

*Field Guides Tour Report***Brazil's Rio Roosevelt: Birding the River of Doubt 2016**

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It was really exciting to fly out to the Rio Roosevelt, and our pilots did a couple of swings around the pousada and rapids on the river to allow us all to have spectacular views of the setting where we would be for the next week -- except for the pousada itself, untouched since the Roosevelt-Rondon Expedition first charted the "River of Doubt" in 1914. Video image by guide Bret Whitney.

The 2016 Rio Roosevelt tour was a beauty -- especially after Bill and Sue received their days-late luggage! The dry season had just come into full swing and we had almost no rain to deal with, yet the river levels were perfectly fine for moving around on both the Roosevelt and the smaller Madeirinha. Our tour opened with birding on the west side of the Madeira, where there are many species not present on the Roosevelt. Our only "rain-out" happened there, closing us out of one morning's venue in some of the best remaining tall forest near the town of Humaita. Still, the Humaita area was very good to us, highlighted by a truly fabulous Ocellated Crake that, after teasing us with several flashes in the grass, paraded out into the open for several seconds of great viewing for all. That is a mega-rare event, my friends! Other specialties of the isolated grasslands in that region included Azure Gallinule, White-eared Puffbird, Rusty-backed Antwren, Cinereous-breasted Spinetail, Sharp-tailed Tyrants, Black-masked Finches, Tawny-bellied and Dark-throated seedeaters, and a host of open-country flycatchers. Forested tracks yielded Amazonian Pygmy-Owl, Bluish-fronted Jacamar, Gilded Barbet, Brown-banded Puffbird, Golden-collared Toucanet, Bar-breasted Piculet, great views of the recently described Predicted Antwren, Peruvian Warbling-Antbird, White-throated Antbird, the rarely seen Humaita Antbird, an as-yet-undescribed species of tody-tyrant (related to Snethlage's Tody-tyrant), exceptional views of Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher, Fiery-capped Manakin, White-browed Purpletuft, Paradise Tanagers, and a passel of Short-billed Honeycreepers. Least Nighthawks put on a good show, and a Spot-tailed Nightjar joined us for a predawn breakfast at the hotel, foraging on bugs attracted by the lights; check out Daphne's photo, below!

What a delightful morning we had on the day we made our charter flight to the Pousada Rio Roosevelt. It was great to sleep in a bit, then make our leisurely way to the airport, board our comfortable little plane, and enjoy the ride, leaving behind the cities and roadways to immerse ourselves in the wilds of the south-central Amazon, based for the next week at the lovely Pousada Rio Roosevelt. Life is GOOD! At first, we paralleled the great Rio Madeira, visible out the left-side windows, then we turned well to the east, crossing the Rio Machado, then traversing a vast mosaic of natural campos and forest patches before once again passing over vast tracts of unbroken forest. Then, quite suddenly, we were over the venerable "River of Doubt"! Our pilots made two wide loops over the river and the foaming Santa Rita rapids, to give folks on both sides a macaw's-eye view of this incredible landscape, quite unchanged in the 100+ years since the Roosevelt-Rondon Expedition made its laborious way around the dark, mysterious curves of this uncharted river. Seconds later, we were on the ground. HOORAY! And just a couple of hours later, after settling into our cabins and enjoying that first delicious lunch, it sank in that we were in a truly special place, where populations of all the myriad plants and animals of the south-central Amazon were perfectly intact. On our first birding outing that afternoon, for some added perspective, I had our boatmen pull the boats up to the base of Santa Rita rapids, which was thundering away through a narrow gorge. Unable to hear even the boat motors revving to hold us in position, we could easily sense the power of that concentrated volume of water: "Awesome!" And to think: there were catfish decades old and weighing 200 pounds swimming around in the dark depths just below us.

Mention of just a few birding highlights must include the Ornate Hawk-Eagle on a hunting perch, visible from the veranda of the dining room after our first breakfast at the pousada, multiple good views of (gorgeous!) Black-bellied Cuckoos, that Pavonine Cuckoo that performed so nicely late one afternoon, scope views of both White-winged and Rufous potoos, good looks at all of the five kingfishers on the list, the vying White-necked and Pied puffbirds seen from the tower, super views of rarely seen Striolated Puffbirds, a stunning Blue-cheeked Jacamar, Black-girdled Barbets, Golden-green

