

RIO NEGRO PARADISE: MANAUS

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The 2011 Rio Negro Paradise tour got off to an auspicious start, with permission in place to visit the famous INPA tower and two others of INPA's reserves. Our birding right around Manaus was quite good, our first afternoon producing wonderful Point-tailed Palmcreepers, nesting Fork-tailed Palm-Swifts, Red-bellied Macaws, and a very close pair of Sulphury Flycatchers: all four of the Mauritia palm specialties. Also practically at the edge of town were such great birds as Amazonian Pygmy-Owl, Paradise and Yellow-billed jacamars, Green Aracaris and Guianan Toucanets, and a couple of excellent raptors: Black-faced Hawk and a pair of Orange-breasted Falcons!

Our morning atop the INPA tower was absolutely fantastic, with a whirlwind variety of birds spotted up there. Right off the bat was a booming male Black Curassow at least 60 feet above ground, and we had a good scope view of Marail Guan a bit later. A bunch of Red-ored Parrots came by early, and we later had good Mealy Parrots and a few pairs of Red-and-green Macaws as an excellent list of psittacids for the tour started to accumulate (but oddly, Red-fan Parrot was not even heard this time). Close flowering trees attracted all the honeycreepers and dacnis and lots of tanagers, plus a very close pair of Black-spotted Barbets. ETE (that's "eye-to-eye") Guianan Puffbird, Waved Woodpeckers, and a gorgeous Black-bellied Cuckoo performed perfectly, all coming in from a long way off to hang around the tower area for minutes. Flocks yielded excellent Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireos, Spot-backed Antwrens, Olive-green Tyrannulets, several great views of Glossy-backed Becards, Red-billed Pied-Tanagers, Golden-sided Euphonia, and a variety of other small insectivores and frugivores including a scarce Dotted Tanager that allowed most to see it well in good light.

Next stop was Presidente Figueiredo which again featured amazingly close views of Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock at a lek. Campina habitat was the spot for Pelzeln's Tody-Tyrant, Green-tailed Goldenthrout, Rufous-crowned Elaenia, White-fringed Antwren, and Black Manakin, and we even managed to see a pair of scarce Blue-backed Tanagers that came in to trees directly overhead a couple of times. Unfortunately, however, there was not a peep out of White-naped Seed eater or Pale-bellied Mourner that morning.

Camp 41 of the INPA Biological Dynamics of Forest Fragments Project was our next venue and also proved to be very good for birding, especially for getting looks at the large variety of species that forage as part of understory mixed-species flocks. Highlights included a wonderful experience with a singing Ferruginous-backed Antbird, weird-sounding Capuchinbirds overhead, a close Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser that allowed everyone to see it well, a cooperative Ringed Woodpecker and pairs of huge Red-necked Woodpeckers, excellent views of Long-tailed Woodcreeper, Red-billed Woodcreeper, and Curve-billed Scythebill, and a displaying male Tiny Tyrant-Manakin. Tops for most folks, however, was a Harpy Eagle nest that had recently been found there. A well-developed youngster that had to have been a female as it was so large, was eating some furry object and doing quite a bit of begging for additional food, but the adults never showed for us. Everyone enjoyed the camp experience, sleeping in hammocks for three nights but, as is always the case, some more than others. Hal summed it up as "a mix of misery and fun," which I thought was pretty good! It was hot and humid, for sure, but the cool showers and creek, Dona Eduarda's great cooking, and lots of Junior's caipirinhas always saved the day! An abbreviated stop in the



The incomparable Guianan Cock-of-the-rock, truly one of the world's most striking and bizarre birds. (Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)

Campina Reserve on the way back to Manaus was good for views of Northern Slaty-Antshrike, Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin, and even a fine male Yellow-crested Manakin.

And then it was on to the Rio Negro to commence a week of live-aboard luxury! Dawn breakfast on the top deck in the Anavilhanas started off that first, memorable day on the boat. It was an antbirdy place, for sure, featuring good views of Black-crested Antshrike, Blackish-gray Antshrike, Ash-breasted Antbird, Black-chinned Antbird, Leaden Antwren, and the very local Klages's Antwren with other delights sprinkled through the morning -- particularly Wire-tailed Manakins, Green-tailed Jacamar, and a close Varzea Schiffornis -- with great, comparative studies of the similar Striped, Straight-billed, and Zimmer's woodcreepers bang-bang-bang! An elusive pair of Crestless Curassows allowed a few folks to see them briefly from the boats as we contoured the islands, and Long-billed Woodcreepers, Rusty-backed Spinetails, and Cinnamon Attila also performed nicely. That afternoon we made a fun stop to see the Amazon (Pink) River Dolphins being fed, and the ship-building yard, at the west-bank town of Novo Airao.

Jau National Park was, as always, almost completely empty of other people, but Giant Otters were there and we had good views of Great, Common, and -- with a verrrry long string -- White-winged potoos (Rufous got away heard-only this time around, darn it). Pavonine Quetzal, Wing-banded Wren, and Yellow-breasted Antbird also showed well, with some perseverance, but persevere as we might, ant swarms just weren't moving during our two-day visit, which was a bummer. Chavascal woodland produced Lafresanye's Piculet (finally!), Amazonian Antshrike, Amazonian Black-Tyrant, Cherrie's Antwren, Brown-headed Greenlet, and a fabulous scope study of the as-yet-undescribed sister-species of Hemitriccus today-tyrant, sister to Pelzeln's on the other side of the Negro.

