



Field Guides Tour Report

Brazil's Rio Roosevelt: Birding the River of Doubt 2017

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Some of the top vote-getters for best birds of the tour this year were nightbirds, including Nocturnal Curassow, Rufous Potoo (shown here), and Spot-tailed Nightjar. See this space in our web version of this triplist for an exciting set of videos of our nocturnal successes. Video image by Bret Whitney.

The 2017 Rio Roosevelt tour was a wonderful time, with a highly congenial bunch of us, and produced loads of fabulous sightings of Amazonian birds, common and rarities alike. It's hard to imagine doing a two-week tour in Amazonia without a drop of rain – even in the dry season -- but that's what we experienced this year, as both of the main regions we visit, forests and cerrados west of the Rio Madeira in Rondonia and Amazonas states, and the middle Rio Roosevelt/Madeirinha of southern Amazonas, were very dry indeed. Although it had rained pretty hard about a week ahead of the trip, the dry season really seemed to have set in, and birds were very quiet and only weakly responsive to recording playback and my whistled imitations, making it especially hard to find any number of fairly common species. Those that did make a sound, however, were duly registered and usually seen well by all, with a few (frustrating!) exceptions (see below). Flowers were almost nonexistent in the forest, and hummers were correspondingly scarce. Raptors, too, were few and far between (and none of the big guys put in an appearance), although we scanned the heavens and riverbanks quite efficiently every day, I thought; I really can't imagine what was going on with that.

As always, the tour opened with birding on the west side of the Madeira, where there are many species not present on the Roosevelt. The Humaita area was very good to us, highlighted by a truly fabulous Ocellated Crake that showed perfectly about 10 times in just a couple of minutes, followed immediately by great looks at a Russet-crowned Crake, and then an Azure Gallinule. Fine stuff! Other specialties of the isolated grasslands in that region included Toco Toucan, White-eared Puffbird, Rusty-backed Antwren, Cinereous-breasted Spinetail, Sharp-tailed Tyrant, Black-masked Finch, Tawny-bellied and Dark-throated seedeaters, and a host of open-country flycatchers. Forested tracks yielded Amazonian Pygmy-Owl, Bluish-fronted Jacamar, Gilded Barbet, Brown-banded Puffbird, Western Striolated-Puffbird, Curl-crested Aracari, Golden-collared Toucanet, Bar-breasted Piculet, great views of the recently described Predicted Antwren, Peruvian Warbling-Antbird, an as-yet-undescribed species of tody-tyrant (sister to Snethlage's T-t), exceptional views of White-browed Purpletuft, Para (Inambari) Gnatcatcher, and Paradise and Red-billed Pied tanagers. Least Nighthawks put on a good show, and a fabulous male Spot-tailed Nightjar sat still as we walked right up to it.

I called an impromptu stop on a sideroad going through what looked to be pretty extensive forest on Google Earth. I'd never taken time to check it out, but I'm glad we did this time, because I heard a Fulvous-chinned Nunlet a couple of minutes into our first stop. I hadn't seen it since 1997, I think, and I doubt that we've ever had it on a FG tour – so that was very cool! It's probably all over the place out there -- haha. Then, a couple of hours later, after no

luck with Campina Jays and a couple of other birds, I called another stop where there was some decent jay habitat fairly close to the road... and heard the bird calling before we even got the doors open. Great feeling! But the darned things (at least four, from the racket they made) refused to show for more than a few seconds, and only a couple of us managed to get on to them, even with playback that usually brings 'em flying in. Frustrated, we worked our way through a fence and out into the woodland, but the birds had completely vanished, and that was that. Bummer!

I'd been told (the day before the tour started) that our group would need to be at the airport by 06:30 for the charter out to the Rio Roosevelt. They lied. There had been a booking foul-up of some sort, and our plane was out on a mail run, so we had to wait for it to get back to Porto Velho, which was expected to be nearly four hours. Finally, we boarded the charter and had a wonderful flight! It is so exciting to see the disturbed areas around Porto Velho give way, over the next hour, to virgin rainforest and wild, unexplored enclaves of campinas and cerrado, then to suddenly feel the plane start to descend over that vast, verdant canopy. Moments later, we were cutting wide arcs over the Roosevelt and Santa Rita rapids, to give folks on both sides of the plane an ideal view of the pristine forest and rivers below, cruising in to the dirt airstrip to land with three hard bumps(!) before pulling up the spot where we would step out onto terra firme, above the banks of the The River of Doubt. It was fantastic!

Soon after meeting with our local guides of many years, I learned that the pousada's main communal building, including the kitchen and dining room, had burned to the ground in Sept 2016. I had heard not a word about that, and I guess it was not divulged onto Facebook or other platforms. This meant that the lumber that was to be used for construction of a new tower, the site for which I had picked out on the 2016 tour, had been used to reconstruct the pousada. Worse, the old tower had been disabled, as the guy-wiring had been removed for use on the new tower, which was several weeks away from completion. Thus, we fell into a gap with no tower (which beats falling into a gap from a tower). I felt awful having to tell the group about this, and I felt very bad that I'd not been told about these things by the pousada folks well ahead of the tour (they probably feared we'd cancel). Fortunately, over the course of the week, we managed to see from the ground most of the birds we'd have most counted on from the tower.