and Red-necked woodpeckers, a fantastic Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon, and a bunch of beautiful Crimson-bellied Parakeets. Among a lengthy roster of ant-things, outstanding were Glossy and Pearly antshrikes, Roosevelt Stipple-throated Antwren (name soon to be changed to Rio Roosevelt Stipplethroat; all Epinecrophylla will become “stipplethroats”), the pair of Slater’s Antwrens that approached us to within six feet (atop the tower!), nice views of Aripuana Antwren and Manicore Warbling-Antbird, both described new to science only in 2013, a breathtakingly close Ferruginous-backed Antbird, and a pair of endemic White-breasted Antbirds at a big army ant swarm. Hoffmann’s, Uniform, and Rondonia woodcreepers were all seen well. Some tricky little tyrannids put on very nice shows as well: Buff-cheeked Tody-Flycatcher (really a tody-tyrant), Zimmer’s Tody-Tyrant, and the newly described (2013) Chico’s Tyrannulet, which refused to show up until I was literally seconds from calling it quits. Cotingas were relatively few, but we enjoyed nice views of male Pompadour and Spangled. A flashy male Snow-capped Manakin was tops in that department. We had a rare sighting of the Amazonian endemic subspecies of Plush-crested Jay, which was a very impressive bird. The treetops held many smaller gems in the forms of tanagers and honeycreepers, and we had a nice view of Tooth-billed Wren as well.

We saw three(!) Brazilian Tapirs, one at really close range. White-nosed Bearded Sakis, really handsome primates, paraded across the trail for us on our first morning on the Roosevelt, and it was great fun to watch a trio of Giant Otters catching fish trapped in a small backwater pond off the Roosevelt one afternoon. I’ll drop in some video of these and many others of our sightings, with thanks, too, to Daphne for contributing some of her excellent photos from the tour.

Thanks so much for joining me for this visit to the pristine Rio Roosevelt; we had a lot of fun in our two weeks. Until we meet again, happy and safe travels to all -- you know where to find me for our next birding adventure! -- Bret

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)

GRAY TINAMOU (*Tinamus tao*) [*]

GREAT TINAMOU (*Tinamus major*)

WHITE-THROATED TINAMOU (*Tinamus guttatus*) [*]

CINEREOUS TINAMOU (*Crypturellus cinereus*) [*]

LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*) [*]

UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*) [*]

VARIEGATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus variegatus*) [*]

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

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

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

MUSCOVY DUCK (*Cairina moschata*)

BRAZILIAN TEAL (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*)

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

SPIX'S GUAN (*Penelope jacquacu*)

RED-THROATED PIPING-GUAN (*Pipile cujubi*) – This was a good year for piping-guans!

NOCTURNAL CURASSOW (*Nothocrax urumutum*) [*]

RAZOR-BILLED CURASSOW (*Mitu tuberosum*) – Two nice sightings

Ciconiidae (Storks)

WOOD STORK (*Mycteria americana*) – Perhaps 20 birds seen over the Roosevelt during our week there

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Anhingidae (Anhingas)

ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*)

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*)

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)

CAPPED HERON (*Pilherodius pileatus*)

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

GREEN IBIS (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*)

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes melambrotus*)

KING VULTURE (*Sarcoramphus papa*)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

PEARL KITE (*Gampsonyx swainsonii*) – We scoped a pair one of the mornings outside Humaita.

GRAY-HEADED KITE (*Leptodon cayanensis*)

ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus ornatus*) – Nice scope view of a perched bird on our first morning at the Roosevelt.

BLACK-COLLARED HAWK (*Busarellus nigricollis*)

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*)

CRANE HAWK (*Geranospiza caerulescens*)

SAVANNA HAWK (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)

GREAT BLACK HAWK (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Rupornis magnirostris*)

WHITE-TAILED HAWK (*Geranoaetus albicaudatus*)

GRAY-LINED HAWK (*Buteo nitidus*)

Eurypygidae (Sunbittern)

SUNBITTERN (*Eurypyga helias*) – Just a couple of sightings this year

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

OCELLATED CRAKE (*Micropygia schomburgkii*) – It was really thrilling to see this diminutive crake so beautifully (and on our first try!). Check out the video and Daphne's great still shot!

RUSSET-CROWNED CRAKE (*Anurolimnas viridis*) – Formerly in the genus *Laterallus*. [[*](#)]

ASH-THROATED CRAKE (*Mustelirallus albicollis*) – Formerly in the genus *Porzana*. Unfortunately, we couldn't coax a fairly close, calling bird into view. [[*](#)]

AZURE GALLINULE (*Porphyrio flavirostris*) – Not the case with Azure Gallinule, which put on a tremendous show, flying in to perch on some of the closest clumps of marsh grass, then stay put for several minutes of scope viewing.

Helioornithidae (Finfoots)

SUNGREBE (*Heliorhynchus fulica*) – Just one sighting of a bird feeding in a remnant backwater pond off the Roosevelt - but it was a great view, right in there with three Giant Otters!

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

PIED LAPWING (*Vanellus cayanus*) – Handsome, always!

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*)

Jacanidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

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*)

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)

GRAY-FRONTED DOVE (*Leptotila rufaxilla*) – One was seen walking around the edge of the pousada clearing a few times.

Opisthocomidae (Hoatzin)

HOATZIN (*Opisthocomus hoazin*) – Great views from the boats (as usual!).

