

## POUSADA RIO ROOSEVELT & THE RIO MADEIRA

*July 29, 2009 to August 12, 2009*

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This was the second tour we have operated to the upper Rio Madeira and Pousada Rio Roosevelt, and it was again a very good one. We started with three days in the field on the west side of the Madeira, longest tributary of the Amazon. The good news was that several days of cold, rainy weather on a southern cold front had just cleared out, so we had excellent birding conditions. The bad news was that so much rain had fallen (unusual at this season) that we couldn't get as far along the road as we needed to be to have a chance for the new species of jay that occurs in the area (which we saw well in '08), and we missed the new species of *Herpsilochmus* antwren over there as well. Birding was overall very exciting, though, with the highlight being a very cooperative Ocellated Crake, under normal conditions almost impossible to see (easy to hear). We noted a few Wood Storks and were surprised to find a Jabiru along the road to Humaita, no doubt a wanderer up from the drying pantanal.

The charter flight to the pousada on a beautiful morning was fantastic, and we were properly impressed by the extensive rainforest as the plane did a couple of wide swings over Santa Rita rapids and the lodge itself. We soon settled in for a very nice week of birding, with lots of walking on many different trails. The pousada now has a new canopy tower, and a couple of morning up there were very productive, especially for great views of a close male Black-bellied Thorntail and an Amazonian Pygmy-Owl, and excellent views of troops of Common Woolly Monkey and White-nosed Bearded Saki. After coming down from the tower one morning, we were treated to an up-close meeting with a herd of White-lipped Peccaries, a couple of which were no more than 15 feet from us! It was a mediocre tour for big raptors, but I found out later that a Harpy Eagle was seen right along the river near the pousada the day after we left (Sansão, one of our local guides, found the bird and John Rowlett and friends, who came into the pousada just as we were leaving, showed me a great picture of it!).

We hit three or four large swarms of army ants and saw all of the ant-following birds known from the Roosevelt area at one or another of them. Certainly the highest-priority species were Pale-faced Antbird (sole member of the genus *Skutchia*), which performed nicely after a few minutes of suspense, the handsome White-brested Antbird, and Hoffmann's Woodcreeper. Our first swarm was attended by a number of Dark-winged Trumpeters, all of which ended up getting accustomed to us nearby and simply ignored us thereafter, coming right out on the trail. We saw another group of them on a different trail a couple of days later; the pousada has got to be the best place anywhere to see this fancy bird. We had very good views of all three of the as-yet-undescribed species of antbirds, and even discovered another new species, which everyone got to see very nicely, on the tour!! Now THAT doesn't happen very often, my friends! (I won't put that one on the triplist here because I'll need to do some more work to thoroughly document it.) Adding to the primates above, Prince Bernard's Titi-Monkey also put on a great show for us. One afternoon we just missed seeing a pair of Jaguars cavorting on a river island, but saw Giant Otter well up the other way on the river, which made that miss less wrenching.

Among other highlights at the pousada were excellent views of Black-bellied Gnateater, which is simply a stunning bird and it really performed well; Crimson Fruitcrow, rarely seen way from the geographically distant Guianan Shield, but we had superb views of probably two individuals one morning; fine views of Red-throated Piping-Guans and Razor-billed Curassows; exciting encounters with Cryptic and Slaty-backed forest-falcons, seen well by almost everyone; good numbers of several species of macaws; great studies of the little-known Kawall's Parrot; a beautiful male Pavonine Quetzal; fine Red-necked Aracaris and Gould's Toucanet; a highly cooperative Rusty-belted tapaculo; Buff-cheeked Tody-Tyrant; and good views of and great listens to Scaly-breasted and Musician wrens. One

memorable day at dusk, calm and moonlit, we just allowed the boats to drift down the Roosevelt, silently and peacefully; it was a great feeling.

