

Field Guides Tour Report

BRAZIL NUTSHELL: INTERVALES, IGUAZU FALLS & THE PANTANAL 2020

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It is always great to see a Blackish Rail, but hearing its song is even more interesting! Photo by participant Dominic Sherony.

We almost managed to complete our 2020 run through this itinerary (which was scheduled to conclude March 21), but had to cut the tour short by a couple of days as things began to change quickly due to the emerging pandemic.

The trip started out as one of the best in many years, as we had perfect weather at Intervales and the birding could not have been better. We scored birds that we had not seen in years, such as Ornate Hawk-Eagle and the ultra-scarce Blue-bellied Parrot that we saw so well. We had the park all to ourselves, and no place in the world could have felt safer. Our four days at Intervales were a true delight, with our routine dictated by nothing other than the pleasures of birding and the need to eat (those delicious home cooked meals) and sleep.

As we made our way to Iguazu Falls, news from other parts of the world began to filter in and things started to change. We had a wonderful time visiting the thundering falls and birding nearby, and we enjoyed wonderful views of the cataracts from both the Brazilian and Argentinian viewpoints. We found plenty to keep us entertained on the birding front with silly-looking Toco Toucans and wonderful Plush-crested Jays adorning the rim of the falls, and many smaller birds adding interest and diversity. Our hotels provided a wonderful haven from the visiting crowds, and our local guide made sure we managed to avoid large gatherings. But there was uncertainty in the air, and the park and the border between Brazil and Argentina closed shortly after we departed.

Things still seemed relatively normal in Brazil as we headed to the Pantanal for the last leg of our itinerary. But it soon became clear that we would have to cut our trip short. Our office worked its magic in Austin and got everyone flights out a day ahead of schedule while we birded the Pantanal and packed an amazing number of species of birds in just two-and-a-half days. Hyacinth Macaws, Ash-throated Crakes, Scarlet-headed Blackbirds, Jabirus, and Red-legged Seriemas are just a few of the highlights we managed to enjoy.

I have never experienced a tour like this in my career; it has always been a thrill to share both my country and its fantastic birding with participants, and I was greatly disappointed that we had to cut our travels a bit short. I hope you nevertheless were able to enjoy the experiences and great birds (and mammals) we were able to observe. When things have settled down post-pandemic, I hope we'll have a chance to travel again together in another part of Brazil or the world to share the wonder and delights of birding. For now, be well, stay safe, and here's to looking forward to crossing paths again.

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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

<u>Rheidae (Rheas)</u> GREATER RHEA (Rhea americana)

<u>Tinamidae (Tinamous)</u> BROWN TINAMOU (Crypturellus obsoletus) UNDULATED TINAMOU (Crypturellus undulatus)

<u>Anhimidae (Screamers)</u> SOUTHERN SCREAMER (Chauna torquata)

<u>Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)</u> BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK (Dendrocygna autumnalis) MUSCOVY DUCK (Cairina moschata) – A few individuals seen swimming near the Falls in Argentina

<u>Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)</u> CHACO CHACHALACA (Ortalis canicollis) DUSKY-LEGGED GUAN (Penelope obscura) CHESTNUT-BELLIED GUAN (Penelope ochrogaster) BLACK-FRONTED PIPING-GUAN (Pipile jacutinga) – Two individuals of this rare Piping-Guan seen feeding on cecropia fruit at Intervales and three more seen at Iguazu during our visit to the national park. [E]

BARE-FACED CURASSOW (Crax fasciolata)

Odontophoridae (New World Quail) SPOT-WINGED WOOD-QUAIL (Odontophorus capueira)

<u>Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)</u>
ROCK PIGEON (Columba livia) – Common in towns.
PALE-VENTED PIGEON (Patagioenas cayennensis)
PICAZURO PIGEON (Patagioenas picazuro) – The most common pigeon on this tour.
PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (Patagioenas plumbea)
RUDDY GROUND DOVE (Columbina talpacoti)
SCALED DOVE (Columbina squammata) – Seen in the Pantanal
PICUI GROUND DOVE (Columbina picui) – Seen sitting on an electrical wire right before we reached the airport in Cuiaba.
LONG-TAILED GROUND DOVE (Uropelia campestris) – This is one of the scarcest of the ground-doves on this tour, but we found them at the Rio Claro Lodge and at Piuval.
WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (Leptotila verreauxi) – Common in the Pantanal
EARED DOVE (Zenaida auriculata)

<u>Cuculidae (Cuckoos)</u>

GUIRA CUCKOO (Guira guira) - A common bird but always fun to see with their pre-historic looking faces.

GREATER ANI (Crotophaga major) - Abundant in the Pantanal

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (Crotophaga ani)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (Piaya cayana) - It was surprising to have so few sightings of this rather common species.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

SHORT-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (NATTERERI) (Lurocalis semitorquatus nattereri) – While we waited for it to get dark enough to try to call in a Tawny-browed Owl, we had great looks at one individual foraging at dusk.

COMMON PAURAQUE (Nyctidromus albicollis) – Every bit as common as the name suggests; we even had one that sat right outside our lodge at Intervales every night.

<u>Nyctibiidae (Potoos)</u>

GREAT POTOO (Nyctibius grandis) – We were returning to our lodge after dusk in the Pantanal and stopped to look at a Jabiru's nest when Jeff saw a Great Potoo flying in and perching right above the Jabiru. I will remember this sighting for many years to come.

COMMON POTOO (Nyctibius griseus) – Our local guide at Intervales had mentioned that he had heard one early in the morning, so we went out there in the evening and called one into view for a perfect finale to our stay at Intervales.

