

Jaguar Spotting: Pantanal & Garden of the Amazon

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The first of two male jaguars spotted on the tour! (Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)

Jaguar(s) Spotted!

There is no way to start this report without calling attention to what everyone had hoped for when they signed up for this tour—we had absolutely wonderful looks at two adult male Jaguars in one day. Our first sighting came with some mystery and a little tension; the Jaguar was leaving just as we arrived on the scene and only two people managed to see its back as it disappeared into the bushes. But we waited patiently and watched it reappear in perfect light just 20 feet from our boat!

Our second sighting was icing on the cake. I spotted a jaguar snoozing on the river bank and we watched it as it slept, cleaned itself, and calmly swam across the river just a few feet behind our boat before it shook off the water and disappeared from sight. Those images will never be erased from the memories of the lucky seven of you who were on the boat that day. But jaguars were not the sole stars of this trip; we started off with four nights in a little family-run lodge in the Amazon that gave us all some time to unwind and to get some forest birding under our belts before we headed off to the Pantanal. Our time here was very productive with excellent studies of Black-girdled Barbets, Blue-necked Tanagers, Blue-cheeked Jacamars, Chestnut-tailed Antbirds, Red-necked Woodpeckers, Gould's Toucanets, Red-necked and Lettered aracaris, Pink-throated Becards, and the ultra-rare Cone-billed Tanager, a species that was only known from the type specimen for years before it was recently rediscovered. Added to these was a sighting of a rare Monk Saki, a very strange primate. Our time in

the Amazon was very enjoyable, but too soon it was time to say goodbye to Dona Carmelita and her wonderful staff (as well as to her incredible food) and head down to the Pantanal to look for those jaguars.

Things started off well with an Ocelot in the middle of the Transpantaneira Highway, certainly a good sign of what was to come. Our first day in the Pantanal was glorious with great looks at a very close Sungrebe, wonderful looks at Nanday Parakeet, Helmeted Manakin, and a very nice Black-collared Hawk that put on a show just for us. Our journey continued on to Porto Jofre where we finally came face-to-face with the third largest cat on Earth and enjoyed all kinds of looks at Hyacinth Macaws, Blue-throated Piping-Guans, Nacunda Nighthawks, Pied Plovers, and many others.

We then moved on to our last lodge where we were treated to fabulous looks at Bicolored Hawk (compliments of Pirjo) and a workshop on woodcreepers, with Buff-throated, Straight-billed, and Great Rufous just a few steps away from our rooms. It just doesn't get any better than this. I had fun and enjoyed myself every step of the way and I hope you did too!

--Marcelo

We have more information about this itinerary and future departures on our web page for [Brazil](#).

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*) – It is always fun to see these clumsy birds wondering around pastures and plantations!

Tinamidae (Tinamous)

GRAY TINAMOU (*Tinamus tao*) [*]

CINEREOUS TINAMOU (*Crypturellus cinereus*) [*]

LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*) [*]

UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*) [*]

RED-WINGED TINAMOU (*Rhynchotus rufescens*) [*]

Anhimidae (Screamers)

SOUTHERN SCREAMER (*Chauna torquata*) – Several good looks, including a few pairs with chicks!

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

MUSCOVY DUCK (*Cairina moschata*) – It is always nice to see wild ones where they belong. Great looks!

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

CHACO CHACHALACA (*Ortalis canicollis*) – Ahh, the Chaco Chachalaca. They will not let you sleep in or make a decent recording of a bird, but they sure are fun to watch!

SPIX'S GUAN (*Penelope jacquacu*) – Heard by the river at Garden of the Amazon! [*]

CHESTNUT-BELLIED GUAN (*Penelope ochrogaster*) – The northern pantanal is certainly the best place to see this handsome Guan.

BLUE-THROATED PIPING-GUAN (*Pipile cumanensis*) – Abundant in the Pantanal, where it hybridizes with Red-throated.

RED-THROATED PIPING-GUAN (*Pipile cujubi*) – Seen at Gardens of the Amazon where there are no Hybrids!

