

## RIO NEGRO PARADISE: MANAUS

*September 21, 2009 to October 4, 2009*

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The 2009 Rio Negro Paradise tour got under way shortly after the Negro and the Amazon had receded from near record high levels. It was therefore fortunate that the tour started a week or so later than usual! We have always kicked things off with a visit to the INPA tower north of Manaus, but that was not possible this year because INPA (Instituto Nacional da Pesquisa da Amazonia; Amazonian National Research Institute) withdrew all non-research permits to enter the reserves just days ahead of the tour; whether birding groups will be allowed to return by September 2011, when INPA hopes to have established a formal management plan that allows for outside visitation, is still unsure. This was disappointing, to say the least, but we ended up seeing well almost all of the birds we hope to spot from the tower at other places during the first days of the trip. Speaking of which... WOW! What a show we were given by the male Guianan Cocks-of-the-Rock, several of which descended to their terrestrial display courts, staying around for an hour of very fine viewing. Other great sightings in that area included a glowing male Crimson Topaz, multiple Green-tailed Goldentthroats, several close Bronzy Jacamars, a rare but very cooperative White-naped Seedeater singing his head off, "Chamizal" or "Campinarana" Flycatcher (*Cnemotriccus duidae*, a split of the Fuscous Flycatcher group), Rufous-crowned Elaenia, Pale-bellied Mourner, Black Manakin, and our first Scarlet Macaws in gorgeous morning light.

Three days at the hammock camp, "Camp 41", of the Biological Dynamics of Forest Fragments Project was also fun birding, and our group quickly settled into the rhythm of the place. As usual, almost everyone got along very well with their hammock (I did say "almost everyone", Dona Virginia!), and nighttime temperatures were a bit cooler than normal this year, I thought. Perhaps this was owing to more rain than usual; one of our two owling excursions was rained-out. We only heard White-winged Potoo at the camp, and no Rufous, but we saw them beautifully in Jau National Park a few nights later, both species inside of one (exciting!) hour. Despite both Capuchinbird and Guianan Red-Cotinga being very quiet this year (the former was seen well by almost everyone), diurnal birding at and around the hammock camp was very good, with Marail Guan, Yellow-billed Jacamar, Guianan Toucanet, Black-spotted Barbet, Collared Puffbird, Golden-collared, Waved, and Red-necked woodpeckers; Slender-billed Xenops, Short-billed and Black-tailed leaftossers; Red-billed and Spot-throated woodcreepers, Ferruginous Antbird and a raiding, ankle-chomping army ant swarm attended by Rufous-throated and the amazing White-plumed antbirds; Spot-backed and Ash-winged antwrens; close, low Pompadour Cotingas; good views of beautiful White-throated, Golden-headed, and White-fronted manakins and also Tiny Tyrant-Manakin; Olive-green Tyrannulet, Paradise and the scarce Dotted tanagers, and Short-billed Honeycreeper. Whew! Beyond the birding highlights was a star-studded lineup of mammals. Tops were definitely the big JAGUAR that Romney spotted on the road about 100 feet from us late one afternoon ("There's a mammal in the road", she calmly stated). All looked down to see the beast standing broadside; it looked our way, took a couple of steps forward, then turned and galloped away from us to dart into the forest. Second place had to go to the monstrous Giant Anteater that almost all of us saw one morning inside the forest only a few hundred yards from camp -- a rare forest-interior meeting with that noble creature! We also saw both Brown-bearded Saki and Monk Saki -- two primates seldom seen anywhere -- and also Black Spider Monkeys. Active as the birding was around the camp... when it's time to go, it's time to GO -- straight to the luxury of the boat and the long, cool rivers. Oh yes.

Our week aboard the beautiful Vitoria Amazonica was relaxing and highly productive. Birding

through the Anavilhanas Archipelago and at remote Jau National Park was exciting, with not many dull moments, day or night! We took a couple of hours out to hand-feed some habituated Amazon (Pink) River Dolphins, an amazing experience! Unusual but very welcome were the numerous Sungrebes we spotted this year; we usually see just one or two. Several of our nightlighting excursions were great for seeing interesting small mammals and a variety of reptiles and amphibians, not to mention nightjars and potoos. The antbird performance in the Anavilhanas kept us hopping, but antbirds at Jau, often excellent, were lacking, with no ant swarm and almost no sign of Yapacana (one bird feebly called back to us a couple of times). Jau did produce Pearly Antshrike and Cherrie's Antwren, however, and other highlights included Pavonine Quetzal, Lafresnaye's Piculet, Yellow-crested Manakin, the still-undescribed sister species of Pelzel's Tody-Tyrant, Snethlage's Tody-tyrant, a fantastic, singing Wing-banded Wren, and the dull but seldom seen Brown-headed Greenlet.

