



## Field Guides Tour Report

### Nowhere but Northeast Brazil (with S. Bahia Extension to Feb. 5)

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The Field Guides 2015 Northeast Brazil tour went like a dream, barely a wrinkle along our 3-plus weeks of birding travels. We like it like that! Sure, there were a few rough moments along the way.... wait a minute, nooo, there actually weren't any hardships to speak of! Well, maybe that time we stopped for Magnum bars and they were out. That was pretty bad, I guess. And now that I think about it, where the heck were the Masked Ducks? Light rains meant few ponds available for them, but all we really wanted was ONE -- not too much to ask (usually)! This was the driest, or second-driest, tour we've ever done. Fortunately, December/early January rains had been good, so the land was generally green and birds singing, but we had hardly a drop of rain through the entire tour and extension, with just one big storm that didn't interrupt our birding at all.

If there were anything "major" to complain about, it would have to be that people have done such a thorough job of destroying native habitats that we had to drive hours and hours between remnant forests and desert scrub just to have a chance of seeing all of the many rare birds endemic to Northeast Brazil. To be sure, habitat loss cost us the Pinto's Spinetail this year -- just too much damage to our usual venues, the first time we've dipped on it since Field Guides started birding tourism in Northeast Brazil, in 1993. But darned few other birds escaped our bin's, and our group was an especially fun and congenial one.



*The rugged capstones of the Chapada Diamantina make inspiring backdrops for some of the most exciting birding on the Field Guides "Nowhere but Northeast Brazil" tour. [Photo copyright Bret Whitney]*

Among so many highlights from the tour, mention of just a few must include the Lear's Macaws that showed up at exactly the right moment for us to see them really well; it had been an unusually dry season and the licuri palms were nearly devoid of the fruits the macaws largely depend on for food. Araripe Manakins, on the other hand, seemed eager to please, with handsome adult males posing for scope views and photos several times. And how about that Broad-tipped Hermit that came out of the dense brush to meet us face-to-face, then perched to eye us some more? -- that bird provided surely the most amazing humming performance of the 28 species we saw this year. That said, the glowing male Ruby Topaz on the Southern Bahia Extension was a mighty close second, but the hermit is endemic to the Northeast and much more difficult to see really well. Finding four, perhaps even five, Alagoas Antwrens was wonderful and bittersweet at the same time, as recent intensive search of all remaining habitat patches had documented only these few birds at Murici Reserve remaining alive, the very last members of their species. That morning at Murici produced another of our most exciting finds, as we enjoyed lengthy (in time and distance!) scope views of an adult White-collared Kite, one of the world's rarest raptors.

Classic Northeast Brazil endemics on the main tour route, such as Great Xenops, Red-shouldered Spinetail, Pectoral Antwren, Caatinga Antwren, Buff-breasted Tody-Tyrant, White-naped Jay, Seven-colored Tanager, Red-cowled Cardinal, and White-throated Seedeater were, as always, seen beautifully. We also thoroughly enjoyed several species that are often somewhat harder to find or see well, such as Pygmy Nightjar, Least Nighthawk, Golden-tailed Parrotlet and Gray-breasted Parakeet (pairs of both species perched low and close!), Scalloped Antbird, Orange-bellied Antwren, Willis's Antbird, Fringe-backed Fire-eye, Alagoas Tyrannulet, Ash-throated Casmoris, Black-headed Berryeater, Scarlet-throated Tanager, Copper Seedeater, and the rare Forbes's Blackbird. Birding the Chapada Diamantina region of interior Bahia was a perfect closer for the main tour. With inspiring landscape and backdrops all around us, fabulous birds like Sincora Antwren, Diamantina Tapaculo, Collared Crescentchest, Rufous-sided Pymgy-Tyrant, Gray-backed Tachuri, the stunning Hooded Visorbearer, the rare and local Brown Violetear (endemic form greenewalti), and Sao Francisco Sparrow all showed perfectly, one by one. Special accolades go to the roster of piculets on this trip, which typically racks up more of these tiny woodpeckers than any other tour! We saw, in order of appearance, Golden-spangled (endemic subspecies pernambucensis, proposed for recognition at the species level), Tawny, Ochraceous, Spotted, and Golden-spangled (nominat subspecies exilis, another endemic population proposed for recognition at the species level).

We wrapped up the main tour with a festive swing through old Salvador, one of the oldest cities in the Americas, and capital of Brazil for more than 200 years. I'll drop in a couple of video clips to give you a bit of the flavor of that fun evening!

For the first time, in 2015, we offered the southern Bahia section as a separate extension to the main, more northerly route. This is designed to introduce greater flexibility for participants who either don't want to or cannot be away for more than 2 ½ weeks to head home while others can opt to continue for an additional week of birding, much of which is distinctly tempered with the Atlantic Forest realm we bird on our Spectacular Southeast Brazil tours. Most folks did take the Southern Bahia Extension, and it proved to be super-productive, as expected. White-winged Potoo, Hook-billed Hermit, Slender Antbird, Rio de Janeiro Antbird, Narrow-billed Antwren, Bahia Antwren, Band-tailed Antwren, Striated Softtail, Bahia Spinetail, Eastern Striped Manakin, Bahia Tyrannulet, and Pink-legged Graveteiro all did their things for us, and we heartily applauded each fabulous performance. All of these

are species we do not typically see on any other tour. We added to these an impressive haul of classic Southeast endemics, including Crescent-chested Puffbird, Black-billed Scythebill, Ringed and Yellow-throated woodpeckers (both represented in the Atlantic Forest by highly distinctive, endemic subspecies), Pin-tailed and Swallow-tailed manakins, Spot-backed Antshrike, Spot-breasted Antvireo, Scaled and White-bibbed antbirds, White-shouldered Fire-eye, White-winged Cotinga, Cinnamon-vented Piha, Brazilian and Gilt-edged tanagers, and a singing male Dubois's Seedeater (for what it's worth – probably just the pale end of a cline in Yellow-bellied Seedeater, but it is currently considered a separate species). Finally, a mega-highlight on the extension was having a Giant Snipe come in close to us, giving us perfect views for several minutes as it walked along, stopping to probe in the wet meadow grass, or preen, even singing in the spotlight! It was among the top vote-getters for best bird of the whole tour -- check out the video!

On the following list, I'll include comments on a small selection of the above and other species (X means seen/heard only on the extension), and drop in a number of tour photos and video clips for our 2015 group to relive exciting times, and to help folks who are thinking about taking the Northeast Brazil tour gain a good, representative view of what to expect. I do highly recommend taking the \*\*Southern Bahia Extension\*\* if you possibly can – it's super-worthwhile! At the time of this writing (mid-March 2015), we still have several openings on both the main tour and the extension ;-)

Marcelo and I send a hearty obrigado com abraços to all of our 2015 tour friends; we had a great time, let's do it again in a different venue of big, beautiful Brazil!