BARE-FACED CURASSOW (*Crax fasciolata*) – It is so nice to see Curassows wondering about without fear of humans, like we do in the Pantanal. Always a sign of no poaching.



"Mine are bigger than yours"- A trio of juvenile Capped Herons argue over who has the longest head plumes. (Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

MARbled WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus gujanensis*) – We heard them a couple of times far away, but never close enough to pull them in. [*]

Podicipedidae (Grebes)

LEAST GREBE (*Tachybaptus dominicus*) – One individual by the road on our way to the Pantanal.

Ciconiidae (Storks)

MAGUARI STORK (*Ciconia maguari*) – This one is an easy one to miss depending on when they arrive in the Pantanal. We had great looks!

JABIRU (*Jabiru mycteria*) – All over the place with several active nests. Now that is a proper bird.

WOOD STORK (*Mycteria americana*) – Very common in the Pantanal.

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Anhingidae (Anhingas)

ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*)

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) – What a handsome heron. It was specially nice to see the juveniles that present the plumage that gives this bird its name.

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*) – The local representative of the Great Blue-heron.

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*) – Abundant in the Pantanal.

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*) – A common bird in the pantanal, these herons were all dressed up for the mating season.

LITTLE BLUE HERON (*Egretta caerulea*) – Less common this year than the usual.

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*) – A lovely small heron that is abundant in the pantanal.

CAPPED HERON (*Pilherodius pileatus*) – Great looks at this handsome heron, including three displaying juveniles.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) – Great looks at these birds with several juvenile birds and adults as well!

BOAT-BILLED HERON (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) – Several looks at this odd looking nocturnal heron.

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

GREEN IBIS (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*) – You think the person who named this bird was color blind until you get it in just the right light and the bird turns into a glowing gem!

BARE-FACED IBIS (*Phimosus infuscatus*) – Seen a few times, but far less abundant than in the wet season.

PLUMBEOUS IBIS (*Theristicus caerulescens*) – One of the Pantanal specialties for Brazil, this handsome Ibis is very Abundant.

BUFF-NECKED IBIS (*Theristicus caudatus*) – Another great looking Ibis, that is very widespread.

ROSEATE SPOONBILL (*Platalea ajaja*) – Their numbers were surprisingly low this year.

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

LESSER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes burrovianus*) – Common in the Pantanal!

GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes melambrotus*) – These birds replace the Lesser Yellow-headed in the Amazon.

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) – Very common in the pantanal where they feed on fresh water crabs as much as they feed on snails.



A striking Pied Lapwing wades through the shallows. (Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)

BLACK-COLLARED HAWK (*Busarellus nigricollis*) – It's portuguese name is Beautiful Hawk. I think we got it right!

BICOLORED HAWK (*Accipiter bicolor*) – Many thanks to Pirjo for spotting this bird for us. This bird is on many checklists but it is hard to come by one.

GREAT BLACK-HAWK (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) – Great looks!

SAVANNA HAWK (*Buteogallus meridionalis*) – What a handsome hawk. The rusty colors of the wing on a bird in flight are just magnificent.

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris*) – Common both along the roadside and the riverside.

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus*) – One bird seen from the boat at gardens of the Amazon!

WHITE-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo albicaudatus*) – Seen a few times, including an amazing view of the birds hunting over a bush fire.

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

BLACK CARACARA (*Daptrius ater*) – Seen once at gardens of the amazon.

RED-THROATED CARACARA (*Ibycter americanus*) – The first time this bird has been recorded at Gardens of the Amazon. I wonder how such a noisy bird went undetected for so long.

SOUTHERN CARACARA (*Caracara plancus*) – A common sight patrolling the highways in of Brazil for road kill

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)

LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) – A couple of looks at this highly specialized falcon that feeds almost exclusively on snakes!

APLOMADO FALCON (*Falco femoralis*) – A great scope view as we drove out of Gardens of the Amazon.