The back half of the week on the boat was spent along the Solimoes and Amazonas rivers, with a morning at the mouth of the great Rio Madeira, birding mostly island habitats in various successional stages from sandbars to tall forest. The famous "meeting of the waters", where the Ro Negro meets the Solimoes, the two forming the Rio Amazonas, was extraordinarily well-defined the day we visited, with a sharp demarcation that remained evident for miles downriver. Birding was fantastic; we didn't miss much out there! Well, except the mouth of the Madeira, which we overshot by a couple of hours downstream... hey, it was dark and the rivers were so high that we sailed right past her before we knew it! We also continued to add to the excellent mammal roster with Pale-throated Three-toed Sloth + Southern Tamandua (Collared Anteater) + a very rarely seen Giant Tree Rat all close together at one stop. Our final boat birding, on the north bank of the Amazonas, was perfect for Varzea Piculet, Plain Softtail, and Glossy Antshrike. After such a pleasant and interesting voyage on these mighty rivers it was hard to say good-bye to our beautiful boat and her wonderful crew (especially the cook!).

I had an excellent time birding with all of you those two weeks, and I look forward to doing it again wherever we may meet. Meanwhile, happy travels and great birding to all! Abraços para todos, Bretche

*List total: 435 bird taxa and 19 mammal taxa*

*If marked to left of list, \* = heard only, I = introduced, E = endemic,  
N = nesting, a = austral migrant, b = boreal migrant*

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**Tinamidae**

- \* GREAT TINAMOU (*Tinamus major*)
- \* UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*)
- \* VARIEGATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus variegatus*)

**Phalacrocoracidae**

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

**Anhingidae**

ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*)

**Ardeidae**

CAPPED HERON (*Pilherodius pileatus*)

*Several good sightings of this elegant heron.*

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)

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

BOAT-BILLED HERON (*Cochlearius cochlearius*)

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*)

**Threskiornithidae**

GREEN IBIS (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*)

**Anhimidae**

HORNED SCREAMER (*Anhima cornuta*)

*Nice scope views on the drive back to Manaus our last day.*

**Anatidae**

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

MUSCOVY DUCK (*Cairina moschata*)

BRAZILIAN TEAL (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*)

**Cathartidae**

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

LESSER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes burrovianus*)

GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes melambrotus*)

KING VULTURE (*Sarcoramphus papa*)

*Three high-soaring adults.*

**Pandionidae**

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*)

**Accipitridae**

- \* GRAY-HEADED KITE (*Leptodon cayanensis*)

HOOK-BILLED KITE (*Chondrohierax uncinatus*)

*A good spot by Nancy.*

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*)

CRANE HAWK (*Geranospiza caerulescens*)

WHITE HAWK (*Leucopternis albicollis*)

GREAT BLACK-HAWK (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)

SAVANNA HAWK (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)

BLACK-COLLARED HAWK (*Busarellus nigricollis*)

GRAY HAWK (*Buteo nitidus*)

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris*)

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus*)

BLACK-AND-WHITE HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizastur melanoleucus*)

*A fine view of a soaring bird thanks to a great spot by Eileen.*

ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus ornatus*)

### **Falconidae**

BLACK CARACARA (*Daptrius ater*)

RED-THROATED CARACARA (*Ibycter americanus*)

SOUTHERN CARACARA (*Caracara plancus*)

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)

LINED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur gilvicollis*)

*Nice views of one that responded well late one afternoon at the hammock camp.*

SLATY-BACKED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur mirandollei*)

BAT FALCON (*Falco rufigularis*)

ORANGE-BREASTED FALCON (*Falco deiroleucus*)

PEREGRINE FALCON (*Falco peregrinus*)

*A fine adult (probably male) typical of *F. p. tundrius* (the expected subspecies).*

### **Cracidae**

LITTLE CHACHALACA (*Ortalis motmot*)

*Excellent views right on the hotel grounds in Manaus; one pair had two striped chicks.*

MARAIL GUAN (*Penelope marail*)

*Good views a couple of times.*

\* CRESTLESS CURASSOW (*Mitu tomentosa*)

*Darned wary and hard to see... only on the Anavilhanas in this area.*

### **Opisthocomidae**

HOATZIN (*Opisthocomus hoazin*)

*One fairly cooperative group in the Anavilhanas.*

### **Aramidae**

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna*)

### **Rallidae**

\* GRAY-BREASTED CRAKE (*Laterallus exilis*)

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

### **Heliornithidae**

SUNGREBE (*Heliornis fulica*)

*Marcelo spotted that first one ("most wanted" by Glenn and Eileen) -- then we were treated to several other nice sightings and got to hear their odd vocalizations as well.*

### **Eurypygidae**

SUNBITTERN (*Eurypyga helias*)

*Nicely along the river in Jau.*

### **Jacanidae**

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

### **Charadriidae**

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*)

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER (*Pluvialis dominica*)

*A couple of very distant birds scoped near Itacoatiara.*

COLLARED PLOVER (*Charadrius collaris*)

### **Sternidae**

GULL-BILLED TERN (*Sterna nilotica*)

YELLOW-BILLED TERN (*Sterna superciliaris*)

LARGE-BILLED TERN (*Phaetusa simplex*)

*Muchos, especially along the Amazon.*

### **Rynchopidae**

BLACK SKIMMER (*Rynchops niger*)

### **Columbidae**

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

SCALED PIGEON (*Patagioenas speciosa*)

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*)

RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)

COMMON GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina passerina*)

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

GRAY-FRONTED DOVE (*Leptotila rufaxilla*)

### **Psittacidae**

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

*Not many this year, but seen nicely a couple of times.*

SCARLET MACAW (*Ara macao*)

CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW (*Ara severa*)

RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilata*)

WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (*Aratinga leucophthalmus*)

BROWN-THROATED PARAKEET (*Aratinga pertinax*)

\* MAROON-TAILED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura melanura*)

GREEN-RUMPED PARROTLET (*Forpus passerinus*)

*Good views of three along the Rio Amazonas.*

BLUE-WINGED PARROTLET (*Forpus xanthopterygius*)

CANARY-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris versicolurus*)

TUI PARAKEET (*Brotogeris sanctithomae*)

GOLDEN-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris chrysopterus*)

\* SCARLET-SHOULDERED PARROTLET (*Touit huetii*)

SAPPHIRE-RUMPED PARROTLET (*Touit purpurata*)

*Good views in flight, low and close a couple of times.*

\* ORANGE-CHEEKED PARROT (*Pionopsitta barrabandi*)

SHORT-TAILED PARROT (*Graydidascalus brachyurus*)

*Excellent scope studies.*

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)

DUSKY PARROT (*Pionus fuscus*)

RED-LORED PARROT (*Amazona autumnalis*)

FESTIVE PARROT (*Amazona festiva*)

*Muchos in the Anavilhanas, starting with views from the top-deck breakfast table in the Anavilhanas.*

ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (*Amazona amazonica*)

MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*)

RED-FAN PARROT (*Deroptyus accipitrinus*)

*Not seen as well as we'd have liked this year.*

### **Cuculidae**

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

BLACK-BELLIED CUCKOO (*Piaya melanogaster*)

*Always a handsome and interesting bird to see.*

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*)  
SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)  
STRIPED CUCKOO (*Tapera naevia*)

### **Strigidae**

- \* TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops watsonii*)
- \* SPECTACLED OWL (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*)
- AMAZONIAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium hardyi*)  
*Very nice looks at these tiny diurnal owls a couple of times.*

### **Nyctibiidae**

- GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*)  
*Right on schedule (at least four of them!) as we motored on to the Solimoes early one morning.*
- \* COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*)
  - WHITE-WINGED POTOO (*Nyctibius leucopterus*)  
*I set up the scope on the snag where the bird appeared on the 2008 tour, went back into the forest to whistle its song to get it calling, then pulled it right up to sit on the same snag. All we had to do was turn on the light! Sweet!*
  - RUFOUS POTOO (*Nyctibius bracteatus*)  
*What a tremendous experience it was to see this fabulous bird sitting on a low palm stub right in front of us for some 20 minutes. I thought it was on a nest for while, but that turned out not to be the case.*

### **Caprimulgidae**

- SHORT-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Lurocalis semitorquatus*)  
SAND-COLORED NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles rupestris*)  
LESSER NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles acutipennis*)  
BAND-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Nyctiprogne leucopyga*)  
*Both song types seen and heard well.*
- PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)  
BLACKISH NIGHTJAR (*Caprimulgus nigrescens*)  
*A very nice view of a male during the day near the hammock camp.*
- LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*)

### **Apodidae**

- BAND-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura spinicaudus*)  
CHAPMAN'S SWIFT (*Chaetura chapmani*)  
*Fabulous looks at this one, often hard to see well.*
- SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura*)  
FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT (*Tachornis squamata*)

### **Trochilidae**

- STRAIGHT-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis bourcieri*)  
REDDISH HERMIT (*Phaethornis ruber*)  
WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*)  
BLACK-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)  
CRIMSON TOPAZ (*Topaza pella*)  
*One adult male and at least a couple of females at Presidente Figueiredo.*
- BLUE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE (*Chlorestes notatus*)  
BLUE-TAILED EMERALD (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*)  
FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)
- \* WHITE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE (*Hylocharis cyanus*)
  - GREEN-TAILED GOLDENTHROAT (*Polytmus theresiae*)  
*More than usual this year.*

OLIVE-SPOTTED HUMMINGBIRD (*Leucippus chlorocercus*)  
*Two singing males on Marchantaria island.*

VERSCOLORED EMERALD (*Agyrtria versicolor*)

GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD (*Polyerata fimbriata*)

BLACK-EARED FAIRY (*Heliostyria aurita*)

### **Trogonidae**

WHITE-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*)

\* VIOLACEOUS TROGON (*Trogon violaceus*)

BLACK-THROATED TROGON (*Trogon rufus*)

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*)

*A beautiful view of an adult male low overhead (from the canoes!) in Jau.*

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*)

PAVONINE QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus pavoninus*)

*A prolonged scope view of an adult male was really great.*

### **Alcedinidae**

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Ceryle torquatus*)

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

GREEN KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle americana*)

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

AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle aenea*)

*A really fine view of two birds on our last morning canoe trip at Jau.*

### **Momotidae**

BLUE-CROWNED MOTMOT (*Momotus momota*)

### **Galbulidae**

YELLOW-BILLED JACAMAR (*Galbula albirostris*)

*Seemed numerous this year.*

GREEN-TAILED JACAMAR (*Galbula galbula*)

*Excellent study on the Anavilhanas.*

BRONZY JACAMAR (*Galbula leucogastra*)

PARADISE JACAMAR (*Galbula dea*)

