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A Personal Diary

Pantanal: a single word conjuring images of huge concentrations of herons and egrets, the huge Jabiru and the majestic Hyacinth Macaw. This is of course all true, but there is so much more to this vast wetland. The dry forests, meandering rivers and dry expansive grasslands are the home to many species of birds and mammals making travelling along the Transpantaneira a slow process for any wildlife enthusiast.

Much of the Pantanal lies in the Brazilian state of Mato Grosso, an area offering Cerrado and forests at the very edge of the Amazonian basin too. Imagine the wealth of birds available here! We were fortunate enough to experience all Mato Grosso had to offer, including an opportunity to see Jaguar and Giant Otters and this year's tour coincided with an active Harpy Eagle nest in the area too. Would it still be there? Would the Jaguar show?

17 September

The Pantanal group leave London Heathrow on a flight to Sao Paulo with TAM, the Brazilian national airline while Dave, Miles and I overnight in a comfortable hotel close to Guarulhos Airport having just completed the second REGUA tour in the Atlantic Forests.

18 September

In the morning we all meet in Guarulhos (Sao Paulo) for our flight to Cuiaba, the capital of the state of Mato Grosso. It's great to meet old friends once again, some from recent Ornitholidays' tours. After a few gate changes we are all aboard the flight to Cuiaba where we have to adjust our watches once again (it's a different time zone from Sao Paulo) as we land in the sizzling heat of interior Brazil.

Raphael is our guide for this tour and meets us in the arrivals section of the airport where we collect our luggage (well, most of it) before travelling the short distance to a local restaurant for a slap-up lunch. The talk is now of macaws, Jabirus, otters and even Jaguars!

We settle in to our hotel in Cuiaba for a period of relaxation as most of the group have had little sleep during their flight from the UK before a visit to a Churrascaria (vegetarians beware!) for dinner where we discuss the plans for the following day's travel into the Pantanal.

19 September

Our first full day in the field has arrived at last. We take a fairly early breakfast in the hotel before leaving Cuiaba for the Pantanal. There's no hurry - we need to bird our way to our lodge with a lunchtime arrival after a feast of Neotropical birds.

Our first stop produces a fine array of wetland species like Green and Buff-necked Ibises, Rufescent Tiger-Heron, Wood Storks, Black-bellied and White-faced Whistling-Ducks with Snail Kites looking on. Another stop further along the Transpantaneira allows us views of our first Hyacinth Macaws, the world's largest parrots, very rare and surely the most enigmatic species in the Pantanal? Grey-crested Cachalotes, Yellow-billed and Red-crested Cardinals, Chaco Chachalacas and the endemic Chestnut-bellied Guans are next in the scrub and forested borders with the wetland producing our first Jabirus, Roseate Spoonbills and Limpkins.

Travelling in the Pantanal is a pleasure. We are regularly stopping the bus for Grey-necked Wood-Rails, Peach-fronted and Monk Parakeets, Amazon Kingfishers and Purplish Jays with one delay due to cattle herding by the local "Pantaneiros".

Nearing the lodge a sublime Sunbittern halts us in our tracks in a small pool beside the road as we wait for yet another stream of Capybaras to cross or caiman to slither away into a pool. We arrive at Pouso Alegre late (as usual - too many birds, so little time) and head to lunch with the clouds gathering overhead.

Inclement weather is uncharacteristic here but some fierce winds and heavy showers delay our departure onto the field this afternoon. The lodge "yard" is all we need to satisfy our hunger for birds though with Hyacinth Macaws, Turquoise-fronted Parrots, White-tipped Doves, Toco Toucans, Chestnut-eared Aracaris, Greater Rheas and a group of Bare-faced Curassows easily seen with our rooms still in view! The overcast conditions mean it's dark earlier than usual this afternoon but we can look forward to many more birds tomorrow.

20 September

No need to wander far from the lodge this morning as we have macaws, parrots, parakeets, rheas, guans, curassows, Narrow-billed and Great Rufous Woodcreepers, Green-barred Woodpeckers, Creamy-bellied Thrushes and Bay-winged Cowbirds on our doorstep. After breakfast we make our way to a trail, or at least that's our intention. Progress along the track is slow as we stop for Common Piping-Guans, Blue-crowned Trogon, Long-tailed Doves, Epaulet Orioles and Red-crested Finch along the way. A thicket produces Mato Grosso Antbird, White-lored Spinetail, Buff-bellied Hermit, Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant and Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher before we enter the trail proper. The Pantanal has had a long dry season this year and we are visiting at the very end of this period. Areas of forest that are usually flooded have no water at all and the trail is a little quiet. However, by just waiting in a clear area we suddenly begin to encounter a few species like Helmeted Manakin, Red-billed Scythebill, Rufous Casiornis and Swainson's Flycatcher. Little Woodpecker is located after hearing its drumming initially before it's time for us to head back to the lodge for lunch and a short siesta.

An afternoon visit is delayed a little due to another downpour but once in the field we are treated to the usual feast of birds, even without visiting any extensive wetlands. A small pond, overloaded with Capybaras and a few Paraguayan Caiman has feeding Capped Herons; exquisite in their creamy-buff plumage tones and wispy plumes, with a Jabiru family in the tops of the trees behind. Greater Thornbirds sing from the thorny thicket as we search for Yellowish Pipit but best of all we see several Scarlet-headed Blackbirds in the tops of the reeds.

A short excursion for nocturnal species produces Little Nightjar and Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, with Common and Great Potoos heard in the distance.

21 September

It's our final morning at Pouso Alegre but we're still seeing new birds without leaving the lodge as a party of White Woodpeckers come through the yard before breakfast time. We will try another trail through some Cerrado and Chaco-type forest near the road before leaving the property though and this allows us to see some species characteristic of this arid, thorny habitat.