BAT FALCON (*Falco ruficularis*)

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

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

GRAY-NECKED WOOD-RAIL (*Aramides cajanea*) – All over the place in the Pantanal. This has got to be the easiest place on earth to see them.

Heliornithidae (Finfoots)

SUNGREBE (*Heliornis fulica*) – Close up views of a foraging individual on our first morning in the Pantanal.

Eurypygidae (Sunbittern)

SUNBITTERN (*Eurypyga helias*) – A few good looks including flying birds displaying the fabulous butterfly wing pattern.

Aramidae (Limpkin)

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna*) – The pantanal has to be the world's headquarter for that bird.

Cariamidae (Seriemas)

RED-LEGGED SERIEMA (*Cariama cristata*) – 5 birds altogether.

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

PIED LAPWING (*Vanellus cayanus*) – What a handsome little bird. Nice looks from the boats.

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*) – Seen on every day of the trip.

COLLARED PLOVER (*Charadrius collaris*) – Seen once out of Porto Jofre.

Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)

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



A beautifully patterned Large-billed Tern wheels around for a better view. (Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)

Jacanidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*) – Adults and young seen on several occasions.

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

YELLOW-BILLED TERN (*Sternula superciliaris*) – Good looks at this handsome little Tern.

LARGE-BILLED TERN (*Phaetusa simplex*)

BLACK SKIMMER (*Rynchops niger*) – Several individuals nesting on the sandbanks on the Cuiaba river.

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) –
Seen on numerous occasions in the Pantanal.

SCALED PIGEON (*Patagioenas speciosa*) – Common at
Gardens of the Amazon.

PICAZURO PIGEON (*Patagioenas picazuro*) – Very
abundant in the Pantanal.

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*)

RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*) – Seen
on every day of the tour.

SCALED DOVE (*Columbina squammata*) – A close
relative of the Inca Dove in the US.

PICUI GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina picui*) – A neat
little dove often found foraging with Ruddy Ground-
doves

BLUE GROUND-DOVE (*Claravis pretiosa*) – A brief look on our first morning at gardens of the Amazon.

LONG-TAILED GROUND-DOVE (*Uropelia campestris*) – Great looks at the only representative of its genus.

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*) – Abundant in the Pantanal.

Psittacidae (Parrots)

NANDAY PARAKEET (*Nandayus nenday*) – Fabulous looks in the pantanal.

PAINTED PARAKEET (PAINTED) (*Pyrrhura picta microtera*)

MONK PARAKEET (*Myiopsitta monachus*) – It is always fun to watch these guys nesting under Jabiru's nests.

BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET (*Aratinga acuticaudata*)

PEACH-FRONTED PARAKEET (*Aratinga aurea*) – Wonderful looks at this properly named bird.

HYACINTH MACAW (*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*) – This one is certainly one of the Pantanal's most emblematic birds
and we had all kinds of looks at them as they congregate to roost around Porto Jofre.

BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW (*Ara ararauna*) – Great looks at these birds at a roosting site.

RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilata*)

BLUE-WINGED MACAW (*Primolius maracana*) – Great scope views at gardens of the amazon.

YELLOW-COLLARED MACAW (*Primolius auricollis*) – Another pantanal specialty that we saw very well.

RED-SHOULDERED MACAW (*Diopsittaca nobilis*) – Many at Gardens of the Amazon.

YELLOW-CHEVRONED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris chiriri*)

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*) – Common at Gardens of the Amazon.

SCALY-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus maximiliani*) – Replaces the Blue headed in the Pantanal.

BLUE-FRONTED PARROT (*Amazona aestiva*) – Common in the pantanal

ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (*Amazona amazonica*) [*]

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

LITTLE CUCKOO (*Coccyzua minuta*)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

GUIRA CUCKOO (*Guira guira*) – What an odd looking bird. One of my favorite birds to watch for behavior.



What a welcome to the Pantanal; our first morning there was highlighted by this super cooperative Sungrebe foraging close to shore! (Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*) – Common.

