



Field Guides Tour Report

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One of the many beautiful landscapes of northeastern Brazil, photographed by guide Bret Whitney.

Since our inaugural run of the Field Guides Northeast Brazil tour in 1993 – for many years, the only tour being done in Brazil’s bird-rich northeast -- it’s undergone relatively little change in venues, mainly because there is so little good habitat left. However, the order of stops and general logistics have continued to evolve, and the shift from 2015 to this year was the most significant in a bunch of years. This was the result, mainly, of having some roads greatly improved, which opened possibilities for some nice birding stops. The biggest of these was incorporating a visit to the remote Raso da Catarina of north-central Bahia, which is a vast series of redrock canyons that are the breeding grounds of Lear’s (Indigo) Macaws; all but one of the roughly 500 surviving pairs of these regal birds breeds there. Our visit, on 20 January, was a day I will never forget. It was truly spectacular.

It had been raining like crazy in most of the caatinga, especially over the past 2-3 weeks (in fact, this year’s tour was the second-wettest we’ve ever done, save the deluge of 2003). The little town of Canudos in the outback of Bahia was our staging point. There were stars out the night before we were to go into the Raso, but steady rain greeted us at 03:30, as we boarded our trusty bus with longtime driver Marcondes at the wheel. Two 4-WD vehicles led the way along slippery, muddy roads that our bus and tires were not made to handle, but, as predicted, we made it to the point where we would transfer to the trucks for the last 7 kilometers in to the canyons. That’s where the fun began. With everyone tightly packed into the trucks, we whirled into the pitch-black night through pounding rain, bumping and banging and sliding along, the (tiny) windows steamed to the max, the road barely visible ahead through the ineffective wipers and dim headlights. But, as predicted, we made that, too. Rain continued to pelt down as the first hint of a new day appeared on the eastern horizon. At that point, the inspiring satellite images I’d shown yesterday didn’t seem likely to become reality, yet sure enough, the rain lightened a bit, and more, gradually, as the day slowly dawned. Emerging from the cramped trucks, we staggered into the foggy drizzle, as our local guide led the way toward... nothing interesting we could see. The place was a silent, red-gray moonscape with scraggly vegetation clumped around – but our position on the satellite image showed us to be a mere 200 meters from the edge of a magnificent canyon where, we hoped, the macaws would soon be waking up and taking wing toward far-distant foraging sites. Soon, the first pair was heard, far away, in the fog. We waited, straining to spot the birds with very limited visibility... and then they materialized out of the mist, calling consistently, much to everyone’s joyous relief. Yes!! They were here! As we hustled toward the canyon rim, a wonderful little sound caught my attention, a sound I’d never heard before, but I knew what it had to be: a dawn-singing Lesser Wagtail-Tyrant. I managed to squeeze in a really sweet recording, eagerly show everybody their lifer, and we continued the hike to the cliffs. We arrived at the canyon rim a bit too hurriedly... and the place *exploded* with screaming macaws and Blue-crowned Parakeets! It was sudden and shocking, birds everywhere hollering their heads off. I immediately thought to myself, “Oh s**t, why didn’t the guy tell us to ease up slowly?” And I should have known better, but I hadn’t been able to see the cliff edge until we were practically on top of it; believe me, I’ll get that right next time around, for sure. But the show was far from over, even as dozens of birds flew off, toward feeding areas 50+ km to the east. Numerous pairs that had already selected breeding ledges continued to wheel around at and below eye-level, looking pretty marvelous against those ancient, red cliffs,

even under dark, drizzly skies. Several pairs sat on the canyon rim or on nesting ledges, and the loud voices of the birds echoed all around for over an hour as we soaked it all in (including a new round of heavy showers as we walked out). I made and edited some 4K video, which you can see on the Field Guides website by clicking on the blue Facebook logo on the right side of our homepage, then scrolling down a ways (or do a search). I know that everyone truly appreciated having this exceptional experience, and I was absolutely thrilled to the max! I reckon next and future years will be even better (if less dramatic) now that I know just how to do it and weather couldn't be much worse.

Logistics are extraordinarily complicated for this tour, but all went super-well. The only serious glitch was weather-related: we were unable to make it into Murici Reserve on the miserably muddy roads, even in a Toyota Bandeirante. Unfortunately, that was the first full day of the tour, and some among us were seriously disappointed (understandably so). In the long run, however, we lost only Alagoas Antwren (there are apparently only 4-5 birds left, all at Murici). Pretty much everything else fell into place, here or there. An excellent, perched White-collared Kite stuck for 3 minutes of scope views, a mega-rare event of the scale one can barely dare to dream! We managed to dig up a Pinto's Spinetail after sorely missing it last year, and we found a breeding site for Jandaya Parakeet (gorgeous bird!) that I think will probably be consistently productive. Our day at Frei Caneca was great, in large part because I hired 4-WD's, fearing muddy roads would shut us out there, too (but we just made it in ;-). After that, getting Long-tailed Woodnymph, Alagoas Tyrannulet, Orange-bellied Antwren and a few other birds was all we had to do. Oh yes, and find Pinnated Bittern (we ended up with three, real nice).

The caatinga was super-green and wet around Petrolina, and birds came easy. A Little Nightjar singing at 07:30 was a "lifer" for me, especially after it responded to playback by flying in and landing! A marsh stop near Joazeiro incorporated into the tour a few years ago paid off big this year, with at least seven(what?!) Stripe-backed Bitterns. We couldn't drive up the steep hill into the Fringe-backed Fire-eye forest, so had to walk in and out, and it was raining too hard to bird from arrival at about 07:00 until about 11:00 (aargh). When it finally let up, however, we nailed the fire-eye at the last minute (Yee-Hawww!). We also pulled up a pair of Pectoral Antwrens, a Northeast endemic that has become increasingly harder to find due to habitat loss.

Lençois and Chapada Diamantina were good to us despite much of the chapada having suffered a serious fire two months earlier. Our long-reliable site for Sincora Antwren was totally wiped out, but I quickly found another spot that had somehow not burned and pulled in a pair of this distinctive, recently described species super-close. Diamantina Tapaculo was fabulous, as were Rufous-sided Pygmy-Tyrant and Gray-backed Tachuri, but hummers were real scarce, with no sign of a Hooded Visorbearer (nor any red Callandria) in the usual areas. We didn't get that spectacular hummer until our last morning, but sure enough, a fantastic male was awaiting us there, singing away as we walked up (graças a Deus!). The video is pretty thrilling – watch for it to eventually show up on our Facebook page, mentioned above. At that point, we had little time left for a shot at Broad-tipped Hermit and Sao Francisco Sparrow, but we blasted out to the habitat to try. We managed to pull up a hermit right at the buzzer, but no sparrow, mainly because a power line had been put in right over the best area for the bird and all of the vegetation close to the road was bulldozed. I'll have to figure out how to resurrect this one for next year ;-). Besides the sparrow, I guess Ash-throated Casiornis was about the only endemic/important bird we missed on the main tour.