<u>Apodidae (Swifts)</u>

GREAT DUSKY SWIFT (Cypseloides senex) – The great show of these swifts coming down to roost behind the falls both in Brazil and in Argentina was one of the highlights of our tour. [E]

SICK'S SWIFT (Chaetura meridionalis)

BLACK JACOBIN (Florisuga fusca) [E]

DUSKY-THROATED HERMIT (Phaethornis squalidus) - A couple of individuals seen feeding on flowers on our last day at Intervales.

CINNAMON-THROATED HERMIT (Phaethornis nattereri) - A few individuals flying around a lek at Piuval Lodge on our last morning.

- **BUFF-BELLIED HERMIT** (Phaethornis subochraceus) One individual showed up in response to the pygmy-owl tape on the entrance road at Rio Claro.
- **PLANALTO HERMIT** (Phaethornis pretrei) A brief but very good naked-eye look at this species as it hovered right in front of our group at Intervales.

SCALE-THROATED HERMIT (Phaethornis eurynome) - Great looks at perched individuals during our stay at Intervales. [E]

BLACK-THROATED MANGO (Anthracothorax nigricollis) - One of the most common hummingbirds at the hummingbird feeders in Puerto Iguazu.

FESTIVE COQUETTE (FESTIVE) (Lophornis chalybeus chalybeus) – A few individuals feeding on a bottle brush flower near our lodge at Intervales.

GLITTERING-BELLIED EMERALD (Chlorostilbon lucidus) - A pair of birds were visiting the feeders at Puerto Iguazu.

PURPLE-CROWNED PLOVERCREST (Stephanoxis loddigesii) – This was certainly one of the high points of our stay at Intervales as we enjoyed multiple views of several individuals displaying on a lek. [E]

SWALLOW-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (Eupetomena macroura) – Also seen at the feeders at Iguazu.

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (Thalurania furcata) - Nice looks at an adult male on our last morning at Piuval Lodge.

- VIOLET-CAPPED WOODNYMPH (Thalurania glaucopis) Common around Intervales. [E]
- WHITE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD (Leucochloris albicollis) We had great looks at a perched individual near the start of the Lajeado trail at Intervales.

VERSICOLORED EMERALD (Amazilia versicolor) - Also common at the feeders at Iguazu.

GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD (Amazilia fimbriata) – A few individuals seen in the Pantanal.

GILDED HUMMINGBIRD (Hylocharis chrysura) – Several individuals seen at the feeders in Iguazu, and later on a couple of birds seen in the Pantanal.

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

ASH-THROATED CRAKE (Mustelirallus albicollis) - We managed to bring one of these secretive birds into view in the Pantanal.

BLACKISH RAIL (Pardirallus nigricans) – Everyone thought that the Spot-billed Toucanet would be the strangest-sounding bird on this tour...until we heard the Blackish Rail song.

GRAY-COWLED WOOD-RAIL (Aramides cajaneus) – Several individuals seen along the Transpantaneira road.

SLATY-BREASTED WOOD-RAIL (Aramides saracura) - A couple of sightings around Intervales. [E]

COMMON GALLINULE (Gallinula galeata) – Seen on the lake behind the restaurant at Intervales.

PURPLE GALLINULE (Porphyrio martinica) – A pair of birds sitting out and feeding on some flowers in the Pantanal.

RUFOUS-SIDED CRAKE (Laterallus melanophaius) – It was a real treat to see this one right after seeing the Red-and-white Crake, allowing us to study the differences between the two species.

RED-AND-WHITE CRAKE (Laterallus leucopyrrhus) - One of the hardest Crakes to see ... if you don't know Betinho ;-)

<u>Aramidae (Limpkin)</u>

LIMPKIN (Aramus guarauna) - Common in the Pantanal.

Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)

BLACK-NECKED STILT (WHITE-BACKED) (Himantopus mexicanus melanurus) – A few birds seen at Piuval on our last morning.

<u>Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)</u> SOUTHERN LAPWING (Vanellus chilensis) – A common and widespread bird in Brazil.

<u>Jacanidae (Jacanas)</u> WATTLED JACANA (Jacana jacana)

<u>Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)</u> SOLITARY SANDPIPER (Tringa solitaria) LESSER YELLOWLEGS (Tringa flavipes) – Seen in the Pantanal.

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

LARGE-BILLED TERN (Phaetusa simplex) – Great views of these terns as the patrolled the streams along the Transpantaneira in search of food.

<u>Eurypygidae (Sunbittern)</u>

SUNBITTERN (Eurypyga helias) - A pair of birds seen in the spotlight on our arrival at Rio Claro Lodge.

Ciconiidae (Storks)

JABIRU (Jabiru mycteria) – A few individuals seen in the Pantanal including one on a nest. [E]

WOOD STORK (Mycteria americana) – A couple of birds seen at Piuval Lodge on our last morning.

<u>Anhingidae (Anhingas)</u>

ANHINGA (Anhinga anhinga) – Several individuals seen along the Transpantaneira road.

<u>Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)</u> NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (Phalacrocorax brasilianus)

<u>Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)</u> **RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON** (Tigrisoma lineatum) – Common in the Pantanal **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) – This colorful heron prefers dry fields and we had great looks at them along the access road to Rio Claro lodge.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (Nycticorax nycticorax)

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

GREEN IBIS (Mesembrinibis cayennensis)

BARE-FACED IBIS (Phimosus infuscatus) – Present in huge numbers in the Pantanal. Curiously these birds are hardly present in the dry season. **PLUMBEOUS IBIS** (Theristicus caerulescens) – Always a treat to see with their shaggy crest and orange eyes.