Down on the Solimoes, just west of the mouth of the Negro, we had a great morning of birding on Marchantaria Island highlighted by very close White-bellied, Dark-breasted, and Red-and-white spinetails (yep, bang-bang-bang!), dapper Oriole Blackbirds, and a handsome male Castelnau's Antshrike. Later that morning we cruised along the Meeting of the Waters -- where the Negro joins the Solimoes to form the Rio Amazonas -- with Luciano Pavarotti belting out "O Sole Mio" over the top deck. "This is just SURREAL," Bruce said (and, of course, it was).

Visits to islands around the mouth of the Madeira yielded almost all of the remaining island and varzea specialties we were looking for, tops among them Ladder-tailed Nightjar, Varzea Piculet, a family of Cream-colored Woodpeckers, Plain Softtail, Glossy Antshrike, Riverside Tyrant, Brownish Elaenia, Lesser Wagtail-Tyrant, and Pearly-breasted Conebill. Back in Manaus, we had a morning to tour the amazing fish market, gift shops and clothing stores, and the famous Opera House, under Junior's fine leadership, before heading to the airport for mid-afternoon flights.

Marcelo and I had a tremendous time birding with all of you, and look forward to our next outing together -- I know several of you are already signed up for more of Brazil with us in the next year or two!

--Grandes abraços para todos, do Bretche.

We have more information about this itinerary and future departures on our web page for [Rio Negro Paradise: Manaus, 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

Tinamidae (Tinamous)

GREAT TINAMOU (*Tinamus major*) – A couple of folks spotted the one near Camp 41.

LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*) [*]

UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*) [*]

VARIEGATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus variegatus*) [*]

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

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

MUSCOVY DUCK (*Cairina moschata*)

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

VARIABLE CHACHALACA (*Ortalis motmot*) – Seen well by most folks either at the hotel in Manaus or at Presidente Figueiredo -- though some got to see only parts of the birds in the scope, looking through dense vegetation.

MARAIL GUAN (*Penelope marail*) – A couple of sightings, best being the one scoped from the tower that Peter spotted for us.

SPIX'S GUAN (*Penelope jacquacu*) [*]

CRESTLESS CURASSOW (*Mitu tomentosum*) – Darn, Marcelo and I saw one fly right across the river behind the boat just after everyone had gone below to get ready for our morning outing, then we had a pair that was briefly visible through dense vegetation as we drifted by in the canoes. Always a tough one to get a look at, but we must have heard 6+ that morning.

BLACK CURASSOW (*Crax alector*) – Heard booming pre-dawn along the road into the tower, and seen briefly in the spotlights, but the great-great view came a little later, as we ascended the tower and had a clear view of a booming male doing a wing-display.

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

MARBLED WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus gujanensis*) – A nervous pair of birds came gingerly to cross the trail at Jau, allowing a nice view.

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Anhingidae (Anhingas)

ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*)

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) – (and one seen only by Bret) [*]

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)

AGAMI HERON (*Agamia agami*) – A fabulous view of an adult (check out the video) at Jau, and a couple of sightings of immatures as well. Water levels were generally low, which is good for seeing this scarce heron.

CAPPED HERON (*Pilherodius pileatus*)

BOAT-BILLED HERON (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) [*]

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

GREEN IBIS (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*)

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 (*Sarcoramphus papa*)

Pandionidae (Osprey)

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*) – Up to about five in a day along the major rivers.

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)



*Black-spotted Barbet, the female of a pair we saw so well!
(Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)*

GRAY-HEADED KITE (*Leptodon cayanensis*) – One seen by Bruce and Jan N. was described well.

PEARL KITE (*Gampsonyx swainsonii*)

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) – A couple late in the trip, near the mouth of the Madeira.



A male Purple Honeycreeper and its nectar source (Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*) – 20+ one day in Jau, the birds apparently having ridden north on a weak (and late) frontal boundary that pushed through on 20 Sep.

BLACK-COLLARED HAWK (*Busarellus nigricollis*)

BLACK-FACED HAWK (*Leucopternis melanops*) – A magnificent encounter with this scarce forest raptor to start off the trip!

WHITE HAWK (*Leucopternis albicollis*) – A couple of nice sightings of this handsome bird.

GREAT BLACK-HAWK (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) – Several good views, mostly in Jau.

SAVANNA HAWK (*Buteogallus meridionalis*) – A couple spotted along the Amazonas near the end of the tour.

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris*)

HARPY EAGLE (*Harpia harpyja*) – Super views in the scope of a huge baby in the nest at Camp 41. We weren't lucky enough to have one of the adults show up while we were there, which was not surprising because they feed to youngsters only sporadically after it gets to be close to fledging.

ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus ornatus*) – Heard in the same general area of the forest at Camp 41 a couple of times, possibly also nesting near the Camp. [*]

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

LINED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur gilvicollis*) – Almost, but it wouldn't quite show for us. [*]

COLLARED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur semitorquatus*)

BLACK CARACARA (*Daptrius ater*)

SOUTHERN CARACARA (*Caracara plancus*)

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)

LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) – One spotted along the Amazonas from the boat by Jan H.

BAT FALCON (*Falco ruficularis*)

ORANGE-BREASTED FALCON (*Falco deiroleucus*) – We had a wonderful encounter with this rare bird that began with extremely distant scope views of the pair in a dead tree and ended with the two of them rocketing overhead to land in a dead tree right beside the road -- just plain spectacular (and just as we were loading up to head back to the hotel!).