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

BLACK-BELLIED CUCKOO (*Piaya melanogaster*) – Several really fine views, especially the pair around the tower.

DARK-BILLED CUCKOO (*Coccyzus melacoryphus*) – One seen, an austral migrant/winterer to the region.

STRIPED CUCKOO (*Tapera naevia*) [[*](#)]

PAVONINE CUCKOO (*Dromococcyx pavoninus*) – Fantastic scope views -- after some perseverance with moving a singing bird into view. It was almost dusk and inside the forest, but the video still came out pretty nicely >>>

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

Strigidae (Owls)

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

CRESTED OWL (*Lophotrix cristata*) [[*](#)]

AMAZONIAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium hardyi*) – Great scope views west of the Madeira.

BURROWING OWL (*Athene cunicularia*) – Five spotted in Porto Velho.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

LEAST Nighthawk (*Chordeiles pusillus*) – Outside Humaita, at dusk.

SHORT-TAILED NIGHTHAWK (*Lurocalis semitorquatus*)

BLACKISH NIGHTJAR (*Nyctipolus nigrescens*) – Two birds were flushed and then seen perched, at least briefly, by most of us, at the campina.

COMMON PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

SPOT-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydropsalis maculicaudus*) – "Clare", an adult female, appeared in the hallway of our hotel in Humaita early in the morning of our first day there. I thought the bird was confused, attracted by the lights, but the nightwatchman informed us that it often came in at that hour to pick insects off the white tile walls! Sure enough, after I'd carefully captured her by putting a towel over her head, and released her into the dark, backyard of the hotel... she flew right back into the hotel hallway to finish her breakfast! It was amazing (and one heckuva good look at a Spot-tailed Nightjar)!

LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*) – Several spotlighted along the Roosevelt one evening.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

WHITE-WINGED POTOO (*Nyctibius leucopterus*) – Yee-haww! We had neat scope views of a responsive bird that perched for prolonged viewing on a high, dead snag. For the first few seconds, it was side-on, showing the big white slash on the wing, then it turned to sit facing us directly, showing little of that white.

RUFOUS POTOO (*Nyctibius bracteatus*) – After considerable effort over about a half-hour, we finally managed to locate the bird, sitting higher than usual. Fortunately, it stayed put for several minutes (we eventually walked away from it!) and the scope views were excellent -- what a superb bird!!

Apodidae (Swifts)

AMAZONIAN SWIFT (*Chaetura viridipennis*) – Nice, diagnostic views from the tower.

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura*)

GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)

PALE-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura egregia*)

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

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

CRIMSON TOPAZ (*Topaza pella*) – We couldn't find a way to get a calling bird into view, or responding to playback. [*]

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*)

RUFOUS-BREASTED HERMIT (*Glaucis hirsutus*)

NEEDLE-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis philippii*) – We were buzzed by birds several times, and a couple of them allowed decent views as they fed briefly at understory flowers.

REDDISH HERMIT (*Phaethornis ruber*)

BLACK-EARED FAIRY (*Heliothryx auritus*)

BLACK-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)

BLUE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE (*Chlorestes notata*)

GRAY-BREASTED SABREWING (*Campylopterus largipennis*)

SWALLOW-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Eupetomena macroura*) – Impressive cameo appearances a couple of times near Humaita.

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)

GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD (*Amazilia fimbriata*)

RUFOUS-THROATED SAPPHIRE (*Hylocharis sapphirina*) – Seen especially well from the tower.

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

Trogonidae (Trogons)

PAVONINE QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus pavoninus*) – A bird I heard in the distance on trails behind the pousada refused to call back or approach, despite concerted effort, so we ended up dipping on this one. [*]

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*) [*]

GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*)

AMAZONIAN TROGON (*Trogon ramonianus*) – A split from widespread Violaceous Tropic.

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*) – A couple of nice scope views of this beauty.

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

COLLARED TROGON (*Trogon collaris*)

Momotidae (Motmots)

AMAZONIAN MOTMOT (*Momotus momota*) – One bird came in fairly promptly, but the viewing angle was tough for some folks, and not all of us had good looks.

BROAD-BILLED MOTMOT (*Electron platyrhynchum*) – A much more satisfying performance from this fancy bird!

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*)

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

GREEN KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle americana*)

GREEN-AND-RUFOUS KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle inda*) – Great views of all five kingfishers!

AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle aenea*)

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

WHITE-NECKED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus hyperrhynchus hyperrhynchus*) – Great studies, especially from the tower. Formerly *N. macrorhynchus* (which, after the split, became the Guianan Puffbird).

BROWN-BANDED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus ordii*) – We lucked out by finding an angle where a calling bird could be scoped -- neat to get this relatively seldom seen puffbird.

PIED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus tectus*) – Fabulous from the tower.