BUFF-NECKED IBIS (Theristicus caudatus) - A common species in the Pantanal

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (Coragyps atratus) **TURKEY VULTURE** (Cathartes aura)

LESSER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (Cathartes burrovianus) – We had a nice look at one during out boat trip in the Pantanal.

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

BLACK HAWK-EAGLE (Spizaetus tyrannus)

ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE (Spizaetus ornatus) – A welcome surprise at Intervales.

BLACK-COLLARED HAWK (Busarellus nigricollis)

SNAIL KITE (Rostrhamus sociabilis)

BICOLORED HAWK (Accipiter bicolor) - One individual flew across the river just as we were coming back to Rio Claro lodge.

CRANE HAWK (BANDED) (Geranospiza caerulescens flexipes) – This is the subspecies we saw perched on a tree in the Pantanal on the last morning of our tour.

SAVANNA HAWK (Buteogallus meridionalis)

GREAT BLACK HAWK (Buteogallus urubitinga) - Great looks at one individual flying around along the Transpantaneira late in the day.

ROADSIDE HAWK (Rupornis magnirostris)

<u>Strigidae (Owls)</u>

TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL (Megascops choliba) – A pair of birds roosting near the entrance at Intervales and later on a lovely individual seen at night on the access road to Rio Claro Lodge.

LONG-TUFTED SCREECH-OWL (Megascops sanctaecatarinae) – This species had not been recorded at Intervales until a few years ago, but it is now seen regularly around the park, while the Black-capped Screech-Owl that used to be fairly common at Intervales has become a rare bird in the Park.

TAWNY-BROWED OWL (Pulsatrix koeniswaldiana) – A close relative of the Spectacled Owl that is endemic to the Atlantic Rain Forest. We found this one at Intervales on our last evening in the Park. [E]

LEAST PYGMY-OWL (Glaucidium minutissimum) [*]

FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL (Glaucidium brasilianum) - A great look at one with its fabulous entourage in Puerto Iguazu.

RUSTY-BARRED OWL (Strix hylophila) – The first night of the full moon provided the perfect back drop for seeing this owl.

<u>Trogonidae (Trogons)</u>

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (Trogon curucui) - A nice adult male in the Pantanal

SURUCUA TROGON (Trogon surrucura) - Several sightings both at Iguazu and Intervales [E]

BLACK-THROATED TROGON (Trogon rufus) [*]

<u>Momotidae (Motmots)</u>

RUFOUS-CAPPED MOTMOT (Baryphthengus ruficapillus) – Seen right around the buildings of our lodge at Iguazu. [E]

<u>Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)</u>

RINGED KINGFISHER (Megaceryle torquata) – A common sight in the Pantanal

AMAZON KINGFISHER (Chloroceryle amazona)

AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER (Chloroceryle aenea) – I heard one along the river during our boat trip and managed to bring it into view for us. GREEN KINGFISHER (Chloroceryle americana) – Seen from the boat dock at Rio Claro lodge.

<u>Bucconidae (Puffbirds)</u>

BUFF-BELLIED PUFFBIRD (Notharchus swainsoni) - After trying at a few different spots we found three individuals in Argentina. [E]

WHITE-EARED PUFFBIRD (Nystalus chacuru) – What a cool and charismatic bird. We found one right by the road on the way to Intervales and studied it for a long time in the scope.

RUSTY-BREASTED NUNLET (Nonnula rubecula) - Great scope views of these minute puffbirds on the Macuco trail in Argentina.

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (Monasa nigrifrons) - Great looks at a few birds on our last morning in the Pantanal

<u>Galbulidae (Jacamars)</u>

RUFOUS-TAILED JACAMAR (Galbula ruficauda) - A great spot by Jeff.

<u>Ramphastidae (Toucans)</u>

SAFFRON TOUCANET (Pteroglossus bailloni) - A group of birds foraging on a Cecropia tree was one of the highlights of our visit to Intervales.

CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI (Pteroglossus castanotis) – A late afternoon visit to the Iguazu National Park produced some great looks at several individuals foraging on some fruit below eye level.

SPOT-BILLED TOUCANET (Selenidera maculirostris) – I think that after enjoying great looks at this stunning Atlantic Forest endemic everyone can agree that its looks more than make up for its awkward song. [E]

TOCO TOUCAN (Ramphastos toco) – Fabulous looks at these iconic birds all around the falls at Iguazu.

RED-BREASTED TOUCAN (Ramphastos dicolorus) – We saw five individuals along the road on our way back from Intervales to Sao Paulo. [E]

<u>Picidae (Woodpeckers)</u>

OCHRE-COLLARED PICULET (Picumnus temminckii) – Fabulous looks at this endemic miniature woodpecker right from the balcony of our lodge at Intervales. [E]

WHITE-WEDGED PICULET (Picumnus albosquamatus) - This species replaces the Ochre-collared Piculet in the Pantanal.

WHITE WOODPECKER (Melanerpes candidus) – A group of birds displaying were seen from the boat at Rio Claro.

YELLOW-FRONTED WOODPECKER (Melanerpes flavifrons) - Great scope views of these fabulous birds both at Intervales and in Iguazu. [E]

WHITE-SPOTTED WOODPECKER (Dryobates spilogaster) – Multiple views of these guys at Intervales. [E]

LITTLE WOODPECKER (Dryobates passerinus) - Seen in the Pantanal.

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (Campephilus melanoleucos) – A fabulous pair of birds seen in the Pantanal during our visit to Rio Claro lodge.

PALE-CRESTED WOODPECKER (Celeus lugubris) – Nice looks at one adult male along the Rio Claro.