No doubt about it, the birding highlight on the Rio Roosevelt was the Nocturnal Curassow we finally saw on the penultimate day of the tour. I say "finally" because we tried hard for it on our second day at the Roosevelt, hearing it well, but not quite getting to see the bird. To go for it, we had to leave the pousada at 02:30 to be in the forest shortly after moonrise on those mornings (waning moon). On the early morning of 20 June, we mounted a second offensive, and the whole group participated, which was cool. Amazingly, once we made it back into the forest, near the calling bird, it took us less than half an hour to spot it, sitting about 60 feet above ground. That is the kind of birding experience one absolutely will never forget! Then, discovering that we had been standing for 10 minutes in a bivouac of army ants, as the ants climbed our legs (and everything else) in the disorienting darkness, firmly cemented the memory for all of us!

We also enjoyed scope views of Rufous Potoo (lucked out with a real easy one this year), super views of Pavonine Cuckoo and rarely seen Natterer's Striolated-Puffbird, a stunning Blue-cheeked Jacamar to go with the Yellow-billed's we'd seen near Humaitá, Black-girdled Barbets, Golden-green, Ringed, and Red-necked woodpeckers, fantastic Kawall's Parrots, a bunch of beautiful Orange-cheeked Parrots and Crimson-bellied Parakeets in the same couple of trees, and a sneaky male Pavonine Quetzal that finally allowed us to appreciate it through the scope. Among a lengthy roster of ant-things, outstanding were Pearly Antshrike, Roosevelt Stipple-throated Antwren (name soon to be changed to Rio Roosevelt Stipplethroat; all *Epinecophylla* will become "stipplethroats"), amazingly close views of Aripuana Antwren and Manicore Warbling-Antbird, both described new to science only in 2013, a good Ferruginous-backed Antbird, and a pair of endemic White-breasted Antbirds at a big army ant swarm. We've had poor luck with Pale-faced Bare-eye the past few tours, but I pulled a pair in close this year – they just didn't show very well for most folks, which was a shame. We had excellent views of Rusty-belted Tapaculo and Chestnut-belted Gnateater, but Black-bellied continues to be very difficult, now that the two territories that were "easy" up to about 2013 have dried up. Hoffmann's, Uniform, and Rondonia woodcreepers were all seen well. Some tricky little tyrannids put on very nice shows: Buff-cheeked Tody-Flycatcher (really a tody-tyrant), Zimmer's Tody-Tyrant (best view I've ever had), and the newly described (2013) Chico's Tyrannulet, which teased us for quite a while, but finally popped into view very nicely for all. A flashy male Snow-capped Manakin was tops in that department. Weirdly, very weirdly, we did not even HEAR Black-girdled Barbet or Red-necked Aracari, and barely managed a heard-only Tooth-billed Wren a couple of times. Part of that was due to the lack of the tower. It was just bad luck that we missed Dark-winged Trumpeter this year, and Zigzag Heron remained dead-silent, being out-of-phase with the breeding season in this area.

I thought mammals sightings, while certainly not bad, were a bit sub-par this time. We saw only one Brazilian Tapir, and it slipped away before all could see it very well. Common Woolly Monkey showed up better than it has for a couple of years, but we had just one brief encounter with White-nosed Bearded Sakis, and no Giant Otters this year. On the other hand, we enjoyed excellent views of Red-chested Moustached Tamarin and Saddle-backed Tamarin, and also a possibly undescribed form of titi-monkey (*Callicebus*) on the west side of the Madeira, which was better than we usually do there. I'll drop into the triplist some video of these and others of our sightings, with thanks, too, to Valerie Gebert for contributing something like 180(!) photos from the tour.

I tremendously enjoyed birding with all of you, and very much look forward to our next meetings, wherever they happen to be! It was a great privilege to once again run the rapids and walk the trails in this remote and pristine sector of the Amazon basin.

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)

GRAY TINAMOU (*Tinamus tao*) [*]

GREAT TINAMOU (*Tinamus major*) [*]

WHITE-THROATED TINAMOU (*Tinamus guttatus*) [*]

CINEREOUS TINAMOU (*Crypturellus cinereus*) [*]

LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*) [*]

UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*) – A tinamou seen by Barbara was likely an Undulated. [*]

VARIEGATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus variegatus*) [*]

SMALL-BILLED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus parvirostris*) [*]

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

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

MUSCOVY DUCK (*Cairina moschata*)

BRAZILIAN TEAL (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*)

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

SPIX'S GUAN (*Penelope jacquacu*)

RED-THROATED PIPING-GUAN (*Pipile cujubi*) – Not very many, but excellent views.

NOCTURNAL CURASSOW (*Nothocrax urumutum*) Wow, one of the tour highlights!! It took us two different outings to at last succeed, but what sweet success it was! More about our experience in the triplist intro above, and in the video clip there, too.

RAZOR-BILLED CURASSOW (*Mitu tuberosum*) – Just one good sighting, but not everyone got on it before it slipped back into the forest. We also heard one or two during our week on the Roosevelt.

Ciconiidae (Storks)

WOOD STORK (*Mycteria americana*)

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Anhingidae (Anhingas)

ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*)

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*)

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)

CAPPED HERON (*Pilherodius pileatus*) – Several beautiful individuals

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

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

GREEN IBIS (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*)

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes melambrotus*)

KING VULTURE (*Sarcoramphus papa*) – Spotted over forest near Humaitá and on the Roosevelt.

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

GRAY-HEADED KITE (*Leptodon cayanensis*) [*]

BLACK-COLLARED HAWK (*Busarellus nigricollis*)

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*)

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*)

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK (RUFIOUS-THIGHED) (*Accipiter striatus erythronemius*) – A rare view of a perched bird, and a first for this tour.