Waving goodbye to the Hyacinth Macaws that have become our "natural alarm clock" over the last few mornings, we take the bus for the short journey to the trail where we immediately encounter Masked Gnatcatchers followed by Fuscous Flycatcher, Forest Elaenia, Hooded Tanager and some Rufous-fronted Thornbirds at their nest. Great and Barred Antshrikes show well as we leave the forest but we are delayed from leaving Pouso Alegre completely by a magnificent display by a pair of Bat Falcons at their nest hole in a roadside tree.

Making our way south along the Transpantaneira we see the usual Pantanal wildlife: Marsh and Red Brocket Deer and South American Coati and roadside Black-capped Donacobius, Laughing Falcon and a stop for Golden-green Woodpecker that Raphael knows well. Even a Band-tailed Antbird flies underneath the bridge here as we wait for the woodpecker to appear. Arriving at the Rio Pixaim at lunchtime we opt to head straight for the restaurant in the hotel before checking in to our rooms.

No need to travel far once again this afternoon as our hotel on the banks of the river, is surrounded by good birding habitat and plenty of new species. The feeders are loaded with cardinals, cowbirds and Saffron Finches with White-tipped Doves and Scaled Doves feeding in the spilt grain. There's Anhinga on the dock, Jabirus in the drive, a flock of Grey-breasted Martins perched on the wires outside our rooms and more wetland birds on a little marsh only minutes away. A stroll along the airfield in rather cloudy conditions is still worthwhile as we see our first Chotoy Spinetails and the less inspiring Grassland Sparrow before darkness descends.

Time for pre-dinner Piranha soup then?

22 September

We have more of a fluvial theme to today's birding, with two boat trips along the Rio Pixaim planned. The first pre-breakfast launch is a great success followed by a stroll along the river inside the gallery forest previously viewed from the comfort of our boat. Many species are much easier to see from the boat like Rusty-backed Spinetail, Band-tailed Antbird and Solitary Black Cacique; species that tend to hug the water's edge and difficult to observe from inside the forest. Of course the water birds are much easier from the boat and we have luck with a nice Sungrebe as well as Brazilian Teal, Muscovy Duck and even a Boat-billed Heron.

Kingfishers are abundant along the Pixaim, the noisy Ringed being the most prolific. Amazon and Green Kingfishers are also seen but we are indeed fortunate to see the handsome Green-and-Rufous Kingfisher, a species that spends much of its time inside the gallery forest, usually venturing out to the water's edge rather than mid-stream.

The trail along the Pixaim is good for a few small flocks and despite a little disturbance and distraction caused by a group of Brazilian tourists we manage to see Large-billed Antwren, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Ashy-headed Greenlet and Grey-headed Tanager while on foot.

Some optional post lunch birding around the hotel produces a few birds seen already on the tour before we take to the river once again. A White-wedged Piculet is an unusual find from the boat as it sings from the forest but the star birds of the late afternoon and early evening are definitely the Band-tailed Nighthawks that feed low over the river, very close to the boat.

We've had a great day with Crane Hawks, Swallow-tailed Kites, Black-collared Hawks, Rufous-tailed Jacamars, Campo Flickers, Pale-crested and Cream-coloured Woodpeckers, Black-backed Water-Tyrants and Rusty-collared Seedeaters among the wide variety of species seen today, but we keep hearing about those Jaguar sightings

23 September

This morning starts very well indeed with a Tapir crossing the Pixaim right outside the hotel, but unfortunately very few of the group are around to see it. The day continues well as we drive south after breakfast along the Transpantaneira towards Porto Jofre, a place I've never visited before. The birding is good along the route with Great Potoo on its daytime roost plus all the usual suspects but today is developing into a mammal day with fine views of Black Howler Monkey and some Brown Capuchin Monkey sightings too.

Campo Jofre is an area of humid grassland and there's plenty to see in the damp areas like the Southern Screamers and Large-billed Terns here as there are more pools than further north along the Transpantaneira this year. A soaring Maguari Stork is found among the Jabirus, Wood Storks and vultures in the cloudless, clear blue sky, garrulous Thrush-like Wrens sing from their nest sites and Fork-tailed Flycatchers and Black-tailed Tityras perch in the sun by the roadside as we make our way south towards the border with Mato Grosso do Sul at Porto Jofre.

Reaching the Cuiaba River we are greeted by some Hyacinth Macaws but even these magnificent creatures will not take centre stage today and the Double-collared and Lined Seedeaters, although new for the tour, will certainly not!

We've hired a boat this afternoon to search the banks of the Cuiaba River for Jaguars. It's by no means guaranteed but we've heard many reports of sightings of these magnificent beasts over the last few days; in fact we're pretty fed up of hearing about so many! The boat trip starts well with Black Skimmers on a sand bar with Pied Plovers and American Golden Plovers but a search of the rivers where Jaguars have been sighted recently (even this morning) has negative results.

We coast around for a couple of hours, our boatman scanning every bank and under every overhanging tree near the river to no avail. Then, just as it seems we are out of luck a message comes over the radio about a Jaguar on a beach fifteen minutes away! What seems like the longest quarter of an hour of our lives is just about to end when a group of six Giant Otters appears. Incredible! We have a good long look at these superb creatures, the adult males quite huge (up to six foot in length) before rounding the bend where a line of boats laden with camera toting folks sit watching a huge male Jaguar. An incredible sight indeed. The cat loafes around for most of the time we watch it, walking majestically towards the shore before retreating to the shade, only to roll around in the sand like a giant pussy cat!

We all agree that the trip to Jofre was worth it, we even see our first Bare-faced Ibis of the trip on the boat back to the bus but who cares after Jaguar!

24 September

We leave the Pantanal today and this would usually be a very sad occasion but we have good reason to feel optimistic for more great birds ahead. During the preparation of this Panatanal tour we heard of an active Harpy Eagle's nest less than two hour's drive from Cuiaba. Alternative arrangements were made with all participants in agreement and an overnight at Serra das Araras was duly booked.