BLOND-CRESTED WOODPECKER (Celeus flavescens) – Certainly one of the most striking species of this genus comprised of several gorgeous woodpeckers. We had great looks at an adult male on the Macuco trail. [E]

CAMPO FLICKER (Colaptes campestris)

Cariamidae (Seriemas)

RED-LEGGED SERIEMA (Cariama cristata) - Dominic found a group of three birds on a ridge on our fist day on the road to Intervales State Park

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

BARRED FOREST-FALCON (Micrastur ruficollis) [*]

SOUTHERN CARACARA (Caracara plancus)

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (Milvago chimachima)

LAUGHING FALCON (Herpetotheres cachinnans) - A perched bird seen from the road as we drove into the Pantanal.

AMERICAN KESTREL (SOUTH AMERICAN) (Falco sparverius cearae) – A great looks at this widespread species along the road back from Intervales to Sao Paulo.

APLOMADO FALCON (Falco femoralis)

BAT FALCON (Falco rufigularis) - A couple of sightings over the falls at Iguazu.

Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots)

MONK PARAKEET (Myiopsitta monachus) - It is always nice to see this widespread species in its natural habitat.

PLAIN PARAKEET (Brotogeris tirica) – A common sight around our lodge at Intervales. [E]

YELLOW-CHEVRONED PARAKEET (Brotogeris chiriri) - Seen at our first stop on the Transpantaneira in the Pantanal

PILEATED PARROT (Pionopsitta pileata) [E*]

BLUE-BELLIED PARROT (Triclaria malachitacea) – We had not seen this bird on this tour in over five years, so I was really happy when we heard them on our first stop on the first morning at Intervales. I was even happier when we were able to study them for so long.

SCALY-HEADED PARROT (Pionus maximiliani) – After several fly-over views we finally spotted some individuals perched as the gorged on some fruit at Intervales.

TURQUOISE-FRONTED PARROT (Amazona aestiva) - Several individuals flying in the Pantanal

ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (Amazona amazonica) – Very similar to the more common Turquoise-fronted Parrot but we had a few of these in the Pantanal.

BLUE-WINGED PARROTLET (Forpus xanthopterygius) - Great looks at Intervales and at Iguazu.

MAROON-BELLIED PARAKEET (Pyrrhura frontalis) – After several frustrating views of these parakeets flying by we managed to see them well right outside our lodge at Intervales, where they were feeding on ripe guava from a tree at the garden.

HYACINTH MACAW (Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus) – Always a highlight in the Pantanal and we came across them every day during our short stay there.

PEACH-FRONTED PARAKEET (Eupsittula aurea) – A pair of birds seen perched along the Transpantaneira.

NANDAY PARAKEET (Aratinga nenday) – We saw these colorful parakeets at a neighboring property of Rio Claro in the Pantanal.

YELLOW-COLLARED MACAW (Primolius auricollis) – A pair of birds circled our group a few times allowing us to study their features really well. WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (Psittacara leucophthalmus) – Large flocks flying over the falls at Iguazu

<u>Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)</u>

SPOT-BACKED ANTSHRIKE (Hypoedaleus guttatus) – This is usually a hard species to see as it is an antshrike that lives in dense vine tangles in the canopy, but we ended up seeing it multiple times on our tour both at Intervales and Iguazu. [E]

LARGE-TAILED ANTSHRIKE (Mackenziaena leachii) – Betinho knew just where to find this spectacular species and we ended up enjoying great scope looks at an adult male. [E]

TUFTED ANTSHRIKE (Mackenziaena severa) – A couple of brief looks at this species despite our best efforts. [E]

GREAT ANTSHRIKE (Taraba major) - Seen well a couple of times in the Pantanal

GIANT ANTSHRIKE (Batara cinerea) – We had to work really hard for this one but after much effort we managed to bring a stunning female into view and later see a male right by our lodge at Intervales.

