

RAINFOREST & SAVANNA: ALTA FLORESTA & THE N. PANTANAL

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Our tour got off to a great start with a visit to Chapada dos Guimaraes, where late-afternoon light perfectly illuminated the massive red-rock cliffs capped with cerrado woodland and scrub. One of the first birds we saw as a group, next morning, was a singing Pheasant Cuckoo, always a crowd-and-guide-pleaser. Many birds in these habitats were quite different from those encountered in rainforests around Alta Floresta and later, in the Pantanal. Highlights included excellent views of Curl-crested Jays, a rowdy group of White Woodpeckers, a surprised Rufous Nightjar during the day, very close Rusty-backed Antwrens and Rufous-winged Antshrikes, a close encounter with Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper, both species of suiriri flycatchers for convenient comparison, and a handsome male Coal-crested Finch. We also had fine views of a Spot-backed Puffbird, the first of a Field Guides record-breaking 13 species of puffbirds we would record on the trip (Collared being heard only, darn it!!) Conditions were drier than usual, so there was little song and no response at all from regulars like Collared Crescentchest, and no flowers for hummers.



Two Brown Jacamars seen nicely from one of our boat trips along the Cristalino (Photo by guide Bret Whitney)

The Harpy Eagle nest near the hotel in Alta Floresta was inactive or just starting to show sign of the birds' presence. On the way to the Cristalino Jungle Lodge, all four of the regular specialties of Mauritia palm groves performed beautifully for us in short order: Red-bellied Macaw, Fork-tailed Palm-Swift, Point-tailed Palmcreeper, and Sulphury Flycatcher. Our six days on the Cristalino was a fabulous birding time, highlighted by dawn ascents of the two high canopy towers. On our first morning, atop the newly opened tower across the Cristalino from the lodge, we called in a singing Dotted Tanager -- one of the most difficult Tangara tanagers to come by anywhere -- documenting a new species for the area list. Activity was generally excellent and we enjoyed eye-level (or below!) views of dozens of birds up there. Special mention must go to Curl-crested Aracaris and Black-girdled Barbets, oh, and Kawall's Parrots, which put in much-appreciated appearances. A weakly active army ant swarm on the ground nearby provided our only encounter with raiding ants and, by extension, several species of ant-following birds, particularly Bare-eyed Antbird, although Black-banded and Uniform woodcreepers showed well. Generally dry conditions were relieved by one brief rain during our visit, but the dearth of flowers in the forest was remarkable (virtually no hermits!) and even the rocky serras were more starkly desiccated than normal. One really fine bird that responded well to our recording was a Cryptic Forest-Falcon, after Marcelo knocked on its door! Boat excursions along the Cristalino were always fun, and sightings of large macaws, Brazilian Tapir (so close!), Razor-billed Curassow, Sunbitterns, Brown Jacamars, and a large, dead Anaconda were especially memorable; one evening we convinced a pair of Long-tailed Potoos to drift overhead against the starry sky above the river. The rhythm of days on the Cristalino was so enjoyable, it was hard to pack up for the trip to the Pantanal... but we sure were happy when we got there!

For the fourth year in a row now, we have managed to arrive at the Pantanal just as a southern cold front is on the way out. This makes for absolutely perfect birding conditions: temperatures are a good 10 degrees lower than usual and the birds and animals are out in abundance as the sunshine returns over the course of a couple of days. It was perfect! The open landscapes of the Pantanal make birding so much easier than the tall, often dark interior of the rainforest, and EVERYTHING is different, from the bugs and plants to the birds and mammals! Amazing creatures like Hyacinth Macaws, Jabirus, Nacunda Nighthawks, masses of ibises, herons, storks, woodpeckers, ovenbirds, finches, and blackbirds, were seen every day, if not quite every hour of every day! AND WE SAW A JAGUAR!! The massive beast slipped away just before we got the boats stopped to watch for it but, most fortunately for us and a couple of other groups of tourists waiting nearby, he (gender verified from behind) eased back into view an hour later, then settled down for a rest on the riverbank as a thousand shutter-clicks sounded from all sides. He was completely at ease, not at all concerned with our presence (we

watched from about 50 yards away), but ambled off to another spot along the water after about a half-hour. We were all just giggling with delight, it was a wonderful experience. It was also really cool to see Giant Otters that morning, and the cross-river flight of Blue-throated Piping-Guans was pretty spectacular -- but the Jag reigned supreme. Little-bitty birds were big in our Pantanal smiles, too, especially Subtropical Doarditos and a fine male Bearded Tachuri. Right toward the end of the trip we had fantastic looks at a rich-buff Collared Forest-Falcon, and we finally picked up our first Maguari Stork (none to be found along the too-dry Transpantaneira!) as we headed back to Cuiaba.

We had a really fun time birding together as a group, and shared many fine experiences along the way, through our three highly varied tour venues. It's hard to beat the combo of Alta Floresta and the Pantanal for a two-week birding tour in Brazil! Thanks so much to all of you for coming with us. Marcelo and I look forward to seeing you for more of Brazil soon!

Grandes abraços para todos voces -- Bretche

We have more information about this itinerary and future departures on our web page for [Rainforest & Savanna: Alta Floresta & the Northern Pantanal](#).

KEYS FOR THIS LIST

One of the following keys may be shown in brackets for individual species as appropriate: * = heard only, I = introduced, E = endemic, N = nesting, a = austral migrant, b = boreal migrant

BIRDS

Rheidae (Rheas)

GREATER RHEA (*Rhea americana*) – M

Tinamidae (Tinamous)

UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*) – One was seen very nicely in the Pantanal!