*A frequent sight around Camp 41.*

GREAT JACAMAR (*Jacamerops aureus*)

### **Bucconidae**

\* SPOTTED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco tamatia*)

COLLARED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco capensis*)

*A wonderful scopeful of this bird at Camp 41!*

BLACK NUNBIRD (*Monasa atra*)

*Several sightings of this Guianan endemic.*

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*)

WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa morphoeus*)

SWALLOW-WING (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)

### **Capitonidae**

BLACK-SPOTTED BARBET (*Capito niger*)

### **Ramphastidae**

GREEN ARACARI (*Pteroglossus viridis*)

*Scoped nicely a copule of times.*

\* IVORY-BILLED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus azara*)

BLACK-NECKED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus aracari*)

*Just one this trip.*

\* TAWNY-TUFTED TOUCANET (*Selenidera nattereri*)  
*It was frustrating to hear this bird but not have it respond to the recording!*

GUIANAN TOUCANET (*Selenidera culik*)  
*Great views along the road at Camp 41.*

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus*)  
*The black-billed, orange-throated form east of the Negro.*

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus*)  
*This is the "Cuvier's" look-alike west of the Negro (Jau).*

RED-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus*)  
*East of the Negro.*

RED-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*)  
*West of the Negro.*

### **Picidae**

LAFRESNAYE'S PICULET (*Picumnus lafresnayi*)

GOLDEN-SPANGLED PICULET (*Picumnus exilis*)  
*Nicely at Camp 41.*

VARZEA PICULET (*Picumnus varzeae*)  
*A superb, stunning, knock-out, in-yo-face pair of piculets at the mouth of the Madeira, right where we were hoping for them!*

YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)

LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus*)

GOLDEN-COLLARED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis cassini*)

YELLOW-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus flavigula*)  
*A few good sightings of this handsome woodpecker.*

GOLDEN-GREEN WOODPECKER (*Piculus chrysochloros*)

SPOT-BREASTED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes punctigula*)

\* SCALY-BREASTED WOODPECKER (*Celeus grammicus*)

WAVED WOODPECKER (*Celeus undatus*)

CHESTNUT WOODPECKER (*Celeus elegans*)  
*Nancy made an excellent spot on this one from the canoe in Jau!*

\* RINGED WOODPECKER (*Celeus torquatus*)  
*Try as we might, we just couldn't get it to move.*

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*)  
*It was neat to see a nest at Presidente Figueiredo.*

RED-NECKED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus rubricollis*)

\* CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)

### **Furnariidae**

TAIL-BANDED HORNERO (*Furnarius figulus*)  
*Nice views of a highly responsive bird near the mouth of the Rio Preto da Eva.*

LESSER HORNERO (*Furnarius minor*)  
*Several good views of this young-island specialist.*

DARK-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albigularis*)

PLAIN-CROWNED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis gujanensis*)

WHITE-BELLIED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis propinqua*)  
*An outstanding view of a pair; a common bird but can be quite difficult to see really well!*

RUSTY-BACKED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca vulpina*)

PARKER'S SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca vulpecula*)  
*Really close and cooperative.*

SPECKLED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca gutturata*)

*On the Anavilhanas, more challenging to see, but it showed well.*

SCALED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca muelleri*)

*It came really easily this year -- what a great look at it!*

RED-AND-WHITE SPINETAIL (*Certhiaxis mustelina*)

*After a bit of hunting, we finally came up with one that came in very close and stuck around for a good while.*

YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL (*Certhiaxis cinnamomea*)

PLAIN SOFTTAIL (*Phacellodomus fusciceps obidensis*)

*This is a distinctive subspecies likely to be split soon.*

SLENDER-BILLED XENOPS (*Xenops tenuirostris*)

*One seen well in the terra firme forest north of Manaus.*

PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*)

POINT-TAILED PALMCREEPER (*Berlepschia rikeri*)

*Yesss! A great view of one at the edge of Manaus -- but it looked weird because its tail was only about 1/4 grown.*

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

*Several good views in mixed-species flocks at Camp 41.*

\* BUFF-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus ochrolaemus*)

OLIVE-BACKED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus infuscatus*)

SHORT-BILLED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus rufularis*)

*With perseverance, we all got decent to excellent views of one at Camp 41.*

\* TAWNY-THROATED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus mexicanus*)

*Couldn't get this one to become interested enough to appear.*

BLACK-TAILED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus caudatus*)

*A very nice view of a highly responsive bird at dusk one day -- once you managed to make it out against a tree root, that is!*

### ***Dendrocolaptidae***

PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)

WHITE-CHINNED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla merula*)

*Nice views at army ant swarms.*

LONG-TAILED WOODCREEPER (*Deconychura longicauda*)

*A fine look at the nominate form at Camp 41. The Long-tailed Woodcreeper complex is itching to be split up several ways.*

SPOT-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Deconychura stictolaema*)

*Good views on both sides of the Negro (Camp 41 and Jau) -- but some years we don't manage to get one up anywhere!*

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)

LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Nasica longirostris*)

*Always a tremendously impressive bird.*

RED-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Hylexetastes perrotii*)

*Good views of this monster at Camp 41; can be tough but it came easily this year.*

AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*)

BLACK-BANDED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*)

*With some work, we finally got the look we were waiting for, in great light.*

ZIMMER'S WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex kienerii*)

*Fine studies, once super-close. Until recently "unknown in life". It was excellent to compare it with the next two species, look-alikes in the same habitat.*

STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus picus*)

STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*)

OCELLATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus ocellatus*)

*Nicely at Jau. This is actually a fantastic tour for woodcreepers -- our only aching miss this year was Curve-billed Scythebill (not even heard!), which is usually not so difficult to find...*

- \* BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*)
- CHESTNUT-RUMPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus pardalotus*)  
*Muchos*

LINEATED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*)

### ***Thamnophilidae***

FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*)

- \* GREAT ANTSHRIKE (*Taraba major*)
- BLACK-CRESTED ANTSHRIKE (*Sakesphorus canadensis*)  
*A handsome male bowled us all over (strrrrike!) in the Anavilhanas.*

GLOSSY ANTSHRIKE (*Sakesphorus luctuosus*)  
*A responsive pair, crests way up, on the north bank of the Amazonas on our last morning on the river.*

BLACKISH-GRAY ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus nigrocinereus*)  
*Excellent on the Anavilhanas.*

MOUSE-COLORED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus murinus*)

GUIANAN SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus punctatus*)

AMAZONIAN ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus amazonicus cinereiceps*)  
*Good views in the chavascal habitat of Jau.*

SPOT-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Pygoptila stellaris*)

PEARLY ANTSHRIKE (*Megastictus margaritatus*)  
*Well, I wouldn't say it was "easy", but a male did cooperate enough to give almost everyone a nice view or two.*

DUSKY-THROATED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*)

CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes caesius*)

PYGMY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula brachyura*)

KLAGES' ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula klagesi*)

CHERRIE'S ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula cherriei*)  
*A beaut male came in close over us at Jau.*

RUFIOUS-BELLIED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula guttata*)  
*A Guianan shield endemic, and what a snazzy little bird! Seen low and close (like it has to be with this one) at Presidente Figueiredo.*

BROWN-BELLIED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula gutturalis*)  
*Several good, close views at Camp 41.*

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)

LONG-WINGED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula longipennis*)

LEADEN ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula assimilis*)  
*Superb on the Anavilhanas.*

SPOT-BACKED ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus dorsimaculatus*)  
*Nice looks at a pair on our first morning out of Manaus.*

WHITE-FRINGED ANTWREN (*Formicivora grisea*)

ASH-WINGED ANTWREN (*Terenura spodioptila*)  
*Wow, a fantastic view at Camp 41 -- this one is hard to see well, even from canopy towers.*

- \* GRAY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*)
- DUSKY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra tyrannina*)
- ASH-BREASTED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus lugubris*)  
*A beautiful male sat up and sang for us for a couple of minutes on the Anavilhanas.*
- BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*)

WARBLING ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis cantator cantator*)

*This is the Guianan Warbling Antbird; the complex has been split into several species.*

YELLOW-BROWED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis hypoxantha*)

*Whew, this one was frustrating at Jau, but most finally did get a reasonable view.*

BLACK-CHINNED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemoides melanopogon*)

*Up close on the Anavilhanas.*

BLACK-AND-WHITE ANTBIRD (*Myrmochanes hemileucus*)

*Dynamite views of this highly distinctive antbird on river islands over the last few days of the tour.*

BLACK-HEADED ANTBIRD (*Percnostola rufifrons subcristata*)

*Good views of both sexes.*

FERRUGINOUS-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza ferruginea*)

*Properly impressive views of a fine adult male, though a couple of folks managed to have stuff in front of it practically the entire three minutes it spent in close to us(!)*

\* YAPACANA ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza disjuncta*)

*Yuck, just nothing doing despite heroic endurance by everyone... it just works that way sometimes...*

WHITE-PLUMED ANTBIRD (*Pithys albifrons*)

*Beleza, two thumbs up!*

RUFIOUS-THROATED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopithys rufigula*)

*Not seen so well as the previous species, but several folks got a good view at the massive army ant swarm at Camp 41.*

\* BICOLORED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopithys leucaspis*)

*Hearing one feeble song was the only indication that there might have been army ants anywhere near the trail at Jau... bad luck this time around.*

\* SPOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax naevia*)

SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax poecilinotus*)

### ***Formicariidae***

RUFIOUS-CAPPED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius colma*)

*A cooperative bird at Jau.*

\* BLACK-FACED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius analis*)

\* VARIEGATED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria varia*)

\* THRUSH-LIKE ANTPITTA (*Myrmothera campanisona*)

### ***Cotingidae***

\* GUIANAN RED-COTINGA (*Phoenicircus carnifex*)

*Super-quiet this year.*

SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*)

*Good views of loud singers a couple of times.*

SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*)

*Just one good adult male studied in the scopes.*

POMPADOUR COTINGA (*Xipholena punicea*)

*We heard a couple of adult male vocalizations, played a recording, and lo and behold, I mean low and behold... we got a great scope view! I was worried we'd have trouble seeing a full adult male without access to the INPA tower.*

CAPUCHINBIRD (*Perissocephalus tricolor*)