We had some fun catching a few gorgeous Peacock Bass, too. The pousada was a wonderful place to spend a week birding and eating and drinking and just relaxing with the excellent service there. Thank you very much to all for coming on the tour; it was great fun to bird this wild, seldom-visited part of Amazonia with you, and I look forward to seeing you again. Grandes abraços, Bret

*List total: 404 bird taxa and 24 mammal taxa*

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

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### **Tinamidae**

- \* GRAY TINAMOU (*Tinamus tao*)
- \* GREAT TINAMOU (*Tinamus major*)
- \* WHITE-THROATED TINAMOU (*Tinamus guttatus*)  
*Actually, it was "turd only". We saw two large droppings of this tinamou, which are distinctively shaped and patterned.*
- CINEREOUS TINAMOU (*Crypturellus cinereus*)
- \* LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*)
- \* UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*)
- \* BRAZILIAN TINAMOU (*Crypturellus strigulosus*)
- \* VARIEGATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus variegatus*)
- \* SMALL-BILLED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus parvirostris*)
- RED-WINGED TINAMOU (*Rhynchotus rufescens*)  
*Sieghard saw one at Humaita, where we all heard them a couple of times.*

### **Phalacrocoracidae**

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

### **Anhingidae**

ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*)

### **Ardeidae**

CAPPED HERON (*Pilherodius pileatus*)  
COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)  
GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)  
SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)  
CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)  
STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)  
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)  
RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*)

### **Ciconiidae**

WOOD STORK (*Mycteria americana*)  
JABIRU (*Jabiru mycteria*)

### **Threskiornithidae**

GREEN IBIS (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*)

### **Anatidae**

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)  
MUSCOVY DUCK (*Cairina moschata*)

### **Cathartidae**

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)  
TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)  
GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes melambrotus*)  
KING VULTURE (*Sarcoramphus papa*)  
*Some folks saw one at the airport in Porto Velho.*

### **Accipitridae**

GRAY-HEADED KITE (*Leptodon cayanensis*)  
SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*)  
PEARL KITE (*Gampsonyx swainsonii*)  
DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*)  
PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*)  
GREAT BLACK-HAWK (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)

SAVANNA HAWK (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)  
BLACK-COLLARED HAWK (*Busarellus nigricollis*)  
GRAY HAWK (*Buteo nitidus*)  
ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris*)  
SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus*)  
*We saw a nest with two large youngsters in it, a rare sight.*  
WHITE-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo albicaudatus*)

### **Falconidae**

BLACK CARACARA (*Daptrius ater*)  
RED-THROATED CARACARA (*Ibycter americanus*)  
SOUTHERN CARACARA (*Caracara plancus*)  
YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)  
LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)  
\* BARRED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur ruficollis*)  
CRYPTIC FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur mintoni*)  
SLATY-BACKED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur mirandollei*)  
*This one came in nicely, but not everyone got on it during the 10 seconds it remained perched.*  
COLLARED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur semitorquatus*)  
AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*)  
APLOMADO FALCON (*Falco femoralis*)  
BAT FALCON (*Falco rufigularis*)

### **Cracidae**

SPECKLED CHACHALACA (*Ortalis guttata*)  
SPIX'S GUAN (*Penelope jacquacu*)  
RED-THROATED PIPING-GUAN (*Pipile cujubi*)  
RAZOR-BILLED CURASSOW (*Mitu tuberosa*)

### **Opisthocomidae**

HOATZIN (*Opisthocomus hoazin*)  
*Muchos!!*

### **Psophiidae**

DARK-WINGED TRUMPETER (*Psophia viridis*)

### **Rallidae**

OCELLATED CRAKE (*Micropterygia schomburgkii*)  
*Got the best of them this time, as everyone got a good binocular view.*  
RUSSET-CROWNED CRAKE (*Anurolimnas viridis*)  
*Very fleeting view; usually fairly easy to see.*  
\* RUFOUS-SIDED CRAKE (*Laterallus melanophaius*)  
\* GRAY-BREASTED CRAKE (*Laterallus exilis*)  
GRAY-NECKED WOOD-RAIL (*Aramides cajanea*)  
ASH-THROATED CRAKE (*Porzana albicollis*)  
*A pretty good view near Humaita.*

### **Eurypygidae**

SUNBITTERN (*Eurypyga helias*)

### **Jacanidae**

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

### **Charadriidae**

PIED LAPWING (*Vanellus cayanus*)  
SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*)

### **Scolopacidae**

GREATER YELLOWLEGS (*Tringa melanoleuca*)  
LESSER YELLOWLEGS (*Tringa flavipes*)  
SOLITARY SANDPIPER (*Tringa solitaria*)  
PECTORAL SANDPIPER (*Calidris melanotos*)

### **Sternidae**

YELLOW-BILLED TERN (*Sterna superciliaris*)  
LARGE-BILLED TERN (*Phaetusa simplex*)