The rather oppressive humid conditions of the final morning in the Panatanal are a little challenging and very few fresh birds are seen apart from the attractive Rusty-backed Antwren. A few of us stay behind near the hotel just enjoying the wide variety of birds coming to the feeders - Chestnut-eared Aracaris, Purplish Jays, Orange-backed Troupials, Greyish Saltators as well as the usual finches, doves and cardinals.

But it's time to go and we make our way north towards Cuiaba with Great Black Hawks, Savanna Hawks, Black-collared Hawks and Snail Kites on the posts near the marshes and Toco Toucans in the trees as the country becomes drier.

Nearing Serra das Araras we see some Yellow-tufted Woodpeckers on a dead tree - a sure sign our avifauna is taking on an "Amazonian feel", so it's a quick trip down to the edge of the forest as the daylight is fading. Unbelievably one of the first birds we see is the adult Harpy Eagle drinking at a roadside pool! A little startled by our bus it flies into a nearby tree being mobbed by Purplish Jays before heading further up the slope and still in view. Being a large eagle the bird sits around for some time allowing brilliant scope views; we can hardly believe our luck - Jaguar and Harpy on consecutive days!

Eventually this most regal of raptors disappears so we make our way to the nest where the juvenile (admittedly a very large juvenile) is on view, but this has been rather upstaged by its parent. However there's still much to see here and Pearl Kite, Scaled Pigeons, Dusky-headed Parakeets, Masked and Black-crowned Tityras and Magpie Tanagers are just a taster of Amazonian birds yet to come.

25 September

Our rearranged Harpy Eagle itinerary allows us to spend another morning in the forests here at Serra das Araras, hoping for more Amazonian species. Red-shouldered Macaws brighten up rather overcast skies and lift spirits in the rather sultry conditions first thing. The small wetlands on the way to the forest are alive with birds - herons, egrets, ibis and a few waders like Black-necked Stilts too, as we pass by. Careful trail-based observations are productive with Raphael enticing many birds into view this morning. The Araras area is certainly blessed with an interesting avifauna and here, right on the edge of the Amazon basin we are able to find many birds not expected on the planned schedule prior to changing for Harpy Eagle. The old Warbling Antbird of the Amazon basin and east slope of the Andes in South America has been "split" into several species recently and one of these "new" species, the Rhondonia Warbling Antbird is seen this morning. Black-throated Antbird, White-backed Fire-eye and Moustached Wren are also found in the understory as is Cinnamon-throated Hummingbird. There are Scaled Pigeons and Plumbeous Kites over the canopy, Lettered Aracaris and Yellow-ridged Toucans; even an Undulated Tinamou on the forest floor! We all agree that Serra das Araras is a marvellous place and well worth visiting even if the Harpy Eagle hadn't been nesting there this year.

This afternoon we have to move on once again, this time to the tablelands at Chapada dos Guimaraes. Normally our journey here would be a spectacular event but the weather has turned against us this afternoon

with low cloud, rain and high winds. Nearing the town there is a torrent of water rushing along the kurbs and undoubtedly the best tactic is to head to our hotel and then out to dinner!

26 September

We're up bright and early this morning for our pre-breakfast walk in the Cerrado near Chapada but the weather doesn't look very inviting. Thick cloud and fog rolls in over the tablelands of Chapada and even as it becomes light visibility is very poor right across the plateau.

Nevertheless Raphael decides that we should try our luck on the Geladeira Road this morning and we head out to the Cerrado in search of some of the special birds of this strange habitat. Black-throated Saltator sings in the murk and as he's close he's quite easily found, his black hood and orange bill contrasting with the rather bleak, grey morning mist. Slowly but surely we see birds, one by one a target species: White-vented Violetear, Rufous-winged Antshrike, Rusty-backed Antwren, Plain-crested Elaenia, Suiriri Flycatcher, Curl-crested Jays, White-banded Tanager, White-rumped Tanager and Plumbeous Seedeater. A Small-billed Tinamou calls from the scrub and Raphael plays a recording and miraculously a tiny ground-dove-like figure hobbles across the road - Small-billed Tinamou! Swallow Tanager, Pale-breasted Spinetail and our first White-collared Swifts of the tour are seen in this open country where Red-and-Green Macaws can be seen flying across the Cerrado from time to time.

The weather improves after lunch so we head out to one of the viewpoints near Chapada where we are greeted in the car park by a splendid Grey Monjita. Bird of the afternoon must be the Black-and-White Hawk-Eagle though as even some birders semi-resident in town haven't seen this species around here. We enjoy great views of this scarce raptor, even obtaining some record shots.

White-tailed Kites are seen as we enter the road to the Jamaca Valley where two target birds - Fiery-capped and Band-tailed Manakins - are seen in the vine tangles of the roadside understory.

We've had a fantastic day in the Cerrado and forests of Chapada but it's time to head back to town for our final dinner of this incredible tour, full of wildlife experiences every day.

27 September

We have very little time for birding this morning so we stay local to the hotel prior to breakfast. In contrast to the previous day the views across the plateau are spectacular, indeed the high-rise towers of Cuiaba can be seen in the distance this morning.

Time is short but the birds are kind with Saffron-billed Sparrow, Sooty Spinetail and Planalto Slaty-Antshrike seen quickly. White-collared Swifts scream and Red-and-Green Macaws squawk from the precipitous cliffs below us at the viewpoint, with Green-winged Saltator and Lesser Seedfinch in the borders close by.

It's been a great end to the tour but alas it's time to head back to the hotel and then off to Cuiaba where we catch our flight to Sao Paulo. We leave Raphael in the airport to catch his flight back to the south of Brazil (yet another wonderful birding area) where he lives and will be meeting another group later in the week.