*Also very quiet this year, but we did manage to get a couple of good binocular views of one or two birds at the lek.*

GUIANAN COCK-OF-THE-ROCK (*Rupicola rupicola*)

*Simply out-of-this-world!*

### ***Pipridae***

WHITE-THROATED MANAKIN (*Corapipo gutturalis*)

*Thanks to Susan for a great spot of our first adult male.*

- WIRE-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra filicauda*)  
*Hoppin' and jumpin' on the Anavilhanas! Those adult males just lit up the dark understory.*
- GOLDEN-HEADED MANAKIN (*Pipra erythrocephala*)
- WHITE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Dixiphia pipra*)
- \* BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix coronata*)
- WHITE-FRONTED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix serena*)  
*One adult male flew across the road to perch on an open twig at the side of the road! That may never happen again (while anybody's watching). Seen even better later, inside the forest, as is typical.*
- BLACK MANAKIN (*Xenopipo atronitens*)
- YELLOW-CRESTED MANAKIN (*Heterocercus flavivertex*)  
*Whew, after some effort, a superb adult male perched for great looks.*
- SAFFRON-CRESTED TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Neopelma chrysocephalum*)  
*Nice scope views of this one, too, though there's not a lot to see here, either!*
- DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes stolzmanni*)  
*A good look at Jau.*
- TINY TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes virescens*)  
*More vocal than usual at this season around Camp 41.*
- WING-BARRED PIPRITES (*Piprites chloris*)  
*One especially fine view at Camp 41.*
- \* THRUSH-LIKE SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis turdinus*)
- Tyrannidae***
- \* WHITE-LORED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion inerme*)
- SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)
- MOUSE-COLORED TYRANNULET (*Phaeomyias murina*)
- \* YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*)
- FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardii*)
- YELLOW-CROWNED ELAENIA (*Myiopagis flavivertex*)
- BROWNISH ELAENIA (*Elaenia pelzelni*)
- PLAIN-CRESTED ELAENIA (*Elaenia cristata*)
- RUFIOUS-CROWNED ELAENIA (*Elaenia ruficeps*)  
*It came easily this year, but the strong sunlight against us made viewing details a bit difficult until we got it to move well right of the sun...*
- RIVER TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga hypoleuca*)  
*Several good views on river islands.*
- MACCONNELL'S FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes macconnelli*)
- OLIVE-GREEN TYRANNULET (*Phylloscartes virescens*)  
*After much searching, we finally found one that cooperated nicely so everyone could see it well. It's tough to get excited over, even being a Guianan endemic...*
- SLENDER-FOOTED TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius gracilipes*)
- AMAZONIAN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER (*Sublegatus obscurior*)  
*A superb view!*
- AMAZONIAN TYRANNULET (*Inezia subflava*)
- LESSER WAGTAIL-TYRANT (*Stigmatura napensis*)  
*Excellent studies of a duetting pair at the mouth of the Rio Madeira.*
- SHORT-TAILED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis ecaudatus*)  
*This tiny guy performed nicely!*
- DOUBLE-BANDED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus vitiensis*)
- RUSTY-FRONTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilatriccus latirostris*)
- SNETHLAGE'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus minor pallens*)

- WHITE-EYED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus zosterops rothschildi*)  
*This the "White-eyed Tody-Tyrant" east of the Negro, seen well at Camp 41.*
- WHITE-EYED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus zosterops zosterops*)  
*This the "White-eyed Tody-Tyrant" west of the Negro, seen well at Jau. These two will soon be split, along with their close relative south of the Amazon (*grisepectus*). All have very distinctive voices.*
- \* PELZELN'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus inornatus*)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus* sp. nov.?)  
*This is the one we saw really well at Jau (sister to Pelzeln's on the opposite bank of the lower Negro).*
- SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum maculatum*)
- PAINTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum pictum*)  
*A prolonged scope view, better views than usual! What a fantastic little bird!!*
- \* YELLOW-BROWED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*)
- RINGED ANTIPIBIT (*Corythopis torquata*)  
*Seen fairly well by most at Jau, furtive and it didn't respond very actively.*
- RUFIOUS-TAILED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*)
- YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*)
- YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias assimilis*)
- GRAY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*)
- \* YELLOW-BREASTED (OCHRE-LORED) FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*)
- CINNAMON-CRESTED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus saturatus*)  
*Most folks got a good look at this scarce spadebill at Camp 41; it was very close to us a couple of times, but undergrowth veg was dense and you had to be fortunate enough to have it land in a space where you could see it.*
- \* GOLDEN-CROWNED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus coronatus*)
- \* WHITE-CRESTED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus platyrhynchos*)
- WHISKERED FLYCATCHER (*Myiobius barbatus*)
- FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus fuscator*)  
*Nicely several times on islands.*
- CAMPINARANA FLYCATCHER (*Cnemotriccus [fuscatus] duidae*)  
*The name, after it's officially split, may end up being Chamizal Flycatcher (*Cnemotriccus duidae*).*
- \* EULER'S FLYCATCHER (*Lathrotriccus eulerei*)
- AMAZONIAN BLACK-TYRANT (*Knipolegus poecilocercus*)  
*Adult females seen well on tow days; inconspicuous and scarce, often missed altogether.*
- RIVERSIDE TYRANT (*Knipolegus orenocensis*)  
*Excellent views on islands.*
- WHITE-HEADED MARSH-TYRANT (*Arundinicola leucocephala*)
- CINNAMON ATTILA (*Attila cinnamomeus*)
- \* BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTILA (*Attila spadiceus*)
- DULL-CAPPED ATTILA (*Attila bolivianus*)  
*A couple of good, fierce-eyed views.*
- \* CINEREOUS MOURNER (*Laniocera hypopyrra*)
- \* SIRYSTES (*Sirystes sibilator*)
- GRAYISH MOURNER (*Rhytipterna simplex*)
- PALE-BELLIED MOURNER (*Rhytipterna immunda*)  
*A cooperative bird stayed put for leisurely scope study, not an every-tour occurrence!*
- DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)
- SWAINSON'S FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus swainsoni*)  
*Apparently the distinctive, dark subspecies *M. s. phaeonotus*.*
- SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*)