### **Rynchopidae**

BLACK SKIMMER (*Rynchops niger*)

### **Columbidae**

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)  
SCALED PIGEON (*Patagioenas speciosa*)  
PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)  
PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*)  
RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)  
COMMON GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina passerina*)  
RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)  
BLUE GROUND-DOVE (*Claravis pretiosa*)  
*A pair found by Sieghard and Gudrun on our last day.*

- \* GRAY-FRONTED DOVE (*Leptotila rufaxilla*)
- RUDDY QUAIL-DOVE (*Geotrygon montana*)

### **Psittacidae**

BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW (*Ara ararauna*)  
*Only a couple this year.*  
SCARLET MACAW (*Ara macao*)  
*Daily in good numbers; some awesome views of these amazing creatures.*  
RED-AND-GREEN MACAW (*Ara chloropterus*)  
*Only a few, several days.*

CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW (*Ara severa*)  
RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilata*)  
WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (*Aratinga leucophthalmus*)  
DUSKY-HEADED PARAKEET (*Aratinga weddellii*)  
PEACH-FRONTED PARAKEET (*Aratinga aurea*)  
CRIMSON-BELLIED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura perlata*)  
PAINTED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura picta snethlageae*)  
GOLDEN-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris chrysopterus*)

- \* SCARLET-SHOULDERED PARROTLET (*Touit huetii*)
- ORANGE-CHEEKED PARROT (*Pionopsitta barrabandi*)  
*Spectacular views at the clay lick. What a great parrot!*
- BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)
- YELLOW-CROWNED PARROT (*Amazona ochrocephala*)
- KAWALL'S PARROT (*Amazona kawalli*)  
*Stellar scope studies at the clay lick. This huge Amazon parrot was described to science only in 1989.*
- \* ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (*Amazona amazonica*)
- MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*)

### **Cuculidae**

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

BLACK-BELLIED CUCKOO (*Piaya melanogaster*)  
LITTLE CUCKOO (*Piaya minuta*)  
SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)  
PHEASANT CUCKOO (*Dromococcyx phasianellus*)

**Strigidae**

- TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops watsonii*)  
\* SPECTACLED OWL (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*)  
AMAZONIAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium hardyi*)  
BURROWING OWL (*Athene cunicularia*)

**Nyctibiidae**

- \* GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*)  
COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*)  
*Nice views!*

**Caprimulgidae**

- SHORT-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Lurocalis semitorquatus*)  
LESSER NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles acutipennis*)  
NACUNDA NIGHTHAWK (*Podager nacunda*)  
*Our best view of this huge nighthawk was in the city of Porto Velho!*  
PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)  
\* SPOT-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Caprimulgus maculicaudus*)  
BLACKISH NIGHTJAR (*Caprimulgus nigrescens*)  
LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*)

**Apodidae**

GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)  
PALE-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura egregia*)  
CHAPMAN'S (AMAZONIAN) SWIFT (*Chaetura chapmani viridipennis*)  
SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura*)  
FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT (*Tachornis squamata*)

**Trochilidae**

EASTERN LONG-TAILED HERMIT (*Phaethornis superciliosus*)  
NEEDLE-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis philippii*)  
*We heard them zipping across trails several days, but only managed one brief view.*  
REDDISH HERMIT (*Phaethornis ruber*)  
SWALLOW-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Eupetomena macroura*)  
*One spectacular sighting at Humaita.*  
WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*)  
CRIMSON TOPAZ (*Topaza pella*)  
*A good view of a female at a nest along the Rio Madeirinha.*  
BLACK-BELLIED THORNTAIL (*Popelairia langsdorffi*)  
*Great views right at eye-level from the top of the new tower.*  
FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)  
WHITE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE (*Hylocharis cyanus*)  
WHITE-TAILED GOLDENTHROAT (*Polytmus guainumbi*)  
*All of the several goldenthroats we saw were this species.*  
BLACK-EARED FAIRY (*Heliathryx aurita*)  
LONG-BILLED STARHROAT (*Helimaster longirostris*)  
*One spotted by Sieghard.*

**Trogonidae**

WHITE-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*)

VIOLACEOUS TROGON (*Trogon violaceus*)  
COLLARED TROGON (*Trogon collaris*)  
BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*)  
BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*)  
PAVONINE QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus pavoninus*)