Our TAM flight takes us to Guarulhos Airport in Sao Paulo where we have quite a wait for our flight to London, but we are living on images of macaws, Jaguars, otters and Harpy Eagles so we can deal with that I guess!

28 September

The Pantanal tour ends in London Heathrow after an overnight flight from Sao Paulo. With all our luggage safely accounted for we go our separate ways after a very memorable tour to a wonderful country.

Acknowledgements

It would be impossible to visit this part of Brazil and fail to see a wealth of wildlife. Many people go to the Pantanal and everyone has a great time. But to see Jaguars, Giant Otters and Harpy Eagles takes that little bit extra. That "little bit extra" was expertly provided by our excellent ground agents this year. They sent Raphael Santos up to Mato Grosso from the very south-east corner of Brazil near Curitiba. It was difficult to

believe that "Rapha" was not from Mato Grosso, such was his expertise in the Pantanal and Chapada. Thank you also to Rob and Bob for allowing me to use their wonderful photos in this report.

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Itinerary and Weather

- 17 September** The group assemble at London Heathrow for TAM flight to Sao Paulo.
- 18 September** Colin, Dave and Miles meet with everyone arriving from London in Guarulhos Airport for late morning flight to Cuiaba. Overnight in Cuiaba.
Hot and sunny, 35°C.
- 19 September** Into the Pantanal from Cuiaba, arriving at Pouso Alegre for lunch. Birding local to lodge in the afternoon. Overnight Pouso Alegre.
Hot and sunny in the morning (35°C); very windy with heavy rain in the afternoon.
- 20 September** Birding all day in the Pouso Alegre area.
Overcast with sunny spells in the morning and rather humid. Windy with storms in the afternoon. Max 38°C.
- 21 September** Birding Pouso Alegre area in the morning before heading to Rio Pixaim for lunch. Afternoon birding near the hotel. Overcast, hot and humid. Max 35°C.
- 22 September** Early morning boat trip and then gallery forest trail along the Pixaim after breakfast. Late afternoon boat trip on Pixaim until dusk.
Hot and sunny, 40°C.
- 23 September** Day trip to Porto Jofre for Jaguar!
Dry, hot and sunny all day, 40°C. Overnight Mato Grosso Hotel.
- 24 September** Travel day from Rio Pixaim to Serra das Araras, arriving in time to see adult and juvenile Harpy Eagle! Overnight at Serra das Araras.
Hot and sunny in the Pantanal, overcast in the afternoon at Araras. Max 38°C.
- 25 September** Birding Serra das Araras in the morning with a transfer to Chapada dos Guimaraes after lunch. Overnight in Chapada.
Overcast and humid in the morning with fog and heavy rain as we arrived in Chapada.
Max 25°C.
- 26 September** Full day at Chapada dos Guimaraes. Overnight in Chapada.
Foggy and windy with light showers in the morning, 10 °C. Pleasant in the afternoon with clear skies and sunny spells, 25°C.
- 27 September** Early morning birding near the Penhasco Hotel near the viewpoint before heading to Cuiaba for flights to Sao Paulo where we connect with TAM flight to London.
Fine in the morning, max 24°C (warmer in Cuiaba).
- 28 September** Overnight flight from Sao Paulo arrives in London Heathrow.

CHECKLIST OF SPECIES SEEN DURING THE TOUR

Number of days recorded	Locations	Abundance
1 2h means seen on one day and heard on two other days.	P = Pantanal C = Chapada dos Guimaraes A = Serra das Araras > = en route to any of the above localities	1 = 1 – 4 2 = 5 – 9 3 = 10 – 99 4 = 100 – 999 5 = 1,000+

The sequence mainly follows A Field Guide to the Birds of Brazil by Ber van Perlo 2009

SPECIES	No of days recorded	Locations	Abundance Scale	SCIENTIFIC NAME
GREBES				PODICIPEDIDAE
Least Grebe	1	A	1	<i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i>
DARTERS				ANHINGIDAE
Anhinga	3	P	2	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>
CORMORANTS				PHALACROCORACIDAE
Neotropic Cormorant	4	P A	3	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>
IBISES				THRESKIORNITHIDAE
Bare-faced (Whispering) Ibis	2	P	1	<i>Phimosus infuscatus</i>
Plumbeous Ibis	5	P	3	<i>Theristicus caerulescens</i>
Buff-necked Ibis	7	P C	3	<i>Theristicus caudatus</i>
Green Ibis	6	P A	3	<i>Mesembrinibis cayennensis</i>
Roseate Spoonbill	5	P	3	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>
SCREAMERS				ANHIMIDAE
Southern Screamer	2	P	2	<i>Chauna torquata</i>
HERONS, EGRETS				ARDEIDAE
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3	P	2	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Boat-billed Heron	1	P	1	<i>Cochlearius cochlearia</i>
Striated Heron	5	P	2	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
Rufescent Tiger-Heron	5	P	2	<i>Tigrisoma lineatum</i>
Whistling Heron	3	P	2	<i>Syrigma sibilatrix</i>
Little Blue Heron	2	P	2	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>
Snowy Egret	6	P A C	3	<i>Egretta thula</i>
Great Egret	6	P A C	3	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Cocoi (White-necked) Heron	6	P A	2	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>
Cattle Egret	5	P A C	4	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Capped Heron	5	P	2	<i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>
STORKS				COCHLEARIIDAE
Wood Stork	6	P A	3	<i>Mycteria americana</i>
Maguari Stork	1	P	1	<i>Ciconia maguari</i>
Jabiru	5	P	3	<i>Jabiru mycteria</i>
DUCKS				ANATIDAE
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	1	P	2	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>
Muscovy Duck	3	P	2	<i>Cairina moschata</i>
Brazilian Teal	3	P	3	<i>Amazonetta brasiliensis</i>
AMERICAN VULTURES				CATHARTINAE
Black Vulture	9	P A C	4	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>
Turkey Vulture	5	P	3	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	5	P	2	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>
KITES & HAWKS				ACCIPTRINAE
Swallow-tailed Kite	3	P A C	2	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>
White-tailed Kite	1	C	1	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>
Pearl Kite	1	A	1	<i>Gampsonyx swainsonii</i>

