Melanosuchus niger*) – The biggest caiman in the Amazon! We had three of them very responsive to Junior's calls at Jau NP!

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

We had other interesting fauna as well, such a really nice Giant Monkey Frog (*Phyllomedusa bicolor*), a few King Toad (*Buffo marinus*), Gladiator Tree-frog (*Hypsiboas* sp.), a weird giant earthworm from Megascolecidae Family, a few Orange-nosed Rat (*Makalata* sp.), a beautiful Gray Tree-frog and some Spectacled caiman.

Totals for the tour: 459 bird taxa and 12 mammal taxa