#### **Alcedinidae**

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Ceryle torquatus*)  
AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*)  
GREEN KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle americana*)

#### **Momotidae**

- \* BLUE-CROWNED MOTMOT (*Momotus momota*)
- \* RUFIOUS MOTMOT (*Baryphthengus martii*)  
BROAD-BILLED MOTMOT (*Electron platyrhynchum*)  
*A singing pair of these small motmots showed nicely one morning.*

#### **Galbulidae**

- BROWN JACAMAR (*Brachygalba lugubris*)  
*One excellent view; this is the distinctive lower Amazonian subspecies B. l. melanosternon.*
- \* BLUE-CHEEKED JACAMAR (*Galbula cyanicollis*)  
*Remarkably inconspicuous this trip (usually seen well, often more than once).*
- RUFIOUS-TAILED JACAMAR (*Galbula ruficauda*)
- BRONZY JACAMAR (*Galbula leucogastra*)  
*Nice views several times.*
- PARADISE JACAMAR (*Galbula dea*)  
*One pair with juveniles was fun to see.*
- GREAT JACAMAR (*Jacamerops aureus*)  
*A couple of impressive encounters with this fine bird.*

#### **Bucconidae**

- \* WHITE-NECKED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus macrorhynchos hyperrhynchus*)
- BROWN-BANDED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus ordii*)  
*Excellent views of this scarce puffbirds west of the Madeira.*
- PIED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus tectus*)
- WHITE-EARED PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus chacuru*)  
*Sieghard spotted this one for us, near Humaita.*
- RUSTY-BREASTED NUNLET (*Nonnula rubecula*)  
*A nice scope view, after finally spotting it high inside a treecrown.*
- BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*)
- WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa morphoeus*)
- SWALLOW-WING (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)

#### **Capitonidae**

BLACK-GIRDLED BARBET (*Capito dayi*)  
GILDED BARBET (*Capito auratus*)

#### **Ramphastidae**

- LETTERED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus inscriptus*)
- RED-NECKED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus bitorquatus*)
- CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus castanotis*)
- CURL-CRESTED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus beauharnaesii*)  
*It was great to see this bizarre aracari well on our first morning afield nar Porto Velho.*
- GOULD'S TOUCANET (*Selenidera gouldii*)  
*Good scope views of the male and female as they performed their strange bowing display calls.*

- \* CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus*)
- RED-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus*)
- TOCO TOUCAN (*Ramphastos toco*)

### **Picidae**

BAR-BREASTED PICULET (*Picumnus aurifrons*)  
*Several nice looks.*

YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)

RED-STAINED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis affinis*)

YELLOW-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus flavigula*)

GOLDEN-GREEN WOODPECKER (*Piculus chrysochloros*)  
*One particularly good view.*

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

CHESTNUT WOODPECKER (*Celeus elegans*)  
*Nice scope study from the tower.*

RINGED WOODPECKER (*Celeus torquatus*)  
*Good views on a couple of days.*

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

RED-NECKED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus rubricollis*)

*After hearing these big guys on a few days, we finally connected with good views of a pair; a spectacular bird!*

### **Furnariidae**

CINEREOUS-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis hypospodia*)

RUFIOUS-TAILED XENOPS (*Xenops milleri*)

*Extraordinary views of a bird that came down within 15 feet of us a couple of times.*

SLENDER-BILLED XENOPS (*Xenops tenuirostris*)

*Also seen very nicely; always a tough bird to find and see well.*

STRIPED WOODHAUNTER (*Hylocistis subulatus*)

*A very good view of this skulker.*

- \* CHESTNUT-WINGED HOOKBILL (*Ancistrops strigilatus*)

CHESTNUT-WINGED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor erythropterus*)

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

- \* CINNAMON-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor pyrrhodes*)

*We had them close a couple of times, but no one managed to spot it.*

- \* PARA FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus paraensis*)

*Very quiet this trip.*

- \* SHORT-BILLED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus rufularis*)

TAWNY-THROATED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus mexicanus*)

BLACK-TAILED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus caudacutus*)

### **Dendrocolaptidae**

WHITE-CHINNED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla merula*)

*Nice views at an army ant swarm.*

SPOT-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Deconychura stictolaema*)

*Seen well a couple of times; always one of the harder woodcreepers to see well.*