SAVANNA HAWK (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)

GREAT BLACK HAWK (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Rupornis magnirostris*)

WHITE-TAILED HAWK (*Geranoaetus albicaudatus*)

GRAY-LINED HAWK (*Buteo nitidus*)

Eurypygidae (Sunbittern)

SUNBITTERN (*Eurypyga helias*)

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

OCELLATED CRAKE (*Micropygia schomburgkii*) – What a great show it was! Check out the video >>>

RUSSET-CROWNED CRAKE (*Anurolimnas viridis*) – Our views of this handsome rail were a bit farther away, but still excellent; I'll drop in some video of it as well.

ASH-THROATED CRAKE (*Mustelirallus albicollis*) – Seen briefly by a couple of us, but, surprisingly, we couldn't get one to pop into view.

AZURE GALLINULE (*Porphyrio flavirostris*) – Not so this one -- we had excellent views of two birds this year.

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

PIED LAPWING (*Vanellus cayanus*)

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*)

Jacaniidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

YELLOW-BILLED TERN (*Sternula superciliaris*)

LARGE-BILLED TERN (*Phaetusa simplex*)

BLACK SKIMMER (*Rynchops niger*)

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

SCALED PIGEON (*Patagioenas speciosa*)

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*)

RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)

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

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)

BLUE GROUND-DOVE (*Claravis pretiosa*)

LONG-TAILED GROUND-DOVE (*Uropelia campestris*) – Very nice views of this tiny, thinly distributed dove. They were more in evidence this year than they had been for at least five years.

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

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

Opisthocomidae (Hoatzin)

HOATZIN (*Opisthocomus hoazin*) – Good but rather brief views, and not in their usual spots on the Roosevelt.

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

STRIPED CUCKOO (*Tapera naevia*) [*]

PAVONINE CUCKOO (*Dromococcyx pavoninus*) – We finally tricked him into showing, and eventually managed fine scope views.

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

BLACK-BELLIED CUCKOO (*Piaya melanogaster*) – This gorgeous bird was seen nicely a couple of times.

Strigidae (Owls)

TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops watsonii*) – Aarrgh, we had one sooo close, but simply could not spot it in the dense understory, and it stopped moving as the forest grew lighter, near dawn. [*]

AMAZONIAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium hardyi*) – A couple of great scope studies of singing birds.

BURROWING OWL (*Athene cucularia*)

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

LEAST NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles pusillus*) – Fabulous, daytime flight views of 50+ vocalizing birds

SHORT-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Lurocalis semitorquatus*) – Oddly, I saw some over the pousada on a couple of different evenings, but it was moments after we had arrived back at the rooms late afternoon, and everyone was getting ready for dinner. [*]

COMMON PAURAUQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

SPOT-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydropsalis maculicaudus*) – After hearing a male fairly close by, it fell silent and we started walking back to the van, thinking we'd missed getting a view, but then I picked up his eyeshine, and we all walked right up to it for spectacular views. What a beautiful little nightjar!

LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*) – We had them displaying right around us, but couldn't get one to perch close.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

RUFIOUS POTOO (*Nyctibius bracteatus*) – Among the top events of the tour was getting to spend some quality time with a Rufous Potoo, which turned out to be easier to find this year than is usually the case.

Apodidae (Swifts)

AMAZONIAN SWIFT (*Chaetura viridipennis*) – Nice, comparative views of all of the swifts.

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura*)

GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)

PALE-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura egregia*)

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

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

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

NEEDLE-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis philippii*) – Never more than a squeak and a whizzing shape, and not many times, that, either. [*]

LONG-TAILED HERMIT (*Phaethornis superciliosus*) [*]

REDDISH HERMIT (*Phaethornis ruber*)

WHITE-TAILED GOLDENTHROAT (*Polytmus guainumbi*) – A couple of good looks near Humaita.

BLACK-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)

SWALLOW-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Eupetomena macroura*)

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)

GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD (*Amazilia fimbriata*) [*]

RUFIOUS-THROATED SAPPHIRE (*Hylocharis sapphirina*)

WHITE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE (*Hylocharis cyanus*)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

PAVONINE QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus pavoninus*) – Perseverance paid off with fine scope views. Those birds have big territories!

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*) – This and the other trogons were seen well, one at a time.

GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*)

AMAZONIAN TROGON (*Trogon ramonianus*)

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*)

BLACK-THROATED TROGON (*Trogon rufus*)

COLLARED TROGON (*Trogon collaris*)

Momotidae (Motmots)

AMAZONIAN MOTMOT (*Momotus momota*)

BROAD-BILLED MOTMOT (*Electron platyrhynchum*) – Nicely in the scopes.

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*)

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

GREEN-AND-RUFOUS KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle inda*)

AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle aenea*) – Great views of this tiny kingfisher, at a shrinking pond well back into the forest from the river.

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

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

BROWN-BANDED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus ordii*) – I lucked out spotting this bird. Having heard it sing several minutes after our playback, I looked over at the huge, densely leafed tree it seemed to be in, raised my bin's for a look, and just happened to fix on it immediately. Those kinds of things are always appreciated haha

PIED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus tectus*) [*]

WESTERN STRIOLATED-PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus obamai*) – We'd been hearing a pair for a while, then Barbara made a fine spot on one, which led to perfect scope views. I was the lead author on the description of this species in the Handbook of the Birds of the World (HBW Special Volume #16), in 2013. This "new species" is actually the best-known member of the striolated-puffbird complex, occurring in five countries.

EASTERN STRIOLATED-PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus striolatus*) – And this is the most poorly known member, as there exist very few specimens in the world's collections. It is, however, the first-named member of the group. We picked the tree we wanted to scope it in, and it worked out just dandy.