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

GRAY-BREASTED CRAKE (*Laterallus exilis*) – Well, well, well, what do you know? Most folks actually got to see this elusive little rail, something that doesn't happen very often. It was fun trying to coax them into the open; too bad I couldn't pull the video Warren made from his camera.

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

Heliornithidae (Finfoots)

SUNGREBE (*Heliornis fulica*) – I'd guess probably something like 20 different birds seen well this year, a couple of the sightings of birds out of the water showing their boldly banded feet being especially memorable (an captured in photos and video). Lots of singing at Jau.

Eurypygidae (Sunbittern)

SUNBITTERN (*Eurypyga helias*) – Just one or two, at Jau.

Psophiidae (Trumpeters)

GRAY-WINGED TRUMPETER (*Psophia crepitans*) – Bruce gave a good description of what had to have been trumpeters he heard late one moonlit night at Camp 41. We weren't lucky enough to run into them on the trails or roads this time around... [*]

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*)



Birding the river's edge (Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER (*Pluvialis dominica*) – 50+ found by Peter near the hotel in Manaus, a couple on sandbars near the mouth of the Jau, and what appeared to be a resting group far off at the Manaus airport -- all headed south, mostly to the Argentine grasslands.

COLLARED PLOVER (*Charadrius collaris*) – A good spot by Jan N. led to scope views for all.

Jacanidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*)

SOLITARY SANDPIPER (*Tringa solitaria*)

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

YELLOW-BILLED TERN (*Sternula superciliaris*)

LARGE-BILLED TERN (*Phaetusa simplex*)

BLACK SKIMMER (*Rynchops niger*)

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

SCALED PIGEON (*Patagioenas speciosa*)

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*)

RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)

COMMON GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina passerina*)

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

RUDDY QUAIL-DOVE (*Geotrygon montana*)

Psittacidae (Parrots)

WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (*Aratinga leucophthalma*)

BROWN-THROATED PARAKEET (*Aratinga pertinax*) – Good views along the Rio Jau; has a spotty distribution in

Amazonia.

CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW (*Ara severus*)

RED-AND-GREEN MACAW (*Ara chloropterus*) – Wonderful views of all the big macaws, quite a few around this trip.

SCARLET MACAW (*Ara macao*)

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

RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilata*)

GREEN-RUMPED PARROTLET (*Forpus passerinus*) – Finally saw this one well, right at the buzzer.

WHITE-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris versicolurus*)

GOLDEN-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris chrysoptera*) – Several good views, perched and in flight.

TUI PARAKEET (*Brotogeris sanctithomae*)

SCARLET-SHOULDERED PARROTLET (*Touit huetii*) – We had them scream over the forest above us a few times, Camp 41 and Jau, but never happened to be out in the open when a flock came over.

SAPPHIRE-RUMPED PARROTLET (*Touit purpuratus*) – Also heard numerous times...

ORANGE-CHEEKED PARROT (*Pyrilia barrabandi*)

CAICA PARROT (*Pyrilia caica*) – An elusive pair responding to our recordings was hard to see at Camp 41, but several folks got to see it in the scope -- thanks to Kat for spotting this one!

SHORT-TAILED PARROT (*Graydidascalus brachyurus*) – Muchos down along the Solimoes/Amazonas and Madeira.

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)

DUSKY PARROT (*Pionus fuscus*) – A nice view from the tower, but they didn't stick long enough for everyone to get to the scope.

RED-LORED PARROT (DIADEMED) (*Amazona autumnalis diadema*) – A spectacular view from the tower, where I personally have not seen them in a bunch of years (they're usually not much around Manaus in Sept); also several groups of super high-flyers commuting along the Negro. This is the distinctive blue-diademed subspecies endemic to central Amazonia.

FESTIVE PARROT (*Amazona festiva*) – Muchos, mostly Anavilhanas and Jau.

ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (*Amazona amazonica*) – Some very close views off the bow of the boat at Jau.

MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*)

Opisthocomidae (Hoatzin)

HOATZIN (*Opisthocomus hoazin*) – Good views of these bizarre beasts in the Anavilhanas.

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

BLACK-BELLIED CUCKOO (*Piaya melanogaster*) – This elegant canopy cuckoo was seen well a couple of times, especially from the tower.

DARK-BILLED CUCKOO (*Coccyzus melacoryphus*) – One (late) migrant at the mouth of the Madeira.

STRIPED CUCKOO (*Tapera naevia*) – Seen nicely a couple of times late in the trip.

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*) – Big, noisy groups moving along the Rio Jau.

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)



The Guianan Puffbird we saw so well from the tower (Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)

Strigidae (Owls)

TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops watsonii*) [*]

SPECTACLED OWL (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*) – This one proved to be frustrating this year, as a juvenile food-begging was heard, with the unresponsive adults calling a long ways off. [*]

AMAZONIAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium hardyi*) – Good views twice, the one at Camp 41 spotted by Jan H. being unusually low and close.

BURROWING OWL (*Athene cucularia*)

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

SHORT-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Lurocalis semitorquatus*)

BAND-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Nyctiprogne leucopyga*) – Both distinctive song-types heard and seen well. We'll get around to nailing down their scientific names one of these days...