--Bretche

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## 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

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## BIRDS

### Tinamidae (Tinamous)

**LITTLE TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus soui*) [\*]

**YELLOW-LEGGED TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus noctivagus*) [E]

**VARIEGATED TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus variegatus*) – X [\*]

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

**RED-WINGED TINAMOU** (*Rhynchotus rufescens*) – X [\*]

**SPOTTED NOTHURA** (*Nothura maculosa*) [\*]

### Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

**WHITE-FACED WHISTLING-DUCK** (*Dendrocygna viduata*)

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

**COMB DUCK** (*Sarkidiornis melanotos*) – A single adult male came sailing in to a big pond as we were watching lots of other waterfowl -- really cool!

**BRAZILIAN TEAL** (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*)

**WHITE-CHEEKED PINTAIL** (*Anas bahamensis*) – Loads this year, the most I've ever seen in the northeast (they've been increasing for years now, but this was a big jump up).

**SOUTHERN POCHARD** (*Netta erythrophthalma*) – A nice bunch on one pond in interior Bahia.

### Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

**EAST BRAZILIAN CHACHALACA** (*Ortalis araucuan*) [\*]

**RUSTY-MARGINED GUAN** (*Penelope supercilialis*) – Terry spotted one for us, in the Serra de Baturite (easy to miss this one!).

### Podicipedidae (Grebes)

**LEAST GREBE** (*Tachybaptus dominicus*)

**PIED-BILLED GREBE** (*Podilymbus podiceps*)

### Sulidae (Boobies and Gannets)

**BROWN BOOBY** (*Sula leucogaster*)

### Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

**NEOTROPIC CORMORANT** (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

### Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

**PINNATED BITTERN** (*Botaurus pinnatus*) – One scoped nicely near our hotel in Alagoas, right where he was supposed to be... Sweet!

**RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON** (*Tigrisoma lineatum*)

**COCOI HERON** (*Ardea cocoi*)

**GREAT EGRET** (*Ardea alba*)

**SNOWY EGRET** (*Egretta thula*)

**LITTLE BLUE HERON** (*Egretta caerulea*)

**CATTLE EGRET** (*Bubulcus ibis*)

**STRIATED HERON** (*Butorides striata*)

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

**YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON** (*Nyctanassa violacea*)

### Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

**BLACK VULTURE** (*Coragyps atratus*)

**TURKEY VULTURE** (*Cathartes aura*)

**LESSER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE** (*Cathartes burrovianus*)

*Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)*

**HOOK-BILLED KITE** (*Chondrohierax uncinatus*)

**WHITE-COLLARED KITE** (*Leptodon forbesi*) – The bird was far away, but it looked great in the scope! I tried to make a little digital video through the scope, which doesn't do justice to the view we had, but I'll drop it in here >>> [E]

**BLACK HAWK-EAGLE** (*Spizaetus tyrannus*)

**SNAIL KITE** (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)

**RUFOUS-THIGHED KITE** (*Harpagus diodon*)

**SHARP-SHINNED HAWK (RUFOUS-THIGHED)** (*Accipiter striatus erythronemius*) – One was very probably seen going away from us over the caatinga near Petrolina, but it was a poor sighting.

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

**SAVANNA HAWK** (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)

**ROADSIDE HAWK** (*Rupornis magnirostris*)

**HARRIS'S HAWK** (*Parabuteo unicinctus*) – Thanks to our driver, Marcondes, for remembering exactly where we usually see this bird, then spotting it for us and stopping the bus! Excelente!

**WHITE-TAILED HAWK** (*Geranoaetus albicaudatus*)

**GRAY-LINED HAWK** (*Buteo nitidus*)

**SHORT-TAILED HAWK** (*Buteo brachyurus*)

**ZONE-TAILED HAWK** (*Buteo albonotatus*)

*Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)*

**RUFOUS-SIDED CRAKE** (*Laterallus melanophaius*) – Fabulous, super-close views near Petrolina!

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

**LITTLE WOOD-RAIL** (*Aramides mangle*) – Deb made that important initial spot of the bird across a muddy mangrove channel that eventually led to good views for all, most folks saw a pair.

**ASH-THROATED CRAKE** (*Porzana albicollis*) – Hmm, had 'em yelling all around us, but we couldn't coax one into view. [\*]

**BLACKISH RAIL** (*Pardirallus nigricans*)

**PURPLE GALLINULE** (*Porphyrio martinicus*)

**COMMON GALLINULE** (*Gallinula galeata*)

*Aramidae (Limpkin)*

**LIMPKIN** (*Aramus guarauna*)

*Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)*

**BLACK-NECKED STILT** (*Himantopus mexicanus*)

*Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)*

**SOUTHERN LAPWING** (*Vanellus chilensis*)

**COLLARED PLOVER** (*Charadrius collaris*)

**SEMIPALMATED PLOVER** (*Charadrius semipalmatus*)

*Jacaniidae (Jacanas)*

**WATTLED JACANA** (*Jacana jacana*)

*Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)*

**SPOTTED SANDPIPER** (*Actitis macularius*)

**SOLITARY SANDPIPER** (*Tringa solitaria*)

**GREATER YELLOWLEGS** (*Tringa melanoleuca*)

**LESSER YELLOWLEGS** (*Tringa flavipes*)

**WHIMBREL** (*Numenius phaeopus*)

**RUDDY TURNSTONE** (*Arenaria interpres*)

**RED KNOT** (*Calidris canutus*)

**SANDERLING** (*Calidris alba*)

**SOUTH AMERICAN SNIPE** (*Gallinago paraguaiiae*)

**GIANT SNIPE** (*Gallinago undulata*) – Simply incredible!

*Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)*

**LARGE-BILLED TERN** (*Phaetusa simplex*)

*Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)*

**ROCK PIGEON** (*Columba livia*)

**PALE-VENTED PIGEON** (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) – X

**SCALED PIGEON** (*Patagioenas speciosa*)

**PICAZURO PIGEON** (*Patagioenas picazuro*)

**PLUMBEOUS PIGEON** (*Patagioenas plumbea*) – X [\*]

**PLAIN-BREASTED GROUND-DOVE** (*Columbina minuta*)

**RUDDY GROUND-DOVE** (*Columbina talpacoti*)  
**SCALED DOVE** (*Columbina squammata*)  
**PICUI GROUND-DOVE** (*Columbina picui*)  
**BLUE GROUND-DOVE** (*Claravis pretiosa*)  
**WHITE-TIPPED DOVE** (*Leptotila verreauxi*)  
**GRAY-FRONTED DOVE** (*Leptotila rufaxilla*) [**\***]  
**EARED DOVE** (*Zenaida auriculata*)