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)

LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Nasica longirostris*)

*Incredible bird!!*

UNIFORM WOODCREEPER (*Hylexetastes uniformis*)

*Excellent views of this big woodcreeper after we waited for them to move into good light.*

AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*)

- HOFFMANN'S WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes hoffmannsi*)
- \* STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus picus*)
  - STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*)
  - ELEGANT WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus elegans*)
  - LAFRESNAYE'S WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus guttatoides eytoni*)  
*Look for the name on this one to change, perhaps back to "Dusky-billed" Woodcreeper.*
  - LINEATED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*)
  - CURVE-BILLED SCYTHEBILL (*Campylorhamphus procurvoides*)  
*After much searching, we had good views of a pair.*

**Thamnophilidae**

- \* FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*)
- GLOSSY ANTSHRIKE (*Sakesphorus luctuosus*)  
*A very impressive antshrike!*
- BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)
- WHITE-SHOULDERED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus aethiops*)
- \* PLAIN-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*)
- MOUSE-COLORED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus murinus*)
- AMAZONIAN ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus amazonicus*)
- SPOT-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Pygoptila stellaris*)
- SATURNINE ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes saturninus*)  
*Seen several times.*
- CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes caesius*)
- PYGMY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula brachyura*)
- SCLATER'S ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula sclateri*)  
*Amazingly good views of this tiny canopy antwren on the west side of the Madeira.*
- PLAIN-THROATED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula huxwelli*)
- WHITE-EYED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula leucophthalma*)  
*This and the next two species (along with other classic "dead-leafing" antwrens) are now transferred to the new genus *Epinecrophylla*.*
- STIPPLE-THROATED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula haematonota*)
- ORNATE ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula ornata*)
- WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)
- LONG-WINGED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula longipennis*)
- IHERING'S ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula iheringi*)  
*After a fair amount of effort, we all came away with good looks at a fine male.*
- GRAY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*)
- HERPSILOCHMUS (E MADEIRA) (*Herpsilochmus* sp. nov. 2)  
*This one is still not formally described to science, but we're working on it.*
- DOT-WINGED ANTWREN (*Microrhopias quixensis*)
- WHITE-FRINGED ANTWREN (*Formicivora grisea*)
- RUSTY-BACKED ANTWREN (*Formicivora rufa*)
- CHESTNUT-SHOULDERED ANTWREN (*Terenura humeralis*)  
*The *Terenura* antwren we heard on 6 Aug was likely this species, but we still don't really know which member of the genus occurs in the area.*
- GRAY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*)
- BLACKISH ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra nigrescens*)
- BLACK ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra serva*)  
*This was the low, close, sneaky pair of antbirds we saw on our last afternoon on the west side of the Madeira (3 Aug).*

- \* BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*)  
[WARBLING] ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis [cantator] sp. nov.*)  
*Excellent views on the Rio Madeirinha; another one we're presently working on describing.*
- RONDONIA WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis ochrogyna*)  
*Outside Porto Velho.*
- PERUVIAN WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis peruviana*)  
*West of the Madeira.*
- SPIX'S WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis striata implicata*)  
*Around the pousada, right (east) bank of the Roosevelt.*
- BLACK-CHINNED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemoides melanopogon*)
- SILVERED ANTBIRD (*Sclateria naevia*)
- RUFOUS-FACED ANTBIRD (*Percnostola rufifacies*)
- [CHESTNUT-TAILED] ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza [hemimelaena] sp. nov.*)  
*Yet another new species we're working on at present, seen beautifully!*
- \* BLACK-THROATED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza atrothorax*)
- WHITE-THROATED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopithys salvini*)  
*A good view for most folks, west of the Madeira.*
- WHITE-BREASTED ANTBIRD (*Rhegmatorhina hoffmannsi*)  
*This one came easily, we saw several well at army ant swarms.*
- \* DOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax punctulata*)
- SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax poecilnotus*)  
*This one is now transferred to the new genus Willisornis. We had excellent views of the subspecies griseiventris.*
- BLACK-SPOTTED BARE-EYE (*Phlegopsis nigromaculata*)  
*Exciting views of this striking bird at army ant swarms.*
- PALE-FACED ANTBIRD (*Skutchia borbae*)  
*Perhaps the greatest prize at a big ant swarm; two of four birds present showed very nicely indeed!*