COLLARED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco capensis*) – This gorgeous bird (one of my all-time fav's) proved to be tough to pick out from the foliage, but we eventually managed to find a scope angle, which helped a lot!

STRIOLATED PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus striolatus*) – This is the true "Striolated Puffbird", *Nystalus striolatus*, which may eventually settle with the name Natterer's Striolated-Puffbird. It is rarely seen by anyone, being restricted to the Madeira-Tapajós interfluvium.

WESTERN PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus obamai*) – Sadly, we heard just one bird, and it was so far off that it wouldn't budge closer to playback. It's better called Western Striolated-Puffbird, I believe, which clearly places it in the striolated complex. [*]

WHITE-EARED PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus chacuru*) – Several good views in the cerrados out of Humaita.

RUSTY-BREASTED NUNLET (*Nonnula rubecula*) – Just one heard, no response to playback. [*]

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*)

WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa morphoeus*)

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

BROWN JACAMAR (*Brachygalba lugubris melanosterna*) [*]

BLUE-CHEEKED JACAMAR (*Galbulia cyanicollis*) – Superb scope studies of this handsome, forest-interior jacamar.

BLUISH-FRONTED JACAMAR (*Galbulia cyanescens*) – Very nicely west of the Madeira.

BRONZY JACAMAR (*Galbulia leucogastra*) – Seen well a couple of times.

PARADISE JACAMAR (*Galbulia dea*) – Lisa spotted a couple of these fine birds for us.

GREAT JACAMAR (*Jacamerops aureus*) – Good views of this one a couple of times.

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

BLACK-GIRDLED BARBET (*Capito dayi*) – Nicely from the tower, and also seen well from the ground, in a mixed-species flock.

GILDED BARBET (*Capito auratus*) – Good views west of the Madeira.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus castanotis*)

GOLDEN-COLLARED TOUCANET (*Selenidera reinwardtii*) – Superb views, west of Madeira

GOULD'S TOUCANET (*Selenidera gouldii*) – Equally fine study of this one, which is the representative of the genus in Amazonia east of the Madeira.

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus*)

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus*) – Only a few seen, but we got it on both sides of the Madeira (not that this has any ramification for subspecies limits, etc.).

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

BAR-BREASTED PICULET (*Picumnus aurifrons*) – Several good views.

YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)

RED-STAINED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis affinis*)

YELLOW-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus flavigula*)

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

SCALE-BREASTED WOODPECKER (*Celeus grammicus*)

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

RED-NECKED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus rubricollis*) – The first of several good sightings was made by Daphne. Check out the hairdo on the female at the end of the video >>>

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucus*) [*]

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

BARRED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur ruficollis*) [*]

SLATY-BACKED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur mirandollei*) – I didn't manage time to get a video/photo of that fine bird we saw, but it sure did provide a good view when it first came in, before hopping up a huge limb to hide itself from view.

BLACK CARACARA (*Daptrius ater*)

RED-THROATED CARACARA (*Ibycter americanus*) – Noisy groups seen well a couple of times.

SOUTHERN CARACARA (*Caracara plancus*)

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)

LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)

AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*)

APLOMADO FALCON (*Falco femoralis*) – One roared low overhead outside of Humaita -- so quickly that some folks didn't quite catch up with it!

BAT FALCON (*Falco rufigularis*)

Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots)

YELLOW-CHEVRONED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris chiriri*)

GOLDEN-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris chrysoptera*)

ORANGE-CHEEKED PARROT (*Pyrilia barrabandi*)

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)

SHORT-TAILED PARROT (*Graydidascalus brachyurus*) – A couple of big flocks screeched overhead early in the mornings at Humaita.

YELLOW-CROWNED PARROT (*Amazona ochrocephala*)

MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*) – Nice views a couple of times...

KAWALL'S PARROT (*Amazona kawalli*) – But this big guy was seen beautifully, thanks to a stellar job of spotting -- and of pointing it out to me(!) - by Daphne. It's rare to have such high-quality and prolonged views of Kawall's Parrot perched.

CRIMSON-BELLIED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura perlata*) – A very cooperative passle of these parakeets -- gorgeous birds!

SANTAREM PARAKEET (MADEIRA) (*Pyrrhura amazonum snethlageae*) – Weirdly, this rather common parrot managed to get away without giving us more than a darting shape in flight, despite being heard almost daily. [*]

MAROON-TAILED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura melanura*) – This one was also heard only (in this case, not surprising). [*]

PEACH-FRONTED PARAKEET (*Eupsittula aurea*)

DUSKY-HEADED PARAKEET (*Aratinga weddellii*)

RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilatus*)

BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW (*Ara ararauna*) – Only a few this year

SCARLET MACAW (*Ara macao*) – Lots more than usual for this time of the year

RED-AND-GREEN MACAW (*Ara chloropterus*)

CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW (*Ara severus*)

WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (*Psittacara leucophthalmus*)

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*)

GLOSSY ANTSHRIKE (*Sakesphorus luctuosus*) – Excellent views of this handsome antshrike

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)

PLAIN-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*)

NATTERER'S SLATY-ANTSCHRIKE (*Thamnophilus stictocephalus*) – A male was seen nicely at the campina; this one was split from widespread Slaty Antshrike.