*Cuculidae (Cuckoos)*

**SQUIRREL CUCKOO** (*Piaya cayana*)  
**DARK-BILLED CUCKOO** (*Coccyzus melacoryphus*)  
**GUIRA CUCKOO** (*Guira guira*)  
**STRIPED CUCKOO** (*Tapera naevia*)  
**SMOOTH-BILLED ANI** (*Crotophaga ani*)

*Strigidae (Owls)*

**TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL** (*Megascops choliba*) [**\***]  
**BLACK-CAPPED SCREECH-OWL** (*Megascops atricapilla*) – X Couldn't get him to budge this year. [**E\***]  
**LEAST PYGMY-OWL** (*Glaucidium minutissimum*) – X This one is usually fairly easily seen, either on the tour or extension (or both), but it got away heard only this time around. [**E\***]  
**FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL** (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)  
**BURROWING OWL** (*Athene cunicularia*)  
**MOTTLED OWL (ATLANTIC FOREST)** (*Ciccaba virgata borelliana*) – Neat to see this Atlantic Forest endemic subspecies.

*Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)*

**LEAST NIGHTHAWK** (*Chordeiles pusillus*) – On the deck, full-on daylight, doesn't get better than that. The flight views were great, too!  
**SHORT-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (NATTERERI)** (*Lurocalis semitorquatus nattereri*) – X  
**PYGMY NIGHTJAR** (*Nyctipolus hirundinaceus*) – Ditto that last remark -- with a hearty thanks to our young local helpers! Check out the digi-scope video of these two >>> [**E**]  
**COMMON PAURAQUE** (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)  
**SCISSOR-TAILED NIGHTJAR** (*Hydropsalis torquata*) – X  
**RUFIOUS NIGHTJAR** (*Antristomus rufus*) – A bit flighty this year, but we enjoyed close looks and listens.

*Nyctibiidae (Potoos)*

**COMMON POTOO** (*Nyctibius griseus*) – X  
**WHITE-WINGED POTOO** (*Nyctibius leucopterus*) – X Seeing this rare, poorly known bird took quite a while this year, but perseverance paid off as I got in underneath it to pull it in to the best perch, which I couldn't monitor from my position. A huge THANKS to Terry for staying alert and spotting it come in so we could all have superb scope views!

*Apodidae (Swifts)*

**SICK'S SWIFT** (*Chaetura meridionalis*)  
**BAND-RUMPED SWIFT** (*Chaetura spinicaudus*)  
**GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT** (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)  
**LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT** (*Panyptila cayennensis*)  
**FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT** (*Tachornis squamata*)

*Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)*

**BLACK JACOBIN** (*Florisuga fusca*) [**E**]  
**HOOK-BILLED HERMIT** (*Glaucis dohrnii*) – X Dynamite views of a bird that perched a couple of times for a collective two minutes, allowing all of us to have fine views. [**E**]  
**RUFIOUS-BREASTED HERMIT** (*Glaucis hirsutus*)  
**BROAD-TIPPED HERMIT** (*Anopetia gounellei*) – I know I already said it, but woww, that was such a thrilling event!! [**E**]  
**CINNAMON-THROATED HERMIT** (*Phaethornis nattereri*) – This is a rare and local bird in northeast Brazil (it is more frequent a bit farther west, but still rare), but we had a very good view of one this year. The subspecies "maranhoensis" (for the northeast Brazil state of Maranhao), although somewhat "out of favor" at the moment, may well prove to be a species-level name after more study is done. [**E**]  
**REDDISH HERMIT** (*Phaethornis ruber*) – Muchos -- several good, close views. Kathy's drought of this species was definitively washed away!  
**PLANALTO HERMIT** (*Phaethornis pretrei*)  
**HOODED VISORBEARER** (*Augastes lumachella*) – This was not a good year for Hooded Visorbearers, but Marcelo's efforts across the canyon to point out a scopable male and then our finding a couple of males feeding on flowers right by the roadside the next day combined to get everyone really nice views of this fabulous hummer. [**E**]  
**BROWN VIOLETEAR** (*Colibri delphinae greenewalti*) – Two amazingly confiding males, really great to see them so well. This subspecies (C. D. greenewalti) is quite distinctive, and has a tiny world range just in the Chapada Diamantina. [**E**]  
**WHITE-VENTED VIOLETEAR** (*Colibri serrirostris*)  
**BLACK-EARED FAIRY** (*Heliothryx auritus*) – Four fine views of this elegant hummer.  
**RUBY-TOPAZ HUMMINGBIRD** (*Chrysolampis mosquitos*) – Dom Jorge found us that exquisite adult male, all lit up in late-afternoon sunlight at Boa Nova, Sha-ZAYAMMM! Check out the video >>>  
**BLACK-THROATED MANGO** (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)



**STRIPE-BREASTED STARTHROAT** (*Heliomaster squamosus*) – X Just one bird, but it stayed on a perch long enough for all to get a good scope view. [E]

**AMETHYST WOODSTAR** (*Calliphlox amethystina*)

**GLITTERING-BELLIED EMERALD** (*Chlorostilbon lucidus*)

**BLUE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE** (*Chlorestes notata*)

**SWALLOW-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Eupetomena macroura*)

**FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH** (*Thalurania furcata*)

**LONG-TAILED WOODNYMPH** (*Thalurania watertonii*) – A rare and local hummer that we saw sooo well early in the tour as it bathed in a rivulet at the Frei Caneca Reserve. [E]

**VIOLET-CAPPED WOODNYMPH** (*Thalurania glaucopis*)

**SOMBRE HUMMINGBIRD** (*Aphantochroa cirrochloris*) – Another one spotted by George, at the graveteiro spot.

**PLAIN-BELLIED EMERALD** (*Amazilia leucogaster*) – X Right down to the wire on this one, but we thoroughly nailed it in the mangroves near Salvador on our very last day. Actually, a number of folks had seen one during the first few days of the tour, at our hotel on the coast at Tamandare.

**VERSCOLORED EMERALD** (*Amazilia versicolor*)

**GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD** (*Amazilia fimbriata*)

**SAPPHIRE-SPANGLED EMERALD** (*Amazilia lactea*) – X

**RUFIOUS-THROATED SAPPHIRE** (*Hylocharis sapphirina*)

**WHITE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE** (*Hylocharis cyanus*)

#### Trogonidae (Trogons)

**GREEN-BACKED TROGON** (*Trogon viridis*)

**BLUE-CROWNED TROGON** (*Trogon curucui*) – Valerie made an excellent spot on one at Serra de Baturite, and we all had good scope views.