COMMON PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) [*]

LITTLE NIGHTJAR (*Caprimulgus parvulus*) – I believe the silent bird we spotlighted and Marcelo photographed in Jau was a male Little Nightjar that likely had arrived on the same front that brought the push of Plumbeous Kites. I'll have to check to see if it is known from the park (I sure haven't had it anywhere on this tour before).

BLACKISH NIGHTJAR (*Caprimulgus nigrescens*) – Excellent daytime views near Camp 41.

LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*) – One fabulous male at the mouth of the Madeira posed for minutes on a low, dead branch.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*) – The huge, white one Marcelo spotted on the 2010 tour was still using the same day roost this year!

COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*) – Marcelo called one in for a good view while I was in the forest trying to spot a very quiet Rufous Potoo.

WHITE-WINGED POTOO (*Nyctibius leucopterus*)

RUFOUS POTOO (*Nyctibius bracteatus*) – Ugh. "I'll be back." [*]

Apodidae (Swifts)

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura*)

BAND-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura spinicaudus*)

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

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*)

STRAIGHT-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis bourcieri*)

LONG-TAILED HERMIT (*Phaethornis superciliosus*)

STREAK-THROATED HERMIT (*Phaethornis rufurumii*) – Unfortunately brief views, a couple of times.

BLACK-EARED FAIRY (*Heliodytes auritus*) – Great looks at this great-looking bird from the tower.

GREEN-TAILED GOLDENTHROAT (*Polytmus theresiae*) – Seemed to be more than usual around Pres. Figueiredo this year.

GREEN-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax viridigula*) – A couple of nice views on big river islands.

BLACK-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)



*At one stop several Amazonian (Pink) River Dolphins have become accustomed to being fed...and what a show it was!
(Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)*

BLUE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE (*Chlorestes notata*) – A fine view on the Anavilhanas.

GRAY-BREASTED SABREWING (*Campylopterus largipennis*) – Peter spotted one for us at Camp 41.

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)

GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD (*Amazilia fimbriata*)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

PAVONINE QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus pavoninus*) – With a fair amount of searching, we finally had a fabulous scope view of an adult male at Jau.

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*)

GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*)

GUIANAN TROGON (*Trogon violaceus*) – Seen well carrying a large, green katydid that it was going to feed to young in a nest in an arboreal territory at Camp 41. Split from widespread Violaceous Trogon.

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*) – A dynamite view at Jau; what a beauty.

BLACK-THROATED TROGON (*Trogon rufus*) [*]

Momotidae (Motmots)

AMAZONIAN MOTMOT (*Momotus momota*)

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*)

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

GREEN KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle americana*)

GREEN-AND-RUFOUS KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle inda*) – One especially memorable view of an adult male.

AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle aenea*) – Seen nicely a couple of times, thanks to guide Rogerio for getting us on to that first one at Jau.

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

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

GUIANAN PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus macrorhynchus*) – Fabulous studies, ETE from the tower. Split from widespread White-necked, which replaces this one across the Negro and Amazon.

PIED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus tectus*) – Jan H made a great spot of our only one, right in Manaus.

SPOTTED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco tamatia*) – Felipe picked up one for us near the tower, and we had great scope views of another at Camp 41.

COLLARED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco capensis*) – Marcelo called this fantastic bird into good view for all while I scoured the Harpy nest area to try to find an adult.

BLACK NUNBIRD (*Monasa atra*) – Lots of good sightings this year.

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*)

WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa morphoeus*) – One good view, at Jau.

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*) – Muchos, some very low and close.

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

YELLOW-BILLED JACAMAR (*Galbula albirostris*) – Another good bird spotted early in the trip by Jan H! We ended up seeing it several times, which wasn't hard to take.

GREEN-TAILED JACAMAR (*Galbula galbula*) – Great scope views on the Anavilhanas.

BRONZY JACAMAR (*Galbula leucogastra*) – Ridiculously close in the campina at Pres. Figueiredo.

PARADISE JACAMAR (*Galbula dea*) – Good spotting by Peter produced our first bird, then several other good sightings came over the subsequent days in terra firme forest.



*Our family of three Cream-colored Woodpeckers...wow!
(Photo by guide Marcelo Padua)*

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

BLACK-SPOTTED BARBET (*Capito niger*) – I'll never, ever, see this bird as well again, it just would NOT be possible! That pair that foraged in nectar-rich flowers at eye-level right beside the tower, for several minutes, was unforgettable (and it's well-captured on the video to boot).

GILDED BARBET (*Capito auratus*) [*]

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

GREEN ARACARI (*Pteroglossus viridis*)

IVORY-BILLED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus azara*) – A trio seen briefly from the boat at Jau was all we had this trip.

GUIANAN TOUCANET (*Selenidera culik*) – A couple of fine views of this spectacular little toucan.

TOCO TOUCAN (*Ramphastos toco*) – Jan H was fortunate enough to see one from the top deck near the mouth of the Madeira.

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus*) – The form east of the Negro

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*) – West of the Negro

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus*) – The form east of the Negro

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus*) – West of the Negro. Jan N spotted a treeful of toucans at Jau that included several of both White-throated ("Cuvier's") and Channel-billed ("Yellow-ridged"), which was convenient.

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

LAFRESNAYE'S PICULET (*Picumnus lafresnayi*) – Caramba, it took some drumming, but we finally located a family of three that performed nicely at Jau.

GOLDEN-SPANGLED PICULET (*Picumnus exilis*) – A superbly close view of a male at Pres. Figueiredo.

