

BRAZIL NUTSHELL

Mar 17, 2012 to Mar 31, 2012
Marcelo Padua & John Coons



En route to Intervales on our first morning afield, we were treated to point-blank views of this marvelous pair of Streamer-tailed Tyrants displaying near the road! (Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)

This year's Brazil Nutshell was a wonderful and very birdy tour. We began with an important addition, guide John Coons, whom I had met previously on several occasions but with whom I'd never led a tour. It was great having him along, and we owe several brilliant scope views of birds to him. I can hardly wait to do this tour with him again next year! The weather was also kind to us, and we had only one morning of a travel day where the rain was somewhat inconvenient, but we were awarded with sunshine for most of the trip. Unfortunately, that was also the reason why the Pantanal was so dry, the driest I have ever seen it in the month of March.

We started the tour in Sao Paulo with all participants arriving on time with all their luggage (always a relief for the leader!). From there we made our way to Intervales, but not without making a few stops, including one that produced some of the best views I've ever had of displaying Streamer-tailed Tyrants. Upon reaching our lodge and just getting into our rooms, a pair of Blue-bellied Parrots flew by and sat on a nearby tree allowing us fantastic scope views of these rare and endangered parrots. What a way to start the tour! The following days at Intervales were nothing but a birding delight, with four different species of tapaculos, one great look at four Black-fronted Piping-Guans, Saffron Toucanets, Black-cheeked and Rufous gnateaters, Chestnut-backed and Brassy-breasted tanagers, and so many others that made for a fun, productive, and memorable start to the tour.

At Iguassu, the falls were, as always, the highlight, but the birding was not far behind. We had wonderful looks at Creamy-bellied Gnatcatcher, Southern Bristle-Tyrant, Southern Antpipit, and Rufous-headed Tanager, and we located a hummingbird feeder where we had amazing looks at ten different species of hummers in just over an hour, not to mention

the Green-headed Tanagers and euphonias coming to the feeder as well. I think we were all a bit dizzy and amazed by the time we left that place!

The Pantanal lived up to its reputation and even though it was drier than we had expected, the birding was magnificent, with Hyacinth Macaws, Jabirus, Roseate Spoonbills, Yellow-billed Cardinals, and more Limpkins than we could (or wanted to!) count. We made our way through the Pantanal from one Jabiru to the next with a Mato Grosso Antbird, a Rusty-backed Spinetail, and even a Pale-crested Woodpecker in between. Not a bad way to travel!

I thoroughly enjoyed this tour and hope you all did too. I'm looking forward to seeing you again on one of our many Brazil tours.

-Marcelo

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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

Rheidae (Rheas)

GREATER RHEA (*Rhea americana*) – These odd looking birds were a common sight around our lodges in the Pantanal!

Tinamidae (Tinamous)

BROWN TINAMOU (*Crypturellus obsoletus*) [*]

UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*) [*]

Anhimidae (Screamers)

SOUTHERN SCREAMER (*Chauna torquata*)

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

WHITE-FACED WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna viduata*)

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

MUSCOVY DUCK (*Cairina moschata*)

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

CHACO CHACHALACA (*Ortalis canicollis*) – Abundant and loud, these birds are the alarm clock of the Pantanal!

DUSKY-LEGGED GUAN (*Penelope obscura*) – We had a couple of brief looks at these birds. Unfortunately Guans are very scarce in most places as a result of the action of illegal hunters!

CHESTNUT-BELLIED GUAN (*Penelope ochrogaster*) – Great looks in the pantanal where they have become rather tame and wander around the lodge's building.

BLUE-THROATED PIPING-GUAN (*Pipile cumanensis*)

RED-THROATED PIPING-GUAN (*Pipile cunjubi*) – The northern Pantanal seems to be a hybridization zone between Blue-throated and Red-throated, but we were able to see clearly the two species.

BLACK-FRONTED PIPING-GUAN (*Pipile jacutinga*) – Seeing four of these rare and endangered birds nearly at eye level, was certainly one of the major highlights of the tour. [E]

BARE-FACED CURASSOW (*Crax fasciolata*) – These gorgeous Curassows are fairly abundant in the Pantanal where they are not hunted, and we had great looks at them.