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

#### Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

**RINGED KINGFISHER** (*Megaceryle torquata*)

**AMAZON KINGFISHER** (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

**GREEN KINGFISHER** (*Chloroceryle americana*)

#### Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

**WHITE-EARED PUFFBIRD** (*Nystalus chacuru*)

**SPOT-BACKED PUFFBIRD** (*Nystalus maculatus*)

**CRESCENT-CHESTED PUFFBIRD** (*Malacoptila striata*) [E]

**SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD** (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*) – X

#### Galbulidae (Jacamars)

**RUFIOUS-TAILED JACAMAR** (*Galbula ruficauda*)

#### Ramphastidae (Toucans)

**LETTERED ARACARI** (*Pteroglossus inscriptus*)

**BLACK-NECKED ARACARI** (*Pteroglossus aracari*)

**GOULD'S TOUCANET** (*Selenidera gouldii*)

**SPOT-BILLED TOUCANET** (*Selenidera maculirostris*) – X [E\*]

**CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN** (*Ramphastos vitellinus*) – X [\*]

#### Picidae (Woodpeckers)

**GOLDEN-SPANGLED PICULET (PERNAMBUCO)** (*Picumnus exilis pernambucensis*)

**GOLDEN-SPANGLED PICULET (BAHIA)** (*Picumnus exilis exilis*)

**SPOTTED PICULET** (*Picumnus pygmaeus*)

**TAWNY PICULET** (*Picumnus fulvescens*) [E]

**OCHRACEOUS PICULET** (*Picumnus limae*) [E]

**LITTLE WOODPECKER** (*Veniliornis passerinus*)

**RED-STAINED WOODPECKER** (*Veniliornis affinis*)

**YELLOW-THROATED WOODPECKER** (*Piculus flavigula erythropis*) – X This endemic subspecies actually has a red throat! [E]

**GOLDEN-GREEN WOODPECKER** (*Piculus chrysochloros*)

**GREEN-BARRED WOODPECKER** (*Colaptes melanochloros*)

**CAMPO FLICKER** (*Colaptes campestris*)

**BLOND-CRESTED WOODPECKER** (*Celeus flavescens*) – Always a show-stopper!! [E]

**RINGED WOODPECKER (ATLANTIC BLACK-BREASTED)** (*Celeus torquatus tinnunculus*) – X This one took lots of looking, but we eventually managed to pull a bird into a spot where we could get the scope on it. Whew! [E]

#### Cariamidae (Seriemas)

**RED-LEGGED SERIEMA** (*Cariama cristata*) – Wow, a big thanks to Craig for spotting that first pair of birds, which led to our fine sighting of Lear's Macaws! We were lucky dogs, indeed!

#### Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

**COLLARED FOREST-FALCON** (*Micrastur semitorquatus*) [\*]

**SOUTHERN CARACARA** (*Caracara plancus*)

**YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA** (*Milvago chimachima*)

**LAUGHING FALCON** (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)

**AMERICAN KESTREL** (*Falco sparverius*)

*Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots)*

**GOLDEN-TAILED PARROTLET** (*Touit surdus*) – Rarely seen perched, so it was a great pleasure to train the scopes on the pair that landed so low and close to us near Tamandare.

**PLAIN PARAKEET** (*Brotogeris tirica*)

**YELLOW-CHEVRONED PARAKEET** (*Brotogeris chiriri*)

**SCALY-HEADED PARROT** (*Pionus maximiliani*)

**BLUE-HEADED PARROT (REICHENOW'S)** (*Pionus menstruus reichenowi*) [E]

**RED-BROWED PARROT** (*Amazona rhodocorytha*) – X Only one pair heard [E\*]

**ORANGE-WINGED PARROT** (*Amazona amazonica*) – X

**BLUE-WINGED PARROTLET** (*Forpus xanthopterygius*)

**OCHRE-MARKED PARAKEET** (*Pyrrhura cruentata*) – X [\*]

**MAROON-BELLIED PARAKEET** (*Pyrrhura frontalis*)

**GRAY-BREASTED PARAKEET** (*Pyrrhura griseipectus*) – A pair that was apparently nesting in the Serra de Baturite came in very low and close, allowing us simply stunning views! Check out the video >>> [E]

**INDIGO MACAW** (*Anodorhynchus leari*) – YESSSS!! [E]

**PEACH-FRONTED PARAKEET** (*Eupsittula aurea*)

**CACTUS PARAKEET** (*Eupsittula cactorum*) [E]

**GOLDEN-CAPPED PARAKEET** (*Aratinga auricapillus auricapillus*) – Excellent scope studies, best on the extension. [E]

**BLUE-WINGED MACAW** (*Primolius maracana*) – X

**RED-SHOULDERED MACAW** (*Diopsittaca nobilis*)

**WHITE-EYED PARAKEET** (*Psittacara leucophthalmus*) – X

*Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)*

**SPOT-BACKED ANTSHRIKE** (*Hypodaedalus guttatus*) – X A superb scope view above Boa Nova. [E]

**TUFTED ANTSHRIKE** (*Mackenziaena severa*) – X [E\*]

**GREAT ANTSHRIKE** (*Taraba major*)

**SILVERY-CHEEKED ANTSHRIKE** (*Sakesphorus cristatus*) [E]

**BARRED ANTSHRIKE (CAATINGA)** (*Thamnophilus doliatus capistratus*) – A distinctive, red-eyed subspecies endemic to NE Brazil. [E]

**RUFIOUS-WINGED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus torquatus*)

**CHESTNUT-BACKED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus palliatus*)

**PLANALTO SLATY-ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus pelzelni*)

**SOORETAMA SLATY-ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus ambiguus*) [E]

**VARIABLE ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus caerulescens*)

**WHITE-SHOULDERED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus aethiops distans*) – We saw an immature male (singing bird in female plumage) and heard another male. This subspecies is highly disjunct from the nearest populations, in Amazonia. [E]

**SPOT-BREASTED ANTIVIREO** (*Dysithamnus stictothorax*) – X [E]

**PLAIN ANTIVIREO** (*Dysithamnus mentalis*)

**CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnomanes caesius*)

**WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (SILVERY-FLANKED)** (*Myrmotherula axillaris luctuosa*) [E]

**BAND-TAILED ANTWREN** (*Myrmotherula urosticta*) [E]

**ALAGOAS ANTWREN** (*Myrmotherula snowi*) [E]

**STRIPE-BACKED ANTIBIRD** (*Myrmorchilus strigilatus strigilatus*) – Brief but excellent views of this striking antbird.

**CAATINGA ANTWREN** (*Herpsilochmus sellowi*) – Several fantastic views of this highly distinctive species, described to science only in 2000.