VARZEA PICULET (*Picumnus varzeae*) – A superbly close view of a male at the mouth of the Madeira. The individual we saw had an extensively barred breast, possibly indicating some introgression with the "White-barred" group along the Amazonas (*macconnelli* subspecies).

WHITE WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes candidus*)

GOLDEN-COLLARED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis cassini*) – This diminutive Guianan endemic was seen well several times, especially from the tower.

LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus*) – How we managed to not see one of these guys is... well... amazing. [*]

WHITE-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus leucolaemus*) – Nailed it, a real treat.

YELLOW-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus flavigula*)

SPOT-BREASTED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes punctigula*)

WAVED WOODPECKER (*Celeus undatus*) – Another fine bird seen best from the tower. I've never heard so many as we did this year; very vocal this time around.

CHESTNUT WOODPECKER (*Celeus elegans*) – Elusive at Jau, but most saw them well.

CREAM-COLORED WOODPECKER (*Celeus flavus*) – I'll never, ever, see this bird as well either -- a family of three feeding on termites, absolutely ETE all the way (and nicely preserved by Marcelo's photos and my video).

RINGED WOODPECKER (*Celeus torquatus*) – A great view at Camp 41.

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*) [*]

RED-NECKED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus rubricollis*) – These monsters were seen well a couple of times.

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

TAWNY-THROATED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus mexicanus*) – A really fine look at one that decided to stick around to investigate our recording at Camp 41.

WING-BANDED HORNERO (*Furnarius figulus*)

LESSER HORNERO (*Furnarius minor*)

PALE-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albescens*)

DARK-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albigularis*)

WHITE-BELLIED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis propinqua*)

RUSTY-BACKED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca vulpina*)

SPECKLED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca gutturata*)

SCALED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca muelleri*) – This and Red-and-white were outstanding among a bunch of spinetails seen well on the tour. The pair of Scaled came in especially close, allowing fabulous views of their scaled underparts.

YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL (*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*)

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

PLAIN SOFTTAIL (*Thripophaga fusciceps obidensis*) – This may just be the world's most energetic, recording-responsive bird. I mean, "WATCH OUT!" It's also a poorly known bird that is sure to be split from the rest of the complex (western Amazonia and the Beni savannas of Bolivia).

POINT-TAILED PALMCREEPER (*Berlepschia rikeri*) – Outstanding scope studies right off the bat, in Manaus.

RUFOUS-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor erythrocercum*) – Several good views.

CINNAMON-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor pyrrhodes*) – One good encounter; always a tricky one to see well.

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

RUFOUS-TAILED XENOPS (*Xenops milleri*)

PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*)

SPOT-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Certhiasomus stictolaemus*) – One seen well by almost everyone.

PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)

WHITE-CHINNED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla merula*)

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)

LONG-TAILED WOODCREEPER (*Deconychura longicauda*) – An excellent view at Camp 41.

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)

LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Nasica longirostris*) – Properly impressive, especially the pair at Anavilhanas.

RED-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Hylexetastes perrotii*) – We had to produce this big one twice, so folks who'd opted to go back early one afternoon could catch up...

AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*)

STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex picus*)

ZIMMER'S WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex kienerii*) – We had ideal studies of this enigmatic bird a couple of times, the first encounter coming immediately after we'd called in and studied both Striped and Straight-billed woodcreepers to the same set of trees.

STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*)

OCELLATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus ocellatus*)

CHESTNUT-RUMPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus pardalotus*)

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*)

LINEATED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*)

CURVE-BILLED SCYTHEBILL (*Campylorhamphus procurvoides*)

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) [*]

BLACK-CRESTED ANTSHRIKE (*Sakesphorus canadensis*)

GLOSSY ANTSHRIKE (*Sakesphorus luctuosus*) – Great performers on our last afternoon afield.

MOUSE-COLORED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus murinus*)

CASTELNAU'S ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus cryptoleucus*) – Very soul-satisfying, that one.

BLACKISH-GRAY ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus nigrocinereus*) – After a bit of delay, we enjoyed nice views of both sexes.

NORTHERN SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus punctatus*)

WHITE-SHOULDERED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus aethiops*) [*]

AMAZONIAN ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus amazonicus cinereiceps*) – This subspecies lacks black in the crown and has a distinctive voice.

DUSKY-THROATED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*)

CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes caesius*)

BROWN-BELLIED ANTWREN (*Epinecophylla gutturalis*) – Very close, seen to great advantage at Camp 41.

CHERRIE'S ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula cherriei*) – Overhead and furtive, but we eventually coaxed them into excellent view at Jau.

KLAGES'S ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula klagesi*)

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)

LONG-WINGED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula longipennis*)

GRAY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*)

LEADEN ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula assimilis*) – Excellent views of pairs a couple of times.

SPOT-BACKED ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus dorsimaculatus*) – Dynamite from the tower!

WHITE-FRINGED ANTWREN (*Formicivora grisea*)

ASH-WINGED ANTWREN (*Terenura spodioptila*) – Also seen well from the tower, and later, along the road at Camp 41; always tough to see well.

GRAY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*)

ASH-BREASTED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus lugubris*)

GUIANAN WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis cantator*) – As split from the widespread complex, now recognized to include at least six species.

YELLOW-BROWED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis hypoxantha*) – A great view of a male at Jau; a very attractive antbird.

BLACK-CHINNED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemoides melanopogon*)

BLACK-AND-WHITE ANTBIRD (*Myrmochanes hemileucus*) – Wonderfully close at Marchantaria and, especially, at the mouth of the Madeira.