The extension roared out of the blocks with Bahia Antwren, Band-tailed Antwren, and Eastern Striped Manakin. Boa Nova was the best its been in a while (although it's always very good), with everything coming quite easily, more vocal than usual for this time of year and with fine mixed-species flock action, perhaps due to the prolonged rains. Giant Snipe at our feet was probably the most-appreciated highlight (video is very cool, check it out, below), if not bumped out of first-place by a remarkably close pair of Bahia Tyrannulets. Pink-legged Graveteiro, another super-distinctive endemic described to science only recently (1996), was a nail-biter this year, but we totally rocked it at the last moment (whew!). Out of Porto Seguro, we saw Black-capped Screech-Owl real well, a Hook-billed Hermit perched for several seconds (not quite long enough for all to get on it), and we lucked out with a (female) rarely seen Racket-tailed Coquette. Several White-winged Cotingas graced the scopes, as did a male Black-headed Berryeater and a handsome Ringed Woodpecker (endemic subspecies tinnunculus). Unfortunately, White-winged Potoo was dead-silent, perhaps having been harassed just too much by other birder-photographers in the days ahead of our visit.

In the following list, you'll see numerous comments, some from me, others from Pepe, and you'll notice that there are some species that appear out of order (especially in the antbirds, ovenbirds/woodcreepers, and flycatchers). This is a quirk of numerous taxonomic shifts that kicked in between the time our checklist and triplist were generated. We apologize for this, and trust that you'll be able to disentangle things fairly easy; it won't be an issue in the future. Pepe and I had a great time birding with you, and certainly hope to see most of you again as soon as your plans permit, for more of big, beautiful, birdy Brazil!

– *Abraços para todos!*

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)

SOLITARY TINAMOU (*Tinamus solitarius*) – Extension only [*]

LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*) – Extension only [*]

BROWN TINAMOU (*Crypturellus obsoletus*) – Extension only [*]

YELLOW-LEGGED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus noctivagus*) – Extension only [*]

VARIEGATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus variegatus*) [*]

SMALL-BILLED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus parvirostris*) – Steve had one freeze ahead of him at point-blank range on one of the attempted nightjar drives -- the rest of us "allllmost" had a great view! [*]

RED-WINGED TINAMOU (*Rhynchotus rufescens*) [*]

WHITE-BELLIED NOTHURA (*Nothura boraquira*) – Two seen briefly by some folks near Petrolina -- unfortunately, we were in the bus and couldn't get folks into position quickly enough for all to catch them.

SPOTTED NOTHURA (*Nothura maculosa*) [*]

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

WHITE-FACED WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna viduata*) – We saw four on our way to the Quilombo Hotel.

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) – We finally found a pond loaded with waterfowl and other water birds, including these, and the previous and the following....all the whistling ducks in a single pond!

FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna bicolor*)

COMB DUCK (*Sarkidiornis melanotos*) – While waiting for a way to get back to the hotel, Bret yelled "Comb Duck!" and when we looked up, we saw a big flock of Cormorants flying and among them there was one Comb Duck!!! Just amazing.

BRAZILIAN TEAL (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*) – Great views at the same pond where we saw the other waterfowl, and at several other spots.

SOUTHERN POCHARD (*Netta erythrophthalma*) – Good numbers this year!

MASKED DUCK (*Nomonyx dominicus*) – These birds are never easy but we scored great looks at multiples on two separate ponds.

Podicipedidae (Grebes)

LEAST GREBE (*Tachybaptus dominicus*) – One pond held more than 120 of these grebes!!!

PIED-BILLED GREBE (*Podilymbus podiceps*) – And a dozen of these guys!

Ciconiidae (Storks)

WOOD STORK (*Mycteria americana*) – Three in interior Ceara were a surprise, the first ever for Field Guides NE Brazil tours.

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

PINNATED BITTERN (*Botaurus pinnatus*) – This was a lifer for me and to be honest I would have been happy with only one bird but there were a total of 3!!! What a lifer!

STRIPE-BACKED BITTERN (*Ixobrychus involucris*) – Would you believe... SEVEN! This was a record-breaking total for the tour! We finally managed to spot one bird that stayed put for several minutes, permitting great scope studies.

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) – Seen at different spots during the trip. The first was seen with a young individual.

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*) – It was great to see these birds doing their breeding display.

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)

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

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nyctanassa violacea*) – Extension only

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

BARE-FACED IBIS (*Phimosus infuscatus*)

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

LESSER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes burrovianus*)

KING VULTURE (*Sarcoramphus papa*) – Extension only

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

WHITE-TAILED KITE (*Elanus leucurus*) – This elegant raptor is not seen every trip.

HOOK-BILLED KITE (*Chondrohierax uncinatus*) – We had great views of male and female early in the trip, in Alagoas.

WHITE-COLLARED KITE (*Leptodon forbesi*) – Having great scope views of an adult in perfect light was perhaps the mega-rarity of the whole tour. This endemic to the Atlantic Forest of Alagoas and Pernambuco is poorly known and its habitat is highly threatened, which is not a good situation.

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SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*) – Rarely seen in NE Brazil.

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*) – Extension only

CRANE HAWK (BANDED) (*Geranoospiza caerulescens gracilis*) – This bird is very different to the other form found at the Amazon basin and it is restricted to extra-Amazonian Brazil.

SAVANNA HAWK (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Rupornis magnirostris*)

WHITE-TAILED HAWK (*Geranoaetus albicaudatus*)

BLACK-CHESTED BUZZARD-EAGLE (*Geranoaetus melanoleucus*) – Great studies of this species at Serra do Baturite where we had the opportunity to see some individuals perched at the distance. An interesting detail to notice in the field is that young adults have longer tails than mature individuals.

GRAY-LINED HAWK (*Buteo nitidus*)

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus*)

ZONE-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo albonotatus*) – Hank spotted an adult soaring above the hotel grounds at the Serra do Baturite area.

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

RUFOUS-SIDED CRAKE (*Laterallus melanophaius*) – At the marsh out of Canudos we had a great show from some responsive individuals.