Ciconiidae (Storks)

MAGUARI STORK (*Ciconia maguari*) – We nearly missed this one this year, but we managed to spot one on our way to the airport on the last day.

JABIRU (*Jabiru mycteria*) – Several of them were already nesting during the time we were in the pantanal, which is a direct

result from the exceedingly dry year in the pantanal!

WOOD STORK (*Mycteria americana*)

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Anhingidae (Anhingas)

ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*)

Ardeidae (Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

LEAST BITTERN (*Ixobrychus exilis*) – I have to admit I was starting to worry a bit that we would not see this one, but after spending some time looking for it we finally had great looks at it!

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) – Common!

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)

WHISTLING HERON (*Syrigma sibilatrix*) – By far one of the prettiest of herons!

CAPPED HERON (*Pilherodius pileatus*)

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

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

WHITE-FACED IBIS (*Plegadis chihi*) – We had great looks at these birds on our last morning in the pantanal!

GREEN IBIS (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*)

BARE-FACED IBIS (*Phimosus infuscatus*)

PLUMBEOUS IBIS (*Theristicus caerulescens*)

BUFF-NECKED IBIS (*Theristicus caudatus*)

ROSEATE SPOONBILL (*Platalea ajaja*) – We saw a few early arrivals in the Pantanal this year!

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

LESSER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes burrovianus*)

Pandionidae (Osprey)

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*) – Seen twice on our outings in the Pantanal!

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

GRAY-HEADED KITE (*Leptodon cayanensis*)

PEARL KITE (*Gampsonyx swainsonii*) – Another one we picked up at the last minute.

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) – Very common in the Pantanal!

BLACK-COLLARED HAWK (*Busarellus nigricollis*)

CRANE HAWK (BANDED) (*Geranospiza caerulescens gracilis*) – It was fascinating to watch the characteristic feeding behaviour of this bird as it probed cavities with its long legs searching for prey items.

GREAT BLACK-HAWK (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)

SAVANNA HAWK (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris*) – Several seen on the tour including the Juvenile we had seen in Iguassu.

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus*)



The handsome Yellow-fronted Woodpecker was a regular visitor to feeders around the lodge at Intervalles, and was just one of 15 species of woodpeckers seen (and another heard) on this tour! (Photo by tour participants Steve and Alison Wakeham)

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

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

SOUTHERN CARACARA (*Caracara plancus*)

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)

LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)

AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*)

BAT FALCON (*Falco ruficularis*) – Some great spotting from Allie got us on this bird in the Pantanal!

Cariamidae (Seriemas)

RED-LEGGED SERIEMA (*Cariama cristata*) – "it was big and it had red legs!" Said Terry as we made our way back to Sao Paulo. Thanks to her we had brilliant looks at a pair of birds wandering by the side of the road.

Eurypygidae (Sunbittern)

SUNBITTERN (*Eurypyga helias*) – It is always nice to see these birds as they take off and display the lovely pattern on their wings!

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

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

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

SLATY-BREASTED WOOD-RAIL (*Aramides saracura*) [E]

ASH-THROATED CRAKE (*Porzana albicollis*) [*]

BLACKISH RAIL (*Pardirallus nigricans*)

PURPLE GALLINULE (*Porphyrio martinica*)

COMMON GALLINULE (*Gallinula galeata*)

Heliornithidae (Finfoots)

SUNGREBE (*Heliornis fulica*)

Aramidae (Limpkin)

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna*)

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

PIED LAPWING (*Vanellus cayanus*) – A bird found by Steve near our lodge, later led us to finding several other species that had not been seen on the tour yet!

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*)

Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)

BLACK-NECKED STILT (WHITE-BACKED) (*Himantopus mexicanus melanurus*)

Jacanidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*)

SOLITARY SANDPIPER (*Tringa solitaria*)

GREATER YELLOWLEGS (*Tringa melanoleuca*)

LESSER YELLOWLEGS (*Tringa flavipes*)

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER (*Calidris fuscicollis*)

PECTORAL SANDPIPER (*Calidris melanotos*)

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

LARGE-BILLED TERN (*Phaetusa simplex*)



The thundering falls at Iguazu are always a highlight of the trip; the birding here isn't bad either! (Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

PICAZURO PIGEON (*Patagioenas picazuro*)

EARED DOVE (*Zenaida auriculata*)

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

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)

SCALED DOVE (*Columbina squammata*) – A close relative of the Inca Dove, this neatly patterned dove is common sight in the Pantanal!