Strigidae (Owls)

TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops choliba*) – A great look on our first day in the Pantanal.

TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL (AUSTRAL) (*Megascops watsonii usta*) – It was tough to find a hole in the vegetation to see this bird, but we finally managed to connect with one.

GREAT HORNED OWL (*Bubo virginianus*) – Fabulous looks at them in the Pantanal, including a bird sitting on a nest.

FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)

BURROWING OWL (*Athene cunicularia*) – Seen well several times guarding their nest entrance.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

BAND-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Nyctiprogne leucopyga*) – Many of them flying over the river at dusk.

NACUNDA NIGHTHAWK (*Podager nacunda*) – Great looks at this very large nighthawk.

COMMON PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) – Abundant in the Pantanal.

OCELLATED POORWILL (*Nyctiphrynus ocellatus*) – We were very close, but we just could not find a hole in the vegetation to get a look at this bird.

BLACKISH NIGHTJAR (*Caprimulgus nigrescens*) – Fabulous views of these birds at their roosting site.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*) – Wonderful scope studies of a roosting bird.

Apodidae (Swifts)

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura*)

PALE-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura egregia*)

FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT (*Tachornis squamata*) – Several birds nesting on the Mauritia Palm trees around the lodge at Gardens of the Amazon.

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

RUFOUS-BREASTED HERMIT (*Glaucis hirsutus*) – Seen only by a few folks foraging early on the grounds of our lodge.

REDDISH HERMIT (*Phaethornis ruber*) – A brief look at this minuscule hummingbird.

BLACK-EARED FAIRY (*Heliostyris auritus*) – Seen by Brook and Hal only as a bird buzzed them around the gardens of our lodge.

BLACK-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)

LONG-BILLED STARTRHROT (*Heliomaster longirostris*)

BLUE-TUFTED STARTRHROT (*Heliomaster furcifer*) – Not a common bird in the Pantanal, so it was very exciting for me to find there.

AMETHYST WOODSTAR (*Calliphlox amethystina*)

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)

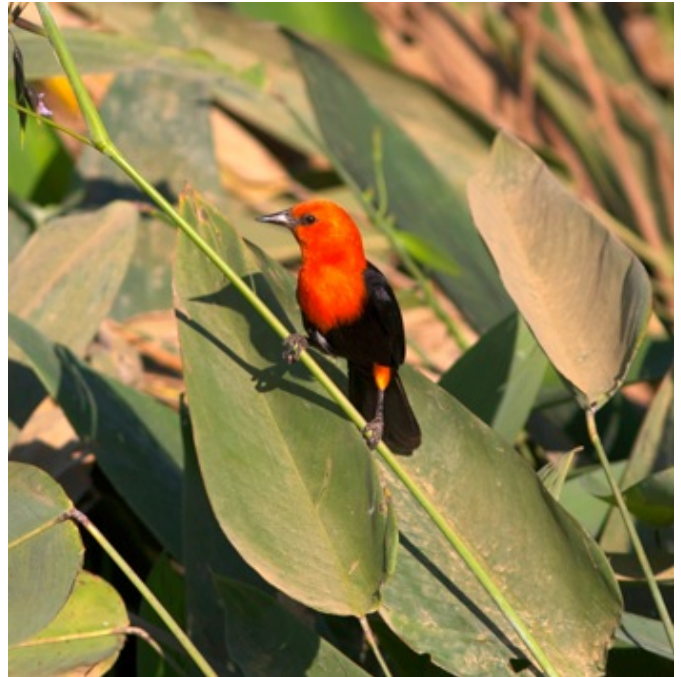
GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD (*Amazilia fimbriata*)

RUFOUS-THROATED SAPPHIRE (*Hylocharis sapphirina*)

GILDED HUMMINGBIRD (*Hylocharis chrysura*)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*)



A Scarlet-headed Blackbird stakes out his corner of the Pantanal. (Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)

GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*) – Seen a few times at Gardens of the Amazon.