BRAZILIAN TINAMOU (*Crypturellus strigulosus*) – Super-quiet this dry trip -- we heard it only once! [*]

VARIEGATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus variegatus*) [*]

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

Anhimidae (Screamers)

SOUTHERN SCREAMER (*Chauna torquata*)

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

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

MUSCOVY DUCK (*Cairina moschata*)

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

CHACO CHACHALACA (*Ortalis canicollis*) – Almost toooo many.

SPECKLED CHACHALACA (*Ortalis guttata*) [*]

SPIX'S GUAN (*Penelope jacquacu*) – Several good sightings this trip.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED GUAN (*Penelope ochrogaster*) – Ditto that remark, more seen than usual.

BLUE-THROATED PIPING-GUAN (*Pipile cumanensis*) – All or almost all of the birds in the Pantanal are hybrids between Blue-throated (some in the Pantanal) and Red-throated (which we saw lots of on the Cristalino), which is why they're all sometimes lumped as Common Piping-Guan.

RED-THROATED PIPING-GUAN (*Pipile cufubi*)

RAZOR-BILLED CURASSOW (*Mitu tuberosum*) – A couple of fine encounters with these regal birds.

BARE-FACED CURASSOW (*Crax fasciolata*) – A trio was seen frequently around the Cristalino Jungle Lodge, and there were lots in the Pantanal.

Ciconiidae (Storks)

MAGUARI STORK (*Ciconia maguari*)

JABIRU (*Jabiru mycteria*) – Pairs on nests against bright-blue skies are strong memories of the Pantanal.

WOOD STORK (*Mycteria americana*)

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Anhingidae (Anhingas)

ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*)

Ardeidae (Heron, Egrets, and Bitterns)

ZIGZAG HERON (*Zebraulus undulatus*) – Great luck (and Sebastiao!) was with dona Judy and dona Barbara on their solo afternoon boat excursion, when they saw a Zigzag and probably an Agami right along the main river course -- really neat!

LEAST BITTERN (*Ixobrychus exilis*)

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*)

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)

AGAMI HERON (*Agamia agami*)

WHISTLING HERON (*Syrigma sibilatrix*)

CAPPED HERON (*Pilherodius pileatus*)

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

BOAT-BILLED HERON (*Cochlearius cochlearius*)

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

GREEN IBIS (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*) – Wow, some of them actually looked very GREEN in ideal light!

BARE-FACED IBIS (*Phimosus infuscatus*)

PLUMBEOUS IBIS (*Theristicus caerulescens*)

BUFF-NECKED IBIS (*Theristicus caudatus*)

ROSEATE SPOONBILL (*Platalea ajaja*)

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

LESSER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes burrovianus*)

GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes melambrotus*)

KING VULTURE (*Sarcorampus papa*) – Several sightings

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*) – Mike spotted a couple of real high-soarers at Alta Floresta; we saw only one other on the trip.

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) – Massive numbers in the Pantanal this year.

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*)

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*)

BLACK-COLLARED HAWK (*Busarellus nigricollis*)

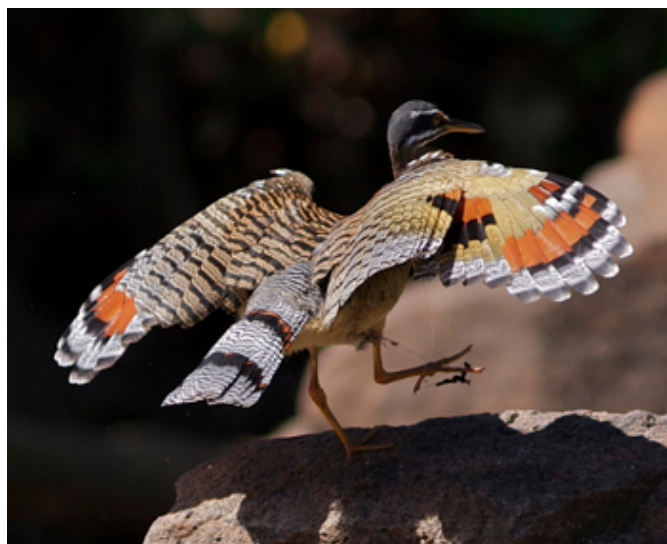
TINY HAWK (*Accipiter superciliosus*) – One adult from the new tower stayed for scope views, but it was a long ways off.

CRANE HAWK (BANDED) (*Geranospiza caerulescens gracilis*)

GREAT BLACK-HAWK (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)

SAVANNA HAWK (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris*)



Sunbittern along the Cristalino (Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)

GRAY HAWK (*Buteo nitidus*)

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus*)

WHITE-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo albicaudatus*)

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

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

CRYPTIC FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur mintoni*) – It was great to see this one, even watched it in the scope for a couple of minutes.

COLLARED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur semitorquatus*)

BLACK CARACARA (*Daptrius ater*)

RED-THROATED CARACARA (*Ibycter americanus*)

SOUTHERN CARACARA (*Caracara plancus*)

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)

LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)

AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*)

APLOMADO FALCON (*Falco femoralis*)

BAT FALCON (*Falco rufigularis*) – One eating a foliage-gleaner type bird (possibly a Chestnut-winged Hookbill) was fun to watch.