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)  
*One seen well in second-growth; an unusual sighting around Manaus.*

LESSER KISKADEE (*Philohydor lictor*)

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarhynchus pitangua*)

RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*)

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)

THREE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias trivirgata*)

*We had to wait until the last morning afield (north bank of the Amazonas) for a good view of this one.*

YELLOW-THROATED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias parva*)

*Nicely a couple of times.*

STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)

ISLAND STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes [maculatus] sp. nov.*)

*Several fine views on Amazon river islands.*

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*)

VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*)

SULPHURY FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*)

*Easily seen around the Hotel Tropical in Manaus.*

WHITE-THROATED KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus albogularis*)

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus savana*)

*Few this year; we sometimes see big numbers of migrants along the rivers.*

\* BLACK-CAPPED BECARD (*Pachyramphus marginatus*)

CINEREOUS BECARD (*Pachyramphus rufus*)

*A great look at Presidente Figueiredo.*

\* PINK-THROATED BECARD (*Pachyramphus minor*)

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*)

MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*)

#### ***Hirundinidae***

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*)

PURPLE MARTIN (*Progne subis*)

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

WHITE-THIGHED SWALLOW (*Neochelidon tibialis*)

*Nicely perched and in flight around Camp 41.*

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

BARN SWALLOW (*Hirundo rustica*)

#### ***Troglodytidae***

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*)

*Good views late in the tour. This odd bird has recently been shown to be most closely related to Old World sylviid warblers.*

\* CORAYA WREN (*Thryothorus coraya*)

BUFF-BREASTED WREN (*Thryothorus leucotis*)

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*)

WING-BANDED WREN (*Microcerculus bambla*)

*After much searching, we had soul-satisfying views of a singing adult male, at times within 15 feet of us.*

#### ***Turdidae***

PALE-BREASTED THRUSH (*Turdus leucomelas*)

BLACK-BILLED THRUSH (*Turdus ignobilis*)

- \* HAUXWELL'S THRUSH (*Turdus hauxwelli*)
- \* WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (*Turdus albicollis*)

**Poliptilidae**

COLLARED GNATWREN (*Microbates collaris*)

*Wow, really a tough one to get your bins on, but several of us did manage to see it well! Camp 41.*

- \* LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)
- TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (*Poliptila plumbea*)

**Estrildidae**

COMMON WAXBILL (*Estrilda astrild*)

**Vireonidae**

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

- \* LEMON-CHESTED GREENLET (*Hylophilus thoracicus*)
  - GRAY-CHESTED GREENLET (*Hylophilus semicinereus*)
  - BUFF-CHEEKED GREENLET (*Hylophilus muscicapinus*)
- Low and close around Camp 41.*

BROWN-HEADED GREENLET (*Hylophilus brunneiceps*)

*Exceptional views of this dull bird with a great song, at Jau.*

- \* TAWNY-CROWNED GREENLET (*Hylophilus ochraceiceps*)
  - SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanus leucotis*)
- Nice scope views at Camp 41 a couple of times.*

**Fringillidae**

- \* PLUMBEOUS EUPHONIA (*Euphonia plumbea*)

*Aarrgh, a singing bird failed to come into view, just staying put out there in the distance. What's THAT about?!*

*It was probably another tour leader, yeah, that explains it.*

WHITE-LORED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chrysopasta*)

GOLDEN-SIDED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia cayennensis*)

**Parulidae**

MASKED YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis aequinoctialis*)

**Coeribidae**

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

**Thraupidae**

BICOLORED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum bicolor*)

PEARLY-BREASTED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum margaritae*)

*Great on Marchantaria, right before we had equally good views of Bicolored there.*

RED-BILLED PIED TANAGER (*Lamprospiza melanoleuca*)

ORANGE-HEADED TANAGER (*Thlypopsis sordida*)

YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*)

HOODED TANAGER (*Nemosia pileata*)

FULVOUS SHRIKE-TANAGER (*Lanio fulvus*)

*Good views with a big mixed-species flock at Camp 41.*

FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)

FULVOUS-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus surinamus*)

MASKED CRIMSON TANAGER (*Ramphocelus nigrogularis*)