WHITE-EARED PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus chacuru*)

RUFOUS-NECKED PUFFBIRD (*Malacoptila rufa*) – Wow, what a tricky bird! After getting our butts kicked by the first one we found (singing consistently, but always moving away just far enough ahead to stay out of view), and feeling like we were in for a repeat performance from the second one, Mike suddenly said, "I've got it!", and managed to show it to me through a miniscule window in the understory. And it promptly flew off. Finally, several suspenseful minutes later, we got the scope trained on it, and all had lovely views. It's a great bird indeed.

FULVOUS-CHINNED NUNLET (*Nonnula sclateri*) – Seeing this bird was another red-letter event of the tour, as the species is very rarely seen anywhere, and was a first sighting on any Field Guides tour. I had seen it only a handful of times, back in the mid-90s. It actually took us nearly half an hour to get the bird properly into view, but persistence paid off.

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*)

WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa morphoeus*)

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

YELLOW-BILLED JACAMAR (*Galbula albirostris*) – This bird supposedly occurs only north of the Amazon/Ucayali, being replaced by Blue-cheeked Jacamar south and east across the Madeira. that said, I think the Madeira is the more prominent barrier in the separation of these minimally morphologically distinct forms. We saw this one west of the Madeira, near Humaita.

BLUE-CHEEKED JACAMAR (*Galbula cyanicollis*) – A couple of great sightings on the Roosevelt (east of the Madeira).

BLuish-FRONTED JACAMAR (*Galbula cyanescens*) – Also seen really well, thanks to Val Phillips for a great spot!

BRONZY JACAMAR (*Galbula leucogastra*) – Actually, it was Val who first picked this one up for us, too!

PARADISE JACAMAR (*Galbula dea*) – Several properly regal views.

GREAT JACAMAR (*Jacamerops aureus*) – Just one, but it was a beauty.

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

GILDED BARBET (*Capito auratus*) – They were quiet and mostly quite distant, but when we finally saw them, there were three singing together!

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus castanotis*)

CURL-CRESTED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus beauharnaesii*) – Distant but good scope views.

GOLDEN-COLLARED TOUCANET (*Selenidera reinwardtii*) – Seen very nicely, after a fair amount of searching.

GOULD'S TOUCANET (*Selenidera gouldii*) – This one replaces Golden-collared east of the Madeira, and was seen very nicely on the Roosevelt.

TOCO TOUCAN (*Ramphastos toco*) – One pair seen well in flight, thanks to a good spot and shout by Mike!

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus*) – Few seen or heard this trip, strange.

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus*) – This one is usually less in evidence than White-throated, but we encountered more of them than usual this trip.

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

BAR-BREASTED PICULET (*Picumnus aurifrons*) – Low and close, west of the Madeira, and seen on the Roosevelt by some people as well.

YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)

RED-STAINED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis affinis*)
YELLOW-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus flavigula*)
GOLDEN-GREEN WOODPECKER (*Piculus chrysochloros*) – This one was challenging to see well, but we finally did get it done!
RINGED WOODPECKER (*Celeus torquatus*) – Nice views of an adult female.
SCALE-BREASTED WOODPECKER (*Celeus grammicus*)
CREAM-COLORED WOODPECKER (*Celeus flavus*) – Fabulous at the clay lick
CHESTNUT WOODPECKER (*Celeus elegans*) – The first one we saw was in the same tree with the Ringed!
RED-NECKED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus rubricollis*) – A couple of impressive views of these massive woodpeckers.

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

BARRED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur ruficollis*) – One came in nicely to playback, and sat in the scope long enough for a few of us..
CRYPTIC FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur mintoni*) – An adult bird flew across the Roosevelt, right in front of our boat. Unfortunately, we were a bit too far from the other boat to get their attention.
COLLARED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur semitorquatus*) – Mike had the good fortune to have a hunting bird perch quite close to him, on an afternoon break near the pousada.
BLACK CARACARA (*Daptrius ater*)
RED-THROATED CARACARA (*Ibycter americanus*) – A group of four had apparently just marauded a wasp nest when we came upon them, and one flew across a channel of the Roosevelt with a hunk of the nest in its bill, followed by an Olive and a Green Oropendola!
SOUTHERN CARACARA (*Caracara plancus*)
YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)
LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)
AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*)
BAT FALCON (*Falco rufigularis*)

Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots)

GOLDEN-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris chrysoptera*)
ORANGE-CHEEKED PARROT (*Pyrilia barrabandi*) – Spectacular show from these flashy birds, at the clay lick.
BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)
SHORT-TAILED PARROT (*Graydidascalus brachyurus*) – A few small flocks buzzed over the hotel in Humaita.
YELLOW-CROWNED PARROT (*Amazona ochrocephala*) – Good numbers along the Roosevelt, attracted to the vegetation exposed around the larger rapids by the diminishing water levels.
MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*)
KAWALL'S PARROT (*Amazona kawalli*) – Excellent views at the clay lick. This large, noisy, and widespread parrot was described to science only in 1989.
CRIMSON-BELLIED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura perlata*) – After a considerable delay, a good number of these beautiful parakeets came down at the clay lick, allowing fabulous views.
SANTAREM PARAKEET (MADEIRA) (*Pyrrhura amazonum snethlageae*) – Lots, but mostly flying by, seen perched just a couple of times.
PEACH-FRONTED PARAKEET (*Eupsittula aurea*)
DUSKY-HEADED PARAKEET (*Aratinga weddellii*)
RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilatus*)
BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW (*Ara ararauna*) – Tremendous birds, always!
SCARLET MACAW (*Ara macao*) – Nicely around Humaita.
RED-AND-GREEN MACAW (*Ara chloropterus*) – Darned few around this year!
CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW (*Ara severus*) – Good numbers.
WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (*Psittacara leucophthalmus*)