WHITE-SHOULDERED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus aethiops*)

AMAZONIAN ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus amazonicus*) [*]

PEARLY ANTSHRIKE (*Megastictus margaritatus*) – A very shy bird eventually showed itself for perhaps 30 seconds -- always a great one to pick up! The monotypic genus *Megastictus* is a very old and distinctive lineage in the antbird family.

SATURNINE ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes saturninus*)

CINEROUS ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes caesius*)

PLAIN-THROATED ANTWRREN (*Isleria hauxwelli*)

SPOT-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Pygiptila stellaris*) – Our best views were of a pair foraging very low at the edge of the road, west of the Madeira.

WHITE-EYED ANTWRREN (*Epinecrophylla leucophthalma*) – It took a while to get one well, but we finally caught up with it late in our stay.

ROOSEVELT ANTWRREN (*Epinecrophylla dentei*) – Superb views of this recently described (2013) and attractive antwren; left bank of the Roosevelt only.

ORNATE ANTWRREN (*Epinecrophylla ornata*) – Also seen well, with perseverance.

PYGMY ANTWRREN (*Myrmotherula brachyura*)

SCLATER'S ANTWRREN (*Myrmotherula sclateri*) – The pair that came into branches of the tree that touches the tower, literally a few feet from us, was truly outstanding!

AMAZONIAN STREAKED-ANTWRREN (*Myrmotherula multostriata*)

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWRREN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)

LONG-WINGED ANTWRREN (*Myrmotherula longipennis*)

IHERING'S ANTWRREN (*Myrmotherula iheringi*) – Just one pair, but we saw them well!

GRAY ANTWRREN (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*)

PREDICTED ANTWRREN (*Herpsilochmus praedictus*) – Excellent views, for some of us, even in the scope! Described new to science only in 2013.

ARIQUANA ANTWRREN (*Herpsilochmus stotzi*) – Another of the new, 2013 species -- great looks at pairs on two days.

RUFOUS-WINGED ANTWRREN (*Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*)

DOT-WINGED ANTWRREN (*Microrhopias quixensis*)

WHITE-FRINGED ANTWRREN (*Formicivora grisea*)

RUSTY-BACKED ANTWRREN (*Formicivora rufa*) – Fabulous studies of a pair in the campos near Humaita.

PERUVIAN WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis peruviana*)

SPIX'S WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis striata implicata*)

MANICORE WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis rondoni*) – Three species in the warbling-antbird complex were seen well. This one was named in honor of Coronel Rondon, 99 years after the 1914 Rosevelt-Rondon Expedition!

BLACK ANTBIRD (*Cercomacroides serva*) – These birds probably represent an unnamed population near the Madeira -- seen very well.

BLACKISH ANTBIRD (*Cercomacroides nigrescens*)

GRAY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*)

BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*)

BLACK-CHINNED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemoides melanopogon*)

HUMAITA ANTBIRD (*Schistocichla humaythae*) – This seldom-seen species, split from widespread Spot-winged Antbird, put on a good show.

RUFOUS-FACED ANTBIRD (*Schistocichla rufifacies*) – Carol found a pair near the pousada but the rest of us could do no more than hear them out there, later.

FERRUGINOUS-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza ferruginea*) – A dapper male finally showed for all to admire! This subspecies is limited to the Madeira-Tapajos interfluvium, south of the Amazon (all others are north).

[CHESTNUT-TAILED] ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza [hemimelaena] taxon novum*) – This undescribed taxon was seen well despite its stealthy nature.

BLACK-THROATED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza atrothorax*)

WHITE-THROATED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopithys salvini*) – We heard them several times on our first morning out of Porto Velho, and almost everyone ended up getting a reasonably good view through dense road-edge vegetation.

WHITE-BREASTED ANTBIRD (*Rhegmatorhina hoffmannsi*) – Excellent views of this Mad-Tap endemic at close range; male and female sat still for prolonged viewing.

SPOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax naevius*) – Nice views of Spot-backed, Dot-backed, and Common Scale-backed antbirds.

DOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax punctulatus*)

COMMON SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Willisornis poecilinotus*)

Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)

CHESTNUT-BELTED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga aurita*) – A male put on a great show. Unfortunately, we could not dig up a Black-bellied Gnateater, which has become very difficult over the past 3-4 years.

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

VARIEGATED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria varia*) [*]

THRUSH-LIKE ANTPITTA (*Myrmothera campanisona*) [*]

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

SPOT-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Certhiasomus stictolaemus*) – Nice view of this seldom-seen terra firme woodcreeper.