Snail Kite	2	P			2	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>
Plumbeous Kite	6	P	A	C	3	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>
Crane Hawk	2	P			1	<i>Geranospiza caeruleascens</i>
White-tailed Hawk	3		A	C	1	<i>Buteo albicaudatus</i>
Roadside Hawk	6	P	A	C	2	<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>
Savanna Hawk	5	P			2	<i>Heterospizias meridionalis</i>
Great Black-Hawk	4	P			1	<i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>
Black-collared Hawk	5	P			2	<i>Busarellus nigricollis</i>
Harpy Eagle	2		A		1	<i>Harpia harpyja</i>
Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle	1			C	1	<i>Spizaetus melanoleucus</i>
CARACARAS & FALCONS						FALCONIDAE
American Kestrel	1		A		1	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
Aplomado Falcon	2	P			1	<i>Falco femoralis</i>
Bat Falcon	2	P	A		1	<i>Falco rufigularis</i>
Laughing Falcon	2	P			1	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>
Southern Caracara	7	P	A	C	3	<i>Caracara plancus</i>
Yellow-headed Caracara	5	P		C	2	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>
RHEAS						RHEIDAE
Greater Rhea	4	P	>A		2	<i>Rhea americana</i>
TINAMOUS						TINAMIDAE
Red-winged Tinamou	- 1h			C	1	<i>Rhynchotus rufescens</i>
Undulated Tinamou	1 5h	P	A	C	1	<i>Crypturellus undulatus</i>
Small-billed Tinamou	1			C	1	<i>Crypturellus parvirostris</i>
Tataupa Tinamou	- 2h			C	1	<i>Crypturellus tataupa</i>
LIMPKINS						ARAMIDAE
Limpkin	5	P			3	<i>Aramus guarana</i>
GUANS & CURASSOWS						CRACIDAE
Chestnut-bellied Guan	3	P			2	<i>Penelope ochrogaster</i>
Red-throated Piping-Guan	3	P			2	<i>Aburria kujubi</i>
Chaco Chachalaca	6	P	A		3	<i>Ortalis canicollis</i>
Bare-faced Curassow	5	P			2	<i>Crax fasciolata</i>
SERIEMAS						CARIAMIDAE
Red-legged Seriema	- 1h	P			1	<i>Cariama cristata</i>
RAILS & COOTS						RALLIDAE
Ash-throated Crake	- 1h	P			1	<i>Porzana albicollis</i>
Grey-necked Wood-Rail	5	P			3	<i>Aramides cajanea</i>
JACANAS						JACANIDAE
Wattled Jacana	5	P			3	<i>Jacana jacana</i>
SUNBITTERNS						EURYPYGIDAE
Sunbittern	5	P			1	<i>Eurypyga helias</i>
SUNGREBES						HELIORNITHIDAE
Sungrebe	1	P			1	<i>Heliornis fulica</i>
OYSTERCATCHERS						HAEMATOPODIDAE
White-backed (Black-necked) Stilt	1		A		2	<i>Himantopus mexicanus melanurus</i>
PLOVERS						CHARADRIIDAE
Solitary Sandpiper	5	P	A		1	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>
Pied Plover	1	P			2	<i>Vanellus cyanus</i>
Southern Lapwing	9	P	A	C	3	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>
American Golden Plover	1	P			2	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>
GULLS & TERNS						LARINAE
Large-billed Tern	2	P			2	<i>Phaetusa simplex</i>
Yellow-billed Tern	1	P			2	<i>Sternula superciliaris</i>
SKIMMERS						RYNCHOPINAE
Black Skimmer	1	P			2	<i>Rynchops niger</i>
PIGEONS & DOVES						COLUMBIDAE
Ruddy Ground-Dove	4	P		C	3	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>