GRAY-BREASTED CRAKE (*Laterallus exilis*) – Seen around the Tamandare area, just incredibly lucky (if you were looking as it ran across the road)!

GRAY-NECKED WOOD-RAIL (*Aramides cajaneus*) [*]

ASH-THROATED CRAKE (*Mustelirallus albicollis*) – Seen nicely!

BLACKISH RAIL (*Pardirallus nigricans*) – Excellent views!

PURPLE GALLINULE (*Porphyrio martinicus*) – We saw this species few times on the tour. We even had an adult with some chicks.

COMMON GALLINULE (*Gallinula galeata*)

Aramidae (Limpkin)

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna*)

Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)

BLACK-NECKED STILT (*Himantopus mexicanus*)

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER (*Pluvialis squatarola*) – Extension only

PIED LAPWING (*Vanellus cayanus*)

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*) – An almost "every day bird" we saw along the tour.

SEMPALMATED PLOVER (*Charadrius semipalmatus*) – Extension only

Jacanidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*) – Extension only

SOLITARY SANDPIPER (*Tringa solitaria*)

LESSER YELLOWLEGS (*Tringa flavipes*)

RUDDY TURNSTONE (*Arenaria interpres*)

GIANT SNIPE (*Gallinago undulata*) – Extension only -- WOWW!! What a FABULOUS experience we had with this mega-snipe on a beautiful evening, before it was fully dark! After high-fiving all the way back to the van, we jumped in and drove back to the hotel, leaving the scope standing by the side of the road. Luckily, it was still standing there early next morning (don't tell Peggy, but that was almost a 2K snipe). Check out the (priceless!) 4K video >>>

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

LARGE-BILLED TERN (*Phaetusa simplex*)

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

SCALED PIGEON (*Patagioenas speciosa*)

PICAZURO PIGEON (*Patagioenas picazuro*)

PLAIN-BREASTED GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina minuta*)

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)

SCALED DOVE (*Columbina squammata*)

PICUI GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina picui*)

BLUE GROUND-DOVE (*Claravis pretiosa*)

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

GRAY-FRONTED DOVE (*Leptotila rufaxilla*)

EARED DOVE (*Zenaida auriculata*)

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

DARK-BILLED CUCKOO (*Coccyzus melacoryphus*) – One especially nice sighting.

GUIRA CUCKOO (*Guira guira*)

STRIPED CUCKOO (*Tapera naevia*)

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*)

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

Strigidae (Owls)

BLACK-CAPPED SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops atricapilla*) – Extension only, fantastic experience with this secretive little owl, endemic to the Atlantic Forest of Brazil. [E]

LEAST PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium minutissimum*) – Extension only, superb scope views after a stellar spot on the bird by Steve.

FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) – We had a nice pair nesting at the stop we did on our way to Canudos. [N]

BURROWING OWL (*Athene cucularia*) – We encountered this species few times during our trip. The first time though, we had 5.

MOTTLED OWL (ATLANTIC FOREST) (*Ciccaba virgata borelliana*) – Extension only, one heard very far off. [E*]

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

LEAST NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles pusillus*) – Beautiful scope views of birds on day-roosts.

SHORT-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (NATTERERI) (*Lurocalis semitorquatus nattereri*) – Extension only

PYGMY NIGHTJAR (*Nyctipolus hirundinaceus*) – Seeing this endemic bird took some effort and team work -- but we had it beautifully during the day as well, both the nominate form on the main tour, and range-restricted N. h. vielliardi on the extension. [E]

COMMON PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) – Mostly on the extension.

LITTLE NIGHTJAR (*Setopagis parvula*) – Following a night of heavy rains, the day dawned dark and dreary but the sun soon burned through the clouds, opening up a tremendously productive morning of birding. To our amazement, a Little Nightjar was singing consistently at 07:00 -- and it quickly came in to playback, allowing for excellent scope views! That was a "lifer experience" for even the guides!

SCISSOR-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydropsalis torquata*) – We scored views of a singing male, and a female.

RUFOUS NIGHTJAR (*Antrostomus rufus*) – Singina all around us, with a couple of birds seen in flight and briefly perched.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*) – Fabulous views -- and listens!

Apodidae (Swifts)

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) – We saw a kettle of at least 800 birds from the hummingbird's place.

BISCUTATE SWIFT (*Streptoprocne biscutata*) – Good looks at a couple of birds at one of our stops at a gas station in the Chapada Diamantina.

SICK'S SWIFT (*Chaetura meridionalis*)

GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)

LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT (*Panyptila cayennensis*) – The only individual we saw was spotted by Steve.

FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT (*Tachornis squamata*) – After Bret told us how he discovered the way these birds gather feathers to line their nests, Hank spotted a bird doing it exactly as Bret described it!

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

HOOK-BILLED HERMIT (*Glaucis dohrnii*) – Extension only; it wasn't easy this time around, and looks ranged from whizzes across the road to perched nicely for several seconds. [E]

RUFOUS-BREASTED HERMIT (*Glaucis hirsutus*)

BROAD-TIPPED HERMIT (*Anopetia gounellei*) – This one could have been better, but the brief views we had were excellent, perhaps a total of 8 seconds, including perched for a few seconds for folks with the right viewing angle! Seen somewhat better on the extension. [E]

REDDISH HERMIT (*Phaethornis ruber*) – This bird was seen few times on the tour. We even got the chance to watch a female building her nest in the Araripe Manakin area; check out the video >>> [N]

PLANALTO HERMIT (*Phaethornis pretrei*) – Tim spotted the first bird on the tour. Later we had more views of this species.

SCALE-THROATED HERMIT (*Phaethornis eurynome*) – Extension only

HOODED VISORBEARER (*Augastes lumachella*) – YES!!! After a failed attempt at finding this spectacular endemic hummer, things looked bad: the hummer's flowers had already bloomed and gone to seed, and rain was shutting us out. It was "do or die" on our last morning. We made it up the mountain early on a (thankfully!) clear morning and there, right at the top, we were richly rewarded, as gorgeous adult males showed almost immediately after we put boots on the ground! Those of us who climbed a bit higher up the trail soon had a male singing from a perch, preening, and truly showing off. It was SUCH a thrill to get that incredible bird so well, right at the buzzer! [E]

BROWN VIOLETEAR (*Colibri delphinae greenewalti*) – Excellent views of an adult bird, distinctive, widely disjunct subspecies greenewalti, endemic to the Chapada Diamantina of north-central Bahia! [E]

BLACK-EARED FAIRY (*Heliophryx auritus*) – The morning we went for the Long-tailed Woodnymph, this was the first hummer to appear and distract us from the main target.