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*)

Momotidae (Motmots)

AMAZONIAN MOTMOT (*Momotus momota*) – It took some work but we managed to pull one into view.

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*) – Very common in the Pantanal

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

GREEN KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle americana*)

AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle aenea*) – This is a hard one to get, but we managed to connect with one.

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

WHITE-NECKED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus hyperrhynchus*) – Great scope studies of one bird at Gardens of the Amazon.

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*) – Abundant in the Pantanal.

WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa morphoeus*) – Found in the Terra Firme forests at Gardens of the Amazon.

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*) – Common along the river at Gardens of the Amazon.

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

BROWN JACAMAR (*Brachygalba lugubris melanosterna*) – Seen well by the group on our first morning.

BLUE-CHEEKED JACAMAR (*Galbula cyanicollis*) – Great looks at this handsome understory jacamar that Saint spotted for us.

RUFOUS-TAILED JACAMAR (*Galbula ruficauda*) – The most common of the jacamars, we had good looks in the Amazon and in the Pantanal.

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

BLACK-GIRDLED BARBET (*Capito dayi*) – A southern Amazon endemic and a hard one to find as it lives in the canopy, but we had a couple of really good looks at it.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

LETTERED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus inscriptus*) – A handsome small Aracari that gets its name from the strange markings on its bill that are similar to letters. We had great looks in the Amazon.

CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus castanotis*) – The most common of the Aracarids in this part of the world. We even had them right outside our restaurant door in the Pantanal.

RED-NECKED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus bitorquatus*) – Another hard one to find, but we had them almost at eye level on one of the trails. If only we could see every bird that well.

GOULD'S TOUCANET (*Selenidera gouldii*) – Great looks at this colorful southern Amazon endemic.

TOCO TOUCAN (*Ramphastos toco*) – Common in the Pantanal.

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*) – We were almost leaving the Amazon when Pirjo spotted one on a tree.

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus*) [*]

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

WHITE-WEDGED PICULET (*Picumnus albosquamatus*)

YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cruentatus*) – Very common at Gardens of the Amazon.

LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus*)

RED-STAINED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis affinis*) – One individual seen well at Gardens of the Amazon.

YELLOW-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus flavigula*)

GREEN-BARRED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes melanochloros*)

CAMPO FLICKER (*Colaptes campestris*)

PALE-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Ceelus lugubris*) – A great look at this pantanal specialty.

RINGED WOODPECKER (*Ceelus torquatus*) – We heard it a few times but it would not come into the tape. [*]

RED-NECKED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus rubricollis*) – A fabulous performance by this very large and handsome woodpecker.

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) – Great studies in the Pantanal.

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

PALE-LEGGED HORNERO (*Furnarius leucopus*) – Common along the rivers in the Pantanal.

RUFOUS HORNERO (*Furnarius rufus*)

CHOTOY SPINETAIL (*Schoeniophylax phryganophilus*) – Great looks at this neatly patterned spinetail.

CINEREOUS-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis hypospodia*) – Great looks at very short distance.

WHITE-LORED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albilora*) – This bird was definitely named from a specimen in hand, as we had great looks at it and I just could not find those lores.

RUSTY-BACKED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca vulpina*) – Great looks at these charismatic riverside specialists.

YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL (*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*) – It would be better named Yellow-dotted Spinetail, but we managed to get a good look at that yellow chin.

GREATER THORNBIRD (*Phacellodomus ruber*) – Great studies of one individual adding material to its nest.

RUFOUS CACHOLOTE (*Pseudoseisura unirufa*) – Some authors suggest that the bird is in fact a separate species named Grey-crested Cacholote.

POINT-TAILED PALMCREEPER (*Berlepschia rikeri*) – Great looks at this unique bird that is closely tied to Mauritia Palm groves.

RUFOUS-TAILED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor ruficaudatum*)

STREAKED XENOPS (*Xenops rutilans*)

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) – Keep track of where you see Olivaceous Woodcreepers, as several species may be involved.