Picui Ground-Dove	6	P	A		2	<i>Columbina picui</i>
Scaled Dove	6	P			2	<i>Columbina squammata</i>
Long-tailed Ground-Dove	4	P			2	<i>Uropelia campestris</i>
Eared Dove	4	P			3	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>
White-tipped Dove	5	P			2	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>
Grey-fronted Dove	1		A		1	<i>Leptotila rufaxilla</i>
Rock Pigeon	1		>A		2	<i>Columba livia</i>
Pale-vented Pigeon	7	P		C	2	<i>Columba cayennensis</i>
Plumbeous Pigeon	- 1h		A		1	<i>Columba plumbea</i>
Scaled Pigeon	1		A		2	<i>Patagioenas speciosa</i>
Picazuro Pigeon	7	P		C	3	<i>Patagioenas picazuro</i>
MACAWS & PARROTS						PSITTACIDAE
Red-shouldered Macaw	3	P	A	C	3	<i>Diopsittaca nobilis</i>
Hyacinth Macaw	4	P			3	<i>Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus</i>
Red-and-green Macaw	1 1h	P		C	2	<i>Ara chloropterus</i>
White-eyed Parakeet	2 2h	P	A	C	3	<i>Aratinga leucophthalmus</i>
Dusky-headed Parakeet	2		A		3	<i>Aratinga weddellii</i>
Peach-fronted Parakeet	6	P	A	C	3	<i>Aratinga aurea</i>
Monk Parakeet	5	P			3	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>
Yellow-chevroned Parakeet	6	P	A		3	<i>Brotogeris chiriri</i>
Orange-winged Parrot	3	P			2	<i>Amazona amazonica</i>
Blue-fronted Parrot	4	P			2	<i>Amazona aestiva</i>
ANIS						CROTOPHAGIDAE
Smooth-billed Ani	6	P		C	3	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>
Guira Cuckoo	8	P		C	3	<i>Guira guira</i>
GROUND CUCKOOS						NEOMORPHIDAE
Pheasant Cuckoo	- 1h			C	1	<i>Dromococcyx phasianellus</i>
Striped Cuckoo	- 1h			C	1	<i>Tapera naevia</i>
NEW WORLD CUCKOOS						COCCYZIDAE
Squirrel Cuckoo	3 1h	P			1	<i>Piaya cayana</i>
OWLS						STRIGIDAE
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	3 1h	P	A		1	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>
Burrowing Owl	2		A	C	1	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>
Great Horned Owl	1 1h	P			1	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>
POTOOS						NYCTIBIDAE
Common Potoo	- 1h	P			1	<i>Nyctibius griseus</i>
Great Potoo	1 1h	P			1	<i>Nyctibius grandis</i>
NIGHTJARS						CAPRIMULGIDAE
Band-tailed Nighthawk	3	P			3	<i>Nyctiprogne leucopyga</i>
Common Pauraque	1 3h	P			1	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>
Spot-tailed Nightjar	- 1h	P			1	<i>Caprimulgus maculicaudus</i>
Little Nightjar	2 1h	P			1	<i>Caprimulgus parvulus</i>
SWIFTS						APODIDAE
White-collared Swift	2			C	3	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>
HUMMINGBIRDS						TROCHILIDAE
Planalto Hermit	1			C	1	<i>Phaethornis pretrei</i>
Buff-bellied Hermit	2	P			1	<i>Phaethornis subochraceus</i>
Cinnamon-throated Hermit	1		A		1	<i>Phaethornis nattereri</i>
White-vented Violet-ear	1			C	1	<i>Colibri serrirostris</i>
Glittering-throated Emerald	5	P			1	<i>Amazilia fimbriata</i>
TROGONS						TROGONIDAE
Black-tailed Trogon	1		A		1	<i>Trogon melanurus</i>
Blue-crowned Trogon	2	P			1	<i>Trogon curucui</i>
MOTMOTS						MOMOTIDAE
Blue-crowned Motmot	2 2h	P	A	C	1	<i>Momotus momota</i>

KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher	5	P				3
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher	1	P				1
Amazon Kingfisher	4	P				2
Green Kingfisher	2	P				1

JACAMARS

Rufous-tailed Jacamar	3 2h	P	A	C		1
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PUFFBIRDS

Black-fronted Nunbird	4 1h	P	A	C		2
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TOUCANS & ARACARIS

Lettered Aracari	1		A			1
Chestnut-eared Aracari	4	P				2
Yellow-ridged (Channel-billed) Toucan	1		A			1
Toco Toucan	5	P				1

WOODPECKERS

White-wedged Piculet	1 2h	P				1
Golden-green Woodpecker	2	P				1
Little Woodpecker	4 2h	P		C		1
Green-barred Woodpecker	5	P		C		1
Campo Flicker	2	P				1
Pale-crested Woodpecker	1 1h	P	A			1
Cream-coloured Woodpecker	2	P				1
White Woodpecker	3 1h	P	A			1
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker	1		A			2
Lineated Woodpecker	- 1h			C		1

WOODCREEPERS

Olivaceous Woodcreeper	1	P				1
Great Rufous Woodcreeper	3	P				1
Straight-billed Woodcreeper	1 2h	P	A			1
Buff-throated Woodcreeper	1		A			1
Narrow-billed Woodcreeper	6	P	A			1
Red-billed Scythebill	1 2h	P				1

FURNARIIDS

Chotoy Spinetail	3 1h	P				1
Pale-legged Hornero	3	P				2
Rufous Hornero	9	P	A	C		2
Sooty-fronted Spinetail	1			C		1
Pale-breasted Spinetail	1			C		1
Cinereous-breasted Spinetail	1	P				1
White-lored Spinetail	3	P				1
Yellow-chinned Spinetail	2	P				1
Rusty-backed Spinetail	2	P				1
Rufous-fronted Thornbird	2	P				1
Greater Thornbird	5	P				2
Rufous Cacholote	3	P				2
Streaked Xenops	1	P				1

ANTBIRDS

Great Antshrike	3 3h	P	A	C		1
Barred Antshrike	4 2h	P	A			2
Rufous-winged Antshrike	1			C		1
Planalto Slaty-Antshrike	1			C		1
Large-billed Antwren	2	P				1
Rusty-backed Antwren	2	P		C		1
White-backed Fire-eye	1		A	1		1
Mato Grosso Antbird	1 2h	P				1
Rondonia Warbling Antbird	1		A			1

CERYLIDAE

<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>	3
<i>Chloroceryle inda</i>	1
<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	2
<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>	1

GALBULIDAE

<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>	1
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BUCCONIDAE

<i>Monasa nigrifrons</i>	2
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RAMPHASTIDAE

<i>Pteroglossus inscriptus</i>	1
<i>Pteroglossus castanotis</i>	2
<i>Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus</i>	1
<i>Ramphastos toco</i>	1

PICIDAE

<i>Picumnus albosquamatus</i>	1
<i>Piculus chrysochloros</i>	1
<i>Veniliornis passerinus</i>	1
<i>Colaptes melanochloros</i>	1
<i>Colaptes campestris</i>	1
<i>Celeus lugubris</i>	1
<i>Celeus flavus</i>	1
<i>Melanerpes candidus</i>	1
<i>Melanerpes cruentatus</i>	2
<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	1

DENDROCOLAPTIDAE

<i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i>	1
<i>Xiphocolaptes major</i>	1
<i>Xiphorhynchus picus</i>	1
<i>Xiphorhynchus guttatus</i>	1
<i>Lepidocolaptes angustirostris</i>	1
<i>Campylorhamphus trochilirostris</i>	1