PICUI GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina picui*)

LONG-TAILED GROUND-DOVE (*Uropelia campestris*)

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

GRAY-FRONTED DOVE (*Leptotila rufaxilla*)

VIOLACEOUS QUAIL-DOVE (*Geotrygon violacea*) – We were watching a mixed flock as it went by and one of these rarely seen Quail-doves simply landed over the trail allowing us to get a very good look at it.

Psittacidae (Parrots)

NANDAY PARAKEET (*Nandayus nenday*) – Although this species was fairly common around one of our lodges, it is usually a very localized bird and can be hard to find in the northern Pantanal.

MAROON-BELLIED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura frontalis*)

MONK PARAKEET (*Myiopsitta monachus*)

BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET (*Aratinga acuticaudata*)

WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (*Aratinga leucophthalma*)

PEACH-FRONTED PARAKEET (*Aratinga aurea*)

HYACINTH MACAW (*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*) – It is just fascinating to watch these macaws in the wild. Fortunately conservation efforts have been paying off and their numbers are rising once again.

YELLOW-COLLARED MACAW (*Primolius auricollis*)

BLUE-WINGED PARROTLET (*Forpus xanthopterygius*)

PLAIN PARAKEET (*Brotogeris tirica*) [E]

YELLOW-CHEVRONED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris chiriri*)

SCALY-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus maximiliani*)

BLUE-FRONTED PARROT (*Amazona aestiva*)

ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (*Amazona amazonica*)

BLUE-BELLIED PARROT (*Triclaria malachitacea*) – I could hardly believe my eyes when we had scope views of this rare endemic parrot right outside our lodge.

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

GUIRA CUCKOO (*Guira guira*) – I always have fun watching these odd looking cuckoos with their punk hairdo and interesting behaviours.

STRIPED CUCKOO (*Tapera naevia*) [*]

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*)

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

Strigidae (Owls)

TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops choliba*)

TAWNY-BROWED OWL (*Pulsatrix koeniswaldiana*) – One of the local guides at Intervalles spotted a bird on a roost and we were able to get good scope views of it. [E]

LEAST PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium minutissimum*) – We had great looks at this minute owl at intervalles.

FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

BAND-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Nyctiprogne leucopyga*) – Flying low over our boats late in the afternoon.

COMMON PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*)

COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*)

Apodidae (Swifts)

GREAT DUSKY SWIFT (*Cypseloides senex*) [E]

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

SICK'S SWIFT (*Chaetura meridionalis*)

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

BLACK JACOBIN (*Florisuga fusca*) [E]

DUSKY-THROATED HERMIT (*Phaethornis squalidus*) – Common at intervals at this time of the year.

PLANALTO HERMIT (*Phaethornis pretrei*)

SCALE-THROATED HERMIT (*Phaethornis eurynome*) [E]

WHITE-TAILED GOLDENTHROAT (*Polytmus guainumbi*) – We had a bird sitting on a nest!

RUBY-TOPAZ HUMMINGBIRD (*Chrysolampis mosquitos*) – A migrant in the pantanal. We were very fortunate to connect with this bird during our tour.

BLACK-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)

BRAZILIAN RUBY (*Clytolaema rubricauda*) [E]

AMETHYST WOODSTAR (*Calliphlox amethystina*)

GLITTERING-BELLIED EMERALD (*Chlorostilbon aureoventris*)

PLOVERCREST (*Stephanoxis lalandi*) – It took quite a bit of work, but we managed to see these birds on a lek. [E]

SWALLOW-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Eupetomena macroura*)

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*) – A good spot by Elena!