WHITE-BEARDED ANTSHRIKE (Biatas nigropectus) - This shy species lives in dense bamboo patches so we were fortunate to have such good looks at one. [E] BARRED ANTSHRIKE (Thamnophilus doliatus) RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTSHRIKE (Thamnophilus ruficapillus) - Seen at the marsh by the entrance of Intervales. PLANALTO SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (Thamnophilus pelzelni) [*] VARIABLE ANTSHRIKE (Thamnophilus caerulescens) **STAR-THROATED ANTWREN** (Rhopias gularis) – Seeing these antwrens is always a treat and we even got to see the white spots on the throat. [E] **SPOT-BREASTED ANTVIREO** (Dysithamnus stictothorax) [E] PLAIN ANTVIREO (Dysithamnus mentalis) WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (SILVERY-FLANKED) (Myrmotherula axillaris luctuosa) LARGE-BILLED ANTWREN (Herpsilochmus longirostris) RUFOUS-WINGED ANTWREN (Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus) BLACK-BELLIED ANTWREN (Formicivora melanogaster) **RUSTY-BACKED ANTWREN** (Formicivora rufa) FERRUGINOUS ANTBIRD (Drymophila ferruginea) - Probably the prettiest of the Drymophila antbirds we saw on the tour and fortunately the one we had the best looks at. [E] BERTONI'S ANTBIRD (Drymophila rubricollis) [E] RUFOUS-TAILED ANTBIRD (Drymophila genei) [E] **OCHRE-RUMPED ANTBIRD** (Drymophila ochropyga) [E] **DUSKY-TAILED ANTBIRD** (Drymophila malura) STREAK-CAPPED ANTWREN (Terenura maculata) – This one was a regular with the canopy flocks at Intevales [E] MATO GROSSO ANTBIRD (Cercomacra melanaria) – A pantanal specialty that we managed to see well during our boat trip. WHITE-SHOULDERED FIRE-EYE (Pyriglena leucoptera) [E] BAND-TAILED ANTBIRD (Hypocnemoides maculicauda) - The Pantanal is the southern limit of the distribution of this Amazonian bird. SQUAMATE ANTBIRD (Myrmoderus squamosus) - We finally laid eyes on one after trying to see several different individuals. Conopophagidae (Gnateaters) BLACK-CHEEKED GNATEATER (Conopophaga melanops) – Multiple sightings of this charismatic species at Intervales. **RUFOUS GNATEATER** (Conopophaga lineata) Grallariidae (Antpittas) VARIEGATED ANTPITTA (Grallaria varia) [*] Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos) SLATY BRISTLEFRONT (Merulaxis ater) [E] WHITE-BREASTED TAPACULO (Eleoscytalopus indigoticus) – A juvenile jumped into view briefly as we were trying to see a Squamate Antbird. MOUSE-COLORED TAPACULO (Scytalopus speluncae) – We had to work really hard for this one but our efforts paid of with great looks at this shy understory species. [E] Formicariidae (Antthrushes) RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTTHRUSH (Formicarius colma) - Two different individuals seen on our last afternoon at Intervales SHORT-TAILED ANTTHRUSH (Chamaeza campanisona) [*] SUCH'S ANTTHRUSH (Chamaeza meruloides) [E*] Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers) RUFOUS-BREASTED LEAFTOSSER (Sclerurus scansor) - We had some cooperative individuals on the Lajeado Trail at Intervales that perched up nicely, but it was even more fun to see them foraging and tossing leaves around. [E] OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (AMAZONIAN) (Sittasomus griseicapillus griseicapillus) OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (OLIVACEOUS) (Sittasomus griseicapillus sylviellus) – This is the subspecies we saw at Intervales. [E] PLAIN-WINGED WOODCREEPER (Dendrocincla turdina) [E] PLANALTO WOODCREEPER (Dendrocolaptes platyrostris) WHITE-THROATED WOODCREEPER (Xiphocolaptes albicollis) [E] GREAT RUFOUS WOODCREEPER (Xiphocolaptes major) - We had a close encouter with this massive woocreeper on the entrance road to Rio Claro Lodge. LESSER WOODCREEPER (Xiphorhynchus fuscus fuscus) [E] **STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (Dendroplex picus) RED-BILLED SCYTHEBILL (Campylorhamphus trochilirostris) - Always fascinating to see this unusual bird. We had great looks in the Pantanal BLACK-BILLED SCYTHEBILL (Campylorhamphus falcularius) [E*] NARROW-BILLED WOODCREEPER (Lepidocolaptes angustirostris) SCALED WOODCREEPER (Lepidocolaptes squamatus) [E] PLAIN XENOPS (Xenops minutus) **STREAKED XENOPS** (Xenops rutilans) PALE-LEGGED HORNERO (Furnarius leucopus) - A common species along rivers in the Pantanal. This species is closely associated with water. **RUFOUS HORNERO** (Furnarius rufus) **SHARP-TAILED STREAMCREEPER** (Lochmias nematura nematura) [*] WHITE-COLLARED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (Anabazenops fuscus) [E]

SHARP-BILLED TREEHUNTER (Heliobletus contaminatus) [E] BLACK-CAPPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (Philydor atricapillus) [E] BUFF-FRONTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (Philydor rufum) **OCHRE-BREASTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (Anabacerthia lichtensteini) [E] BUFF-BROWED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (Syndactyla rufosuperciliata) WHITE-EYED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (Automolus leucophthalmus) [E] ARAUCARIA TIT-SPINETAIL (Leptasthenura setaria) [*] RUFOUS-FRONTED THORNBIRD (Phacellodomus rufifrons) GREATER THORNBIRD (Phacellodomus ruber) - Great looks in the pantanal where this species is readily found in any marshy area. **ORANGE-BREASTED THORNBIRD** (Phacellodomus ferrugineigula) – Seen realy well at Intervales. **RUSTY-BACKED SPINETAIL** (Cranioleuca vulpina) – Common along the rivers in the Pantanal. PALLID SPINETAIL (Cranioleuca pallida) [E] **RUFOUS CACHOLOTE** (Pseudoseisura unirufa) YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL (Certhiaxis cinnamomeus) CHOTOY SPINETAIL (Schoeniophylax phryganophilus) - This unique spinetail was seen nicely at the entrance road of Rio Claro lodge. GRAY-BELLIED SPINETAIL (Synallaxis cinerascens) - One of the hardest spinetails to see on this route but we had a good look at one during our stay at Intervales. [E] WHITE-LORED SPINETAIL (Synallaxis albilora) - A Pantanal specialty. RUFOUS-CAPPED SPINETAIL (Synallaxis ruficapilla) - Common in the Atlantic Forest. **CINEREOUS-BREASTED SPINETAIL** (Synallaxis hypospodia) SPIX'S SPINETAIL (Synallaxis spixi) - Formerly known as Chicli Spinetail. We saw it well near the Plovercrest lek at Intervales. Pipridae (Manakins) SERRA DO MAR TYRANT-MANAKIN (Neopelma chrysolophum) [E] HELMETED MANAKIN (Antilophia galeata) SWALLOW-TAILED MANAKIN (Chiroxiphia caudata) [E] WHITE-BEARDED MANAKIN (Manacus manacus) - A female seen at Iguazu. BAND-TAILED MANAKIN (Pipra fasciicauda) – I am not particularly fond of the expression "eye candy" but if any bird could be classified as such. this would be it. Cotingidae (Cotingas) HOODED BERRYEATER (Carpornis cucullata) - They were really quiet this year but we found a bird foraging on a fruiting tree at Intervales. RED-RUFFED FRUITCROW (Pyroderus scutatus) - Stumbling upon a gorgeous male sitting in the sun was a very pleasant surprise after working really hard on finding a Giant Antshrike. CINNAMON-VENTED PIHA (Lipaugus lanioides) – Betinho, our local guide at Intervales, spotted one individual foraging on a fruiting tree for us. BARE-THROATED BELLBIRD (Procnias nudicollis) - After hearing a young male's best efforts at trying to sound like a bellbird we were able to locate it and get great scope views of it. Tityridae (Tityras and Allies) BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (Tityra cayana) BLACK-CROWNED TITYRA (Tityra inquisitor) GREENISH SCHIFFORNIS (Schiffornis virescens) - The song is lovely but the bird itself not so much. Nevertheless we had great looks at this Atlantic Forest Endemic. [E] GREEN-BACKED BECARD (Pachyramphus viridis) - A great spot by Dominic. CHESTNUT-CROWNED BECARD (Pachyramphus castaneus) WHITE-WINGED BECARD (Pachyramphus polychopterus) **CRESTED BECARD** (Pachyramphus validus) Oxyruncidae (Sharpbill, Royal Flycatcher, and Allies) SHARPBILL (Oxyruncus cristatus) - If you like to follow taxonomic updates this bird will give you plenty to keep you entertained. It was formerly placed in the Tityridae family, then a new family was created for it (Oxyruncidae) and it was the only member in it. Now a few other birds have been added to the family, including the spectacular Royal Flycatcher. WHISKERED FLYCATCHER (YELLOW-RUMPED) (Myiobius barbatus mastacalis) - We found one individual that was in heavy molt and had no tail feathers foraging along with a mixed species flock. [E]