RUBY-TOPAZ HUMMINGBIRD (*Chrysolampis mosquitos*) – We had a couple of females and one or two brief looks at adult males on the main tour, then were properly blown away by a couple of adult males on the extension.

BLACK-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)

RACKET-TAILED COQUETTE (*Discosura longicaudus*) – Extension only; one female seen very well. We hung around, waiting for a male to show up, but no such luck.

FRILLED COQUETTE (*Lophornis magnificus*) – A single bird on the extension, spotted by Steve right where we stopped to look for it (having seen it there a number of times in previous years!)

STRIPE-BREASTED STARTHROAT (*Heliomaster squamosus*) – Exceptionally thin on the ground this trip, but we managed to pull up a single, female-plumaged bird for excellent views near Canudos. [E]

AMETHYST WOODSTAR (*Calliphlox amethystina*) – Extension only

GLITTERING-BELLIED EMERALD (*Chlorostilbon lucidus*)

BLUE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE (*Chlorestes notata*)

SWALLOW-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Eupetomena macroura*)

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)

LONG-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania watertonii*) – GREAT! Another of the endemic bird birds of the tour we were expecting to see. Before we started the hike we had great views of a female. Once we got in the place and waited for a while, a nice male showed up and reward us with excellent views. [E]

VIOLET-CAPPED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania glaucopis*) – Extension only

PLAIN-BELLIED EMERALD (*Amazilia leucogaster*) – Hank spotted this bird for us, in Alagoas, but we could not come up with another for the rest of the group, even on the extension.

VERSCOLORED EMERALD (*Amazilia versicolor*) – Extension only

GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD (*Amazilia fimbriata*) – This bird was one of the visitors at the feeders.

RUFOUS-THROATED SAPPHIRE (*Hylocharis sapphirina*) – Extension only

WHITE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE (*Hylocharis cyanus*)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*)

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*)

SURUCUA TROGON (*Trogon surrucura*) – Extension only

BLACK-THROATED TROGON (*Trogon rufus chrysochloros*) – Extension only; distinctive subspecies endemic to the Atlantic Forest.

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*)

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

WHITE-EARED PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus chacuru*) – We had good looks at a nice adult at Chapada Diamantina.

SPOT-BACKED PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus maculatus*) – Seen and later heard on other locations during the trip.

CRESCENT-CHESTED PUFFBIRD (*Malacoptila striata*) – Extension only, superb views.

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*) – Extension only; lots around Porto Seguro.

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

RUFIOUS-TAILED JACAMAR (*Galbula ruficauda*) – We saw and heard this expected jacamar of the tour very well several times.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

LETTERED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus inscriptus*) – These toucanets and aracarís were all seen beautifully!

BLACK-NECKED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus aracari*)

GOULD'S TOUCANET (*Selenidera gouldii*) – This is subspecies *S. g. baturitensis*, endemic to the Serra de Baturite of far NE Brazil.

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus*)

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

GOLDEN-SPANGLED PICULET (PERNAMBUCO) (*Picumnus exilis pernambucensis*) – What a tour for piculets!! Check out the following list >>>

GOLDEN-SPANGLED PICULET (BAHIA) (*Picumnus exilis exilis*) – Heard on the main tour, seen well on the extension.

SPOTTED PICULET (*Picumnus pygmaeus*) – Beautifully spotted, indeed!

WHITE-BARRED PICULET (*Picumnus cirratus*) – Extension only (at the time, I said I thought it was this species, but it wouldn't come in to playback of anything). [*]

TAWNY PICULET (*Picumnus fulvescens*) – On the second day of the tour we had four individuals at the hotel grounds. [E]

OCHRACEOUS PICULET (*Picumnus limae*) – Seen beautifully near the hotel in Serra de Baturite. [E]

LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus*)

RED-STAINED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis affinis*)

YELLOW-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Picus flavigula erythropis*) – Extension only; Atlantic Forest endemic subspecies, with red throat! Superb views in understory flocks near Boa Nova.

GREEN-BARRED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes melanochloros*)

CAMPO FLICKER (*Colaptes campestris*)

BLOND-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Celeus flavescens*) – Great looks of this handsome, endemic woodpecker. [E]

RINGED WOODPECKER (ATLANTIC BLACK-BREASTED) (*Celeus torquatus tinnunculus*) – Extension only; distinctive Atlantic Forest endemic subspecies *tinnunculus* seen beautifully.

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*) – Extension only

ROBUST WOODPECKER (*Campephilus robustus*) – Extension only; Steve spotted this one for us, rarely seen on this tour.

Cariamidae (Seriemas)

RED-LEGGED SERIEMA (*Cariama cristata*) – Darn, first trip in years that we didn't manage to spot one! [*]

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

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

SOUTHERN CARACARA (*Caracara plancus*) – An "every day bird"

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)

LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) – Only a brief look for some folks, but we watched one eating a long snake on the extension.

AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*)

BAT FALCON (*Falco rufigularis*) – We saw this lovely little raptor at the macaw's canyon.

PEREGRINE FALCON (TUNDRA) (*Falco peregrinus tundrius*) – The individual we saw was a boreal migrant wintering in a nice and warm place -- sweet spotting, Hank! [b]

Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots)

GOLDEN-TAILED PARROTLET (*Touit surdus*) – We heard them coming and everyone got to see them come over low and close... but we couldn't coax them into view.

YELLOW-CHEVRONED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris chiriri*)

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (REICHENOW'S) (*Pionus menstruus reichenowi*) – This endemic to NE Brazil was seen at the Tamandare area. [E]

RED-BROWED PARROT (*Amazona rhodocorytha*) – We saw a few pairs flying over the Fringe-backed Fire-eye forest (nothing great), and had them again on the extension. This is one you'll expect to see well in SE Brazil ;-)

ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (*Amazona amazonica*)

BLUE-WINGED PARROTLET (*Forpus xanthopterygius*)

OCHRE-MARKED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura cruentata*) – Extension only -- and spectacularly so!