BLACK-HEADED ANTBIRD (*Percnostola rufifrons subcristata*) [*]

SPOT-WINGED ANTBIRD (*Schistocichla leucostigma*) – Secretive at Camp 41 in that wet ravine, but most folks managed to get on them at least briefly.

FERRUGINOUS-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza ferruginea*) – With a little patience, this fabulous bird walked right out into the open for us, only about 20 feet away! Check out the video.

BLACK-THROATED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza atrothorax*)

WHITE-PLUMED ANTBIRD (*Pithys albifrons*) [*]

SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Willisornis poecilinotus*) – A male showed nicely at Camp 41. This widespread species has now been split into two: Common Scale-backed Antbird (*W. poecilinotus* with subspecies *poecilinotus*, *gutturalis*, and *griseiventris*) and Xingu Scale-backed Antbird (*W. vidua* with subspecies *vidua* and *nigrigula*).

REDDISH-WINGED BARE-EYE (*Phlegopsis erythroptera*) – A male popped up immediately after I gave it a touch of playback, but it didn't stay put long enough for folks to get binoc's on. The pair sang loudly a several times (and White-plumed was also heard right in there). There had to have been an ant swarm in the area recently, but it sure wasn't active while we were there.

Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius colma*) – Most had, or certainly should have had, a great view at Camp 41.

BLACK-FACED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius analis*) [*]

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

VARIEGATED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria varia*) [*]

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

WHITE-LORED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion inerme*) – Nicely in the scope at Camp 41.

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

MOUSE-COLORED TYRANNULET (*Phaeomyias murina*)

YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*)

FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardii*)

GRAY ELAENIA (*Myiopagis caniceps*)

YELLOW-CROWNED ELAENIA (*Myiopagis flavivertex*) – An excellent view in seasonally flooded forest at the mouth of the Madeira.

BROWNISH ELAENIA (*Elaenia pelzelni*) – Fewer than usual, but eventually seen well by all.

RUFOUS-CROWNED ELAENIA (*Elaenia ruficeps*) – Real quiet and elusive this trip, but most managed a good view at

Pres. Figueiredo.

RIVER TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga hypoleuca*)

MCCONNELL'S FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes macconnelli*) [*]

OLIVE-GREEN TYRANNULET (*Phylloscartes virescens*) – This scarce canopy tyrannid, another Guianan endemic, was seen really nicely from the tower.

SLENDER-FOOTED TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius gracilipes*) [*]

GUIANAN TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius acer*) – Excellent studies from the tower; a split from widespread Slender-footed Tyrannulet (west of Negro and south of Solimoes), it occupies the Guianan shield west to the Negro. Its distribution south of the Amazonas is still in question.

AMAZONIAN TYRANNULET (*Inezia subflava*) – A pair came in close to allow us to appreciate their relatively (for a tyrannulet!) nicely marked plumage.

RINGED ANTPIBIT (*Corythopsis torquatus*) – A good view of one at Jau.

LESSER WAGTAIL-TYRANT (*Stigmatura napensis*) – Good views in dense Alcornia on a river island.

DOUBLE-BANDED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus vitiosus*) [*]

SNETHLAGE'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus minor pallens*) – Close views in the Anavilhanas and at Jau.

TODY-TYRANT SP. (*Hemitriccus* sp. nov.?) – It was great to see this enigmatic little bird well at Jau -- a pair, actually. It's sister to the Pelzeln's T-T across the Negro, and still awaits description (it was discovered back in the mid-late 90s). Thanks to Bruce for picking it up as it first sneaked in to the recording; that's a critical passo.

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

WHITE-EYED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus zosterops rothschildi*) – A fine view at Camp 41; this and the nominate (across the Negro) will definitely end up as separate species, along with southern griseiventris, at least.

PELZELN'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus inornatus*) – Kinda tough to see well... but then, there isn't much to see well, as the Latin epithet implies. Nonetheless, it was great to find and get to view it, as a poorly known Guianan endemic.

RUSTY-FRONTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilotriccus latirostris*) – Lots this trip, seen well a couple of times.

SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum maculatum*)

PAINTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum pictum*) – A good view right out of Manaus.

YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias sulphureus*) – Flooded-forest subspecies insignis, seen best on the Anavilhanas.

YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias assimilis*)

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

YELLOW-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*)

WHITE-CRESTED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus platyrhynchos*) – Jan N got us onto one at Camp 41.

RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*)

WHISKERED FLYCATCHER (*Myiobius barbatus*) – One at Camp 41.

EULER'S FLYCATCHER (*Lathrotriccus euleri*)

FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus fuscator*) – This distinctive island endemic was seen well at Marchantaria and later around the Madeira.

AMAZONIAN BLACK-TYRANT (*Knipolegus poecilocercus*) – Peter turned in one of the great spots of the trip when he picked up a male for us in the chavascal at Jau. We eventually got to see it perform courtship displays.

RIVERSIDE TYRANT (*Knipolegus orenocensis*) – Close views at the Madeira.

RUFOUS-TAILED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*)

CINNAMON ATTLA (*Attila cinnamomeus*)

DULL-CAPPED ATTLA (*Attila bolivianus*) – Marcelo got us all onto a cooperative bird for scope viewing.