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

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

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

RUSSET-CROWNED CRAKE (*Anurolimnas viridis*) [*]

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

PURPLE GALLINULE (*Porphyrio martinica*)

Eurypygidae (Sunbittern)

SUNBITTERN (*Eurypyga helias*)

Aramidae (Limpkin)

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna*)

Cariamidae (Seriemas)

RED-LEGGED SERIEMA (*Cariama cristata*)

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

PIED LAPWING (*Vanellus cayanus*)

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*)

COLLARED PLOVER (*Charadrius collaris*)

Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)

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

Jacanidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

YELLOW-BILLED TERN (*Sternula superciliaris*)

LARGE-BILLED TERN (*Phaetusa simplex*)

BLACK SKIMMER (*Rynchops niger*)

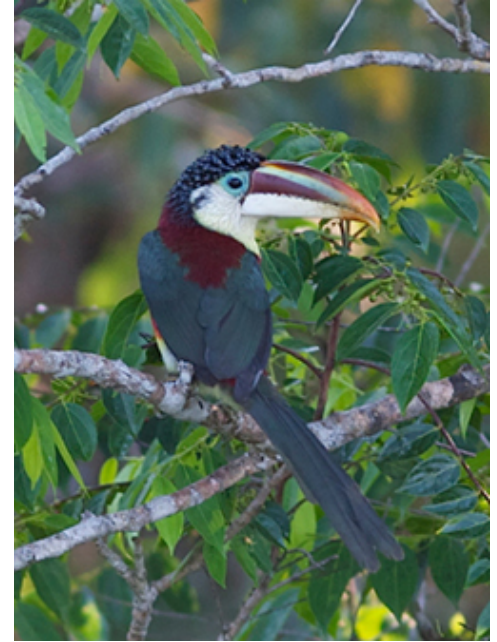
Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

PICAZURO PIGEON (*Patagioenas picazuro*)

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*)



A Curl-crested Aracari seen well from one of the canopy towers (Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)

RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)

EARED DOVE (*Zenaida auriculata*)

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)



A Jabiru on a nest at sunset in the Pantanal (Photo by guide Bret Whitney)

SCALED DOVE (*Columbina squammata*)

PICUI GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina picui*)

BLUE GROUND-DOVE (*Claravis pretiosa*)

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

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

GRAY-FRONTED DOVE (*Leptotila rufaxilla*)

Psittacidae (Parrots)

CRIMSON-BELLIED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura perlata*) – Quite a few good sightings this year.

PAINTED PARAKEET (PAINTED) (*Pyrrhura picta microtera*) – Many fewer around than usual.

MONK PARAKEET (*Myiopsitta monachus*) – Massive stick nests, often built beneath Jabiru nests, were amazing structures.

BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET (*Aratinga acuticaudata*)

WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (*Aratinga leucophthalma*)

PEACH-FRONTED PARAKEET (*Aratinga aurea*)

HYACINTH MACAW (*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*) – What a thrill to see these magnificent birds, whether perched or in flight. It is simply one of the world's great birds.

CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW (*Ara severus*)

RED-AND-GREEN MACAW (*Ara chloropterus*) – Good numbers of all macaws this year, though Blue-and-yellows were scarcer than usual.

SCARLET MACAW (*Ara macao*)

BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW (*Ara ararauna*)

RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilata*)

BLUE-WINGED MACAW (*Primolius maracana*) [*****]

YELLOW-COLLARED MACAW (*Primolius auricollis*)

RED-SHOULDERED MACAW (*Diopsittaca nobilis*)

DUSKY-BILLED PARROTLET (*Forpus modestus*)

YELLOW-CHEVRONED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris chiriri*)

GOLDEN-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris chrysoptera*)

WHITE-BELLIED PARROT (*Pionites leucogaster*) – Three that came into the trees very close around the tower one were in such strong morning light that it bothered my eyes to look straight at them with binoculars!

ORANGE-CHEEKED PARROT (*Pyrilia barrabandi*)

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)

SCALY-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus maximiliani*) – Distinctive, eye-ringed subspecies *P. m. siy*. When someone gets around to looking at the molecules of this group, this one is sure to be split as a species.

BLUE-FRONTED PARROT (*Amazona aestiva*)

KAWALL'S PARROT (*Amazona kawalli*)

ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (*Amazona amazonica*)

MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*)

YELLOW-CROWNED PARROT (*Amazona ochrocephala*)

RED-FAN PARROT (*Derophtus accipitrinus*)

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

LITTLE CUCKOO (*Coccyzua minuta*)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

BLACK-BELLIED CUCKOO (*Piaya melanogaster*) – A couple of nice sightings of this attractive bird.

GUIRA CUCKOO (*Guira guira*) – Lots of these gangsters, mainly in the Pantanal.

STRIPED CUCKOO (*Tapera naevia*)

PHEASANT CUCKOO (*Dromococcyx phasianellus*) – Yip Yip Yip! always great to see this one well.

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*)

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

Strigidae (Owls)

TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops choliba*) – A nice view of one in the Pantanal.

TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL (AUSTRAL)

(*Megascops watsonii usta*) [*]

CRESTED OWL (*Lophotrix cristata*) [*]

SPECTACLED OWL (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*)

GREAT HORNED OWL (*Bubo virginianus*) – An adult on its nest, for the second year in a row.

AMAZONIAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium hardyi*) – A grteat spot by Marianne led to good scope studies for all of us.

FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) – Once again, it was dona Marianna that first picked up a singing Ferruginous P-O for us. No, not Post Office.

BURROWING OWL (*Athene cunicularia*)

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

SHORT-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Lurocalis semitorquatus*)

NACUNDA NIGHTHAWK (*Podager nacunda*) – Hundreds in the Pantanal, always exciting to see.

COMMON PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) – Several seen, including one strongly rufous individual.

RUFOUS NIGHTJAR (*Caprimulgus rufus*) – Excellent scope studies of a male flushed from its day roost in dry woodland; not an "expected" species on this tour.

BLACKISH NIGHTJAR (*Caprimulgus nigrescens*)

LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*) – It was especially neat to find a nest on an island in the Teles Pires.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*) – A couple of nice sightings, especially the one spotted sitting overhead by dona Carol!