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

ASH-WINGED ANTWREN (*Euchrepomis spodioptila*) [*]
FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*)
FULVOUS ANTSHRIKE (*Frederickena fulva*) – This was among the small subset of birds that we had close by for several minutes, but which refused to show better than glimpses. It actually flew in and landed on open, vertical stems a couple of times, but immediately spotted a bunch of gringos, and vanished. It is a recent split from Undulated Antshrike.
BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)
PLAIN-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*)
MOUSE-COLORED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus murinus*) – Exceptionally nice views.
NATTERER'S SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus stictocephalus*)
WHITE-SHOULDERED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus aethiops*) – Usually tricky to see, and the male we had was no exception -- but most folks did manage to get a good, if brief, view.
AMAZONIAN ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus amazonicus*)
PEARLY ANTSHRIKE (*Megascictus margaritatus*) – Superb experience with an adult male that stuck around for all to see well.
SATURNINE ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes saturninus*) – Same with this one, far better looks for all in the group than is often the case.
CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes caesius*)
PLAIN-THROATED ANTWREN (*Isleria hauxwelli*)
SPOT-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Pygiptila stellaris*)
WHITE-EYED ANTWREN (*Epinecrophylla leucophthalma*)

MADEIRA ANTWRN (ROOSEVELT) (*Epinecrophylla amazonica dentei*) – Excellent experience with a family group involved in a quarrel of some kind, which distracted them from our close presence.

ORNATE ANTWRN (*Epinecrophylla ornata*)

PYGMY ANTWRN (*Myrmotherula brachyura*) – Fantastic views

SCLATER'S ANTWRN (*Myrmotherula sclateri*) – Also seen remarkably well, especially west of the Madeira

AMAZONIAN STREAKED-ANTWRN (*Myrmotherula multostriata*)

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWRN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)

LONG-WINGED ANTWRN (*Myrmotherula longipennis*)

GRAY ANTWRN (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*)

PREDICTED ANTWRN (*Herpsilochmus praedictus*) – Seen very well, after some effort; described to science only in 2013 (HBW)

ARIPUANA ANTWRN (*Herpsilochmus stotzi*) – Super-easy this year, coming right down low, both members of the pair. Another species described to science only in 2013.

RUFOUS-WINGED ANTWRN (*Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*)

DOT-WINGED ANTWRN (*Microrhopias quixensis*)

WHITE-FRINGED ANTWRN (*Formicivora grisea*)

RUSTY-BACKED ANTWRN (*Formicivora rufa*) – Very cooperative in the campos around Humaita.

PERUVIAN WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis peruviana*)

SPIX'S WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis striata implicata*)

MANICORE WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis rondoni*) – Yet another new antbird, and also seen really nicely a couple of times.

BLACK ANTBIRD (*Cercomacroides serva*) – Fabulous views west of the Madeira; this Madeira population is especially poorly known.

BLACKISH ANTBIRD (*Cercomacroides nigrescens*)

GRAY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*) – We had been hearing them for nearly a week before finally coaxing a male into good view.

BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*)

BLACK-CHINNED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemoides melanopogon*)

SILVERED ANTBIRD (*Sclateria naevia*)

HUMAITA ANTBIRD (*Myrmelastes humaythae*) – Another one that, despite being quite close and singing vociferously for some 10 minutes, simply would not come that last meter closer to where we could see it. [*]

RUFUS-FACED ANTBIRD (*Myrmelastes ruffacies*) – A great performance from this one.

[CHESTNUT-TAILED] ANTBIRD (*Sciaphylax [hemimelaena] taxon novum*) – With patience, we also managed to get good views of this furtive, understory antbird. This population is likely to be described as yet another antbird species new to science.

FERRUGINOUS-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoderus ferrugineus*) – It looked like a singing male would come in quickly, at first, but it then melted away... but we eventually managed to trick him into coming across the trail, where everyone got to see it well. This subspecies, south of the Amazon, is *M. f. lutea*.

BLACK-THROATED ANTBIRD (*Myrmophylax atrothorax*) – Wow, amazingly nice views of a pair bathing in a puddle in the trail, near dusk.

WHITE-THROATED ANTBIRD (*Gymnophthys salvini*) – Wouldn't budge to our playback. [*]

WHITE-BREASTED ANTBIRD (*Rhegmatorhina hoffmannsi*) – Inconspicuous and furtive this year, but we eventually got a couple into good view near an ant swarm.

SPOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax naevius*) – Very nice views of this little gem.

DOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax punctulatus*) – Also seen exceptionally well, on our first outing on the Roosevelt.

COMMON SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Willisornis poecilinotus*)

BLACK-SPOTTED BARE-EYE (*Phlegopsis nigromaculata*) [*]

PALE-FACED BARE-EYE (*Phlegopsis borbae*) – This one was another "better view desired", but several people were fortunate enough to get their bins on it for a few seconds, especially one bird that sat up on a vertical stem for nearly 10 seconds. Formerly in the genus *Skutchia*; it is endemic to the Madeira-Tapajos interfluvium.

Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)

CHESTNUT-BELTED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga aurita*) – Fine, close views of an adult male, with a shier female present as well. We are currently studying species limits in the Chestnut-belted Gnateater complex; stay tuned for further developments.

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

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

Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)

RUSTY-BELTED TAPACULO (*Liosceles thoracicus*) – A distant, singing bird eventually came in close for really nice views.

Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius colma*) – After a full week on the Roosevelt without hearing even a call note from this bird, I felt a vibe at a spot in the forest and played a recording of the song a couple of times. No response, so we moved on. A few minutes later, after we'd gone a couple of hundred meters down the trail, a bird sang back! We hustled back to the spot, and again played the recording, and soon enjoyed great views of the bird as it sang from a perch on a log.