MAROON-BELLIED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura frontalis*) – Extension only

GRAY-BREASTED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura griseipectus*) – Another endemic bird with a tiny world-range; we had great looks! [E]

INDIGO MACAW (*Anodorhynchus leari*) – YES!!! If there it would be a moment that I would remember forever from this trip, it is this one. I don't think anything could compare to such an amazing experience. Seeing these birds in the wild was just a priceless moment. Great efforts to protect and conserve this species had pay off. We are now part of a unique group of mortals that had seen this birds in their nesting environment. Bretche adds: I still want to call them Lear's Macaw. [E]

PEACH-FRONTED PARAKEET (*Eupsittula aurea*)

CACTUS PARAKEET (*Eupsittula cactorum*) – Marcelo spotted a pair at one of our stops. The pair was also mating. Bretche adds: Indeed they were! [E]

JANDAYA PARAKEET (*Aratinga jandaya*) – Fabulous experience seeing these gorgeous parakeets at a nesting cavity. Let's hope it proves to be

consistent, over the years ahead.

GOLDEN-CAPPED PARAKEET (*Aratinga auricapillus auricapillus*) – Some high, fly-over flocks. [E]

BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET (*Thectocercus acuticaudatus*) – There was a huge flock at the macaw's canyon, which circled for a while around before disappearing in the wilderness.

RED-SHOULDERED MACAW (*Diopsittaca nobilis*)

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

SPOT-BACKED ANTSHRIKE (*Hypodaleus guttatus*) – Extension only; great study of this great bird!

TUFTED ANTSHRIKE (*Mackenziaena severa*) – Extension only, couldn't get a singing bird to budge for us. [*]

GREAT ANTSHRIKE (*Taraba major*) – Hank got a great shot of a male at the hotel parking lot.

SILVERY-CHEEKED ANTSHRIKE (*Sakesphorus cristatus*) – Incredible bird!! [E]

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (CAATINGA) (*Thamnophilus doliatus capistratus*) – We had them ETE (= "eye to eye), to see the dark, red-orange iris, different from the widespread yellow iris color across South and Middle America. [E]

RUFOUS-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus torquatus*)

CHESTNUT-BACKED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus palliatus*) – Stunning performance, as an adult male came closer, and closer, then yet closer...

PLANALTO SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus pelzelni*)

SOORETAMA SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus ambiguus*) – Extension only

VARIABLE ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus caerulescens*) – On day 5 we saw the subspecies *pernambucensis* and on day 6 we saw the subspecies *cearaensis*.

WHITE-SHOULDERED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus aethiops distans*) – Good views of an adult male; widely disjunct, endemic subspecies. [E]

SPOT-BREASTED ANTIVIREO (*Dysithamnus stictothorax*) – Extension only

PLAIN ANTIVIREO (*Dysithamnus mentalis*)

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (SILVERY-FLANKED) (*Myrmotherula axillaris luctuosa*) [E]

BAND-TAILED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula urosticta*) – Extension only; superb views.

STRIPE-BACKED ANTIBIRD (*Myrmorchilus strigilatus strigilatus*) – This species belongs to a very ancient lineage of antbirds, superb views of a pair near Petrolina.

CAATINGA ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus sellowi*) – Beautiful, low views three or four times; described to science only in 2000.

BAHIA ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus pileatus*) – Heard on the main tour, totally nailed on the extension. [E]

BLACK-CAPPED ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus atricapillus*)

PECTORAL ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus pectoralis*) – Nice, close views of a pair at eye-level (I mean, like, WOW! the way it happened). [E]

RUFOUS-WINGED ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*) – We saw the unnamed population endemic to NE Brazil (mostly Alagoas and Pernambuco) on the main tour, and the nominate form, endemic to the southern Atlantic Forest, on the extension.

NARROW-BILLED ANTWREN (*Formicivora iheringi*) – Extension only; fabulous, close views; this antbird is among the most distinctive of them all! [E]

WHITE-FRINGED ANTWREN (*Formicivora grisea*) – One of the first birds we saw on this tour.

BLACK-BELLIED ANTWREN (*Formicivora melanogaster*) – HANDSOME DEVIL!

SINCORA ANTWREN (*Formicivora grantsaui*) – Described to science only a few years ago (first recognized as a new species by Bret in 1994), we were worried when we pulled up to our longtime stake-out to find that it had burned to a crisp two months earlier. Lady Luck was on our shoulder as we made another stop, walked into the habitat, and immediately found another pair! What amazing views we had of those birds! [E]

FERRUGINOUS ANTIBIRD (*Drymophila ferruginea*) – Extension only, a dynamite little bird!!

OCHRE-RUMPED ANTIBIRD (*Drymophila ochropyga*) – Extension only [*]

ORANGE-BELLIED ANTWREN (*Terenura sicki*) – This one sure could have been better. If it wasn't for all those tall trees... [E]

WILLIS'S ANTIBIRD (*Cercomacroides laeta sabinoi*) – With patience, all came away with excellent views of male and female. Note the new genus name (applies to several former *Cercomacra* species that form a quite separate group in the antbird family). This subspecies is endemic to NE Brazil. [E]

RIO DE JANEIRO ANTIBIRD (*Cercomacra brasiliiana*) – Extension only, seen extraordinarily well this trip.

WHITE-BACKED FIRE-EYE (*Pyriglena leuconota*) – Extension only; several at point-blank range over an army ant swarm. Counting this one (for some reason, not appearing on the list beside the others), it was a clean-sweep, three fire-eye tour!

WHITE-BACKED FIRE-EYE (PERNAMBUCO) (*Pyriglena leuconota pernambucensis*) [E]

FRINGE-BACKED FIRE-EYE (*Pyriglena atra*) – This species is rare and restricted to this area and is also associated with army ants. After a long time waiting in the rain, it cleared a little and we scored great looks at a pair...YES!! [E]

SLENDER ANTIBIRD (*Rhopornis ardesiacus*) – Certainly a mega-highlight of the extension (as always), with male and female truly showing off for us, at very close range. [E]

SCALLOPED ANTIBIRD (*Myrmeciza ruficauda*) – This skulker took sometime to be seen well but it happened! [E]

WHITE-BIBBED ANTIBIRD (*Myrmeciza loricata*) – Extension only; tricky, but seen well after some perseverance.

Melanopareiidae (Crescentchests)

COLLARED CRESCENTCHEST (*Melanopareia torquata*) – Dam, nary a one vocalizing closer than a half mile! [*]

Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)

RUFOUS GNATEATER (CEARA) (*Conopophaga lineata cearae*) [E]

BLACK-CHEEKED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga melanops nigrifrons*) – Subspecies endemic to NE Brazil, seen super well at Frei Caneca. [E]

BLACK-CHEEKED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga melanops perspicillata*) – Extension only [*]

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

WHITE-BROWED ANTPITTA (*Hyllopezus ochroleucus*) – To see this endemic we had to walk into the caatinga forest and spend some time to lure it into view. At the end we scored not one but two individuals in the same spot! Fantastic views! [E]

Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)

DIAMANTINA TAPACULO (*Scytalopus diamantinensis*) – Another mega-highlight of the tour was getting such fine looks at this recently described endemic tapaculo. [E]

Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius colma*) – Extension only; close views of a tape-responsive bird.