GREAT RUFOUS WOODCREEPER (*Xiphocolaptes major*)

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

STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex picus*)

ELEGANT WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus elegans*) – Great looks at this neatly patterned woodcreeper.

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*) – We saw both forms of Buff-throated Woodcreeper.

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (DUSKY-BILLED) (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus eytoni*)

NARROW-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*) – One of the most distinctive woodcreepers and the most common in open Cerrado habitat.

RED-BILLED SCYTHEBILL (*Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*) – A fascinating woodcreeper with a highly adapted bill to probe cracks and holes on trees to search for insects

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) [*]

GREAT ANTSHRIKE (*Taraba major*) – Common in the Pantanal.

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)

NATTERER'S SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus stictocephalus*) – This species was recently split from Slaty Antshrike into 5 different species. On this trip we saw two of them Natterer's in the Amazon and Planalto in the Pantanal.

PLANALTO SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus pelzelni*)

AMAZONIAN ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus amazonicus*)

CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes caesius*)

SPOT-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Pygiptila stellaris*) [*]

WHITE-EYED ANTWREN (*Epinecophylla leucophthalma*) – Great looks at close range, but the birds in this part of the amazon do not have a white eye.

SCLATER'S ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula sclateri*) – Seen with a mixed species flock.

LONG-WINGED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula longipennis*) – We managed to pull one individual away from a mixed species flock allowing us to take a good look at it.

RUFOUS-WINGED ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*) – A canopy antwren that can be tough to see well. We managed to see one, but a better look would have been appreciated.

DOT-WINGED ANTWREN (*Microrhopias quixensis*) – Great views.

GRAY ANT BIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*) [*]

BLACKISH ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra nigrescens*) – Usually a very hard bird to see, but we managed to get some good looks at it.

MATO GROSSO ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra melanaria*)

BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus ochrolaema*) – It took quite a bit of work, but we finally managed to see this bird well.

SPIX'S WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis striata*) – Another one that has been split from one taxon into several different species. This one has derived from Warbling Antbird.

BAND-TAILED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemoides maculicauda*) – Several good looks along the tour.

SILVERED ANTBIRD (*Sclateria naevia argentata*) [*]

CHESTNUT-TAILED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza hemimelaena*) – What a handsome antbird, it took some time before it started vocalizing, but we finally had a good look at it.

SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Willisornis poecilinotus*)

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

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

WHITE-LORED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion inermis*)

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

BEARDED TACHURI (*Polystictus pectoralis*) – A rare bird anywhere nowadays and especially rare in Mato Grosso. It was wonderful to see it so well.

SUBTROPICAL DORADITO (*Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis*) – Butter ball!

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

FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardii*)

LARGE ELAENIA (*Elaenia spectabilis*)

SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*)

PLAIN TYRANNULET (*Inezia inornata*) – Not as plain as its name suggests it. For a Tyrannulet it is quite well marked.

TAWNY-CROWNED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Euscarthmus meloryphus*) – Now that is one hard one to see well, but we managed to get some good looks at it.

SHORT-TAILED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis ecaudatus*) – The smallest passerine in South America with only one inch and a half. It looks more like an insect when it flies than like a bird.

SNETHLAGE'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus minor*)

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

PEARLY-VENTED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*) – A fierce looking little bird with those bright yellow eyes.

RUSTY-FRONTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilotriccus latirostris*) – Seen extremely well at Porto Jofre.

COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum*)

YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias assimilis*)

GRAY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*)

EULER'S FLYCATCHER (*Lathrotriccus euleri*)

FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus*) [*]

VERMILION FLYCATCHER (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)

GRAY MONJITA (*Xolmis cinereus*) – Great looks along the road, as we drove to Gardens of the Amazon.

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

WHITE-HEADED MARSH TYRANT (*Arundinicola leucocephala*) – An elegant little bird that is fairly common in the Pantanal.

CATTLE TYRANT (*Machetornis rixosa*) – It looks so dull, until it gets excited and flashes that brilliant red crest.