#### **Formicariidae**

- \* VARIEGATED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria varia*)
- \* THRUSH-LIKE ANTPITTA (*Myrmothera campanisona*)

#### **Conopophagidae**

- CHESTNUT-BELTED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga aurita*)  
*A fine encounter with a handsome male.*
- BLACK-BELLIED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga melanogaster*)  
*Dazzling, mesmerizing! An adult male eventually hopped up on to a thick branch at eye-level, and sat there for about a minute with his white horns popped out.*

#### **Rhinocryptidae**

- RUSTY-BELTED TAPACULO (*Liosceles thoracicus*)  
*With a little patience, this strange tapaculo made its way across the forest floor to our position along the trail, then sneaked around in a tangle in front of us, inadvertently allowing us to see it incredibly well -- then it even came across the path!*

#### **Cotingidae**

- \* BLACK-NECKED RED-COTINGA (*Phoenicircus nigricollis*)  
*Darn, we had a male close at one point but it refused to come into view.*
- WHITE-BROWED PURPLETUFT (*Iodopleura isabellae*)  
*Best from the tower.*
- SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*)  
*Fairly quiet this trip, but we did, of course, hear them daily and enjoyed watching a singing male in the scope.*
- SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*)
- POMPADOUR COTINGA (*Xipholena punicea*)  
*Good scope views of females, but we had an adult male fly over.*

BARE-NECKED FRUITCROW (*Gymnoderus foetidus*)

*Janice spotted this one for us!*

CRIMSON FRUITCROW (*Haematoderus militaris*)

*Certainly one of the tour highlights was seeing this fine cotinga well. There are only a few records for it far south of the Amazon.*

AMAZONIAN UMBRELLABIRD (*Cephalopterus ornatus*)

*Great views west of the Madeira.*

### ***Pipridae***

\* WHITE-BEARDED MANAKIN (*Manacus manacus*)

BAND-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra fasciicauda*)

*Great views, a handsome little bird!*

RED-HEADED MANAKIN (*Pipra rubrocapilla*)

*Seen well several times, once displaying (two males in tandem)!*

SNOW-CAPPED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix nattereri*)

*Very quiet this trip, but we saw an adult male well.*

\* FIERY-CAPPED MANAKIN (*Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*)

DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes stolzmanni*)

\* WING-BARRED PIPRITES (*Piprites chloris*)

THRUSH-LIKE SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis turdinus*)

*A good view.*

### ***Tyrannidae***

\* WHITE-LORED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion inerme*)

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

YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*)

FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardii*)

GRAY ELAENIA (*Myiopagis caniceps*)

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster*)

PLAIN-CRESTED ELAENIA (*Elaenia cristata*)

SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*)

AMAZONIAN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER (*Sublegatus obscurior*)

*Just one, uncommon in the area.*

SHARP-TAILED TYRANT (*Culicivora caudacuta*)

*One nice afternoon near Humaita, we took a walk into grasslands and found a pair (three?) of these neat little flycatchers, which allowed close views.*

SHORT-TAILED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis ecaudatus*)

*This is the smallest of New World passerines (together with its sister-species Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant)*

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

*Excellent views, both sides of the Madeira.*

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

*With perseverance, all had a good view of this waif, almost always hard to see.*

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

*Nicely west of the Madeira.*

BUFF-CHEEKED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus senex*)

*Good views, there's just not much to see!*

SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum maculatum*)

YELLOW-BROWED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*)

*Great from the tower.*

\* RINGED ANTPIPIT (*Corythopis torquata*)

RUFIOUS-TAILED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*)