LONG-TAILED POTOO (*Nyctibius aethereus*) – Thanks to Jorge, who had their adress ;)

COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*)

Apodidae (Swifts)



Our group birding atop the Serra trail (Photo by guide Bret Whitney)

AMAZONIAN SWIFT (*Chaetura viridipennis*)
SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura*)
GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)
PALE-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura egregia*)
LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT (*Panyptila cayennensis*)
FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT (*Tachornis squamata*) –
 Muchos, including some going into nests in *Mauritia* palms (of course!).

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*)
LONG-TAILED HERMIT (*Phaethornis superciliosus*)
BUFF-BELLIED HERMIT (*Phaethornis subochraceus*)
 – A couple of nice views of this rather scarce hermit, in the Pantanal.
BLACK-EARED FAIRY (*Heliothryx auritus*)
WHITE-TAILED GOLDENTHROAT (*Polytmus guainumbi*)
BLACK-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)
FRILLED COQUETTE (*Lophornis magnificus*) – Two seen well near Chapada, where seldom reported.
LONG-BILLED STARTHROAT (*Helimaster longirostris*)
AMETHYST WOODSTAR (*Calliphlox amethystina*) –
 This little gem was seen well a couple of times.
GRAY-BREASTED SABREWING (*Campylopterus largipennis*)
SWALLOW-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Eupetomena macroura*)
FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)
VERSCOLORED EMERALD (*Amazilia versicolor*)
GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD (*Amazilia fimbriata*)
RUFIOUS-THROATED SAPPHIRE (*Hylocharis sapphirina*)
WHITE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE (*Hylocharis cyanus*)
GILDED HUMMINGBIRD (*Hylocharis chrysura*)



Cooi Heron (Photo by guide Bret Whitney)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*)
GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*)
AMAZONIAN TROGON (*Trogon ramonianus*)
BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*) – An especially fine views of this beautiful trogon on the rocky serra.
BLACK-THROATED TROGON (*Trogon rufus*)
COLLARED TROGON (*Trogon collaris*) [*]

Momotidae (Motmots)

AMAZONIAN MOTMOT (*Momotus momota*)
RUFIOUS MOTMOT (*Baryphthengus martii*) [*]

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*)
AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*)
GREEN KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle americana*)

GREEN-AND-RUFOUS KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle inda*) – Excellent, close views of a male that responded well to our recording.

AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle aenea*) – Martin made an excellent spot for our first view, at Piuval, and another came in nicely to recordings a few days later.

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

WHITE-NECKED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus hyperrhynchus*)

BROWN-BANDED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus ordii*) – Yes! A rather distant pair sat still (as puffbirds do so well!) for prolonged scope viewing.

PIED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus tectus*) – Whew, barely got this one (usually among the easier puffbirds on this trip) -- just one sighting.

SPOTTED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco tamatia*) – Wonderful studies atop the serra.

COLLARED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco capensis*) [*]

STRIOLATED PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus striolatus torridus*)

WHITE-EARED PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus chacuru*) – This and the next species came early in the trip, in cerrados around Chapada.

SPOT-BACKED PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus maculatus*)

RUFOUS-NECKED PUFFBIRD (*Malacoptila rufa*) – It took some perseverance, but we finally dug one up for good scope views.

RUFOUS-CAPPED NUNLET (*Nonnula ruficapilla*) – Also seen super-well this trip.

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*)

WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa morphoeus*)

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

BROWN JACAMAR (*Brachygalba lugubris melanosterna*) – Right where they were supposed to be!

BLUE-CHEEKED JACAMAR (*Galbula cyanicollis*) – A couple of fine sightings of this understory beauty.

RUFOUS-TAILED JACAMAR (*Galbula ruficauda*)

BRONZY JACAMAR (*Galbula leucogastra*) – With some effort -- success in pulling one up to bare branches along the river.

PARADISE JACAMAR (*Galbula dea*) – Several good sightings.

GREAT JACAMAR (*Jacamerops aureus*)

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

BLACK-GIRDLED BARBET (*Capito dayi*) – Dona Lynn first spotted a pair from atop the new tower, and they eventually provided very nice views.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

LETTERED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus incriptus*)

BLACK-NECKED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus aracari*)

CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus castanotis*)

CURL-CRESTED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus beauharnaesii*) – Fabulous birds!

RED-NECKED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus bitorquatus*) – Also seen really well, though fewer than normal.

GOULD'S TOUCANET (*Selenidera gouldii*) – One good view of a pair.

TOCO TOUCAN (*Ramphastos toco*) – Muchos of these big honkers in the Pantanal.

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*)

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus*)

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

BAR-BREASTED PICULET (*Picumnus aurifrons*) – A family of three provided good views near the end of our stay on the Cristalino.

WHITE-WEDGED PICULET (*Picumnus albosquamatus*) – Several times; a handsomely patterned little bird.

WHITE WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes candidus*)

YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)

LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus*)

RED-STAINED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis affinis*)

YELLOW-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus flavigula*) – It's kinda hard to spend nearly a week on the Cristalino without seeing a Yellow-throated Woodpecker, but we managed to do it this trip :) [*]

GOLDEN-GREEN WOODPECKER (*Piculus chrysocloros*)

GREEN-BARRED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes melanochloros*)

CAMPO FLICKER (*Colaptes campestris*)

CHESTNUT WOODPECKER (*Celeus elegans*)

PALE-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Celeus lugubris*)

CREAM-COLORED WOODPECKER (*Celeus flavus*)

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

RED-NECKED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus rubricollis*) – Properly impressive woodpecker, this one.

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

SHORT-BILLED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus rufigularis*) – One nice view; leaftossers were silent this time around.

PALE-LEGGED HORNERO (*Furnarius leucopus*)

RUFIOUS HORNERO (*Furnarius rufus*)

CHOTOY SPINETAIL (*Schoeniophylax phryganophilus*) – An impressive, duetting performance from these unusual spinetails.