RUFOUS-TAILED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*) [*]

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

RUFOUS CASIORNIS (*Casiornis rufus*)

GRAYISH MOURNER (*Rhytipterna simplex*) [*]

SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*) – The most common of the Myiarchus flycatchers in the pantanal.

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)

LESSER KISKADEE (*Pitangus lictor*)

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) – Seen every day during the trip.

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*)

RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*)

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*) [*]

SULPHURY FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*) – Another Mauritia Palm specialist. We had several good looks at it.

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

AMAZONIAN UMBRELLABIRD (*Cephalopterus ornatus*) [*]

SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*) – Pirjo spotted a female just as we were have a snack in the field.

SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*) [*]

Pipridae (Manakins)

DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyranneutes stolzmanni*)

FIERY-CAPPED MANAKIN (*Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*) – Heard several times, but we did not manage to connect with one. [*]

SNOW-CAPPED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix nattereri*)

WHITE-BEARDED MANAKIN (*Manacus manacus*) [*]

HELMETED MANAKIN (*Antilophia galeata*) – Now that is one incredible looking bird.

FLAME-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Heterocercus linteatus*) – One juvenile bird was all we managed to find this time.

RED-HEADED MANAKIN (*Pipra rubrocapilla*) [*]

WING-BARRED PIPRITES (*Piprites chloris*)

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-CROWNED TITYRA (*Tityra inquisitor*)

MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*)

THRUSH-LIKE SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis turdina*) [*]

PINK-THROATED BECARD (*Pachyramphus minor*) – One of the most handsome Becards in my opinion. We managed to see well both males and females.

Vireonidae (Vireos)

GRAY-CHESTED GREENLET (*Hylophilus semicinereus*) – A constant car alarm sound along the river.

ASHY-HEADED GREENLET (*Hylophilus pectoralis*)

TAWNY-CROWNED GREENLET (*Hylophilus ochraceiceps*) – Moving along with a mixed species flock!

SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanius leucotis*) [*]

RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*)

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

PURPLISH JAY (*Cyanocorax cyanomelas*)

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW (*Atticora fasciata*) – A very elegant looking swallow found easily at Gardens of the amazon.

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*)

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

WHITE-RUMPED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta leucorrhoa*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

THRUSH-LIKE WREN (*Campylorhynchus turdinus unicolor*)

MOUSTACHED WREN (*Pheugopedius genibarbis*)

FAWN-BREASTED WREN (*Cantorchilus guarayanus*) – We barely get into the range of this bird that is far more common in the southern pantanal. Nevertheless we managed to have the best looks I ever had at these guys.

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*) [*]

Poliptilidae (Gnatcatchers)

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) [*]

GUIANAN GNATCATCHER (PARA) (*Poliptila guianensis paraensis*) – Great looks at this rarely seen canopy bird.

MASKED GNATCATCHER (*Poliptila dumicola*)

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*) – Always one of my favorite displays to watch.

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

PALE-BREASTED THRUSH (*Turdus leucomelas*)

HAUXWELL'S THRUSH (*Turdus hauxwelli*) – A really tough forest Thrush to see, but we managed to pull one in.

RUFOUS-BELLIED THRUSH (*Turdus rufiventris*)

Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)

CHALK-BROWED MOCKINGBIRD (*Mimus saturninus*)

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

TROPICAL PARULA (*Parula pitiayumi*)

WHITE-BELLIED WARBLER (*Basileuterus hypoleucus*)

FLAVESCENT WARBLER (*Basileuterus flaveolus*)

Coerebidae (Bananaquit)

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

CONE-BILLED TANAGER (*Conothraupis mesoleuca*) – One of the highlights of the tour! This bird was only known from the type specimen for nearly 80 years, and it was only rediscovered a few years ago. We have discovered a territory in Mato Grosso and we had brilliant looks at a male and a female.

HOODED TANAGER (*Nemosia pileata*)

CHESTNUT-VENTED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum speciosum*)

YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*)

GRAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Eucometis penicillata*)

FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*) – The most common tanager in the Pantanal!