SHORT-TAILED ANTTHRUSH (*Chamaeza campanisona*) – Stunningly close views of this secretive antthrush! It's a highly distinctive, endemic population (by voice, at least). [E]

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

RUFOUS-BREADED LEAFTOSSER (CEARA) (*Sclerurus scansor cearensis*) – Good views of a responsive bird that perched well above the ground. [E]

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (REISER'S) (*Sittasomus griseicapillus reiseri*) – This is the subspecies that occurs at the northeast part of Brazil. [E]

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (OLIVACEOUS) (*Sittasomus griseicapillus olivaceus*)

PLAIN-WINGED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla turdina*) [E*]

PLAIN-WINGED WOODCREEPER (PERNAMBUCO) (*Dendrocincla turdina taunayi*) – This bird was seen only by Hank. [E]

PLANALTO WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes platyrostris*) – Extension only

LESSER WOODCREEPER (NORTHERN) (*Xiphorhynchus fuscus atlanticus*) [E]

LESSER WOODCREEPER (LESSER) (*Xiphorhynchus fuscus tenuirostris*) – Extension only

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (BUFF-THROATED) (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus guttatus*) – Extension only, great views.

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (DUSKY-BILLED) (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus gracilirostris*) – Subspecies apparently endemic to the Serra de Baturite of Ceara. [E]

STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex picus*)

BLACK-BILLED SCYTHEBILL (*Campylorhamphus falcularius*) – Extension only; would you believe twice, superbly well? Wow!

NARROW-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes angustirostris bahiae*)

SCALED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes squamatus*) – Extension only

PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*)

STREAKED XENOPS (*Xenops rutilans*)

WING-BANDED HORNERO (*Furnarius figulus*)

PALE-LEGGED HORNERO (*Furnarius leucopus*) – Great looks at Baturite.

RUFOUS HORNERO (*Furnarius rufus*)

SHARP-TAILED STREAMCREEPER (*Lochmias nematura*) – Extension only; darn, couldn't get it to come up for a view.

WHITE-COLLARED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Anabazenops fuscus*) – Extension only

GREAT XENOPS (*Megaxenops parnaguae*) – Great looks of this northeast Brazilian endemic! [E]

BLACK-CAPPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor atricapillus*) – Extension only; nice views, if rather brief.

BUFF-FRONTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor rufum*) – Extension only [E*]

OCHRE-BREADED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Anabacerthia lichtensteini*) – Extension only, great views (formerly in the genus *Philydor*).

WHITE-EYED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus leucophthalmus leucophthalmus*) – Steve was the only one who saw this bird.

RUFOUS-FRONTED THORNBIRD (RUFOUS-FRONTED) (*Phacellodomus rufifrons rufifrons*) – One of the most representative birds of this habitat. Its nest were everywhere.

GREATER THORNBIRD (*Phacellodomus ruber*)

PINK-LEGGED GRAVETEIRO (*Acrobatornis fonsecai*) – Extension only; we had to dedicate two major attempts to it, but we finally came away with truly wonderful views of this highly distinctive, endemic furnariid, described to science only in 1996. Whew, it was looking bad for a while there!

STRIATED SOFTTAIL (*Thripophaga macroura*) – Extension only, easy (and excellent!) this time around.

PALLID SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca pallida*) – Extension only

GRAY-HEADED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca semicinerea*) [E]

CAATINGA CACHOLOTE (*Pseudoseisura cristata*) [E]

YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL (*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*)

BAHIA SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis whitneyi*) – Extension only; watch for the name of this one to soon revert to *S. cinerea* (as I pointed out would be necessary, following the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, several years ago).

PINTO'S SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis infuscata*) – It took a good while to dig up a pair of these fancy spinetails, but we came away with very nice views of them. [E]

RED-SHOULDERED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis hellmayri*) – Super-good stuff there!! [E]

SOOTY-FRONTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis frontalis*)

SPIX'S SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis spixi*)

OCHRE-CHEEKED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis scutata*) – The best looks of this bird were the second time we worked on it.

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

WHITE-LORED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion inermis*) – Remarkably low and close!

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

SUIRIRI FLYCATCHER (*Suiriri suiriri bahiae*)

MOUSE-COLORED TYRANNULET (*Phaeomyias murina*)

YELLOW TYRANNULET (*Capsiempis flaveola*)

GRAY-BACKED TACHURI (*Polystictus superciliaris*) – Superb views of a pair in cerrado scrub of the Chapada Diamantina. [E]

FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardii*)
GRAY ELAENIA (*Myiopagis caniceps*)
GREENISH ELAENIA (*Myiopagis viridicata*)
YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster*)
LARGE ELAENIA (*Elaenia spectabilis*)
PLAIN-CRESTED ELAENIA (*Elaenia cristata*) – We saw several adults but at one of our locations we saw a young individual.
LESSER ELAENIA (*Elaenia chiriquensis*)
HIGHLAND ELAENIA (*Elaenia obscura sordida*)
WHITE-CRESTED TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga subcristata subcristata*) – Extension only
SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*)
BAHIA TYRANNULET (*Phylloscartes beckeri*) – Extension only -- a wonderful reward for the effort required to get to the proper habitat for this rare NE Brazil endemic! [E]
ALAGOAS TYRANNULET (*Phylloscartes ceciliae*) [E]
OUSTALET'S TYRANNULET (*Phylloscartes oustaleti*) – Extension only; great views of this highly distinctive AF endemic.
PLANALTO TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias fasciatus*)
GUIANAN TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius acer*) – Super low and close at Frei Caneca.
SOUTHERN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER (*Sublegatus modestus*) – As we mentioned on the tour, it's a good idea to keep track of all of your sightings of "Scrub Flycatches".
RUFIOUS-SIDED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Euscarthmus rufomarginatus*) – This little one was a tough bird to get, but we nailed it in the Chapada Diamantina.
LESSER WAGTAIL-TYRANT (BAHIA) (*Stigmatura napensis bahiae*) – It took a while to get to the right place to see this species, but Bret got it's voice right and we had great looks at the macaw's canyon. [E]
GREATER WAGTAIL-TYRANT (CAATINGA) (*Stigmatura budytoides gracilis*) – Wonderful bird! [E]
WHITE-BELLIED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus griseipectus naumburgae*) – This species was split from the White-eye, a species of northern distribution. However, this one is endemic to NE Brazil. [E]
PEARLY-VENTED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*)
BUFF-BREASTED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus mirandae*) – We saw an adult building a nest! [EN]
FORK-TAILED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus furcatus*) – Extension only, perfect performance by this handsome little AF endemic.
SMOKY-FRONTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilatriccus fumifrons*) – we saw an adult feeding chick.
GRAY-HEADED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum poliocephalum*) – Extension only
COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum*) – Common indeed. [N]
YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (SOORETAMA) (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens sulphurescens*)
YELLOW-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*) – We saw an individual carrying food to a nest.
WHITE-THROATED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus mystaceus*)
CLIFF FLYCATCHER (*Hirundinea ferruginea bellicosa*)
WHISKERED FLYCATCHER (*Myiobius barbatus*)
BLACK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (BLACK-TAILED) (*Myiobius atricaudus snethlagei*)
BRAN-COLORED FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus fasciatus*)
EULER'S FLYCATCHER (*Lathrotriccus eulerei*)
TROPICAL PEWEE (*Contopus cinereus*) – Extension only
FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER (FUSCOUS) (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus fuscatus*) – Extension only
VELVETY BLACK-TYRANT (*Knipolegus nigerrimus*) – One suddenly appeared at very close range near the Hooded Visorbearer in the Chapada Diamantina. [E]
GRAY MONJITA (*Xolmis cinereus*)
WHITE MONJITA (*Xolmis irupero niveus*) – This was a nice bird to see thanks to Hank who spotted the first bird of the trip. [E]
BLACK-BACKED WATER-TYRANT (*Fluvicola albiventer*) – It was pretty neat to see these birds displaying! [N]
MASKED WATER-TYRANT (*Fluvicola nengeta*) – Also these birds were displaying.
WHITE-HEADED MARSH TYRANT (*Arundinicola leucocephala*)
CATTLE TYRANT (*Machetornis rixosa*)
GRAY-HOODED ATTILA (*Attila rufus*) – Extension only
BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTILA (*Attila spadiceus*) – Very nice views near Murici.
TODD'S SIRYSTES (*Sirystes subcanescens*) – Extension only; the *Sirystes* complex was recently split into several species, including this AF endemic one.
GRAYISH MOURNER (*Rhytipterna simplex*)
DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)
SWAINSON'S FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus swainsoni pelzelni*) – Extension only
SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*) [N]
BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)
GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)
BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*)
SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)
STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*) [N]
PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*)
VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*)

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Oxyruncidae (Sharpbill)

SHARPBILL (*Oxyruncus cristatus*) – Extension only, great views of a bird foraging unusually low with a mixed-species flock.

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

BLACK-HEADED BERRYEATER (*Carpornis melanocephala*) – Extension only; great to pick this one up, after getting a tip on the close presence of a bird from two apparently well-known British birders I didn't know, who we happened to meet. We traded them a nice tinunculus Ringed Woodpecker :-)

SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*) – Extension only [*]

CINNAMON-VENTED PIHA (*Lipaugus lanioides*) – Extension only [*]

WHITE-WINGED COTINGA (*Xipholena atropurpurea*) – Always a great bird to see on tour -- best views on the extension. [E]

Pipridae (Manakins)

PALE-BELLIED TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Neopelma pallescens*)

ARARIPE MANAKIN (*Antilophia bokermanni*) – WOW! What an amazing show these birds put up for us. It was great to enjoy lengthy views as these birds were not stressed out by our presence at all. Check out Bret's video posted to the Field Guides Facebook page. [E]

BLUE-BACKED MANAKIN (*Chiroxiphia pareola*)

SWALLOW-TAILED MANAKIN (*Chiroxiphia caudata*) – Extension only, gorgeous birds!

WHITE-BEARDED MANAKIN (*Manacus manacus*)

BAND-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra fasciicauda*) – Dancing males at Serra de Baturite. Woo-hoo!

STRIPED MANAKIN (EASTERN) (*Machaeropterus regulus regulus*) – Extension only, lengthy scope views of a close, immature male; great to see it so well! [E]

WHITE-CROWNED MANAKIN (WHITE-CROWNED) (*Dixiphia pipra cephalucos*) – Extension only; nice views of adult males; subspecies endemic to the AF.

RED-HEADED MANAKIN (*Ceratopipra rubrocapilla*)

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*)

BROWN-WINGED SCHIFFORNIS (BROWN-WINGED) (*Schiffornis turdina intermedia*) – A nice view for most folks. [E]

BUFF-THROATED PURPLETUFT (*Iodopleura pipra*) – Extension only; a bird calling repeatedly behind a wall of tall trees was fairly close but refused to show. [*]

WHITE-NAPED XENOPSARIS (*Xenopsaris albinucha*) – We had an amazing encounter with this bird around the Petrolina area -- a fine adult male stuck around for several minutes.

GREEN-BACKED BECARD (*Pachyramphus viridis*)

CHESTNUT-CROWNED BECARD (*Pachyramphus castaneus*) – Extension only [*]

WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*) [*]

Vireonidae (Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis)

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

GRAY-EYED GREENLET (*Hylophilus amaurocephalus*) – Dark-eyed over most of NE Brazil. [E]

RUFIOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*)

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

WHITE-NAPED JAY (*Cyanocorax cyanopogon*) – Not a lot this trip, but seen well. [E]

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*)

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*)

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

BARN SWALLOW (*Hirundo rustica*) – A few migrant/winterers.

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*)

MOUSTACHED WREN (*Pheugopedius genibarbis*)

LONG-BILLED WREN (*Cantorchilus longirostris bahiae*) – Excellent views of this endemic around the Petrolina area. [E]

Poliophtilidae (Gnatcatchers)

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)

TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (*Poliophtila plumbea*)

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*)

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

PALE-BREASTED THRUSH (*Turdus leucomelas*)

RUFIOUS-BELLIED THRUSH (*Turdus rufiventris*)

CREAMY-BELLIED THRUSH (*Turdus amaurochalinus*)

WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (*Turdus albicollis*) – Extension only

Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)

CHALK-BROWED MOCKINGBIRD (*Mimus saturninus*)

Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)

YELLOWISH PIPIT (*Anthus lutescens*) – Seen nicely by part of the group on the first day afield, then seen again extremely well on the extension.