*A fine adult male lit up the scope on our last morning on the rivers. That's one of Junior's all-time fav's!*

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

TURQUOISE TANAGER (*Tangara mexicana*)

PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*)

SPOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara punctata*)

DOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara varia*)

*An impeccable scope study on our first morning in forest outside Manaus; one of the most rarely seen Tangara tanagers.*

OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER (*Tangara velia*)

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*)

YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS (*Dacnis flaviventer*)

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

SHORT-BILLED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes nitidus*)

*A beautiful pair of these birds popped in and out of the same tree where we saw the Dotted Tanager.*

PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)

RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)

### **Emberizidae**

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

WING-BARRED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila americana*)

LINED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila lineola*)

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)

WHITE-NAPED SEEDEATER (*Dolospingus fringilloides*)

*Hip Hip HOORAY! It was a "walk-up and scope it" experience this year, very welcome.*

ORANGE-FRONTED YELLOW-FINCH (*Sicalis columbiana*)

*Frequent companions along the rivers.*

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*)

YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)

### **Cardinalidae**

GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)

YELLOW-GREEN GROSBEAK (*Caryothraustes canadensis*)

\* BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*)

### **Icteridae**

YELLOW-HOODED BLACKBIRD (*Chrysomus icterocephalus*)

RED-BREASTED BLACKBIRD (*Sturnella militaris*)

SHINY COWBIRD (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

GIANT COWBIRD (*Scaphidura oryzivora*)

ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL (*Icterus croconotus*)

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*)

SOLITARY CACIQUE (*Cacicus solitarius*)

CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus*)

*Very few oropendolas around this year.*

\* GREEN OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius viridis*)

ORIOLE BLACKBIRD (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*)

### **MAMMALS**

LONG-NOSED BAT (*Rhynchonycteris naso*)

GREATER WHITE-LINED BAT (*Saccopteryx bilineata*)

FISHING BAT SP. (*Noctilio leporinus*)

\* RED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta seniculus*)

MONK SAKI MONKEY (*Pithecia monachus*)

BROWN BEARDED SAKI MONKEY (*Chiropotes satanas*)

BROWN CAPUCHIN (*Cebus apella*)

BLACK SPIDER MONKEY (*Ateles paniscus*)

PALE-THROATED THREE-TOED SLOTH (*Bradypus tridactylus*)

GIANT ANTEATER (*Myrmecophaga tridactyla*)

*We were stading quietly inside tall forest at Camp 41, watching birds in an understory mixed-species flock when I noticed motion ahead. The huge anteater made a few more steps in our direction, turned, and ambled off. It was a really neat encounter!*

SOUTHERN TAMANDUA (*Tamandua tetradactyla*)

*Junior spotted a large one for us on an island near the mouth of the Madeira; it stayed uip in a tree, staring down at us.*

GUIANAN SQUIRREL (*Sciurus aestuans*)

\* NORTHERN AMAZON RED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus igniventris*)

RED-RUMPED AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta agouti*)

SPINY TREE RAT (*Mesomys hispidus*)

*This may well have been the spiny rat we spotlighted up in trees a couple of times in the Anavilhanas and at Jau. We'd thought that it might have been in the genus *Proechimys*... but it's hard to say.*

AMAZON RIVER DOLPHIN (*Inia geoffrensis*)

*An amazing interlude with several of these marvelous creatures along the Rio Negro, where a few have become habituated to feeding on fish right out of peoples' hands. Dona Elieen and the ever-patient Ronaldinho may hve done the best as this...*

TUCUXI (*Sotalia fluviatilis*)

*Also seen many times, especially along the Negro and in Jau.*

GIANT OTTER (*Pteronura brasiliensis*)

*It was exciting to come upon a family group of these rare mammals on our last morning in Jau National Park.*

JAGUAR (*Panthera onca*)

*ROM-NEY,ROM-NEY,ROM-NEY !!!*

### ***Additional Comments***

The four-eyed possum we spotlighted in the Anavilhanas was apparently Philander opossum.

We saw a large foraging concentration of massive Artibeus bats our first evening on the Rio Amazonas, near the mouth of the Rio Preto da Eva.

Numerous herps, outstanding among them:

Smooth-fronted Caiman (*Paleosuchus trigonatus*) -- rarely seen dwarf caiman!

Garden Tree Boa

Tropical Rat Snake (*Spilotes pullatus*)

Fer-de lance (*Bothrops atrox*) -- some of us almost stepped on one little guy coiled up on top of a log!

Crocodile lizard (the one in the roots at the edge of the water at Jau; we commented that it's seldom seen)

Gladiator Tree Frog (*Hyla boens*)

*Hyla* species -- the huge white tree frog we saw on our last morning canoe trip at Jau (an incredible frog!

*Leptodactylus pentadactylus* -- the large, white-throated frog on the ground at the edge of the water that we spotlighted a couple of times; voice is the "voyage to the bottom of the sea" submarine sonar ping

*Bufo marinus* -- huge Marine toads seen a couple of times

Tucunare -- Peacock Bass (*Cichla ocellaris*), beautiful and delicious! (Thanks, Junior and Teresa!)

Tarantula -- a big gal in her web above ground on the Anavilhanas.

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