**BAHIA ANTWREN** (*Herpsilochmus pileatus*) – X [E]

**BLACK-CAPPED ANTWREN** (*Herpsilochmus atricapillus*)

**PECTORAL ANTWREN** (*Herpsilochmus pectoralis*) – Seeing a nice adult male took us quite a while, but he sneaked in very close and allowed good views for just about 1 minute -- a very nice minute! [E]

**RUFIOUS-WINGED ANTWREN** (*Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus frater*) – This is, by default, the subspecies name used for the unnamed population of Rufous-winged Antwren in NE Brazil. It is currently under study.

**RUFIOUS-WINGED ANTWREN** (*Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus rufimarginatus*) – X This, nominate, endemic subspecies is quite distinct from other populations, and occurs from southern Bahia south. [E]

**NARROW-BILLED ANTWREN** (*Formicivora iheringi*) – X Great views of this strange antbird! [E]

**WHITE-FRINGED ANTWREN** (*Formicivora grisea*) – Our best views were of the pair in mangroves out of Salvador -- wow!

**BLACK-BELLIED ANTWREN** (*Formicivora melanogaster*) – A gorgeous little bird!

**SINCORA ANTWREN** (*Formicivora grantsau*) – It took just a few minutes for him to get up on stage this year, but when he did, the show was spectacular! I first identified this bird as an undescribed species in 1993, but it didn't get formally named for over 20 years. We have made a point of seeing it well over all of our tours to NE Brazil. [E]

**FERRUGINOUS ANTIBIRD** (*Drymophila ferruginea*) – X [\*]

**SCALED ANTIBIRD** (*Drymophila squamata*) – X [E]

**ORANGE-BELLIED ANTWREN** (*Terenura sicki*) – Nice views of this increasingly rare little bird. [E]

**RIO DE JANEIRO ANTIBIRD** (*Cercomacra brasiliana*) – X Close, fabulous study of a singing adult male. [E]

**WILLIS'S ANTIBIRD** (*Cercomacra laeta sabinoi*) – A singing immature male sneaked in low and close eventually appearing for all to see. [E]

**WHITE-BACKED FIRE-EYE** (*Pyriglena leuconota pernambucensis*) [E]

**FRINGE-BACKED FIRE-EYE** (*Pyriglena atra*) – We got all three fire-eyes, including this one, by far the rarest of the lot! [E]

**WHITE-SHOULDERED FIRE-EYE** (*Pyriglena leucoptera*) [E]

**SLENDER ANTIBIRD** (*Rhopornis ardesiacus*) – A pair came in quite close to us, both members showing off very nicely. [E]

**SCALLOPED ANTIBIRD** (*Myrmeciza ruficauda*) – This one more called us in than the other way around, but we all finally did get to see it well as it foraged in the leaf litter at Murici. [E]

**WHITE-BIBBED ANTIBIRD** (*Myrmeciza loricata*) – X [E]

*Melanopareiidae (Crescentchests)*

**COLLARED CRESCENTCHEST** (*Melanopareia torquata*) – No sooner did I say, "Ok, he's gone quiet, watch the top of the bank there." than he showed up at that exact spot, then popped up into a bush and sang for us. It was one of those great birding moments! The crescentchests (four species, as currently classified) were recently shown to represent a family separate from (but related to) the rest of the tapaculos.

*Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)*

**RUFIOUS GNATEATER (CEARA)** (*Conopophaga lineata cearae*) – Fantastic views in the Serra de Baturite, where this subspecies is practically endemic. [E]

**RUFIOUS GNATEATER (RUFIOUS)** (*Conopophaga lineata lineata*) – X Seen beautifully near Boa Nova, where it would be the nominate form.

**BLACK-CHEEKED GNATEATER** (*Conopophaga melanops nigrifrons*) – Nice looks at an adult male at Frei Caneca, with patience! [E]

*Grallariidae (Antpittas)*

**WHITE-BROWED ANTPITTA** (*Hyllopezus ochroleucus*) – Well, we had birds singing fairly actively a couple of times, and one flew in promptly to sit on a horizontal branch at eye-level just a few feet away (a bit too close, actually!), but only a couple of folks managed to get their bin's on it before it left, and we never caught up with more views. We usually see this antpitta better than this, but that's birding for you! [E]

*Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)*

**DIAMANTINA TAPACULO** (*Scytalopus diamantinensis*) – Fantastic experience with this recently described bird as a male climbed up a thin trunk to sing for us, showing front and back sides for over a minute! [E]

*Formicariidae (Antthrushes)*

**RUFIOUS-CAPPED ANTTHRUSH** (*Formicarius colma*)

**SHORT-TAILED ANTTHRUSH** (*Chamaeza campanisona*) – The video's worth a thousand words, check it out! This bird stayed up and followed us out of his territory for several minutes! >>>

*Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)*

**RUFIOUS-BREASTED LEAFTOSSER** (*Sclerurus scansor cearensis*) [E]

**OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (REISER'S)** (*Sittasomus griseicapillus reiseri*) [E]

**OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (OLIVACEOUS)** (*Sittasomus griseicapillus olivaceus*)

**OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (OLIVACEOUS)** (*Sittasomus griseicapillus sylviiellus*) [E]

**PLAIN-WINGED WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocincla turdina*) – X We didn't see D. f. taunayi at Murici for the first time ever; everything is disappearing from that forest patch, it seems... [E]

**WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) – X Atlantic Forest endemic subspecies cuneatus, seen well a couple of times on the extension.

**PLANALTO WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocolaptes platyrostris*) – X

**WHITE-THROATED WOODCREEPER** (*Xiphocolaptes albicollis*) – X One good view of this massive woodcreeper.

**LESSER WOODCREEPER (NORTHERN)** (*Xiphorhynchus fuscus atlanticus*) [E]

**LESSER WOODCREEPER (LESSER)** (*Xiphorhynchus fuscus tenuirostris*) – X [E]

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

**STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Dendroplex picus*)

**RED-BILLED SCYTHEBILL** (*Campylorhamphus trochilirostris trochilirostris*) – X This nominate form is a range-restricted endemic, great to see it so well. [E]

**BLACK-BILLED SCYTHEBILL** (*Campylorhamphus falcularius*) – X Fabulous views of this impressive bird, a big highlight for Bill! [E]

**NARROW-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*)

**PLAIN XENOPS** (*Xenops minutus*)

**STREAKED XENOPS** (*Xenops rutilans*)

**WING-BANDED HORNERO** (*Furnarius figulus*)

**PALE-LEGGED HORNERO** (*Furnarius leucopus*)

**RUFIOUS HORNERO** (*Furnarius rufus*)

**SHARP-TAILED STREAMCREEPER** (*Lochmias nematura*) – X [\*]

**WHITE-COLLARED FOLIAGE-GLANER** (*Anabazenops fuscus*) – X [E]

**GREAT XENOPS** (*Megaxenops paraguayae*) – Seen beautifully a couple of times this year! [E]

**PALE-BROWED TREEHUNTER** (*Cichlocolaptes leucophrys leucophrys*) – X Excellent views at Boa Nova, where generally rare (often not seen on this tour). [E]