<u>Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)</u>

WHITE-THROATED SPADEBILL (Platyrinchus mystaceus)

SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (Leptopogon amaurocephalus)

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

MOTTLE-CHEEKED TYRANNULET (Phylloscartes ventralis)

SAO PAULO TYRANNULET (Phylloscartes paulista) – This energetic flycatcher is constantly on the move...a feature that is responsible for its Brazilian name, Não pode parar, which literally means can't stop. [E]

OUSTALET'S TYRANNULET (Phylloscartes oustaleti) – Tyrannulets are often featureless and hard to identify but this one has a unique characteristic behavior that makes it stand out from the others as it jiggles its tail constantly.

SOUTHERN ANTPIPIT (Corythopis delalandi) - Very good looks at this flycatcher on the Macuco trail at Iguazu.

EARED PYGMY-TYRANT (Myiornis auricularis) – We enjoyed great looks at a family of these minute flycatchers foraging below eye level at Intervales. [E]

BROWN-BREASTED PYGMY-TYRANT (Hemitriccus obsoletus) [E] HANGNEST TODY-TYRANT (Hemitriccus nidipendulus) - As catchy as this bird's name is, there is nothing extraordinary about this bird's nest as many flycatchers build hanging nests. [E] PEARLY-VENTED TODY-TYRANT (Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer) OCHRE-FACED TODY-FLYCATCHER (Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps) - One of the bird songs that is readily learned by participants due to its remarkable similarity with flatulent sounds. RUSTY-FRONTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (Poecilotriccus latirostris) GRAY-HEADED TODY-FLYCATCHER (Todirostrum poliocephalum) - Formerly known as Yellow-lored Tody-flycatcher. [E] COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (Todirostrum cinereum) YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (MATO GROSSO) (Tolmomyias sulphurescens pallescens) YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (SOORETAMA) (Tolmomyias sulphurescens sulphurescens) - There are a total of 16 subspecies of this bird and they will likely get split into several species in the future, so keep note of where you see them and which subspecies you have seen. CLIFF FLYCATCHER (SWALLOW) (Hirundinea ferruginea bellicosa) - A very cooperative individual graced the gardens of our lodge at Intervales. SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (Camptostoma obsoletum) YELLOW TYRANNULET (Capsiempis flaveola) - A bamboo specialist. FOREST ELAENIA (Myiopagis gaimardii) GRAY ELAENIA (Myiopagis caniceps) **GREENISH ELAENIA** (Myiopagis viridicata) [*] SMALL-HEADED ELAENIA (Elaenia sordida) - Formerly known as Highland Elaenia. YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (Elaenia flavogaster) LARGE ELAENIA (Elaenia spectabilis) - Seen in the Pantanal in response to Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl mobbing sounds. **SOOTY TYRANNULET** (Serpophaga nigricans) PLANALTO TYRANNULET (Phyllomyias fasciatus) PLAIN TYRANNULET (Inezia inornata) EULER'S FLYCATCHER (EULER'S) (Lathrotriccus euleri euleri) FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER (Cnemotriccus fuscatus) SOUTHERN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER (Sublegatus modestus) [*] YELLOW-BROWED TYRANT (Satrapa icterophrys) - Great scope views of one individual at the Boa Vista district near Intervales. **GRAY MONJITA** (Xolmis cinereus) WHITE-RUMPED MONJITA (Xolmis velatus) – A common species on the fences in the Pantanal. BLACK-BACKED WATER-TYRANT (Fluvicola albiventer) MASKED WATER-TYRANT (Fluvicola nengeta) - Seen extremely well before the tour even started as they were building a nest around the gardens of the hotel where many of us stayed before the start of the tour. We later found some other individuals for the folks who met us afterwards. WHITE-HEADED MARSH TYRANT (Arundinicola leucocephala) LONG-TAILED TYRANT (Colonia colonus) RUFOUS-TAILED ATTILA (Attila phoenicurus) [*] GRAY-HOODED ATTILA (Attila rufus) [E] SIBILANT SIRYSTES (Sirystes sibilator sibilator) – Formerly known simply as Sirystes but it has now been split into three different species. RUFOUS CASIORNIS (Casiornis rufus) - Seen in semideciduous forest on the very last day of our tour. SWAINSON'S FLYCATCHER (Myiarchus swainsoni) - Several individuals sighted at Intervales, including one individual that sang outside our lodge every day. SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (Myiarchus ferox) - The most common Myiarchus in the Pantanal. CATTLE TYRANT (Machetornis rixosa) - Common in the Pantanal but we also had a pair of birds that walked oround the lawn of our fabulous hotel on the Brazilian side of Iguaçu Falls. LESSER KISKADEE (Pitangus lictor) GREAT KISKADEE (Pitangus sulphuratus) BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (Megarynchus pitangua) SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (Myiozetetes similis) THREE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER (Conopias trivirgatus) – Scope views of these canopy specialists. STREAKED FLYCATCHER (Myiodynastes maculatus) TROPICAL KINGBIRD (Tyrannus melancholicus)