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

BLACK-TAILED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus caudacutus*) – Another fishing expedition that worked out very nicely!

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) – Several nice views, both sides of the Madeira. You want to be sure to keep track of where all you see Olivaceous Woodcreepers; there will be some major splitting in this currently monotypic genus, when researchers get around to doing a thorough analysis.

LONG-TAILED WOODCREEPER (*Deconychura longicauda*) – Excellent views of a single bird.

WHITE-CHINNED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla merula*)

PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) – Good views on both sides of the Madeira.

LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Nasica longirostris*) – Wow, a properly impressive bird came in low overhead.

AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (PLAIN-COLORED) (*Dendrocolaptes certhia concolor*) – One pair seen well.

BLACK-BANDED WOODCREEPER (PALE-BILLED) (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus pallescens*) – Fine scope views of pair west of the Madeira. It is replaced across the river by Hoffmann's Woodcreeper.

HOFFMANN'S WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes hoffmannsi*) – It sure took a while, but we finally did get a bird into good view. This is the member of the Black-banded complex inhabiting the Madeira-Tapajos interfluvium.

RED-BILLED WOODCREEPER (UNIFORM) (*Hylexetastes perrotii uniformis*) – Two birds came in close early in our stay at the pousada.

STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*)

OCELLATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus ocellatus*) – We got one vocalizing, sporadically, and saw it flying across the track a couple of times before we finally saw it perched, somewhat farther away.

ELEGANT WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus elegans*) – Several good looks at this one.

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (LAFRESNAYE'S) (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus dorbignyanus*) – This subspecies is probably the one on the west side of the Madeira.

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (DUSKY-BILLED) (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus eytoni*) – These birds are common on the Roosevelt, but boy were they quiet this year, and we actually ended up never getting a good look at one. [*]

NARROW-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*) – Nicely out of Humaita.

INAMBARI WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes fatimalimae*) – We heard one bird, but it refused to show itself. [*]

RONDONIA WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes fuscicapillus*) – Seen well a couple of times. This and the former species are part of the widespread Lineated Woodcreeper complex.

PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*) – Seen nicely a couple of times

STREAKED XENOPS (*Xenops rutilans*) – This xenops is scarce on the Roosevelt; heard well but it wouldn't come into view. [*]

RUFOUS-TAILED XENOPS (*Microxenops milleri*) – Fortunately, this little furnariid did cooperate well, and we had good views a couple of times. The Roosevelt is a really good place for it.

RUFOUS-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor erythrocerum*) – Super-quiet, seen just once!

CHESTNUT-WINGED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor erythropterum*) – A dawn-singing bird came down low to playback, allowing unusually good views.

CINNAMON-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor pyrhrhodes*) – One delivered its remarkable song early one morning, and came roaring in to playback. Valerie Gebert made a great spot, to get all of us on the bird.

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

STRIPED WOODHAUNTER (*Automolus subulatus*) [*]

SPECKLED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca gutturata*) – Just one heard, and seen fairly well.

CINEREOUS-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis hypospodia*) – A wonderfully cooperative pair out of Humaita.

RUDDY SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis rutilans*) – We heard a bird and probably saw a nest. [*]

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

WHITE-LORED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion inerme*) – We definitely did watch a pair at their nest, great to see that!

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

SUIRIRI FLYCATCHER (*Suiriri suiriri burmeisteri*) – Good views of a pair at Humaita

YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*) [*]

FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardii*)

GRAY ELAENIA (*Myiopagis caniceps*) – Also seen nicely at Humaita

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster*)

LARGE ELAENIA (*Elaenia spectabilis*)

PLAIN-CRESTED ELAENIA (*Elaenia cristata*)

SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*) [*]

CHICO'S TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius chicomendesi*) – We heard a bird fairly early on in the search, but it was very reluctant to show. Mike finally picked it up, and we all came away with nice scope studies. I discovered this little bird on the 2009 Field Guides tour, which was the first time I'd visited the campina there. We finally described it in the HBW Special Volume (2013).

GUIANAN TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius acer*)

AMAZONIAN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER (*Sublegatus obscurior*)

SHARP-TAILED TYRANT (*Culicivora caudacuta*) – Spectacular show from these wonderful little birds.

SHORT-TAILED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis ecaudatus*) [*]

SNETHLAGE'S TODY-TYRANT (NEW SPECIES) (*Hemitriccus* sp. nov.) – Good views on a couple of occasions. These birds west of the Madeira have never been named, but are currently under study.

SNETHLAGE'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus minor minima*) – This is the subspecies we saw, east of the Madeira (on the Roosevelt).

STRIPE-NECKED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus striaticollis*) – Excellent views out of Humaita.

ZIMMER'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus minimus*) – This was the best I have ever seen this bird -- and that's saying quit a lot. It was only a few feet from us, at eye-level in the open for nearly a minute. They come in like this occasionally, but rarely stick for more than a few seconds.

BUFF-CHEEKED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilotriccus senex*) – It took some teasing and maneuvering, but we did finally get very nice views of this poorly known 'tricus. Until Mario Cohn-Haft and I located it near Borba (on the Madeira), in 1993, this bird was unknown in life, there being just the single, type specimen in the Vienna Museum, collected in about 1817.

SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum maculatum*)

YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias assimilis*) – Excellent views of #7400 for Dona Elaine!
GRAY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*) [*]
YELLOW-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*) [*]
GOLDEN-CROWNED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus coronatus*) [*]
ROYAL FLYCATCHER (*Onychorhynchus coronatus*) – Good views of two birds on different days, and we heard yet another, later. This was interesting, because we usually don't even hear one on the Roosevelt.
RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*)
WHISKERED FLYCATCHER (*Myiobius barbatus*)
VERMILION FLYCATCHER (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) – One in the campos at Humaita was an austral migrant.
DRAB WATER TYRANT (*Ochthornis littoralis*)
WHITE-HEADED MARSH TYRANT (*Arundinicola leucocephala*)
RUFOUS-TAILED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*) [*]
CITRON-BELLIED ATTLILA (*Attila citriniventris*) – Unfortunately, we never got close enough to get it moving to playback. [*]
BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTLILA (*Attila spadiceus*) [*]
PALE-BELLIED MOURNER (*Rhytipterna immunda*) – We did hear a close individual of this species, close enough to have responded to playback, but our efforts were fruitless. [*]
SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*)
LESSER KISKADEE (*Pitangus lictor*)
GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)
BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*) [*]
RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*) [*]
DUSKY-CHESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes luteiventris*) [*]
YELLOW-THROATED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias parvus*) – We coaxed a pair of these canopy flycatchers down fairly low, for great views.
VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*)
CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus*) – An austral migrant (just one seen)
SULPHURY FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*) – Fabulous views of a pair in a Mauritia palm grove (of course!) near Porto Velho.
WHITE-THROATED KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus albogularis*) – Lots around Humaita, where they are breeding.
TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)
FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus savana*) – Just a few, around Humaita.

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*) – A couple of flashy males put in appearances.
SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*) – Entertaining views of a singing bird one afternoon on the Roosevelt.
BARE-NECKED FRUITCROW (*Gymnoderus foetidus*) – A few individuals flying high

Pipridae (Manakins)

DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes stolzmanni*) – Nice views near Humaita
BLUE-BACKED MANAKIN (*Chiroxiphia pareola regina*) [*]
BLACK MANAKIN (*Xenopipo atronitens*) [*]
BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix coronata*)
SNOW-CAPPED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix nattereri*) – Very quiet this trip, but, after seeing a female-pulmaged bird or two, we finally managed to find an adult male in all his glory.
FLAME-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Heterocercus linteatus*) – Very tricky to get on to, but I think almost everyone managed to catch up with a male that came in a couple of times.
FIERY-CAPPED MANAKIN (*Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*) – Couldn't get them to budge. [*]
RED-HEADED MANAKIN (*Ceratopira rubrocapilla*) – Several good views.
WING-BARRED PIPRITES (*Piprites chloris*) – One especially nice view, early in the tour.

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*)
MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*)
BROWN-WINGED SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis turdina*) – One sneaked in close, allowing good views.
CINEREOUS MOURNER (*Laniocera hypopyrra*) – One seen well.
WHITE-BROWED PURPLETUFT (*Iodopleura isabellae*) – Superb scope studies of three birds, one of which showed its purple pectoral tufts very nicely.
WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*) [*]
BLACK-CAPPED BECARD (*Pachyramphus marginatus*) – A remarkably, low, close view of an adult male.

Vireonidae (Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis)

RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) – Very quiet, and we never happened to see one. [*]
GRAY-CHESTED GREENLET (*Hylophilus semicinereus*) – Several heard, with good views of one pair.
SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanius leucotis*) – Barely even heard this time around! [*]
TAWNY-CROWNED GREENLET (*Tunchiornis ochraceiceps*) – This one often gets away "heard only", but not this time -- we had excellent views of a bird with an understory flock.
BUFF-CHEEKED GREENLET (*Pachysylvia muscipina*) – Seen well a couple of times.

RED-EYED VIREO (MIGRATORY CHIVI) (*Vireo olivaceus chivi*) – Around in fairly good numbers; and completely silent. These are austral winterers from southern Brazil and points south.

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

AZURE-NAPED JAY (CAMPINA) (*Cyanocorax heilprini hafferri*) – Pretty nice, if brief, views, for a couple of us who were in the right spot at the right moment.

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

BLACK-COLLARED SWALLOW (*Pygochelidon melanoleuca*) – Lots on the Roosevelt.

WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW (*Atticora fasciata*)

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

SCALY-BREASTED WREN (*Microcerculus marginatus*) [*]

TOOTH-BILLED WREN (*Odontorchilus cinereus*) – Another bird we barely even heard this trip. [*]

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*)

MOUSTACHED WREN (*Pheugopedius genibarbis*) – One bird came in quietly to playback, rose into some vines, and, when its mate showed up, it belted out its song as we all watched just a few feet away -- a really exhilarating experience!

BUFF-BREASTED WREN (*Cantorchilus leucotis*) [*]

MUSICIAN WREN (*Cyphorhinus arada*) – One gave us the run-around, but we finally managed to find it perched and get everyone a good view. We sure did enjoy hearing its amazing song.

Poliopitidae (Gnatcatchers)

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)

GUIANAN GNATCATCHER (PARA) (*Poliopitila guianensis paraensis*) – Very high in the canopy of enormous trees, we couldn't get it into view. [*]

GUIANAN GNATCATCHER (INAMBARI) (*Poliopitila guianensis attenboroughi*) – This is the form west of the Madeira, which is currently considered a subspecies.

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

HAUXWELL'S THRUSH (*Turdus hauxwelli*) – Thrushes were dead-quiet, as is usually the case in the dry season. We did get one Hauxwell's to respond to playback, but it was late in the day, under poor lighting conditions, so even the perched views were not very good.

WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (*Turdus albicollis*) [*]

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

BUFF-RUMPED WARBLER (*Myiothlypis fulvicauda*) – Very close, but we were more concerned with a Musician Wren at that moment. [*]

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*) – Just a couple!