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

MASKED YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis aequinoctialis*)

TROPICAL PARULA (*Setophaga pitiayumi*)

GOLDEN-CROWNED WARBLER (*Basileuterus culicivorus*)

FLAVESCENT WARBLER (*Myiothlypis flaveola*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

RED-COWLED CARDINAL (*Paroaria dominicana*) – After that first (eagerly awaited!) sighting or two, they started coming every day ;-) [E]

CINNAMON TANAGER (*Schistochlamys ruficapillus*)

WHITE-BANDED TANAGER (*Neothraupis fasciata*) – Great looks of this beautiful bird.

SCARLET-THROATED TANAGER (*Compsotrupis loricata*) – What great luck and views we had of this bird. Our first encounter was particularly good with a very nice and cooperative male -- check the video here! [E]

HOODED TANAGER (*Nemosia pileata*)

ORANGE-HEADED TANAGER (*Thlypopsis sordida*)

BLACK-GOGGLED TANAGER (*Trichothraupis melanops*) – Extension only; a good spot by Tim.

FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)

WHITE-LINED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus rufus*)

BRAZILIAN TANAGER (*Ramphocelus bresilius*) – ShaZAMMM! [E]

SAYACA TANAGER (*Thraupis sayaca*)

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

BURNISHED-BUFF TANAGER (*Tangara cayana*)

TURQUOISE TANAGER (WHITE-BELLIED) (*Tangara mexicana brasiliensis*) – Extension only

OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER (SILVER-BREASTED) (*Tangara velia cyanomelas*) – These birds look very different from those that occur at the Amazon basin. [E]

GREEN-HEADED TANAGER (*Tangara seledon*) – Extension only

SEVEN-COLORED TANAGER (*Tangara fastuosa*) – This was such a spectacular bird favorite of many on the tour. [E]

RED-NECKED TANAGER (*Tangara cyanocephala*) – Eye candy. [E]

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)

GUIRA TANAGER (*Hemithraupis guira*)

RUFIOUS-HEADED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis ruficapilla*) – Extension only, in our faces!

YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis flavicollis melanoxantha*) – Endemic subspecies. [E]

CHESTNUT-VENTED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum speciosum*) – Extension only

BICOLORED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum bicolor*) – Extension only; superb views in the mangroves near Salvador.

SAFFRON FINCH (*Sicalis flaveola*) – Extension only

GRASSLAND YELLOW-FINCH (GRASSLAND) (*Sicalis luteola luteiventris*)

WEDGE-TAILED GRASS-FINCH (*Emberizoides herbicola*) – Yes, AI, they do occur in this area!

PALE-THROATED PAMPA-FINCH (*Embernagra longicauda*) – Yikes, they were dead-quiet this time around, showing up only after lots of procurement, and still not seen well by everyone. [E]

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

WHITE-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila leucoptera*) – Extension only

YELLOW-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila nigricollis*)

WHITE-THROATED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila albogularis*) – Not as many as usual, but several good sightings along the way. [E]

PILEATED FINCH (*Coryphospingus pileatus*)

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

BLACK-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator atricollis*) – This is a bird that we usually find around the Chapada Diamantina area.

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)

GREEN-WINGED SALTATOR (*Saltator similis*) – Extension only

Emberizidae (Buntings and New World Sparrows)

GRASSLAND SPARROW (*Ammodramus humeralis*)

PECTORAL SPARROW (*Arremon taciturnus*) – Seen twice. The first time George missed the bird but the second time we made sure he got the bird and he did!

RUFIOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

HEPATIC TANAGER (LOWLAND) (*Piranga flava flava*)

RED-CROWNED ANT-TANAGER (*Habia rubica*) – Extension only

YELLOW-GREEN GROSBEAK (*Caryothraustes canadensis*)

ULTRAMARINE GROSBEAK (*Cyanocompsa brissonii*)

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

WHITE-BROWED MEADOWLARK (*Sturnella superciliaris*)

CHOPI BLACKBIRD (*Gnorimopsar chopi*)

CHESTNUT-CAPPED BLACKBIRD (*Chrysomus ruficapillus*)

PALE BAYWING (*Agelaioides fringillarius*) – On the sidewalk (after all).

SHINY COWBIRD (*Molothrus bonariensis*) – We even saw a male displaying!

EPAULET ORIOLE (*Icterus cayanensis*) – The first sights of this bird were from Hank and Steve who got their bird at the hotel grounds.

CAMPO TROUPIAL (*Icterus jamacaii*)

SOLITARY BLACK CACIQUE (*Cacicus solitarius*)

CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus*) – Extension only

Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)

PURPLE-THROATED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chlorotica*) – A nest at Baturite was especially neat to see!

VIOLACEOUS EUPHONIA (*Euphonia violacea*)

CHESTNUT-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia pectoralis*)

BLUE-NAPED CHLOROPHONIA (*Chlorophonia cyanea*) – Extension only; a pair moved through treetops quickly, hard to see well.

YELLOW-FACED SISKIN (*Spinus yarrellii*) – A fantastic win on this one!! [E]

Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)

HOUSE SPARROW (*Passer domesticus*) [I]

Estrildidae (Waxbills and Allies)

COMMON WAXBILL (*Estrilda astrild*) [I]

MAMMALS

TUFTED-EAR MARMOSET (*Callithrix jacchus*) [E]

TUFTED-EAR MARMOSET (*Callithrix jacchus geoffroyi*) – Extension only; great views of this rare little primate!

MASKED TITI MONKEY (*Callicebus personatus*) – Extension only, check out the video of this Atlantic Forest endemic primate!

BROWN-THROATED THREE-TOED SLOTH (*Bradypus variegatus*)

ROCK CAVY (*Kerodon rupestris*) – A couple of these strange, guinea-pig/marmoset-like beasts was seen on the cliffs in the Hooded Visorbearer habitat of Chapada Diamantina National Park. [E]

BLACK-RUMPED AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta prymnolopha*) – Extension only

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Highlights among the many bugs and other beasts we saw along the way must include the huge tarantula we saw at Baturite, the perfectly camouflaged leaf-litter toad there as well, that enorrmmous toad (*Bufo icterotis*) at Frei Caneca, and the monster (8+ feet) Tropical Rat Snake (*Spilotes pullatus*) crossing the road near Porto Seguro, on the extension.

Totals for the tour: 441 bird taxa and 6 mammal taxa