Vireonidae (Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis)

RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (Cyclarhis gujanensis)

RUFOUS-CROWNED GREENLET (Hylophilus poicilotis) – Several individuals seen moving along with mixed species flocks in the Pantanal [E] **ASHY-HEADED GREENLET** (Hylophilus pectoralis)

CHIVI VIREO (MIGRATORY) (Vireo chivi chivi) – One of those classical cases of a guide telling participants to keep track of their sightings. After more than a decade of telling clients that this would become a species, I am finally able to to show the Chivi Vireo as a species and not as a subspecies of Red-eyed Vireo.

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

PURPLISH JAY (Cyanocorax cyanomelas) - Common in the Pantanal.

PLUSH-CRESTED JAY (Cyanocorax chrysops) – These gorgeous jays are a common sight around Iguazu where they have become accostumed to humans and will happily steal snacks from tourists.

<u>Donacobiidae (Donacobius)</u> BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIUS (Donacobius atricapilla)

<u>Hirundinidae (Swallows)</u>

BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW (Pygochelidon cyanoleuca) SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (Stelgidopteryx ruficollis) GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (Progne chalybea) – Often seen perched on antennas BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (Progne tapera) WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (Tachycineta albiventer) – Great looks along the Rio Claro in the Pantanal.

Polioptilidae (Gnatcatchers)

MASKED GNATCATCHER (Polioptila dumicola) - Always one of the first responders to a pygmy-owl tape in the Pantanal

<u>Troglodytidae (Wrens)</u>

HOUSE WREN (Troglodytes aedon)

THRUSH-LIKE WREN (Campylorhynchus turdinus) – There are three subspecies of this bird that are quite distinctive visually. The birds we saw belong to the Unicolor group.
 MOUSTACHED WREN (Pheugopedius genibarbis)

BUFF-BREASTED WREN (Cantorchilus leucotis)

<u>Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)</u> CHALK-BROWED MOCKINGBIRD (Mimus saturninus)

<u>Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)</u>

PALE-BREASTED THRUSH (Turdus leucomelas)

RUFOUS-BELLIED THRUSH (Turdus rufiventris) – It is hard to believe that with such an amazing diversity of birds in Brazil, this is the species that was chosen as the national bird of Brazil.

CREAMY-BELLIED THRUSH (Turdus amaurochalinus)

<u>Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)</u> HOUSE SPARROW (Passer domesticus)

<u>Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)</u>

BLUE-NAPED CHLOROPHONIA (Chlorophonia cyanea) - Usually a hard bird to see but we got pretty decent looks at one.

PURPLE-THROATED EUPHONIA (Euphonia chlorotica)

VIOLACEOUS EUPHONIA (Euphonia violacea) - Common in the Atlantic Forest.

GREEN-THROATED EUPHONIA (Euphonia chalybea) - One individual seen regularly pigging out on the guavas by our lodge.

GOLDEN-RUMPED EUPHONIA (Euphonia cyanocephala) – Scope views of one adult male feeding on some mistletoe.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED EUPHONIA (Euphonia pectoralis) [E]

HOODED SISKIN (Spinus magellanicus) – Not a common species on this tour route but we saw a few individuals on the road between Ribeirao Grande and Intervales.

Passerellidae (New World Sparrows)

GRASSLAND SPARROW (Ammodramus humeralis) - A couple of sightings in the Pantanal.

SAFFRON-BILLED SPARROW (Arremon flavirostris) – If only all sparrows looked like this, they would be my favorite group of birds. **RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW** (Zonotrichia capensis)

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

CRESTED OROPENDOLA (Psarocolius decumanus) – Neil spotted this one for us in the Pantanal.

SOLITARY BLACK CACIQUE (Cacicus solitarius)

GOLDEN-WINGED CACIQUE (Cacicus chrysopterus) - A regular visitor of the feeders at Intervales.

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (Cacicus cela)

RED-RUMPED CACIQUE (Cacicus haemorrhous)

VARIABLE ORIOLE (CHESTNUT-SHOULDERED) (Icterus pyrrhopterus pyrrhopterus)

ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL (Icterus croconotus) – Jeff found us one of these stunning close relatives of the North American orioles in the Pantanal.