**BUFF-FRONTED FOLIAGE-GLANER** (*Philydor rufum*) – X

**WHITE-EYED FOLIAGE-GLANER** (*Automolus leucophthalmus leucophthalmus*) – X

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

**GREATER THORNBIRD** (*Phacellodomus ruber*)

**PINK-LEGGED GRAVETEIRO** (*Acrobatornis fonsecai*) – X Seeing graveteiros well took us quite a while this year, but we eventually maneuvered a male into a great viewing angle so everyone could see pink legs and bill! [E]

**STRIATED SOFTTAIL** (*Thripophaga macroura*) – X Quiet and hard to find this year, but we finally did get a small family group into view at Boa Nova. [E]

**GRAY-HEADED SPINETAIL** (*Cranioleuca semicinerea*) [E]

**CAATINGA CACHOLOTE** (*Pseudoseisura cristata*) [E]

**YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL** (*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*)

**BAHIA SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis whitneyi*) – X Seen very nicely, especially after we found its nest! [E]

**RED-SHOULDERED SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis hellmayri*) – A highly distinctive furnariid that has been in the monotypic genus *Gyalophylax* for many years, but genetic analysis has shown that it is nested within the genus *Synallaxis*. That's one way to look at it. Another way is to recognize that *Synallaxis* is not monophyletic, and needs to be split up! [E]

**SOOTY-FRONTED SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis frontalis*)

**PALE-BREASTED SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis albescentis*)

**SPIX'S SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis spixi*)

**OCHRE-CHEEKED SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis scutata*)

#### *Tyrannidae* (Tyrant Flycatchers)

**WHITE-LORED TYRANNULET** (*Ornithion inermis*) – Best looks ever, as a bird came down to scold my imitation of Least Pygmy-Owl, at one point only a few feet away at eye-level!

**SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET** (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

**SUIRIRI FLYCATCHER** (*Suiriri suiriri bahiae*)

**MOUSE-COLORED TYRANNULET** (*Phaeomyias murina*)

**YELLOW TYRANNULET** (*Capsiempis flaveola*)

**GRAY-BACKED TACHURI** (*Polystictus superciliosus*) – Whew, got a pair to come in just before we were set to leave -- great views! [E]

**FOREST ELAENIA** (*Myiopagis gaimardii*)

**GRAY ELAENIA** (*Myiopagis caniceps*)

**GREENISH ELAENIA** (*Myiopagis viridicata*)

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

**LARGE ELAENIA** (*Elaenia spectabilis*)

**PLAIN-CRESTED ELAENIA** (*Elaenia cristata*)

**LESSER ELAENIA** (*Elaenia chiriquensis*)

**HIGHLAND ELAENIA** (*Elaenia obscura sordida*)

**OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER** (*Mionectes oleagineus*)

**SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER** (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*)

**BAHIA TYRANNULET** (*Phylloscartes beckeri*) – X Another highly localized endemic species seen very well, making our hike uphill well worthwhile! [E]

**ALAGOAS TYRANNULET** (*Phylloscartes ceciliae*) – An increasingly rare endemic. [E]

**PLANALTO TYRANNULET** (*Phyllomyias fasciatus*)

**GUIANAN TYRANNULET** (*Zimmerius acer*) – Split from Slender-footed Tyrannulet.

**SOUTHERN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER** (*Sublegatus modestus*)

**TAWNY-CROWNED PYGMY-TYRANT** (*Euscarthmus meloryphus*) – Remarkably fine views, which is good because if you don't get such views, you can't remember a thing about the bird. Except maybe its voice ;-)

**RUFIOUS-SIDED PYGMY-TYRANT** (*Euscarthmus rufomarginatus*) – Excellent!!

**LESSER WAGTAIL-TYRANT (BAHIA)** (*Stigmatura napensis bahiae*) – It took us a while to dig up a pair this year (strangely), but they did put on a great show eventually. Subspecies endemic to caatinga scrub of NE Brazil. [E]

**GREATER WAGTAIL-TYRANT (CAATINGA)** (*Stigmatura budytoides gracilis*) – Several fine views of this one, also an endemic (and widely disjunct) subspecies. [E]

**EARED PYGMY-TYRANT** (*Myiornis auricularis*)

**DRAB-BREASTED PYGMY-TYRANT** (*Hemitriccus diops*) – X [E]

**WHITE-BELLIED TODY-TYRANT** (*Hemitriccus griseipectus naumburgae*) [E]

**STRIPE-NECKED TODY-TYRANT** (*Hemitriccus striatocollis*) – X Super-close in the mangroves out of Salvador.

**HANGNEST TODY-TYRANT** (*Hemitriccus nidipendulus*) – X [E]

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

**BUFF-BREASTED TODY-TYRANT** (*Hemitriccus mirandae*) – Several seen well at Baturite. [E]

**FORK-TAILED PYGMY-TYRANT** (*Hemitriccus furcatus*) – X [E]

**OCHRE-FACED TODY-FLYCATCHER** (*Poecilatriccus plumbeiceps*) – X

**SMOKY-FRONTED TODY-FLYCATCHER** (*Poecilatriccus fumifrons*) – Fantastic views of a bird that came in a long ways to show up right in front of us.

**GRAY-HEADED TODY-FLYCATCHER** (*Todirostrum poliocephalum*) [E]

**COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER** (*Todirostrum cinereum*)

**YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (SOORETAMA)** (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens sulphurescens*) – X [E]

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

**YELLOW-BREASTED FLYCATCHER** (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*)

**WHITE-THROATED SPADEBILL** (*Platyrinchus mystaceus*)



**CLIFF FLYCATCHER** (*Hirundinea ferruginea bellicosa*)  
**WHISKERED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiobius barbatus*) – X  
**BLACK-TAILED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiobius atricaudus*) – Subspecies *snethlageae* endemic to NE Brazil.  
**BRAN-COLORED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiophobus fasciatus*)  
**EULER'S FLYCATCHER** (*Lathrotriccus eulerei*) – X  
**TROPICAL PEWEE** (*Contopus cinereus*) – X [\*]  
**GRAY MONJITA** (*Xolmis cinereus*)  
**WHITE MONJITA** (*Xolmis irupero niveus*) [E]  
**BLACK-BACKED WATER-TYRANT** (*Fluvicola albiventer*)  
**MASKED WATER-TYRANT** (*Fluvicola nengeta*)  
**WHITE-HEADED MARSH TYRANT** (*Arundinicola leucocephala*)  
**LONG-TAILED TYRANT** (*Colonia colonus*)  
**CATTLE TYRANT** (*Machetornis rixosa*)  
**BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTLA** (*Attila spadiceus*) [\*]  
**TODD'S SIRYSTES** (*Sirystes subcanescens*) – X [\*]  
**ASH-THROATED CASIORNIS** (*Casiornis fuscus*) – Just a couple of group sightings, but they were very good ones. [E]  
**GRAYISH MOURNER** (*Rhytipterna simplex*) – X  
**SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiarchus ferox*)  
**BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)  
**GREAT KISKADEE** (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)  
**BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER** (*Megarynchus pitangua*)  
**SOCIAL FLYCATCHER** (*Myiozetetes similis*)  
**STREAKED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)  
**PIRATIC FLYCATCHER** (*Legatus leucophaeus*)  
**VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER** (*Empidonomus varius*)  
**TROPICAL KINGBIRD** (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