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)

WHITE-CHINNED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla merula*) [*]

PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorynchus spirurus*)

CINNAMON-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrexetastes rufigula*)

LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Nasica longirostris*) – Wow! What an impressive bird!

AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*) – We saw both subspecies *juruanus* (west of Madeira) and supposed *concolor* on the Roosevelt.

HOFFMANN'S WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes hoffmannsi*) – This one took us a while, but we finally saw a pair well.

RED-BILLED WOODCREEPER (UNIFORM) (*Hylexetastes perrotii uniformis*) – Just one sighting, but it was a nice one!

STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*) – A couple of very close, satisfying encounters with this bird of the flooded forest.

ELEGANT WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus elegans*) – Also seen nicely several times, with mixed-species flocks in the terra firme.

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

STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Dendropicos picus*)

RONDONIA WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes fuscicapillus*) – A split from widespread Lineated Woodcreeper. We lost our best shot at seeing the newly described *L. fatimalimae*, west of the Madeira, when it rained on us just as we were arriving at our birding stop out of Humaita.

PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*)

STREAKED XENOPS (*Xenops rutilans*) [*]

POINT-TAILED PALMCREEPER (*Berlepschia rikeri*) – An excellent view in the scope!

RUFOUS-TAILED XENOPS (*Microxenops milleri*) – Great looks at a very responsive pair; this bird is actually more closely related to the foliage-gleaners than to Xenops.

RUFOUS-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor erythrocerum*)

CHESTNUT-WINGED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor erythrocercum*) [*]

CINNAMON-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor pyrrhodes*) [*]

CHESTNUT-WINGED HOOKBILL (*Ancistrops strigilatus*) – Good views in a canopy mixed-species flock.

BUFF-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus ochrolaemus*) [*]

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

SPECKLED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca gutturalis*)

PALE-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albescens*)

CINEREOUS-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis hypospodia*) – Really cooperative, once we found a pair near the road!

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

WHITE-LORED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion inerme*) – An unusually good, low view

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

SIRIRI FLYCATCHER (*Suiriri suiriri affinis*) – Good study of a pair in the campos out of Humaita

YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*)

FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardi*)

GRAY ELAENIA (*Myiopagis caniceps*) [*]

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster*)

LARGE ELAENIA (*Elaenia spectabilis*)

PLAIN-CRESTED ELAENIA (*Elaenia cristata*)

LESSER ELAENIA (*Elaenia chiriquensis*)

OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes oleagineus*)

CHICO'S TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius chicomendesi*) – Well... I knew darned well that they were out there, and hearing us, but, for some (probably hormonal) reason, not especially interested in coming over to look at us. Short story: we nailed it, with really satisfying views, which made for a very happy ending to our morning in the campina on the Rio Madeirinha.

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

AMAZONIAN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER (*Sublegatus obscurior*) – Good views of a pair at close range

SHARP-TAILED TYRANT (*Culicivora caudacuta*) – This one required a fair amount of searching, but we eventually tracked down a beautiful pair that, once we truly entered its territory, duly approached to drive us out!

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

SNETHLAGE'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus minor*) – Seen well on both sides of the Madeira: an undescribed, species-level taxon on the west side; and nominate minor on the Roosevelt (east of the Madeira).

STRIPE-NECKED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus striaticollis*) – A beauty seen near Humaita

ZIMMER'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus minimus*) – We enjoyed a remarkably fine view of a bird that sneaked in low and close to playback, then sat and stared at us for a minute or so -- sweet!

BUFF-CHEEKED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilotriccus senex*) – Excellent, with patience ;-)

SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum maculatum*)

YELLOW-BROWED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*) – A very good view of a singing bird on our first morning west of the Madeira.

YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias assimilis*) – Good views, despite not being able to bring one up close from the tower.

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

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

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus coronatus*) – Nice views of a tricky one in the understory of seasonally flooded forest.

WHITE-CRESTED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus platyrhynchos*) [*]

RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*) [*]

FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus*) [*]

VERMILION FLYCATCHER (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) – A single in the campos of Humaita was an austral migrant

DRAB WATER TYRANT (*Ochthornis littoralis*)

WHITE-HEADED MARSH TYRANT (*Arundinicola leucocephala*)

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

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

GRAYISH MOURNER (*Rhytipterna simplex*) [*]

SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*)

LESSER KISKADEE (*Pitangus lictor*)

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*)

DUSKY-CHESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes luteiventris*) [*]

YELLOW-THROATED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias parvus*)

STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)

CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax aurantioatrocristatus*) – One, also an austral migrant

SULPHURY FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*) – Good, in the Mauritia palms, of course

WHITE-THROATED KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus albogularis*) – Lots in the Humaita area

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

BLACK-NECKED RED-COTINGA (*Phoenicircus nigriceps*) – An immature male permitted pretty good views

SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*)

SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*) – Even the pihas were fairly quiet this trip -- but we did see them a couple of times.