BLACK-FACED TANAGER (*Schistochlamys melanopis*)

RED-BILLED PIED TANAGER (*Lamprospiza melanoleuca*) – Seen on both sides of the Madeira. It was fascinating to watch a pair in the "foundation" phase of nest construction. I need to look into the literature on the nesting of this species; it may not have been described at all.

WHITE-RUMPED TANAGER (*Cypsnagra hirundinacea*) – Fabulous near Humaita.

FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)

FULVOUS-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus surinamus*) – Just a couple of sightings.

WHITE-WINGED SHRIKE-TANAGER (*Lanio versicolor*) – One good encounter, early in our time on the Roosevelt.

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

TURQUOISE TANAGER (*Tangara mexicana*) – Frequently around the clearing at the pousada.

PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*)

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*)

YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS (*Dacnis flaviventer*) – Heard several times, but we never managed to see it perched. [*]

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*) – Very few, and no Short-billeds. This was due to the dry conditions, and lack of canopy flowers.

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*)

WEDGE-TAILED GRASS-FINCH (*Emberizoides herbicola*) [*]

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

TAWNY-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila hypoxantha*) – A handful of non-breeding plumaged birds in the campos out of Humaita.

DOUBLE-COLLARED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila caerulescens*)

PLUMBEOUS SEEDEATER (*Sporophila plumbea*)

BLACK-MASKED FINCH (*Coryphaspiza melanotis*) – A very nice scope view for all, thanks to a good spot by Barbara.

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)

SLATE-COLORED GROSBEAK (*Saltator grossus*) – A very nice view of a singing bird.

Emberizidae (Buntings and New World Sparrows)

GRASSLAND SPARROW (*Ammodramus humeralis*)

YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW (*Ammodramus aurifrons*) – Around the pousada all the time.

PECTORAL SPARROW (*Arremon taciturnus*) [*]

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

RED-CROWNED ANT-TANAGER (*Habia rubica*)

ROSE-BREADED CHAT (*Granatellus pelzelni*) – Just a couple of birds seen, one male especially well.

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

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

RED-BREADED MEADOWLARK (*Sturnella militaris*)

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)

EPAULET ORIOLE (*Icterus cayanensis*) [*]

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*)

GREEN OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius viridis*) – A few around. One big male followed some Red-throated Caracaras carrying a chunk of wasp nest across the Roosevelt, in the company of a male Olive Oropendola.

OLIVE OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius bifasciatus*)

Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)

THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia laniirostris*) [*]

RUFIOUS-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia rufiventris*) [*]

Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)

HOUSE SPARROW (*Passer domesticus*)

MAMMALS

LONG-NOSED BAT (*Rhynchonycteris naso*) – Several encounters on the Roosevelt.

GREATER BULLDOG BAT (*Noctilio leporinus*) – One of these big bats were out over the Roosevelt one evening, as we returned to the pousada. Sometimes they are around in greater numbers.

SADDLEBACK TAMARIN (*Saguinus fuscicollis*) – A nice study of several animals near Humaita. This population may be unnamed.

RED-CHESTED MUSTACHED TAMARIN (*Saguinus labiatus*) – Fantastic views of this rather rarely seen primate.

DUSKY TITI MONKEY (*Callicebus moloch*) – The animals we saw out of Porto Velho, on the west side of the Madeira, apparently pertain to *Callicebus moloch dubius*, sometimes considered a species separate from Dusky Titi Monkey.

PRINCE BERNARD'S TITI MONKEY (*Callicebus bernhardi*) – Unfortunately, seen only once, and briefly, this year.

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

WHITE-NOSED BEARDED SAKI MONKEY (*Chiropotes albinasus*) – Just a few, but one or two were seen well.

WHITE-FRONTED CAPUCHIN (*Cebus albifrons*) – Same with this one -- we saw an animal or two at close range, but they did not stay around for leisurely viewing!

BROWN CAPUCHIN (*Cebus apella*)

COMMON WOOLLY MONKEY (*Lagothrix lagotricha*) – Very nice views of this handsome animal.

WHITE-BELLIED SPIDER MONKEY (*Ateles belzebuth chamek*) – And of this disheveled beast, too.

NEOTROPICAL PYGMY SQUIRREL (*Sciurillus pusillus*) [*]

RED-RUMPED AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta agouti*)

TUCUXI (*Sotalia fluviatilis*) – Way up at Porto Velho, where I have not seen them before (usually only Pink River Dolphins up there).

NEOTROPICAL OTTER (*Lontra longicaudis*) – One seen nicely, thanks to one of our boatmen spotting it.

JAGUARUNDI (*Puma yagouaroundi*) – A brief but good view of a black one out near where we found the Fulvous-chinend Nunlet.

JAGUAR (*Panthera onca*) – Tracks on three different days, but we never saw the animal.

BRAZILIAN TAPIR (*Tapirus terrestris*) – One seen well by most of us, but it moved away fairly quickly, and there was a huge, fallen tree blocking the view for some people.

RED BROCKET DEER (*Mazama americana*) – Great studies of one at the clay lick

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The most noteworthy other animals included the Little Brown Bats (*Myotis nigrescens*) that accompanied us along wider trails every late afternoon; the enormous Black Caiman (two) that glided ominously up to our boats (looking for a handout, or a hand out); several very large Green Iguanas; lots of beautiful butterflies including several species of morphos; and some huge Bullet Ants (*Peraponera* sp.), and both species of army ants (*Eciton* and *Labidus*), sometimes closer than we'd have liked!

Totals for the tour: 386 bird taxa and 20 mammal taxa