VIOLET-CAPPED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania glaucopis*)

[E]

WHITE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD (*Leucochloris albicollis*)

VERSICOLORED EMERALD (*Amazilia versicolor*)

GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD (*Amazilia fimbriata*)

GILDED HUMMINGBIRD (*Hylocharis chrysur*)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*)

SURUCUA TROGON (*Trogon surrucura*) [E]

BLACK-THROATED TROGON (*Trogon rufus*)

Momotidae (Motmots)

AMAZONIAN MOTMOT (*Momotus momota*)

RUFOUS-CAPPED MOTMOT (*Baryphthengus ruficapillus*)

[E]

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*) – Seeing

these birds using electricity wires along the transpantaneira road as perches for fishing is a lot of fun!

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

GREEN KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle americana*)

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

RUSTY-BREASTED NUNLET (*Nonnula rubecula*)



Foliage-gleaners are, for the most part, a fairly homogeneous (and rather drab) group of birds. However, there are several notable exceptions, including the gorgeous Black-capped Foliage-gleaner seen here. (Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*)

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

RUFOUS-TAILED JACAMAR (*Galbula ruficauda*)

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

SAFFRON TOUCANET (*Pteroglossus bailloni*) – We had great scope views of these strangely colored toucanets! [E]

CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus castanotis*)

SPOT-BILLED TOUCANET (*Selenidera maculirostris*) – Always a tough one to see, but we managed to pull some of them into view. [E]

TOCO TOUCAN (*Ramphastos toco*)

RED-BREASTED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos dicolorus*) [E]

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

OCHRE-COLLARED PICULET (*Picumnus temminckii*) [E]

WHITE-WEDGED PICULET (*Picumnus albosquamatus*)

WHITE WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes candidus*) – We saw them at Intervales where they did not occur until recently. These birds started showing up here as a result of clearing of forest in the nearby areas.

YELLOW-FRONTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes flavifrons*) – A regular visitor at the feeders at our lodge at Intervales. [E]

WHITE-FRONTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cactorum*) – This is the westernmost area where these birds occur and they had not been seen in the area in several years. It was a true bonus to see them on our tour.

WHITE-SPOTTED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis spilogaster*) [E]

LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus*)

GOLDEN-GREEN WOODPECKER (*Piculus chrysochloros*)

WHITE-BROWED WOODPECKER (*Piculus aurulentus*)

GREEN-BARRED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes melanochloros melanochloros*)

CAMPO FLICKER (*Colaptes campestris*) – We saw both subspecies, *campestris* and *campestroides*, which at one point used to be considered two separate species.

PALE-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Celeus lugubris*) – This handsome woodpecker replaces Blond-crested in the Pantanal.

BLOND-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Celeus flavescens*) [E]

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*) [*]

ROBUST WOODPECKER (*Campephilus robustus*) – They were pretty far but we had good scope views of a pair! [E]

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

RUFOUS-BREASTED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus scansor*) – Thanks to John we had this bird in the scope. Something that does not happen very often. [E]

PALE-LEGGED HORNERO (*Furnarius leucopus*) [*]

RUFOUS HORNERO (*Furnarius rufus*)

CHOTOY SPINETAIL (*Schoeniophylax phryganophilus*) – One of the most handsome of the spinetails!

RUFOUS-CAPPED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis ruficapilla*)

GRAY-BELLIED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis cinerascens*) [E]

SPIX'S SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis spixi*) [*]

WHITE-LORED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albilora*) – This is one of those cases in which a bird must have been named from a bird in hand, because it takes a lot of imagination to see a white lore on that bird!

RUSTY-BACKED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca vulpina*)

OLIVE SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca obsoleta*) [E]

PALLID SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca pallida*) [E]

YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL (*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*)

RUFOUS-FRONTED THORNBIRD (*Phacellodomus rufifrons*)

GREATER THORNBIRD (*Phacellodomus ruber*)

ORANGE-BREASTED THORNBIRD (*Phacellodomus ferrugineigula*) [*****]

RUFOUS CACHOLETE (*Pseudoseisura unirufa*)

WHITE-BROWED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Anabacerthia amaurotis*) [**E**]

BUFF-BROWED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Syndactyla rufosuperciliata*)

OCHRE-BREASTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor lichtensteini*) [**E**]

BLACK-CAPPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor atricapillus*) – We had an amazingly cooperative bird in Iguassu. [**E**]

BUFF-FRONTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor rufum*) – One of the most common foliage-gleaners in Southeast Brazil!