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

SIRYSTES (*Sirystes sibilator*)

GRAYISH MOURNER (*Rhytipterna simplex*)

SWAINSON'S FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus swainsoni*)

SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*)

LESSER KISKADEE (*Pitangus lictor*)

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*)

RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*)

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)

YELLOW-THROATED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias parvus*) – Unusually good views from the tower, where not frequently seen well.

THREE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias trivirgatus*) – A couple of good looks at this one.

STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)

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

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*)

VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*)

CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus*)

SULPHURY FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*)

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus savana*) – Low numbers this year, daily max about 20 (one day).

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

GUIANAN COCK-OF-THE-ROCK (*Rupicola rupicola*) – What an AMAZING bird! We had several males at close range -- but I got the impression that some of us were more impressed with the sweaty hike in and out than with the BIRD, for heaven's sake! It was indeed a hot, humid afternoon.

CAPUCHINBIRD (*Perissocephalus tricolor*) – We first heard them "mooing" in the distance, then got right in under the lek trees where about five males were chasing around the crowns. We eventually managed to get the scope on one that was sitting in a kind of "frozen" display posture for several minutes. What an impressive sound they make!

SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*) – Brilliant views from the tower.

SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*) – Pretty quiet, overall, but we saw them well a few times.

POMPADOUR COTINGA (*Xipholena punicea*) – As on the 2010 tour, we didn't have an adult male from the tower, which is really surprising to me (all previous years featured males at close range, often several times)... so maybe something odd is going on out there. There were several female-plumaged birds around most of the morning.

BARE-NECKED FRUITCROW (*Gymnoderus foetidus*) – Only a couple, at Jau.

Pipridae (Manakins)

SAFFRON-CRESTED TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Neopelma chrysocephalum*) – Good views, with patience, at the Campina reserve near Manaus.

DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes stolzmanni*) [*]

TINY TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes virescens*) – A displaying male was fun to watch at Camp 41, his yellow crest exposed as he performed slow-motion flutters from branch to branch.

WHITE-THROATED MANAKIN (*Corapipo gutturalis*) – Super-quiet, barely even heard and not even a female spotted this year. [*]

BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix coronata*) [*]

WHITE-FRONTED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix serena*) – Unfortunately, only a few folks got to see the adult male we had calling nearby one afternoon.

BLACK MANAKIN (*Xenopipo atronitens*) – Nice views of adult males at Pres. Figueiredo.

YELLOW-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Heterocercus flavivertex*) – Adult males and a female seen well, mostly at Jau.

WHITE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Pipra pipra*) – Great looks at males at Camp 41.

WIRE-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra filicauda*)

GOLDEN-HEADED MANAKIN (*Pipra erythrocephala*) – Good views of handsome males at Jau.

WING-BARRED PIPRITES (*Piprites chloris*) – One seen well at Camp 41.

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*)

BLACK-CROWNED TITYRA (*Tityra inquisitor*)

VARZEA SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis major*) – A close encounter at Anavilhanas!

CINEREOUS BECARD (*Pachyramphus rufus*) – Right at the buzzer on our last afternoon afield.

CHESTNUT-CROWNED BECARD (*Pachyramphus castaneus*)

WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)

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

GLOSSY-BACKED BECARD (*Pachyramphus surinamus*) – Boy, starting with a scope study from the breakfast table, we had them singing and showing up throughout the morning we were up on the tower. I wish they'd always be so much in evidence out there!

Vireonidae (Vireos)

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

GRAY-CHESTED GREENLET (*Hylophilus semicinereus*) – A good view at Jau.

ASHY-HEADED GREENLET (*Hylophilus pectoralis*)

BROWN-HEADED GREENLET (*Hylophilus brunneiceps*) – Not much to see, but we saw it well at Jau.

DUSKY-CAPPED GREENLET (*Hylophilus hypoxanthus*) [*]

BUFF-CHEEKED GREENLET (*Hylophilus muscicapinus*) – An attractive greenlet seen well from the tower and at Camp 41.

TAWNY-CROWNED GREENLET (*Hylophilus ochraceiceps*)

SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanius leucotis*) – Great scope views of a singing bird from the tower.

RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) [*]

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

PURPLE MARTIN (*Progne subis*)

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*)

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

BARN SWALLOW (*Hirundo rustica*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

CORAYA WREN (*Pheugopedius coraya*) [*]

BUFF-BREASTED WREN (*Cantorchilus leucotis*)

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*)

WING-BANDED WREN (*Microcerculus bambla*) – We had a male singing well, at close range, but he remained largely out-of-sight. Most folks did manage to get a good look at him here or there.

Poliophtilidae (Gnatcatchers)

COLLARED GNATWREN (*Microbates collaris*) – Awfully hard to see well, but several of us did get on it as it circled us in the undergrowth near the tower.

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)

TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (*Poliophtila plumbea*)

GUIANAN GNATCATCHER (*Poliophtila guianensis*)

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIOUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*)

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

PALE-BREASTED THRUSH (*Turdus leucomelas*)

BLACK-BILLED THRUSH (*Turdus ignobilis*)

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

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

MASKED YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis aequinoctialis*)

Coerebidae (Bananaquit)

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

RED-BILLED PIED TANAGER (*Lamprospiza melanoleuca*) – Excellent, from the tower.

ORANGE-HEADED TANAGER (*Thlypopsis sordida*) – A pair at the mouth of the Madeira eventually showed themselves well.

BICOLORED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum bicolor*)

PEARLY-BREASTED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum margaritae*) – Great looks, after we finally found a responsive pair.

YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*)

FULVOUS SHRIKE-TANAGER (*Lanio fulvus*)

FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)

FULVOUS-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus surinamus*)

RED-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus phoenicius*)

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

BLUE-BACKED TANAGER (*Cyanicterus cyanicterus*) – This scarce and highly distinctive tanager is always a treat to see, even if it is so directly overhead that the blue back barely shows!

TURQUOISE TANAGER (*Tangara mexicana*)

PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*) – Seen beautifully from the tower and at Camp 41.

SPOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara punctata*) – Unbelievably close at the tower!

DOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara varia*)

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*)

YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS (*Dacnis flaviventer*) – This river-edge species was seen well at Jau.

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

SHORT-BILLED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes nitidus*) – Seen nicely a couple of times; one of the scarcest honeycreepers.

PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)

RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)

GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

LINED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila lineola*)

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)

ORANGE-FRONTED YELLOW-FINCH (*Sicalis columbiana*) – Muchos along the rivers, some very close.

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*)

YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

YELLOW-GREEN GROSBEAK (*Caryothraustes canadensis*)

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

RED-BREASTED BLACKBIRD (*Sturnella militaris*)

ORIOLE BLACKBIRD (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*)

SHINY COWBIRD (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)

ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL (*Icterus croconotus*) – Several real nice views of this flashy bird.

SOLITARY BLACK CACIQUE (*Cacicus solitarius*)

RED-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus haemorrhous*)

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*)

CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus*) – Oropendolas were super-scarce this trip (for some reason...)

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

PLUMBEOUS EUPHONIA (*Euphonia plumbea*)

GOLDEN-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chrysopasta*)

WHITE-VENTED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia minuta*) – A male seen well from the tower.

GOLDEN-SIDED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia cayennensis*)

MAMMALS

LONG-NOSED BAT (*Rhynchonycteris naso*) – This tiny bat, which clings to the underside of trunks leaning over water, was seen best during nocturnal spotlighting ventures.

GREATER WHITE-LINED BAT (*Saccopteryx bilineata*) – Junior got the scope on some on day roosts at Anavilhanas and near the mouth of the Madeira.

GREATER BULLDOG BAT (*Noctilio leporinus*) – The big bats coursing very low over the water most evenings.

BRAZILIAN FREE-TAILED BAT (*Tadarida brasiliensis*) – The high, fast flyers always out well before dark.

COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY (*Saimiri sciureus*) – Several good views, troops up to 10+ (smaller than they often are).

RED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta seniculus*) – Great scope views from the tower, and we were treated(?) to some impressive chorusing on moonlit nights at Camp 41.

WHITE-FRONTED CAPUCHIN (*Cebus albifrons*) [*]

BLACK SPIDER MONKEY (*Ateles paniscus*)

PALE-THROATED THREE-TOED SLOTH (*Bradypus tridactylus*) – Would you believe... 18 in one evening, sighted on a Rio Amazonas island, including a mother with a little baby on her back. The record is 21, I think, so we were getting close to that mark! That evening outing was equally exciting for the few of us who went because of the enormous number of fish jumping all over the place (a dozen landing in our boat!) and getting briefly stuck on a sandbar until Dom Bruce plunged in to the rescue. And Junior was right when he mentioned, "It's going to get deep really fast!" -- but Bruce made it back into the canoe in good shape!

RED-RUMPED AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta agouti*)

AMAZON RIVER DOLPHIN (*Inia geoffrensis*) – Lots and lots of sightings, but the experience of having the habituated ones coming up to eat fish from the hands of the girls who have befriended them at Novo Airao was unforgettable (and can be relived in our photos and video)!

TUCUXI (*Sotalia fluviatilis*) – These smaller, gray dolphins were also seen many times, including some jumping well above the river surface.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Among many creatures of note along our tour route were:

A couple of sightings of Ghost Bats at Jau; Little Brown Bats at Camp 41; lots of "free-tailed" molossid type bats always out right around dusk, flying high and fast; A large Common Opossum (*Didelphis* sp.) trundling along near the riverbank one evening; and a rarely seen Giant Tree Rat (*Makalata grandis*) on an island near the mouth of the Madeira where we have located it before.

A large Tropical Rat Snake surprised Kat at an impromptu rest stop one day; a fascinating Vine Snake (*Oxybelus* sp.) near Presidente Figueiredo; several "Jesus-Cristo Lizards" always at the edge of water (they can run over the surface for short distances); a couple of enormous Black Caiman at Jaú (Pedro and Miguel, to be exact); several Spectacled Caiman seen mostly with spotlights at night; a couple of big Green Iguanas on the Solimões/Amazonas; Gladiator Treefrogs and mating Marine Toads, also spotted on night-lighting excursions; and an apparent Brown Tree Boa near a Three-toed Sloth, seen by those who participated on that exciting foray near the mouth of the Madeira.

Several tasty Tucanare (Peacock Bass, caught by the crew, mostly Junior!) grilled on the top deck and a Traira that jumped off the hook into the boat at Lago Santo Antonio much to surprise of all of us! (check out the video); and...

lots of beautiful beauteflies including numerous enormous morphos most days; then, last but not least in our memories was

an attack by some big paper wasps at Jau one night when our canoe bumped into the bush they were nesting in -- four of us took some pretty painful stings from that encounter! OUCH!

Totals for the tour: 415 bird taxa and 12 mammal taxa