FURNARIIDAE

<i>Schoeniophylax phryganophila</i>	1
<i>Furnarius leucopus</i>	2
<i>Furnarius rufus</i>	2
<i>Synallaxis frontalis</i>	1
<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>	1
<i>Synallaxis hypospodia</i>	1
<i>Synallaxis albilora</i>	1
<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomea</i>	1
<i>Cranioleuca vulpina</i>	1
<i>Phacellodomus rufifrons</i>	1
<i>Phacellodomus ruber</i>	2
<i>Pseudoseisura unirufa</i>	2
<i>Xenops rutilans</i>	1

THAMNOPHILIDAE

<i>Taraba major</i>	1
<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>	2
<i>Thamnophilus torquatus</i>	1
<i>Thamnophilus pelzelni</i>	1
<i>Herpsilochmus longirostris</i>	1
<i>Formicivora rufa</i>	1
<i>Pyriglena leuconota</i>	1
<i>Cercomacra melanaria</i>	1
<i>Hypocnemis ochrogyna</i>	1

Band-tailed Antbird	2	P		1	<i>Hypocnemoides maculicauda</i>	
Black-throated Antbird	1		A	1	<i>Myrmeciza atrothorax</i>	
MANAKINS					PIPRIDAE	
Helmeted Manakin	1	P		1	<i>Antilophia galatea</i>	
Band-tailed Manakin	1		C	1	<i>Pipra fasciicauda</i>	
Fiery-capped Manakin	1		C	1	<i>Machaeropterus pyrocephalus</i>	
PIPITS					MOTACILLIDAE	
Yellowish Pipit	2	P		1	<i>Anthus lutescens</i>	
BECARDS					TITYRIDAE	
Black-tailed Tityra	1	P		1	<i>Tityra cayana</i>	
Masked Tityra	1		A	1	<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>	
Black-crowned Tityra	1	P		1	<i>Tityra inquisitor</i>	
Green-backed Becard	- 1h	P		1	<i>Pachyramphus viridis</i>	
White-winged Becard	1	P		1	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>	
Crested Becard	1		A	1	<i>Pachyramphus validus</i>	
FLYCATCHERS					TYRANNIDAE	
Planalto Tyrannulet	1			C	1	<i>Phyllomyias fasciatus</i>
Forest Elaenia	1 1h	P		1	<i>Myiopagis gaimardii</i>	
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	- 1h	P		1	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	
White-crested Elaenia	1	P		1	<i>Elaenia albiceps</i>	
Plain-crested Elaenia	1		C	1	<i>Elaenia cristata</i>	
Lesser Elaenia	1		C	1	<i>Elaenia chiriquensis</i>	
Suiriri Flycatcher	1		C	1	<i>Suiriri suiriri</i>	
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet	1	P		1	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>	
Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet	1	P		1	<i>Phaeomyias murina</i>	
Sepia-capped Flycatcher	1	P		1	<i>Leptopogon amaurocephalus</i>	
Plain Tyrannulet	1	P		1	<i>Inezia inornata</i>	
Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant	1 2h	P		C	1	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>
Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher	2 1h	P	A	1	<i>Poecilatriccus latirostre</i>	
Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant	1		A	1	<i>Myiornis caudatus</i>	
Common Tody-Flycatcher	1	P		1	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>	
Cliff Flycatcher	1			C	1	<i>Hirundinea ferruginea</i>
Fuscous Flycatcher	1	P		1	<i>Cnemotriccus fuscatus</i>	
Yellow-olive Flycatcher	- 1h		A	1	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>	
Yellow-breasted Flycatcher	- 1h	P		1	<i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>	
Vermilion Flycatcher	4	P		1	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	
Grey Monjita	3		A	C	1	<i>Xolmis cinerea</i>
White-rumped Monjita	1	P		1	<i>Xolmis velata</i>	
Black-backed Water-Tyrant	2	P		1	<i>Fluvicola albiventer</i>	
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant	2	P		1	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>	
Cattle Tyrant	6	P	>A	2	<i>Machetornis rixosus</i>	
Piratic Flycatcher	1		A	1	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>	
Rusty-margined Flycatcher	6	P	A	2	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>	
Lesser Kiskadee	3	P		1	<i>Philohydor lictor</i>	
Great Kiskadee	7	P	A	C	2	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>
Boat-billed Flycatcher	4	P	A	C	1	<i>Megarhynchus pitangua</i>
Streaked Flycatcher	3	P	A		1	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>
Variegated Flycatcher	3	P	A		1	<i>Empidonomus varius</i>
Tropical Kingbird	7	P	A	C	3	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	3	P		C	1	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>
Rufous Casiornis	2	P		1	<i>Casiornis rufa</i>	
Swainson's Flycatcher	2	P		1	<i>Myiarchus swainsoni</i>	
Short-crested Flycatcher	5	P		2	<i>Myiarchus ferox</i>	
Bright-rumped Attila	- 1h		A	1	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>	
WOOD WARBLERS					PARULIDAE	
Flavescent Warbler	1			C	1	<i>Basileuterus flaveolus</i>

VIREOS

Rufous-browed Peppershrike	2 3h	P	A	C	1
Ashy-headed Greenlet	1 1h	P			1

SWALLOWS

White-winged Swallow	3	P			1
Grey-breasted Martin	7	P	A	C	3
Brown-chested Martin	7	P	A		1
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	2	P			2

WRENS

Black-capped Donacobius	4	P			2
Thrush-like Wren	4	P			1
Moustached Wren	1 2h	P	A	C	1
Buff-breasted Wren	1 1h	P			1
House Wren	1			C	1

THRUSHES

Rufous-bellied Thrush	8	P		C	2
Pale-breasted Thrush	2			C	1
Creamy-bellied Thrush	2	P			1