WHITE-EYED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus leucophthalmus*) [**E**]

SHARP-TAILED STREAMCREEPER (*Lochmias nematura nematura*)

SHARP-BILLED TREEHUNTER (*Heliobletus contaminatus*) [**E**]

PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*)

STREAKED XENOPS (*Xenops rutilans*)

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

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (AMAZONIAN) (*Sittasomus griseicapillus griseicapillus*)

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (OLIVACEOUS) (*Sittasomus griseicapillus sylviellus*) [**E**]

WHITE-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphocolaptes albicollis*) [**E**]

PLANALTO WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes platyrostris*)

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

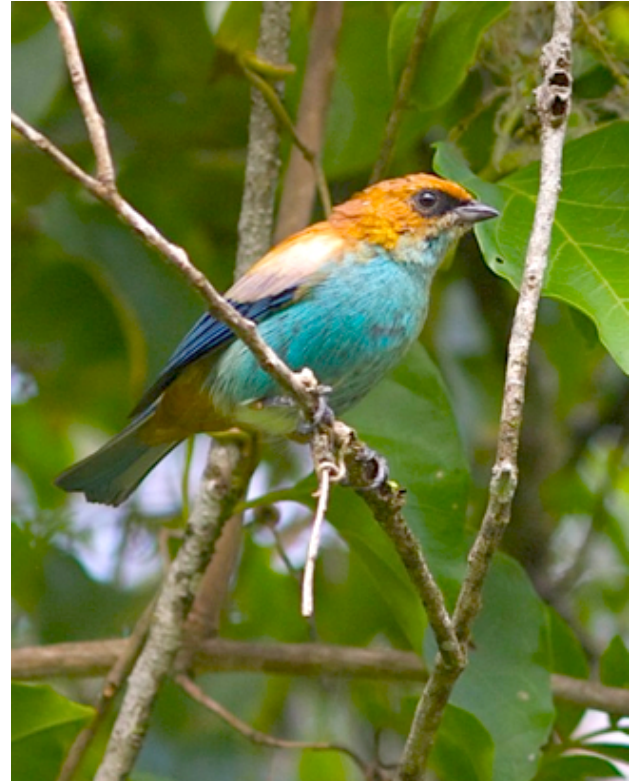
NARROW-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*)

SCALED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes squamatus*) [**E**]

SCALLOPED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes falcinellus*) [**E**]

RED-BILLED SCYTHERBILL (*Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*) – What a spectacular bird. I really think that scythebills have the most fascinating bills of all birds!

BLACK-BILLED SCYTHERBILL (*Campylorhamphus falcularius*) [**E***]



Brazil is home to an exceptional number of gorgeous tanagers, many of them endemic. Though this Chestnut-backed Tanager isn't quite an endemic, it most certainly is gorgeous! (Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

SPOT-BACKED ANTSHRIKE (*Hypoedaleus guttatus*) – Always hard to get a good look at these canopy antshrikes, but we managed to get a good look at one in Iguassu. [**E**]

GIANT ANTSHRIKE (*Batara cinerea*) – No book can ever prepare you for the moment when that HUGE Antshrike jumps into view! They were very vocal this year!

LARGE-TAILED ANTSHRIKE (*Mackenziaena leachii*) [**E**]

TUFTED ANTSHRIKE (*Mackenziaena severa*) [**E**]

GREAT ANTSHRIKE (*Taraba major*)

WHITE-BEARDED ANTSHRIKE (*Biatas nigropectus*) [**E**]

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)

RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus ruficapillus*)

PLANALTO SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus pelzelni*)

VARIABLE ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus caerulescens*)

PLAIN ANTVIREO (*Dysithamnus mentalis*)

STAR-THROATED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula gularis*) – A gorgeous understory antwren! [E]

LARGE-BILLED ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus longirostris*)

RUFOUS-WINGED ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*) – The birds from the Atlantic Forest sound quite different from the ones in the Amazon. I would not be surprised if they get split some day.