CINEREOUS-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis hypospodia*)

CHESTNUT-THROATED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis cherriei*) – Darn, just couldn't get it to move to a viewable spot despite it being very close for nearly five minutes. [*]

WHITE-LORED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albilora*) – Unusually easy this time around, with multiple good views through the Pantanal.

RUSTY-BACKED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca vulpina*)

SPECKLED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca gutturata*) – One seen nicely, with patience, on the Cristalino.

YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL (*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*)

RUFIOUS-FRONTED THORNBIRD (*Phacellodomus rufifrons*) [*]

GREATER THORNBIRD (*Phacellodomus ruber*)

RUFIOUS CACHOLOTE (*Pseudoseisura unirufa*) – Entertaining views of these big guys several times.

POINT-TAILED PALMCREEPER (*Berlepschia rikeri*)

CHESTNUT-WINGED HOOBILL (*Ancistrops strigilatus*) – We heard just one, and may have seen the remains of another in the sharp little talons of a Bat Falcon. [*]

RUFIOUS-TAILED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor ruficaudatus*) – One good sighting; among the harder foliage-gleaners to produce on the Cristalino.

RUFIOUS-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor erythrocerum*)

CINNAMON-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor pyrrhodes*) – Close, once, but no appearance. [*]

DUSKY-CHEEKED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Anabazenops dorsalis*) – Views of this one ranged from great to poor, but it stuck around for a few minutes and almost everyone had an identifiable view.

BUFF-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus ochrolaemus*) – A nice view; often heard only.

CHESTNUT-CROWNED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus rufipileatus*) – Ditto that remark!

SHARP-TAILED STREAMCREEPER (*Lochmias nematura*) – Up close at Chapada, allowing almost everyone to see it very well, but it didn't stay more than about 30 seconds...

PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*)

STREAKED XENOPS (*Xenops rutilans*)

SPOT-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Certhiasomus stictolaemus*) – One good view of this elusive understory woodcreeper.

PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)

WHITE-CHINNED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla merula*) – A couple around the one ant swarm we located this trip

were "all she wrote".

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)

LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Nasica longirostris*) [*]

CINNAMON-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrexetastes rufigula*) – A pair seen well at Alta Floresta.

RED-BILLED WOODCREEPER (UNIFORM) (*Hylexetastes perrotii uniformis*) – One at the ant swarm was seen briefly but well; a likely "re-split" as Uniform Woodcreeper from Guianan Red-billed.

STRONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*) [*]

GREAT RUFOUS WOODCREEPER (*Xiphocolaptes major*) – Superb views a couple of times in the Pantanal.

AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes certhia concolor*) [*]

BLACK-BANDED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*) – Another scarce (especially on the Cristalino) woodcreeper seen well at the ant swarm.

PLANALTO WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes platyrostris*)

STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex picus*)

STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*)

ELEGANT WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus elegans*) – Only south/west of the Teles Pires.

SPIX'S WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus spixii*) – Replaces Elegant across the Tapajos/Teles Pires.

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*) [*]

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (DUSKY-BILLED) (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus eytoni*) – A couple of nice sightings; likely to be re-split (from Buff-throated) in the future.

NARROW-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*)

LINEATED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*)

RED-BILLED SCYTHERBILL (*Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*) – Incredibly close studies of this fine bird, in the Pantanal.

CURVE-BILLED SCYTHERBILL (*Campylorhamphus procurviroides multistriatus*) – Also seen very nicely a couple of times on the Cristalino.

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*)

GREAT ANTSHRIKE (*Taraba major*)

GLOSSY ANTSHRIKE (*Sakesphorus luctuosus*) – An impressive pair of antshrikes, crests way up!

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)

RUFOUS-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus torquatus*)

CHESTNUT-BACKED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus palliatus*) – We finally got one into good view, a beauty!

PLAIN-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*)

NATTERER'S SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus stictocephalus*) – Good, tail-jiggling views atop the serra.

PLANALTO SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus pelzelni*)

WHITE-SHOULDERED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus aethiops*)

AMAZONIAN ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus amazonicus*)

PLAIN ANTVIREO (*Dysithamnus mentalis*)

SATURNINE ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes saturninus*) [*]

CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes caesius*)

SPOT-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Pygiptila stellaris*)

WHITE-EYED ANTWREN (*Epinecrophyllos leucophthalma*)

ORNATE ANTWREN (*Epinecrophyllos ornata*)

PYGMY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula brachyura*)

SCLATER'S ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula sclateri*) – This little canopy antwren is always tough to see well, but most got on it at least for a few seconds. I'll try to make it up to you on some future Amazonian foray, Don!

AMAZONIAN STREAKED-ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula multistriata*)

PLAIN-THROATED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula huxwelli*)