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*) – Replaces Sayaca in the Amazon. We had it right around our lodge cabins at Gardens of the Amazon.

SAYACA TANAGER (*Thraupis sayaca*)

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*) [*]

BLUE-NECKED TANAGER (*Tangara cyanicollis*) – A spectacular looking tanager that we saw very well at Gardens of the Amazon.

MASKED TANAGER (*Tangara nigrocincta*)

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*)

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

SHORT-BILLED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes nitidus*)

SWALLOW TANAGER (*Tersina viridis*) – Common at Gardens of the Amazon.

GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*) – Always present at the feeders in the Pantanal.

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

RUSTY-COLLARED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila collaris*)

TAWNY-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila hypoxantha*) – A migrant from the south. Unfortunately it does not look nearly as impressive here as it does on its breeding grounds.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEED-FINCH (*Oryzoborus angolensis*) – A rare bird nowadays as it is one of the most popular cage birds in Brazil. With the growing pressure of the authorities on poachers it is slowly coming back.

RED-CRESTED CARDINAL (*Paroaria coronata*)

YELLOW-BILLED CARDINAL (*Paroaria capitata*) – The most common bird at feeders in the pantanal.

RED-CRESTED FINCH (*Coryphospingus cucullatus*)

SAFFRON-BILLED SPARROW (*Arremon flavirostris*) – If only every sparrow looked like that, they would probably become my favorite group.

GRASSLAND SPARROW (*Ammodramus humeralis*)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

ROSE-BREASTED CHAT (*Granatellus pelzelni*) [*]

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

CHOPI BLACKBIRD (*Gnorimopsar chopi*)

SCARLET-HEADED BLACKBIRD (*Amblyramphus holosericeus*) – Always one of my favorite birds to see in the pantanal and we had excellent looks at it.

UNICOLORED BLACKBIRD (*Agelasticus cyanopus*)

BAY-WINGED COWBIRD (*Agelaioides badius*)

SHINY COWBIRD (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)

EPAULET ORIOLE (*Icterus cayanensis*) – We saw two forms of this bird on the tour. In the amazon the birds have a yellow epaulet and in the pantanal the epaulet is rusty.

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 laniirostris*)

RUFOUS-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia rufiventris*)

Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)

HOUSE SPARROW (*Passer domesticus*)

MAMMALS

FISHING BAT SP. (*Noctilio leporinus*)

SILVERY MARMOSET (*Callithrix argentata*) – Some authors consider this handsome marmoset to be a separate species, named Black-tailed Marmoset.

BLACK HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta caraya*)

MONK SAKI MONKEY (*Pithecia monachus*) – A rarely seen primate that was spotted by Yvonne.

BROWN CAPUCHIN (*Cebus apella*)

BLACK SPIDER MONKEY (*Ateles paniscus*)

BRAZILIAN RABBIT (*Sylvilagus brasiliensis*)

BRAZILIAN PORCUPINE (*Coendou prehensilis*) – Seen by Brooke and Hal only as they received a visit from one at their cabin in Gardens of the Amazon.

CAPYBARA (*Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*)

AZARA'S AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta azarae*)

CRAB-EATING FOX (*Cerdocyon thous*)

SOUTH AMERICAN COATI (*Nasua nasua*)

GIANT OTTER (*Pteronura brasiliensis*) – Great looks at this fascinating endangered mammal.

OCELOT (*Felis pardalis*) – We spotted one on the road just as we started to make our way into the pantanal.

JAGUAR (*Panthera onca*) – No comments needed, just look at the pictures!

MARSH DEER (*Blastocerus dichotomus*)

PAMPAS DEER (*Ozotoceros bezoarticus*)

RED BROCKET DEER (*Mazama americana*)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Other noticeable species:

Spectacled Caiman

Dwarf Caiman

Paraguayan Caiman

Green Iguana

Totals for the tour: 329 bird taxa and 18 mammal taxa