- \* OLIVACEOUS FLATBILL (*Rhynchocyclus olivaceus*)
- YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias assimilis*)  
*One came into the tower tree, and at times was a mere 6 feet from our faces. The new Ridgely & Tudor passerines field guide (UT Press) calls this bird "Zimmer's Flatbill".*
- GRAY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*)
- GOLDEN-CROWNED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus coronatus*)
- WHITE-CRESTED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus platyrhynchos*)
- \* AMAZONIAN ROYAL-FLYCATCHER (*Onychorhynchus coronatus*)
- RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*)
- BLACK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Myiobius atricaudus*)  
*A Myiobius seen well appeared top above been this one (as opposed to Whiskered), but it's tough to be sure.*
- \* EULER'S FLYCATCHER (*Lathrotriccus euleri*)
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)
- DRAB WATER-TYRANT (*Ochthornis littoralis*)
- WHITE-HEADED MARSH-TYRANT (*Arundinicola leucocephala*)
- CINNAMON ATTILA (*Attila cinnamomeus*)
- \* BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTILA (*Attila spadiceus*)
- \* GRAYISH MOURNER (*Rhytipterna simplex*)
- PALE-BELLIED MOURNER (*Rhytipterna immunda*)  
*Excellent studies of this scarce bird west of the Madeira.*
- SWAINSON'S FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus swainsoni*)
- SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*)
- BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)
- LESSER KISKADEE (*Philohydor lictor*)
- GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)
- BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarhynchus pitangua*)
- SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)
- DUSKY-CHESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes luteiventris*)
- YELLOW-THROATED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias parva*)  
*Nice scope views.*
- STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)
- PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*)
- VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*)
- CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER (*Griseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus*)
- SULPHURY FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*)
- WHITE-THROATED KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus albogularis*)
- TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)
- FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus savana*)
- BLACK-CAPPED BECARD (*Pachyramphus marginatus*)  
*Wow, we didn't even hear any becards this trip -- weird! (Had just a couple of this one with flocks).*
- BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*)
- MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*)
- Hirundinidae***
- BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*)
- GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)
- WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)
- WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW (*Atticora fasciata*)
- BLACK-COLLARED SWALLOW (*Atticora melanoleuca*)  
*Muchos, always elegant.*

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

**Troglodytidae**

THRUSH-LIKE WREN (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*)

- \* TOOTH-BILLED WREN (*Odontorchilus cinereus*)  
*Heard a couple of times, and we got them to come in directly overhead... but there was no gap in the canopy for viewing. One heard from the tower refused to approach.*

MOUSTACHED WREN (*Thryothorus genibarbis*)

BUFF-BREASTED WREN (*Thryothorus leucotis*)

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*)

SCALY-BREASTED WREN (*Microcerculus marginatus*)

MUSICIAN WREN (*Cyphorhinus aradus*)

**Turdidae**

CREAMY-BELLIED THRUSH (*Turdus amaurochalinus*)

HAUXWELL'S THRUSH (*Turdus hauxwelli*)

WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (*Turdus albicollis*)

**Poliopitilidae**

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)

GUIANAN GNATCATCHER (*Poliopitila guianensis*)

*Excellent studies of a pair, always a treat to see.*

**Passeridae**

HOUSE SPARROW (*Passer domesticus*)

**Vireonidae**

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

GRAY-CHESTED GREENLET (*Hylophilus semicinereus*)

*A great view.*

BUFF-CHEEKED GREENLET (*Hylophilus muscicapinus*)

TAWNY-CROWNED GREENLET (*Hylophilus ochraceiceps*)

- \* SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanus leucotis*)
- RUFIOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*)

**Fringillidae**

PURPLE-THROATED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chlorotica*)

- \* WHITE-LORED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chrysopasta*)
- RUFIOUS-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia rufiventris*)  
*A tremendous view of a close pair from the tower.*

**Parulidae**

- \* BUFF-RUMPED WARBLER (*Phaeothlypis fulvicauda*)

ROSE-BREASTED CHAT (*Granatellus pelzelni*)

*Sieghard spotted our first one, and we ended up with great views of a couple of pairs (with some neck-craning!)*

**Coeribidae**

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

**Thraupidae**

BLACK-FACED TANAGER (*Schistochlamys melanopis*)

WHITE-RUMPED TANAGER (*Cypsnagra hirundinacea*)

*Entertaining encounters with duetting pairs near Humaita; a highly distinctive bird, the sole member of its genus.*

YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*)

WHITE-WINGED SHRIKE-TANAGER (*Lanio versicolor*)

*Good views of male and female with a big mixed-species flock one morning.*

FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)

- \* FULVOUS-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus surinamus*)

WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*)

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

TURQUOISE TANAGER (*Tangara mexicana*)

PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*)

*Dynamite scope views of this gorgeous tanager.*

GREEN-AND-GOLD TANAGER (*Tangara schrankii*)

MASKED TANAGER (*Tangara nigrocincta*)

OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER (*Tangara velia*)

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*)

YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS (*Dacnis flaviventer*)

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

SHORT-BILLED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes nitidus*)

*This was a good tour for honeycreepers, and we had Short-billed nicely a couple of times.*

PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)

RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)

SWALLOW TANAGER (*Tersina viridis*)

### **Emberizidae**

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

YELLOW-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila nigricollis*)

DOUBLE-COLLARED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila caerulea*)

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEED-FINCH (*Oryzoborus angolensis*)

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

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*)

*Jerry found our first one near the pousada.*

PECTORAL SPARROW (*Arremon taciturnus*)

GRASSLAND SPARROW (*Ammodramus humeralis*)

YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)

### **Cardinalidae**

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)

\* SLATE-COLORED GROSBEAK (*Saltator grossus*)

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

### **Icteridae**

RED-BREASTED BLACKBIRD (*Sturnella militaris*)

GIANT COWBIRD (*Scaphidura oryzivora*)

EPAULET ORIOLE (*Icterus cayanensis*)

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*)

GREEN OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius viridis*)

AMAZONIAN OROPENDOLA (*Gymnostinops bifasciatus*)

### **MAMMALS**

COMMON OPOSSUM (*Didelphis marsupialis*)

LONG-NOSED BAT (*Rhynchonycteris naso*)

\* [SILVERY] MARMOSET (*Callithrix [argentata] ap.*)

*Strangely, we didn't run across a close troop of these little guys at the pousada this time.*

- \* SADDLEBACK TAMARIN (*Saguinus fuscicollis*)
- \* DUSKY TITI MONKEY (*Callicebus moloch*)
- PRINCE BERNARD'S TITI MONKEY (*Callicebus bernhardi*)  
*Fantastic experience seeing this newly described primate. At one point, a chase going on resulted in one losing its balance and falling some 30 feet before catching itself and sheepishly climbing back up to the others.*
- RED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta seniculus*)  
*Heard fairly frequently but seen just once.*
- WHITE-NOSED BEARDED SAKI MONKEY (*Chiropotes albinasus*)
- WHITE-FRONTED CAPUCHIN (*Cebus albifrons*)
- BROWN CAPUCHIN (*Cebus apella*)
- COMMON WOOLLY MONKEY (*Lagothrix lagotricha*)  
*This is the largest primate in Amazonia (us aside) and is now rare because of selective hunting pressure (they're considered especially good to eat).*
- WHITE-BELLIED SPIDER MONKEY (*Ateles belzebuth chamek*)
- SOUTHERN AMAZON RED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus spadiceus*)  
*Several sightings.*
- \* NEOTROPICAL PYGMY SQUIRREL (*Sciurillus pusillus*)
- RED-RUMPED AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta agouti*)
- AMAZON RIVER DOLPHIN (*Inia geoffrensis*)  
*Both river dolphins were seen several times at close range on the Madeira. Their populations are sure to be drastically altered when the hydroelectric dam being built at Porto Velho starts operating in a couple of years.*
- TUCUXI (*Sotalia fluviatilis*)
- SOUTH AMERICAN COATI (*Nasua nasua*)
- SOUTHERN RIVER OTTER (*Lutra longicaudis*)  
*A couple of good sightings on the Roosevelt.*
- GIANT OTTER (*Pteronura brasiliensis*)  
*An excellent view of one eating a big fish!*
- BRAZILIAN TAPIR (*Tapirus terrestris*)  
*Tracks only, I'm afraid, though we heard on moving away from us (spotted by our trail guide).*
- \* COLLARED PECCARY (*Tayassu tajacu*)
- WHITE-LIPPED PECCARY (*Tayassu pecari*)  
*As mentioned earlier, an exciting encounter with a bunch of these noisy hogs, a few of which were very close to us.*
- RED BROCKET DEER (*Mazama americana*)  
*We flushed these huge tinamous a couple of times, never seen well.*

### ***Additional Comments***

Most notable among other critters we encountered was "Perneta", the huge Black Caiman that's missing a leg, and likes to be fed by anyone who will feed it; a good-sized tarantula that Sandy "blew away" out of the boat one day(!); and those Corvina fish producing bizarre grinding sounds underwater by scraping two calcareous "stones" in their heads together -- we got to see some of the stones, shown to us by our fisherman-guides. The Corvina was also very good on the dinner plate every day!

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