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*) [*]
LONG-WINGED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula longipennis*) [*]
GRAY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*)
BANDED ANTIBIRD (*Dichrozona cincta*) [*]
LARGE-BILLED ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus longirostris*)
RUFIOUS-WINGED ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*)
DOT-WINGED ANTWREN (*Microrhopias quixensis emiliae*)
WHITE-FRINGED ANTWREN (*Formicivora grisea*)
BLACK-BELLIED ANTWREN (*Formicivora melanogaster*)
RUSTY-BACKED ANTWREN (*Formicivora rufa*)
STRIATED ANTIBIRD (*Drymophila devillei*)
GRAY ANTIBIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*)
BLACKISH ANTIBIRD (*Cercomacra nigrescens*)
MATO GROSSO ANTIBIRD (*Cercomacra melanaria*) – A couple of fantastic views of this specialty.
MANU ANTIBIRD (*Cercomacra manu*) – Tricky, but most got it.
WHITE-BACKED FIRE-EYE (*Pyriglena leuconota*)
WHITE-BROWED ANTIBIRD (*Myrmoborus leucophrys*)
BLACK-FACED ANTIBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus ochrolaema*)
SPIX'S WARBLING-ANTIBIRD (*Hypocnemis striata*) – Recently split, a member of the widespread Warbling Antbird complex.
BAND-TAILED ANTIBIRD (*Hypocnemoides maculicauda*)
SILVERED ANTIBIRD (*Sclateria naevia argentata*)
RUFIOUS-FACED ANTIBIRD (*Schistocichla rufifacies*) – Dona Carol saw them best!
CHESTNUT-TAILED ANTIBIRD (*Myrmeciza hemimelaena pallens*) – A good view in Alta Floresta.
BLACK-THROATED ANTIBIRD (*Myrmeciza atrothorax*) [*]
BARE-EYED ANTIBIRD (*Rhegmatorhina gymnops*)
SPOT-BACKED ANTIBIRD (*Hylophylax naevius*) [*]
DOT-BACKED ANTIBIRD (*Hylophylax punctulatus*) – Good views of this great little antbird -- but it took some convincing to get him to show well.
SCALE-BACKED ANTIBIRD (GRISEIVENTRIS) (*Willisornis poecilinotus nigrigula*) – The taxonomy of the Scale-backed Antbird complex is in flux: the name of the bird we saw will be Xingu Scale-backed Antbird, *W. vidua*, subspecies *nigrigula* (split from widespread Common Scale-backed Antbird, *W. poecilinotus* with its several subspecies)
Grallariidae (Antpittas)
SPOTTED ANTPITTA (*Hylopezus macularius*) – We had one singing consistently at fairly close range, but only Bret and Sam managed to spot it before it slipped away...
THRUSH-LIKE ANTPITTA (*Myrmothera campanisona*) [*]
Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)
CHESTNUT-BELTED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga aurita snethlageae*) – One really fine view of a male. *C. a. snethlageae* is likely to be split from one or more members of the Chestnut-belted complex.
Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)
WHITE-LORED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion inerme*) [*]
SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)
SUIRIRI FLYCATCHER (*Suiriri suiriri affinis*) – Great comparative studies of this and the next species around Chapada.
CHAPADA FLYCATCHER (*Suiriri islerorum*)
MOUSE-COLORED TYRANNULET (*Phaeomyias murina*)
BEARDED TACHURI (*Polystictus pectoralis*) – Wow, right in the same spot as last year! Dona Marianna saw it pop up into a bush as we broadcast the recording in hopes that it might be present...
SUBTROPICAL DORADITO (*Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis*)
YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*)

FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardii*)

GRAY ELAENIA (*Myiopagis caniceps*)

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster*) [*]

LARGE ELAENIA (*Elaenia spectabilis*)

PLAIN-CRESTED ELAENIA (*Elaenia cristata*) – Excellent studies of this distinctive Elaenia around Chapada.

LESSER ELAENIA (*Elaenia chiriquensis*)

SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*)

PLANALTO TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias fasciatus*) [*]

SLENDER-FOOTED TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius gracilipes*)

SOUTHERN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER (*Sublegatus modestus*)

PLAIN TYRANNULET (*Inezia inornata*)

AMAZONIAN TYRANNULET (*Inezia subflava*)

SOUTHERN ANTPIBIT (*Corythopis delalandi*) – A elusive bird at Chapada allowed only fleeting views.

TAWNY-CROWNED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Euscarthmus meloryphus*)

SHORT-TAILED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis ecaudatus*) – Marcelo called one of these tiny guys into great view for us.

HELMETED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus galeatus*) – Good views on the Cristalino side of the Teles Pires.

SNETHLAGE'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus minor*) – One seen well by almost everyone on the Alta Floresta (south/west) side of the Teles Pires, where it replaces Helmeted P-T.

WHITE-EYED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus zosterops*)

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

ZIMMER'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus minimus*) [*]

RUSTY-FRONTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilatriccus latirostris*) – Seen nicely a couple of times.

SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum maculatum*)

COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum*)

YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*)

YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias assimilis*)

GRAY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*) [*]

YELLOW-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*)

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus coronatus*) – One seen fairly well by most of us.

WHITE-CRESTED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus platyrhynchos*) – Good views of this one.

RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*) – Some folks had a nice view of one on the Cristalino.

EULER'S FLYCATCHER (*Lathrotriccus euleri*) [*]

FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus*)

VERMILION FLYCATCHER (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)

DRAB WATER TYRANT (*Ochthornis littoralis*)

YELLOW-BROWED TYRANT (*Satrapa icterophrys*) – A couple of these attractive flycatchers in the Pantanal.

GRAY MONJITA (*Xolmis cinereus*)

BLACK-BACKED WATER-TYRANT (*Fluvicola albiventer*)

WHITE-HEADED MARSH TYRANT (*Arundinicola leucocephala*)

CATTLE TYRANT (*Machetornis rixosa*)

LARGE-HEADED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon megacephalum*)

RUFOUS-TAILED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*)

CINNAMON ATTLA (*Attila cinnamomeus*) [*]

DULL-CAPPED ATTLA (*Attila bolivianus*) [*]

BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTLA (*Attila spadiceus*) [*]

SIRYSTES (*Sirystes sibilator*)

RUFOUS CASIORNIS (*Casiornis rufus*) – Very nicely atop the serra.

GRAYISH MOURNER (*Rhytipterna simplex*)

SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*)

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)

LESSER KISKADEE (*Pitangus lictor*)

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*) – Suellen spotted one for us near Alta Floresta, where it appears to be a scarce austral winterer.

RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*)

STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*)

VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*)

CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus*)

SULPHURY FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*)

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

AMAZONIAN UMBRELLABIRD (*Cephalopterus ornatus*) – We spotted one along the Cristalino for a good view, but that was all for this trip!

SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*) – Some fine sightings of adult males, but somewhat fewer than normal (despite viewings from two towers this trip).

SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*) – Quieter than normal, but we saw pihas well a couple of times.

POMPADOUR COTINGA (*Xipholena punicea*) – One from each of the two towers.

BARE-NECKED FRUITCROW (*Gymnoderus foetidus*) – Just a couple of individuals seen this year.

Pipridae (Manakins)

DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyranneutes stolzmanni*)

FIERY-CAPPED MANAKIN (*Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*) – Seen well near Chapada!

SNOW-CAPPED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix nattereri*) – Pretty darned quiet at this season, but several folks did have one good view of a singing adult male spotted by Marianne.

HELMETED MANAKIN (*Antilophia galeata*) – As Marcelo said, "Elvis is in the building!" It took him a while to show, but he really did perform after finally deciding to come in.

BLUE-BACKED MANAKIN (*Chiroxiphia pareola regina*) [*]

FLAME-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Heterocercus linteatus*) – An excellent study of an adult male -- what a fantastic bird!

BAND-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra fasciicauda*)

RED-HEADED MANAKIN (*Pipra rubrocapilla*)

WING-BARRED PIPRITES (*Piprites chloris*) – A good view of this one (often gets away heard only).

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-CROWNED TITYRA (*Tityra inquisitor*)

MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*)

THRUSH-LIKE SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis turdina*) – A good view of one; few even heard this year.

CINEREOUS MOURNER (*Laniocera hypopyrra*) [*]

WHITE-BROWED PURPLETUFT (*Iodopleura isabellae*) – Jorge spotted them atop the serras for us.

GREEN-BACKED BECARD (*Pachyramphus viridis*) – A fine adult male showed well late in trip, in the Pantanal.

BLACK-CAPPED BECARD (*Pachyramphus marginatus*) [*]

Vireonidae (Vireos)

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

GRAY-CHESTED GREENLET (*Hylophilus semicinereus*) – One seen well at the Brown Jacamar spot on the Cristalino.

ASHY-HEADED GREENLET (*Hylophilus pectoralis*) – Several good views in the Pantanal.

DUSKY-CAPPED GREENLET (*Hylophilus hypoxanthus*)

TAWNY-CROWNED GREENLET (*Hylophilus ochraceiceps*)

SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanius leucotis*) – Seen well a couple of times, from the towers.

RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*)

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

PURPLISH JAY (*Cyanocorax cyanomelas*)

CURL-CRESTED JAY (*Cyanocorax cristatellus*) – Excellent views of this highly distinctive cerrado specialty near Chapada.

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

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

WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW (*Atticora fasciata*)

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*) – Not many seen this year and, quite surprisingly, zero Brown-chested Martins!

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

WHITE-RUMPED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta leucorrhoa*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

THRUSH-LIKE WREN (*Campylorhynchus turdinus hypostictus*) – Both distinctive forms seen well.

THRUSH-LIKE WREN (*Campylorhynchus turdinus unicolor*)

TOOTH-BILLED WREN (*Odontorchilus cinereus*)

MOUSTACHED WREN (*Pheugopedius genibarbis*)

BUFF-BREASTED WREN (*Cantorchilus leucotis*)

FAWN-BREASTED WREN (*Cantorchilus guarayanus*) – A fine experience with this local specialty near the end of our stay in the Pantanal. They were really quiet this trip.

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*)

MUSICIAN WREN (*Cyphorhinus arada*)

Poliophtilidae (Gnatcatchers)

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)

MASKED GNATCATCHER (*Poliophtila dumicola*)

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIOUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*)

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

PALE-BREASTED THRUSH (*Turdus leucomelas*)

HAUXWELL'S THRUSH (*Turdus hauxwelli*) [*]

RUFOUS-BELLIED THRUSH (*Turdus rufiventris*)

LAWRENCE'S THRUSH (*Turdus lawrencii*) [*]

CREAMY-BELLIED THRUSH (*Turdus amaurochalinus*)

WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (*Turdus albicollis*)

Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)

CHALK-BROWED MOCKINGBIRD (*Mimus saturninus*)

Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)

YELLOWISH PIPIT (*Anthus lutescens*)

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

TROPICAL PARULA (*Parula pitiayumi*)

GOLDEN-CROWNED WARBLER (*Basileuterus culicivorus*)

WHITE-BELLIED WARBLER (*Basileuterus hypoleucus*)

FLAVESCENT WARBLER (*Basileuterus flaveolus*) – Several good sightings of this generally skulking warbler.

Coerebidae (Bananaquit)

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

BLACK-FACED TANAGER (*Schistochlamys melanopis*)

CINNAMON TANAGER (*Schistochlamys ruficapillus*) – Thanks to a great spot by Don near Chapada.

WHITE-BANDED TANAGER (*Neothraupis fasciata*)

RED-BILLED PIED TANAGER (*Lamprospiza melanoleuca*) – Just a few this year, seen well from the old tower.

HOODED TANAGER (*Nemosia pileata*)

ORANGE-HEADED TANAGER (*Thlypopsis sordida*) – Seen well in the Pantanal where not very numerous.

WHITE-RUMPED TANAGER (*Cypsnagra hirundinacea*)

CHESTNUT-VENTED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum speciosum*)

GUIRA TANAGER (*Hemithraupis guira*)

YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*)

GRAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Eucometis penicillata*)

WHITE-WINGED SHRIKE-TANAGER (*Lanio versicolor*) – Good looks at a couple on the Cristalino.

FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)

WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*)

WHITE-LINED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus rufus*)

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)

SAYACA TANAGER (*Thraupis sayaca*)

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

TURQUOISE TANAGER (*Tangara mexicana*)

PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*) – Several fabulous sightings of this fabulous canopy tanager (from the towers, of course)!

DOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara varia*) – We managed to pull a singing male into one of the closest trees at the new tower, but bad light kept it from showing to perfection (although we were in perfect light from his point of view).

BAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Tangara gyrola*)

MASKED TANAGER (*Tangara nigrocincta*)

OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER (*Tangara velia*)

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*)

YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS (*Dacnis flaviventer*) – A couple of good views of this fancy little bird.

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

SHORT-BILLED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes nitidus*) – Great views of this scarce bird!

PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)

SWALLOW TANAGER (*Tersina viridis*) – Just a couple of birds this time around.

BLACK-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator atricollis*)

GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)

SLATE-COLORED GROSBEAK (*Saltator grossus*)

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

PLUMBEOUS SEEDEATER (*Sporophila plumbea*) – Lots around Chapada this year.

RUSTY-COLLARED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila collaris*)

WHITE-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila leucoptera*) – An adult male was seen well by several folks on our day of departure from the Pantanal.

TAWNY-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila hypoxantha*) – Good views of this scarce seedeater, wintering in the Pantanal.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEED-FINCH (*Oryzoborus angolensis*) – A couple of females in the Pantanal.

SAFFRON FINCH (*Sicalis flaveola*)

RED-CRESTED CARDINAL (*Paroaria coronata*)
RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*)
YELLOW-BILLED CARDINAL (*Paroaria capitata*)
COAL-CRESTED FINCH (*Charitospiza eucosma*)
RED-CRESTED FINCH (*Coryphospingus cucullatus*)
PECTORAL SPARROW (*Arremon taciturnus*) [*]
SAFFRON-BILLED SPARROW (*Arremon flavirostris*)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

ROSE-BREASTED CHAT (*Granatellus pelzelni*) – Handsome males seen well a couple of times. DNA sequence data place it close to cardinal-like birds.

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

WHITE-BROWED BLACKBIRD (*Sturnella superciliaris*)
CHOPI BLACKBIRD (*Gnorimopsar chopi*)
SCARLET-HEADED BLACKBIRD (*Amblyramphus holosericeus*) – Properly impressive views of these fine blackbirds in the Pantanal.
UNICOLORED BLACKBIRD (*Agelasticus cyanopus*)
BAY-WINGED COWBIRD (*Agelaioides badius*)
SHINY COWBIRD (*Molothrus bonariensis*)
GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)
EPAULET ORIOLE (*Icterus cayanensis*) – Tawny shoulders noted around Chapada and in the Pantanal; yellow on the Cristalino.
ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL (*Icterus croconotus*)
SOLITARY BLACK CACIQUE (*Cacicus solitarius*)
YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*)
CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus*)
OLIVE OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius bifasciatus yuracares*)

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

PURPLE-THROATED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chlorotica*)
THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia lanirostris*)
GOLDEN-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chrysopasta*)
WHITE-VENTED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia minuta*)
RUFIOUS-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia rufiventris*)

Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)

HOUSE SPARROW (*Passer domesticus*)

MAMMALS

LONG-NOSED BAT (*Rhynchonycteris naso*)
SILVERY MARMOSET (*Callithrix argentata*) – "Black-tailed" Marmoset in the Pantanal.
DUSKY TITI MONKEY (*Callicebus moloch*) [*]
RED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta seniculus*)
RED-HANDED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta belzebul*)
BLACK HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta caraya*) [*]
WHITE-NOSED BEARDED SAKI MONKEY (*Chiropotes albinasus*) – This was apparently an off year for sakis, few having been seen around the Cristalino. We had just one brief view of one from the old tower.
BROWN CAPUCHIN (*Cebus apella*)
WHITE-WHISKERED SPIDER MONKEY (*Ateles marginatus*)
BRAZILIAN RABBIT (*Sylvilagus brasiliensis*)
CAPYBARA (*Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*)

AZARA'S AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta azarae*)

RED-RUMPED AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta agouti*)

CRAB-EATING FOX (*Cerdocyon thous*)

CRAB-EATING RACCOON (*Procyon cancrivorus*)

SOUTH AMERICAN COATI (*Nasua nasua*) – Just a couple of singles this trip.

SOUTHERN RIVER OTTER (*Lutra longicaudis*) – Seen well on the Cristalino, especially the one that came up out of the water to urinate on a log before jumping back in.

GIANT OTTER (*Pteronura brasiliensis*) – A wonderful encounter with a group of 4-5 right near the boat in the Pantanal.

JAGUAR (*Panthera onca*) – WOW! What more can I say?

BRAZILIAN TAPIR (*Tapirus terrestris*)

COLLARED PECCARY (*Tayassu tajacu*)

MARSH DEER (*Blastocerus dichotomus*) – Fantastic views of this massive deer a couple of times in the Pantanal, a buck and a doe.

RED BROCKET DEER (*Mazama americana*)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Other noteworthy critters and crawlers:

Brazilian Wandering Spider (we came across one right in the middle of the trail very early on our way to the tower)

MANY wonderful butterflies including quite a few sightings of three or four species of morphos

Spectacled (Alta Floresta) and Paraguayan (Pantanal) caiman; huge concentrations in the drying Pantanal

Green Iguana

Yellow-footed Tortoise

Dendrobates(?) species -- an apparently undescribed species, seen well by most folks on the hike up to the serra

Totals for the tour: 528 bird taxa and 23 mammal taxa