#### *Oxyruncidae (Sharpbill)*

**SHARPBILL** (*Oxyruncus cristatus*) – X Darn, we usually manage to see this one -- we'll have to make it up to you on the Southeast tour, Dona Daphne! [\*]

#### *Cotingidae (Cotingas)*

**BLACK-HEADED BERRYEATER** (*Carpornis melanocephala*) [E]  
**RED-RUFFED FRUITCROW** (*Pyroderus scutatus*) – X [\*]  
**SCREAMING PIHA** (*Lipaugus vociferans*)  
**CINNAMON-VENTED PIHA** (*Lipaugus lanioides*) – X Nice to get a good view of this bird above Boa Nova. [E]  
**WHITE-WINGED COTINGA** (*Xipholena atropurpurea*) – An adult male scoped on the extension was far, far better than the ones scoped far, far away at Murici! [E]

#### *Pipridae (Manakins)*

**PALE-BELLIED TYRANT-MANAKIN** (*Neopelma pallescens*)  
**ARARIPE MANAKIN** (*Antilophia bokermanni*) – Spectacular is a good word for this manakin -- it is truly a shockingly attractive bird. Check out the tour video >>> [E]  
**BLUE-BACKED MANAKIN** (*Chiroxiphia pareola*)  
**SWALLOW-TAILED MANAKIN** (*Chiroxiphia caudata*) [E]  
**PIN-TAILED MANAKIN** (*Ilicura militaris*) – X Really fine views of adult males a couple of times. [E]  
**WHITE-BEARDED MANAKIN** (*Manacus manacus*)  
**BAND-TAILED MANAKIN** (*Pipra fasciicauda*)  
**STRIPED MANAKIN (EASTERN)** (*Machaeropterus regulus regulus*) – X This endemic is still not formally split from "Western" Striped Manakin (*M. r. striolatus*), but it definitely will be. [E]  
**WHITE-CROWNED MANAKIN (WHITE-CROWNED)** (*Dixiphia pipra cephalucos*) – X [E\*]  
**RED-HEADED MANAKIN** (*Ceratopipra rubrocapilla*)

#### *Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)*

**BROWN-WINGED SCHIFFORNIS (BROWN-WINGED)** (*Schiffornis turdina intermedia*) [E\*]  
**WHITE-NAPED XENOPSARIS** (*Xenopsaris albinucha*) – Only a couple this dry year, but the adult male was seen really well!  
**GREEN-BACKED BECARD** (*Pachyramphus viridis*)  
**WHITE-WINGED BECARD** (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)  
**CRESTED BECARD** (*Pachyramphus validus*)

#### *Vireonidae (Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis)*

**RED-EYED VIREO (MIGRATORY CHIVI)** (*Vireo olivaceus chivi*)  
**GRAY-EYED GREENLET** (*Hylophilus amaurocephalus*) – Dark-eyed birds in this northern part of the range. [E]  
**RUFIOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE** (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*)

#### *Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)*

**WHITE-NAPED JAY** (*Cyanocorax cyanopogon*) – Numerous good views, as usual. [E]

*Hirundinidae (Swallows)*

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

**SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW** (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

**GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN** (*Progne chalybea*)

**BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN** (*Progne tapera*)

**WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW** (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

**BANK SWALLOW** (*Riparia riparia*) – One near Petrolina, where rare but apparently regular.

**BARN SWALLOW** (*Hirundo rustica*)

*Troglodytidae (Wrens)*

**HOUSE WREN** (*Troglodytes aedon*)

**THRUSH-LIKE WREN** (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*) – X Good views of this endemic population, nominate *turdinus* widely disjunct from the nearest others, in Amazonia.

**MOUSTACHED WREN** (*Pheugopedius genibarbis*)

**LONG-BILLED WREN** (*Cantorchilus longirostris bahiae*) – Fabulous views, especially of that first bird below eye-level. [E]

*Poliophtilidae (Gnatcatchers)*

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

**TROPICAL GNATCATCHER** (*Poliophtila plumbea*)

*Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)*

**PALE-BREASTED THRUSH** (*Turdus leucomelas*)

**RUFIOUS-BELLIED THRUSH** (*Turdus rufiventris*)

**WHITE-NECKED THRUSH** (*Turdus albicollis*) – X It was exciting to find a nest with two well-developed chicks at Boa Nova.

*Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)*

**CHALK-BROWED MOCKINGBIRD** (*Mimus saturninus*)

**TROPICAL MOCKINGBIRD (TROPICAL)** (*Mimus gilvus antelius*) [E]

*Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)*

**YELLOWISH PIPIT** (*Anthus lutescens*) – X

*Parulidae (New World Warblers)*

**TROPICAL PARULA** (*Setophaga pitiauyumi*)

**GOLDEN-CROWNED WARBLER** (*Basileuterus culicivorus*)

**FLAVESCENT WARBLER** (*Myiothlypis flaveola*)

*Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)*

**RED-COWLED CARDINAL** (*Paroaria dominicana*) [E]

**CINNAMON TANAGER** (*Schistochlamys ruficapillus*)

**WHITE-BANDED TANAGER** (*Neothraupis fasciata*)

**SCARLET-THROATED TANAGER** (*Comptosia loricata*) – Just one good encounter this year, but it was a beauty, involving two adult males with a group of dark-throated birds. There was a flock hanging around in Lencois as well! [E]

**HOODED TANAGER** (*Nemosia pileata*)

**ORANGE-HEADED TANAGER** (*Thlypopsis sordida*)

**BLACK-GOGGLED TANAGER** (*Trichothraupis melanops*)

**FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER** (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)

**WHITE-LINED TANAGER** (*Tachyphonus rufus*)

**BRAZILIAN TANAGER** (*Ramphocelus bresilius*) – Shockingly red! [E]

**SAYACA TANAGER** (*Thraupis sayaca*)

**PALM TANAGER** (*Thraupis palmarum*)

**BURNISHED-BUFF TANAGER** (*Tangara cayana*)

**TURQUOISE TANAGER (WHITE-BELLIED)** (*Tangara mexicana brasiliensis*) – X Kathy spotted our first ones, waaaay out there (we were scanning for cotingas!). [E]

**OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER (SILVER-BREASTED)** (*Tangara velia cyanomelas*) – X Nice views of this distinctive subspecies. [E]

**GREEN-HEADED TANAGER** (*Tangara seledon*) – X [E]

**SEVEN-COLORED TANAGER** (*Tangara fastuosa*) – Darned few seen this year, but that first adult male was a stunner. [E]

**RED-NECKED TANAGER** (*Tangara cyanocephala*) [E]

**GILT-EDGED TANAGER** (*Tangara cyanoventris*) – X [E]

**BLUE DACNIS** (*Dacnis cayana*)

**RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER** (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)

**GREEN HONEYCREEPER** (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

**GUIRA TANAGER** (*Hemithraupis guira*)

**RUFIOUS-HEADED TANAGER** (*Hemithraupis ruficapilla*) – X [E]

**CHESTNUT-VENTED CONEBILL** (*Conirostrum speciosum*)

**BICOLORED CONEBILL** (*Conirostrum bicolor*)

**STRIPE-TAILED YELLOW-FINCH** (*Sicalis citrina*) – An adult male came in remarkably close, for superb views.

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

**SAFFRON FINCH** (*Sicalis flaveola*) – X

**GRASSLAND YELLOW-FINCH (GRASSLAND)** (*Sicalis luteola luteiventris*)

**WEDGE-TAILED GRASS-FINCH** (*Emberizoides herbicola*)

**PALE-THROATED PAMPA-FINCH** (*Embernagra longicauda*) – They were apparently nesting, finished with active singing, but we finally managed to get the scope on a couple for good views. [E]

**BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT** (*Volatinia jacarina*)

**WHITE-BELLIED SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila leucoptera*) – X

**COPPER SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila bouvreuil*) – A couple of adult males and several females near Tamandare were a great find on our first afternoon of birding. A split from Capped Seedeater.

**YELLOW-BELLIED SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila nigricollis*)

**DUBOIS'S SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila ardesiaca*) – X [E]

**PLUMBEOUS SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila plumbea*)

**WHITE-THROATED SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila albogularis*) – Very few around this dry year, but several adult males were seen well. [E]

**PILEATED FINCH** (*Coryphospingus pileatus*)

**BANANAQUIT** (*Coereba flaveola*)

**SOOTY GRASSQUIT** (*Tiaris fuliginosus*) – X

**BLACK-THROATED SALTATOR** (*Saltator atricollis*)

**BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR** (*Saltator maximus*)

**GREEN-WINGED SALTATOR** (*Saltator similis*) – X

**BLACK-THROATED GROSBEAK** (*Saltator fuliginosus*) – X [E]

*Emberizidae (Buntings and New World Sparrows)*

**PECTORAL SPARROW** (*Arremon taciturnus*)

**SAO FRANCISCO SPARROW** (*Arremon franciscanus*) – Excellent views of a pair gathering nesting material. [E]

**GRASSLAND SPARROW** (*Ammodramus humeralis*)

**RUFIOUS-COLLARED SPARROW** (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

*Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)*

**HEPATIC TANAGER (LOWLAND)** (*Piranga flava flava*)

**RED-CROWNED ANT-TANAGER** (*Habia rubica*) – X

**YELLOW-GREEN GROSBEAK** (*Caryothraustes canadensis*)

**ULTRAMARINE GROSBEAK** (*Cyanocompsa brissonii*)

*Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)*

**WHITE-BROWED BLACKBIRD** (*Sturnella supercilialis*)

**CHOPI BLACKBIRD** (*Gnorimopsar chopi*)

**FORBES'S BLACKBIRD** (*Anumara forbesi*) – Two very nice encounters with this rare, localized blackbird. [E]

**CHESTNUT-CAPPED BLACKBIRD** (*Chrysomus ruficapillus*)

**BAY-WINGED COWBIRD (PALE)** (*Agelaioides badius fringillarius*)

**SHINY COWBIRD** (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

**EPAULET ORIOLE** (*Icterus cayanensis*)

**CAMPO TROUPIAL** (*Icterus jamacaii*)

**SOLITARY BLACK CACIQUE** (*Cacicus solitarius*)

**YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE** (*Cacicus cela*)

**RED-RUMPED CACIQUE** (*Cacicus haemorrhous*)

**CRESTED OROPENDOLA** (*Psarocolius decumanus*) – X

*Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)*

**PURPLE-THROATED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia chlorotica*)

**VIOLACEOUS EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia violacea*)

**ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia xanthogaster*) – X

**BLUE-NAPED CHLOROPHONIA** (*Chlorophonia cyanea*)

**YELLOW-FACED SISKIN** (*Spinus yarrellii*) – Wow, it looked "iffy" for a while, as all we had was a quick peek at a female-plumaged bird -- but with patience, we finally got the scope on an adult male -- sweet! [E]

*Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)*

**HOUSE SPARROW** (*Passer domesticus*)

*Estrildidae (Waxbills and Allies)*

**COMMON WAXBILL** (*Estrilda astrild*)

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## MAMMALS

**BRAZILIAN FREE-TAILED BAT** (*Tadarida brasiliensis*)

**TUFTED-EAR MARMOSET** (*Callithrix jacchus*) [E]

**TUFTED-EAR MARMOSET** (*Callithrix jacchus geoffroyi*) – X Dona Daphne spotted this attractive primate, and Dom Jorge photographed it for us on the extension. Thanks, guys! [E]

**MASKED TITI MONKEY** (*Callicebus personatus*) – Mostly heard, but one animal allowed us to see it well. [E]

**BROWN-THROATED THREE-TOED SLOTH** (*Bradypus variegatus*)

**CAVY SP.** (*Galea/Cavia* sp.)

**BLACK-RUMPED AGOUTI** (*Dasyprocta prymnolopha*)

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## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Among notable other critters were South American Coati (one DOR and another in southern Ceara state); Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins from the ferry in Baia Todos os Santos near Salvador; a Nine-banded Armadillo seen on the extension, big Green Iguanas here and there, a few smallish caiman in a backwater of the Rio Sao Feancisco near Petrolina, and a fantastic turtle there as well (I'll try to get friends at the Univ. Sao Paulo to ID it), several enormous Tupinambis tegu lizards (mostly on the extension), and quite a few nice butterflies along the way, but especially on the extension.

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**Totals for the tour: 460 bird taxa and 7 mammal taxa**