MOCKINGBIRDS

Chalk-browed Mockingbird	9	P	A	C	2
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ICTERIDS

Crested Oropendola	6	P			2
Solitary Black Cacique	4	P			1
Yellow-rumped Cacique	6	P	A	C	2
Chopi Blackbird	8	P	A	C	2
Shiny Cowbird	4	P			3
Giant Cowbird	5	P	A		1
Unicolored Blackbird	6	P			2
Bay-winged Cowbird	6	P			3
Scarlet-headed Blackbird	1	P			1
Epaulet Oriole	6	P			1
Orange-backed Troupial	6	P	A		2

SPARROWS

House Sparrow	4	P			2
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GNATCATCHERS

Masked Gnatcatcher	2 2h	P	A		1
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JAYS

Purplish Jay	7	P	A		2
Curl-crested Jay	1			C	1

EMBERIZIDS

Black-faced Tanager	1			C	1
White-banded Tanager	1			C	1
White-rumped Tanager	1			C	1
Magpie Tanager	1		A		1
Hooded Tanager	1	P			1
Grey-headed Tanager	1	P			1
Silver-beaked Tanager	6	P	A	C	2
Sayaca Tanager	5	P		C	2
Palm Tanager	1		A		2
White-shouldered Tanager	1		A		1
Swallow Tanager	2			C	1
Red-crested Cardinal	4	P			3
Yellow-billed Cardinal	6	P			3
Bananaquit	2		A	C	1
Greyish Saltator	6	P			2
Green-winged Saltator	1			C	1

VIREONIDAE

Cyclarhis gujanensis

Hylophilus pectoralis

HIRUNDINIDAE

Tachycineta albiventer

Progne chalybea

Progne tapera

Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

TROGLODYTIDAE

Donacobius atricapillus

Campylorhynchus turdinus

Thryothorus genibarbis

Thryothorus leucotis

Troglodytes musculus

TURDIDAE

Turdus rufiventris

Turdus leucomelas

Turdus amaurochalinus

MIMIDAE

Mimus saturninus

ICTERIDAE

Psarocolius decumanus

Procacius solitarius

Cacicus cela

Gnorimopsar chopi

Molothrus bonariensis

Molothrus oryzivora

Agelasticus cyanopus

Agelaioides badius

Amblyramphus holosericeus

Icterus cayanensis

Icterus croconotus

PASSERIDAE

Passer domesticus

POLIOPTILIDAE

Polioptila dumicola

CORVIDAE

Cyanocorax cyanomelas

Cyanocorax cristatellus

EMBERIZIDAE

Schistochlamys melanopis

Neothraupis fasciata

Cypsnagra hirundinacea

Cissopis leverianus

Nemosia pileata

Eucometis penicillata

Ramphocelus carbo

Thraupis sayaca

Thraupis palmarum

Tachyphonus luctuosus

Tersina viridis

Paroaria coronata

Paroaria capitata

Coereba flaveola

Saltator coerulescens

Saltator similis

Black-throated Saltator	1		C	1	<i>Saltator atricollis</i>
Purple-throated Euphonia	1 2h	P		1	<i>Euphonia chlorotica</i>
Saffron Finch	5	P		3	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>
Plumbeous Seedeater	1		C	2	<i>Sporophila plumbea</i>
Rusty-collared Seedeater	4	P		1	<i>Sporophila collaris</i>
Lined Seedeater	1	P		2	<i>Sporophila lineola</i>
Double-collared Seedeater	1	P		2	<i>Sporophila caeruleascens</i>
Lesser Seed-Finch	1		C	1	<i>Oryzoborus angolensis</i>
Blue-black Grassquit	2		C	1	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>
Grassland Sparrow	3 1h	P	C	1	<i>Ammodramus humeralis</i>
Red-crested Finch	3	P	C	2	<i>Coryphospingus cucullatus</i>
Saffron-billed Sparrow	1		C	1	<i>Arremon flavirostris</i>

MAMMALS

Jaguar	1	P		1	<i>Panthera onca</i>
Silvery Marmoset	2	P	A	1	<i>Callithrix argentata</i>
Masked Titi Monkey	1	P		1	<i>Callicebus personatus</i>
Black Howler Monkey	4	P		1	<i>Alouatta caraya</i>
Brown Capuchin	4	P	C	2	<i>Cebus apella</i>
Guianan Squirrel	3	P	C	1	<i>Sciurus aestuans</i>
Capybara	6	P		3	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>
Azara's Agouti	5	P		1	<i>Dasyprocta azarae</i>
Crab-eating Fox	2	P		1	<i>Cerdocyon thous</i>
Marsh Deer	2	P		1	<i>Blastocercus dichotomous</i>
Red Brocket Deer	2	P		1	<i>Mazama americana</i>
Brazilian Tapir	1	P		1	<i>Tapirus terrestris</i>
Giant Otter	1	P		2	<i>Pteronura brasiliensis</i>
South American Coati	3	P		1	<i>Nasua nasua</i>
Collared Peccary	1		A	1	<i>Pecari tajacu</i>

REPTILES

Paraguayan Caiman	4	P		3	<i>Caiman crocodilus</i>
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This list represents those birds and other animals seen by party members of this tour.



Scarlet-headed Blackbird



Harpy Eagle



Sunbittern



Rufescent Tiger-Heron



Green Ibis



Buff-necked Ibis



Great Horned Owl



Great Potoo



Helmeted Manakin



Toco Toucan



Whistling Heron



Greater Rhea



Black-capped Donacobius



Rufous-tailed Jacamar



Guira Cuckoo



Monk Parakeets



Grey-headed Wood-Rail



Bare-faced Curassow



Ringed Kingfisher



Yellow-billed Cardinal



Jaguar



Jaguar



Jaguar



Black Howler Monkey



Capybara



Marsh Deer



Giant Otter



Paraguayan Caiman

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