RUSTY-BACKED ANTWREN (*Formicivora rufa*)

FERRUGINOUS ANTBIRD (*Drymophila ferruginea*) [E]

BERTONI'S ANTBIRD (*Drymophila rubricollis*) [E]

OCHRE-RUMPED ANTBIRD (*Drymophila ochropyga*) [E]

DUSKY-TAILED ANTBIRD (*Drymophila malura*)

STREAK-CAPPED ANTWREN (*Terenura maculata*) – Great looks including one individual that seemed to be a juvenile! [E]

MATO GROSSO ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra melanaria*)

WHITE-SHOULDERED FIRE-EYE (*Pyriglena leucoptera*) [E]

BAND-TAILED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemoides maculicauda*)

SQUAMATE ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza squamosa*)

Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

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

SHORT-TAILED ANTTHRUSH (*Chamaeza campanisona*)

Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)

RUFOUS GNATEATER (*Conopophaga lineata*)

BLACK-CHEEKED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga melanops*) – What a handsome little bird, and it was very cooperative too! If only they were all like this!

Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)

SPOTTED BAMBOOWREN (*Psilorhamphus guttatus*) – This little bird is just about as tough as tapaculos get.

Unfortunately not everyone had good looks, but sometimes you take what you can get!

SLATY BRISTLEFRONT (*Merulaxis ater*) – The bird at Intervales is going to be split. Keep this one in the bank. [E]

WHITE-BREASTED TAPACULO (*Eleoscytalopus indigoticus*)

MOUSE-COLORED TAPACULO (*Scytalopus speluncae*) [E]

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*) – Seen several times, especially in the Pantanal where they are very abundant.

YELLOW TYRANULET (*Capsiempis flaveola*)

FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardii*)

GRAY ELAENIA (*Myiopagis caniceps*)

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster*)

HIGHLAND ELAENIA (*Elaenia obscura*)

WHITE-CRESTED TYRANULET (*Serpophaga subcristata*)

GRAY-HOODED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes rufiventris*) [E]

SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*)

SOUTHERN BRISTLE-TYRANT (*Phylloscartes eximius*) [E]

MOTTLE-CHEEKED TYRANULET (*Phylloscartes ventralis*)

SAO PAULO TYRANULET (*Phylloscartes paulista*) – Unfortunately not everyone saw it. They were very quiet this year and completely ignored our efforts to call them in. [E]

OUSTALET'S TYRANULET (*Phylloscartes oustaleti*)

BAY-RINGED TYRANULET (*Phylloscartes sylviolus*) [E]

ROUGH-LEGGED TYRANULET (BURMEISTER'S) (*Phyllomyias burmeisteri burmeisteri*) [*]

PLANALTO TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias fasciatus*)

GRAY-CAPPED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias griseicapilla*) [E]

SOUTHERN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER (*Sublegatus modestus*)

SOUTHERN ANTPIPIT (*Corythopsis delalandi*) – Iguassu has to be one of the best places in the world to see it.

EARED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis auricularis*) – What a sweet little bird. They are so small, that they end up looking more like insects than birds. [E]

BROWN-BREASTED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus obsoletus*) – Usually a hard one to see. We were treated to excellent looks this year. No complaints from me! [E]

STRIPE-NECKED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus striaticollis*) [*]

HANGNEST TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus nidipendulus*) – With a name like that you just have to see it! [E]

PEARLY-VENTED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*)

OCHRE-FACED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps*)

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

COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum*)

YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (MATO GROSSO) (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens pallescens*)

YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (SOORETAMA) (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens sulphurescens*)

WHITE-THROATED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus mystaceus*)

CLIFF FLYCATCHER (*Hirundinea ferruginea bellicosa*)

WHISKERED FLYCATCHER (YELLOW-RUMPED) (*Myiobius barbatus mastacalis*) [E]

EULER'S FLYCATCHER (EULER'S) (*Lathrotriccus eulerei eulerei*)

TROPICAL PEWEE (*Contopus cinereus*)

FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus*) [*]

GRAY MONJITA (*Xolmis cinereus*)

WHITE-RUMPED MONJITA (*Xolmis velatus*)

STREAMER-TAILED TYRANT (*Gubernetes yetapa*) – It could not have been better. A pair of birds displaying at eye level 10 feet away from us in great light. What a show!