POMPADOUR COTINGA (*Xipholena punicea*) – Great views of a male, and later in the trip, also a female.

Pipridae (Manakins)

DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyranneteles stolzmanni*)

BLUE-BACKED MANAKIN (*Chiroxiphia pareola regina*) [*]

BLACK MANAKIN (*Xenopipo atronitens*) – Good view of one bird, with a couple of others heard, in the campina.

BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix coronata*) – A female responded well to pygmy-owl tooting, west of the Madeira.

SNOW-CAPPED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix nattereri*) – Wow! An adult male really blew us away, low and close. It actually stuck around for a couple of minutes, but I unfortunately didn't manage to get my camera on it to include a video for you.

FLAME-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Heterocercus linteatus*) – A fine adult male showed for just a few seconds in the campina, not quite long enough for several of us to get on it.

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

FIERY-CAPPED MANAKIN (*Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*) – We lucked out with great views of an adult male west of the Madeira -- nice (and I did get a little video of this one >>>)!

RED-HEADED MANAKIN (*Ceratopipra rubrocapilla*)

WING-BARRED PIPRITES (*Piprites chloris*) – Good views, with some playback work.

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*)

BROWN-WINGED SCHIFFORNIS (*Schiffornis turdina*) – Pretty good views for almost everyone

WHITE-BROWED PURPLETUFT (*Iodopleura isabellae*) – Thanks to Daphne for a good spot on this great little bird! The scope sure helped appreciate it ;-)

WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*) [[*](#)]

BLACK-CAPPED BECARD (*Pachyramphus marginatus*)

PINK-THROATED BECARD (*Pachyramphus minor*) – A pair approached for decent views at the clay lick

[Vireonidae \(Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis\)](#)

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

GRAY-CHESTED GREENLET (*Hylophilus semicinereus*)

TAWNY-CROWNED GREENLET (*Tunchiornis ochraceiceps*) – It was hard to catch up with in the dim understory, but I think almost everyone got a good, if only brief view (left bank Roosevelt)

DUSKY-CAPPED GREENLET (*Pachysylvia hypoxantha*) – One seen with a canopy flock west of the Madeira

BUFF-CHEEKED GREENLET (*Pachysylvia muscicapina*) – Seen well a couple of times on the Roosevelt, replacing Dusky-capped east of the Madeira.

SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanius leucotis*) – "Yep, that green and yellow thing in the middle of the field, with its mouth open, IS the bird, trust me on this one!" (You had to be there... but it was actually a pretty cool scope view!)

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

[Corvidae \(Crows, Jays, and Magpies\)](#)

PLUSH-CRESTED JAY (*Cyanocorax chrysops diesingii*) – What a nice bonus it was to get this fancy bird! This is the little-known, Amazonian endemic subspecies that is further restricted to campinas.

[Hirundinidae \(Swallows\)](#)

BLACK-COLLARED SWALLOW (*Pygochelidon melanoleuca*) – Muchos around the rapids on the Roosevelt.

WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW (*Atticora fasciata*) – Lots of these beauties, too, mostly on the muddier Madeirinha.

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*)

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

[Troglodytidae \(Wrens\)](#)

TOOTH-BILLED WREN (*Odontorchilus cinereus*) – Surprisingly nice views of a singing bird, despite it being way up in the canopy; light and viewing angle were good for it.

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*)

THRUSH-LIKE WREN (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*)

MOUSTACHED WREN (*Pheugopedius genibarbis*) – Good looks a number of times

BUFF-BREASTED WREN (*Cantorchilus leucotis*) – Nicely along the edge of the river

[Polioptilidae \(Gnatcatchers\)](#)

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) – Accidentally seen well on a couple of days.

[Turdidae \(Thrushes and Allies\)](#)

HAUXWELL'S THRUSH (*Turdus hauxwelli*) – Call notes of a few thrushes -- these birds are reallllly quiet when it's this dry. [[*](#)]

LAWRENCE'S THRUSH (*Turdus lawrencii*) [[*](#)]

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

[Thraupidae \(Tanagers and Allies\)](#)

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*)

BLACK-FACED TANAGER (*Schistochlamys melanopsis*) – Quite a few in the Humaita campos

RED-BILLED PIED TANAGER (*Lamprospiza melanoleuca*) [[*](#)]

WHITE-RUMPED TANAGER (*Cynsnagra hirundinacea*) – Great, close study of pair out of Humaita, where the subspecies is pallidigula.

FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)

WHITE-WINGED SHRIKE-TANAGER (*Lanius versicolor*) – Nice views of both sexes in canopy flocks

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

BURNISHED-BUFF TANAGER (*Tangara cayana*)

MASKED TANAGER (*Tangara nigrocincta*)

PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*) – Good views of these gorgeous birds, both sides of the Madeira. Birds west would be nominate chilensis; the appropriate name east of the Madeira is anybody's guess (if an existing name indeed applies).

OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER (*Tangara velia*) – Great views from the tower.

GREEN-AND-GOLD TANAGER (*Tangara schrankii*) – Ditto that, although not as good as the Opal-rumps.

SWALLOW TANAGER (*Tersina viridis*) – A few around, austral migrants

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*) – Not til the last day, but it was good then!

YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS (*Dacnis flaviventer*) – This one was heard around the pousada on a daily basis, but it never appeared for us to see (I think a couple of folks did see it at some point). [[*](#)]

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

SHORT-BILLED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes nitidus*) – A treeful west of the Madeira was a treat!

PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)

RED-LEGGED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*)

WEDGE-TAILED GRASS-FINCH (*Emberizoides herbicola*) – Good views out of Humaita, in campos

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

TAWNY-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila hypoxantha*) – A few early austral migrants were seen near Humaita

DARK-THROATED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila ruficollis*) – It was more of a surprise to see this species near Humaita, as they are breeders that are usually absent by mid-June.

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

WING-BARRED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila americana*) – A female seen wst of the Madeira out of Porto Velho seemed to me to be this species...

YELLOW-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila nigricollis*)

PLUMBEOUS SEEDEATER (*Sporophila plumbea*)

RUSTY-COLLARED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila collaris*) – Good views of a couple of these birds out of Humaita

BLACK-MASKED FINCH (*Coryphaspiza melanotis*) – Fabulous views of this little-known, Amazonian population -- really nice!

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

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

GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)

SLATE-COLORED GROSBEAK (*Saltator grossus*) [*]

Emberizidae (Buntings and New World Sparrows)

GRASSLAND SPARROW (*Ammodramus humeralis*)

YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)

PECTORAL SPARROW (*Arremon taciturnus*) [*]

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

RED-CROWNED ANT-TANAGER (*Habia rubica*) – Good views in the flock with the Tawny-crowned Greenlet (which I'm sure you will all remember)

ROSE-BREASTED CHAT (*Granatellus pelzelni*) – What a fine bird!

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

RED-BREASTED MEADOWLARK (*Sturnella militaris*) – Lots

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*) – One good sighting

EPAULET ORIOLE (*Icterus cayanensis*)

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*)

OLIVE OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius bifasciatus*) – Just a couple of fly-overs; there were very few oropendolas this time around.

Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)

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

GOLDEN-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chrysopasta*)

RUFOUS-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia rufiventris*) – It was fun to watch a pair attending a nest.

Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)

HOUSE SPARROW (*Passer domesticus*)

MAMMALS

LARGE FRUIT-EATING BATS (*Artibeus spp.*) – Huge bats at dusk over the campos near Humaita

SADDLEBACK TAMARIN (*Saguinus fuscicollis*) [*]

DUSKY TITI MONKEY (*Callicebus moloch*) [*]

PRINCE BERNARD'S TITI MONKEY (*Callicebus bernhardi*) – What a superb view we had of this (recently described!) primate, on our walk out to the airstrip on our last morning on the Roosevelt.

RED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta seniculus*)

WHITE-NOSED BEARDED SAKI MONKEY (*Chiropotes albinasus*) – A big troop crossing over the trail permitted us to see several individuals well -- a gorgeous animal.

BROWN CAPUCHIN (*Cebus apella*) [*]

COMMON WOOLLY MONKEY (*Lagothrix lagotricha*) – Darn, we couldn't coax a distant, calling troop into view. [*]

WHITE-BELLIED SPIDER MONKEY (*Ateles belzebuth chamek*) – Several good views of this one -- whatever it is (we really do not know the proper name for this population, if indeed one exists).

RED-RUMPED AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta agouti*)

GIANT OTTER (*Pteronura brasiliensis*) – Check out the video! We enjoyed watching three of these huge animals fishing in an isolated, bacwater pond off the Roosevelt.

BRAZILIAN TAPIR (*Tapirus terrestris*) – Wow! Wonderful views of three animals, probably two big males and one female, at the clay lick -- I'll include video of them as well!

RED BROCKET DEER (*Mazama americana*) – Nancy spotted a large one slipping through the vegetation at the clay lick.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Among other creatures we encountered were a couple of enormous Black Caiman, a few smaller, Spectacled Caiman, the little *Myotis nigrescens* bats doing their dusk patrols of sections of forest trails, and, of course, lots of Peacock Bass (the "tucunare" - would you believe, 11 big ones caught in about 15 minutes!), and the "corvina" schooling fish that grind three "rocks" (calcium stones) in their heads, quite easily audible from our seats in the boats!

Totals for the tour: 391 bird taxa and 13 mammal taxa