SHINY COWBIRD (Molothrus bonariensis) - Very common in the Pantanal, particularly so close to the horse troughs.

GIANT COWBIRD (Molothrus oryzivorus)

SCARLET-HEADED BLACKBIRD (Amblyramphus holosericeus) – We found this stunning Icterid in a papyrus marsh in the Pantanal.

CHOPI BLACKBIRD (Gnorimopsar chopi)

GRAYISH BAYWING (Agelaioides badius) – Formerly known as Baywing Cowbird but it is not a Cowbird as it does not parasitize other birds (instead it is parazitized by Screaming Cowbirds) and the species got split into two.

UNICOLORED BLACKBIRD (Agelasticus cyanopus)

CHESTNUT-CAPPED BLACKBIRD (Chrysomus ruficapillus) - One individual seen at a marshy area near Intervales.

YELLOW-RUMPED MARSHBIRD (Pseudoleistes guirahuro) – A bird sitting on the side of the road on the first day of the tour allowed us prolonged scope studies.

<u> Parulidae (New World Warblers)</u>

MASKED YELLOWTHROAT (Geothlypis aequinoctialis)

TROPICAL PARULA (Setophaga pitiayumi) - Common around Intervales and Iguazu GOLDEN-CROWNED WARBLER (Basileuterus culicivorus) FLAVESCENT WARBLER (Myiothlypis flaveola) - We managed to pull one of these into view on our last morning in the Pantanal. WHITE-BROWED WARBLER (Myiothlypis leucoblephara) – Formerly known as White-rimmed Warbler. [E] **RIVERBANK WARBLER** (Myiothlypis rivularis) [*] <u>Mitrospingidae (Mitrospingid Tanagers)</u> **OLIVE-GREEN TANAGER** (Orthogonys chloricterus) – A really unique tanager that lives in family groups. We had nice looks at them during our visit to Intervales. [E] Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies) **RED-CROWNED ANT-TANAGER** (Habia rubica) [*] Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies) BROWN TANAGER (Orchesticus abeillei) – Another scarce Atlantic Forest endemic that we saw well at Intervales. [E] RED-CRESTED CARDINAL (Paroaria coronata) – Although much scarcer than the Yellow-billed Cardinal in the Pantanal, we had great looks at them. YELLOW-BILLED CARDINAL (Paroaria capitata) MAGPIE TANAGER (Cissopis leverianus) HOODED TANAGER (Nemosia pileata) - We saw this species well in Iguazu. CHESTNUT-HEADED TANAGER (Thlypopsis pyrrhocoma) [E*] BLACK-GOGGLED TANAGER (Trichothraupis melanops) **RUBY-CROWNED TANAGER** (Tachyphonus coronatus) [E] SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (Ramphocelus carbo) SAYACA TANAGER (Thraupis sayaca) AZURE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (Thraupis cyanoptera) - Often seen side by side with Sayaca Tanagers at the feeders at Intervales allowing us to observe the differences between these two species. **GOLDEN-CHEVRONED TANAGER** (Thraupis ornata) [E] PALM TANAGER (Thraupis palmarum) CHESTNUT-BACKED TANAGER (Stilpnia preciosa) [*] GREEN-HEADED TANAGER (Tangara seledon) – A very handsome Atlantic Forest Endemic. [E] BRASSY-BREASTED TANAGER (Tangara desmaresti) SWALLOW TANAGER (Tersina viridis) **BLUE DACNIS** (Dacnis cayana) GUIRA TANAGER (Hemithraupis guira) RUFOUS-HEADED TANAGER (Hemithraupis ruficapilla) [E] CHESTNUT-VENTED CONEBILL (Conirostrum speciosum) SAFFRON FINCH (Sicalis flaveola) - The birds we saw at Intervales belong to the "brasiliensis" subspecies and are much more brightly colored than the birds we saw in the Pantanal that belong to the "pelzeni" subspecies. **BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT** (Volatinia jacarina) LINED SEEDEATER (Sporophila lineola) – Present in good numbers in the ope areas around intervales. WHITE-BELLIED SEEDEATER (Sporophila leucoptera) CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEED-FINCH (Sporophila angolensis) DOUBLE-COLLARED SEEDEATER (Sporophila caerulescens) RUSTY-COLLARED SEEDEATER (Sporophila collaris) **RED-CRESTED FINCH** (Coryphospingus cucultatus) BANANAOUIT (Coereba flaveola) **GRAYISH SALTATOR** (Saltator coerulescens) **GREEN-WINGED SALTATOR** (Saltator similis)

MAMMALS

TUFTED-EAR MARMOSET (Callithrix jacchus) BLACK-TAILED MARMOSET (Callithrix (Mico) melanura) BROWN HOWLER MONKEY (Alouatta fuscus) [*] BLACK HOWLER MONKEY (Alouatta caraya) BROWN CAPUCHIN (Cebus apella) GIANT ANTEATER (Myrmecophaga tridactyla) NINE-BANDED ARMADILLO (Dasypus novemcinctus) BRAZILIAN RABBIT (Sylvilagus brasiliensis) GUIANAN SQUIRREL (Sciurus aestuans) GUINEA PIG (Cavia aperea) CAPYBARA (Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris) AZARA'S AGOUTI (Dasyprocta azarae) CRAB-EATING FOX (Cerdocyon thous) SOUTH AMERICAN COATI (Nasua nasua) <u>Herps</u> GOLDEN TEGU (Tupinambis teguixin) PARAGUAYAN CAIMAN (Caiman yacare)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 385 bird taxa and 17 mammal taxa