LONG-TAILED TYRANT (*Colonia colonus*)

CATTLE TYRANT (*Machetornis rixosa*)

LARGE-HEADED FLATBILL (*Ramphotricon megacephalum*)

RUFOUS-TAILED ATTLA (*Attila phoenicurus*) [*]

GRAY-HOODED ATTLA (*Attila rufus*) [E]

SIRYSTES (EASTERN) (*Sirystes sibilator sibilator*)

SWAINSON'S FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus swainsoni*)

SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*)

LESSER KISKADEE (*Pitangus lictor*)

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*)

RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*) – Replaces Social in the Pantanal!

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)

THREE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias trivirgatus*) – Way up in the canopy, but we managed to get really good looks at them!

STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*)

VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*)

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)



Golden-winged Cacique is a widespread species throughout southeastern South America. (Photo by tour participants Steve and Alison Wakeham)

Oxyruncidae (Sharpbill)

SHARPBILL (*Oxyruncus cristatus*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

HOODED BERRYEATER (*Carpornis cucullata*)

RED-RUFFED FRUITCROW (*Pyroderus scutatus*) – One bird jumped into view for most of the group when I was working on an antthrush with some of the folks.

CINNAMON-VENTED PIHA (*Lipaugus lanioides*)

Pipridae (Manakins)

SERRA DO MAR TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Neopelma chrysolophum*) [E]

SWALLOW-TAILED MANAKIN (*Chiroxiphia caudata*) – Great looks including a glowing pair of adult males! [E]

BAND-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra fasciicauda*) – Good looks at Iguassu!

WING-BARRED PIPRITES (*Piprites chloris*) – In the scope thanks to John, who got us a fair amount of scope views of a large number of skulkers!

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*)

GREENISH SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis virescens*) [E]

GREEN-BACKED BECARD (*Pachyramphus viridis*) – A stunning becard that we saw right outside our lodge at Intervalles!

CHESTNUT-CROWNED BECARD (*Pachyramphus castaneus*)

WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)

CRESTED BECARD (*Pachyramphus validus*)

Vireonidae (Vireos)

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

RUFOUS-CROWNED GREENLET (*Hylophilus poicilotis*) [E]

RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) [*]

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

PURPLISH JAY (*Cyanocorax cyanomelas*)

PLUSH-CRESTED JAY (*Cyanocorax chrysops*) – It is so nice to have these spectacular looking jays right on the gardens of our hotel in Iguassu!

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

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

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*)

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

BANK SWALLOW (*Riparia riparia*) [b]

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

THRUSH-LIKE WREN (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*) [*]

BUFF-BREASTED WREN (*Cantorchilus leucotis*)

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*)

Poliptilidae (Gnatcatchers)

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)

CREAMY-BELLIED GNATCATCHER (*Poliptila lactea*) [E]

MASKED GNATCATCHER (*Poliptila dumicola*) – Almost always the first responders to the pygmy-owl tape in the Pantanal. These little birds are a joy to watch!

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*)

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

YELLOW-LEGGED THRUSH (*Turdus flavipes*)
PALE-BREASTED THRUSH (*Turdus leucomelas*)
RUFOUS-BELLIED THRUSH (*Turdus rufiventris*) – The national bird of Brazil!
WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (*Turdus albicollis*)

Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)

CHALK-BROWED MOCKINGBIRD (*Mimus saturninus*)

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

MASKED YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis aequinoctialis*)

TROPICAL PARULA (*Setophaga pitiayumi*)

GOLDEN-CROWNED WARBLER (*Basileuterus culicivorus*) – The most common warbler in the Atlantic Forest!

FLAVESCENT WARBLER (*Myiothlypis flaveolus*)

WHITE-BROWED WARBLER (*Myiothlypis leucoblepharus*) [E]

RIVERBANK WARBLER (*Myiothlypis rivularis*)

Coerebidae (Bananaquit)

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

BROWN TANAGER (*Orchesticus abeillei*) [E]

MAGPIE TANAGER (*Cissopis leverianus*)

OLIVE-GREEN TANAGER (*Orthogonys chloricterus*) [E]

CHESTNUT-HEADED TANAGER (*Pyrrhocomma ruficeps*)
– Great looks at this handsome bamboo specialist in Iguassu! [E]

BLACK-GOGGLED TANAGER (*Trichothraupis melanops*)

CHESTNUT-VENTED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum speciosum*)

GUIRA TANAGER (*Hemithraupis guira*)

RUFOUS-HEADED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis ruficapilla*) [E]

RUBY-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus coronatus*) [E]

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)

SAYACA TANAGER (*Thraupis sayaca*)

AZURE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Thraupis cyanoptera*)

GOLDEN-CHEVRONED TANAGER (*Thraupis ornata*) [E]

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

GREEN-HEADED TANAGER (*Tangara seledon*) [E]

RED-NECKED TANAGER (*Tangara cyanocephala*) [E]

BRASSY-BREASTED TANAGER (*Tangara desmaresti*) – Not a common species at Intervales. We were very fortunate to have seen it!

CHESTNUT-BACKED TANAGER (*Tangara preciosa*) – What can you say about a bird called "Precious Tangara?" Just perfect!

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)

GREEN-WINGED SALTATOR (*Saltator similis*)

BLACK-THROATED GROSBEAK (*Saltator fuliginosus*) [E]

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)



Ironically, the beautiful Yellow-billed Cardinal, along with the 5 other species in the genus Paroaria, are not true cardinals at all, and have recently been moved from the Cardinalidae to the Emberizidae. (Photo by tour participants Steve and Alison Wakeham)

RUSTY-COLLARED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila collaris*) – One of the most handsome seedeaters in my opinion!

LINED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila lineola*)

DOUBLE-COLLARED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila caerulescens*)

WHITE-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila leucoptera leucoptera*)

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

UNIFORM FINCH (*Haplospiza unicolor*) [E]

SAFFRON FINCH (*Sicalis flaveola*)

YELLOW-BILLED CARDINAL (*Paroaria capitata*)

RED-CRESTED FINCH (*Coryphospingus cucullatus*)

SAFFRON-BILLED SPARROW (*Arremon flavirostris*)

GRASSLAND SPARROW (*Ammodramus humeralis*)

RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

RED-CROWNED ANT-TANAGER (*Habia rubica*) – Common with the understory flocks at Intervales!

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

CHOPI BLACKBIRD (*Gnorimopsar chopi*)

UNICOLORED BLACKBIRD (*Agelasticus cyanopus*)

YELLOW-RUMPED MARSHBIRD (*Pseudoleistes guirahuro*)

BAY-WINGED COWBIRD (*Agelaioides badius*)

SHINY COWBIRD (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)

EPAULET ORIOLE (*Icterus cayanensis*)

ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL (*Icterus croconotus*)

SOLITARY BLACK CACIQUE (*Cacicus solitarius*)

RED-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus haemorrhous*)

GOLDEN-WINGED CACIQUE (*Cacicus chrysopterus*)

CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus*)

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

PURPLE-THROATED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chlorotica*)

VIOLACEOUS EUPHONIA (*Euphonia violacea*)

GREEN-THROATED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chalybea*)

CHESTNUT-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia pectoralis*) [E]

HOODED SISKIN (*Spinus magellanicus*)

Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)

HOUSE SPARROW (*Passer domesticus*)

Estrildidae (Waxbills and Allies)

COMMON WAXBILL (*Estrilda astrild*)

MAMMALS

BROWN CAPUCHIN (*Cebus apella*)

SOUTHERN TAMANDUA (*Tamandua tetradactyla*)

NINE-BANDED ARMADILLO (*Dasybus novemcinctus*)

GUIANAN SQUIRREL (*Sciurus aestuans*)

CAVY SP. (*Galea/Cavia* sp.)

CAPYBARA (*Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*)

AZARA'S AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta azarae*)

CRAB-EATING FOX (*Cerdocyon thous*)

SOUTH AMERICAN COATI (*Nasua nasua*)

TAYRA (*Eira barbara*)

RED BROCKET DEER (*Mazama americana*)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 393 bird taxa and 11 mammal taxa