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"Here she comes!" We watched spellbound as the huge Harpy Eagle powered its way through the canopy before landing on the rim of its massive nest. The majestic predator closed its wings and proceeded to transfer a large opossum from its mighty talons to its four-month-old youngster. A flurry of excitement shot through the group as superb scope studies were secured, and camera shutters whirred as we all captured this special moment. Just seeing the world's most powerful raptor is a dream come true for any birder, but to observe one delivering prey to a nestling was truly special! We were even more privileged to witness the massive youngster's first flying lessons off the nest—what massive broad wings!

As usual, the comfortable Rio Cristalino Jungle Lodge provided us with multiple memorable birding moments, wonderful sunsets, clouds of colorful butterflies, and lots of primates. This year we were also treated to some superb-looking snakes, including a rainbow boa and a stunning black, white, and orange king snake. Throughout, our energy levels were maintained by routinely superb meals that featured a number of regional dishes and fresh-caught fish.

An early morning vigil from atop the wonderfully constructed canopy tower (donated by a VENT client) rewarded us with breathtaking views of the forest canopy, as well as colorful macaws and parrots at eye level, close encounters with Tooth-billed Wrens, dazzling male Spangled Cotingas, Ringed Woodpecker, singing Gould's Toucanet, and a group of the odd-looking Curl-crested Aracaris. We were even treated to a flock of six migrating Snail Kites passing silently over the canopy!

Forest trails produced a great army ant swarm attended by the highly wanted endemic Bare-faced Bare-Eye, the spectacular Black-spotted Bare-Eye, and the elusive White-chinned Woodcreeper. We scored well with puffbirds, including a lovely Rufous-necked Puffbird at point-blank range, an interesting juvenile Spotted Puffbird, and a very vocal Striolated Puffbird. We also managed to locate a stunning Flame-crested Manakin on his display perch. After a successful search for the bamboo-inhabiting Manu Antbird, we were confronted by a large group (30+) of the poorly-named white-nosed bearded saki monkeys, with their flaming-pink noses!

Relaxed afternoon boat trips on the Rio Cristalino were, as always, a high point of each day. Drifting motor-free down the black waters, as they mirrored the forested

banks and the towering cumulus clouds overhead, was idyllic. Birding rewards were many: Razor-billed Curassow, coming down to drink; Red-throated Piping-Guan; a day-roosting Great Potoo; Crimson-bellied Parakeet (in full sun); Kwall's Parrot; exquisite Capped Herons; Sunbitterns; and two Amazonian Umbrellabirds. And who could forget the last-minute Pavonine Cuckoo in the spotlight, or the monster (6 m-long) Amazonian anaconda we found along the bank?

And we can't fail to mention that unforgettably tame pair of Bare-faced Curassows that strolled the lawns of the camp clearing almost daily, or the clouds of thousands of colorful butterflies that provided a daily spectacle! All in all, a wonderful group of birders enjoyed a great Amazonian birding trip with many unforgettable experiences. I can't wait to return again to this paradise!

TOP 5 birds (as voted by the group).

- 1- Harpy Eagle
- 2- Scarlet Macaw
- 3- Gould's Toucanet
- 4- Bare-faced Curassow
- 5- Amazonian Umbrellabird

Itinerary:

6/29 – Flight leaves U.S, (some overnighing in Cuiaba or Guarulhos, SP)
6/30 – Arrive in São Paulo a.m., to connect on to Cuiabá, with afternoon birding at the city zoo with a wonderful Raptor display!
7/01 – Morning flight onto Alta Floresta and then direct transfer to Cristalino camp
7/02-05 – Four full days exploring this wonderfully rich area of the rio Cristalino
7/06 – Birding a.m. with transfer after lunch to Alta Floresta hotel, followed by afternoon at the Harpy Eagle's nest. Night at hotel after a great meal.
7/07 – Early a.m. birding at Harpy Eagle nest, followed by flight back to Cuiabá and overnight in Cuiaba with wonderful farewell dinner at a Brazilian barbeque (Churrascaria) down town.
7/08 – Catch our a.m. São Paulo flight with connections onto homebound flights to US.

Key:

* = Heard only
CU = Cuiabá
AF = Alta Floresta

Birds:

TINAMOUS (Tinamidae)

- Great Tinamou (*Tinamous major*) – AF*
- Cinereous Tinamou (*Crypturellus cinereus*) – AF*
- Brown Tinamou (*C. obsoletus*) – AF*
- Undulated Tinamou (*C. undulatus*) – AF*
- Variiegated Tinamou (*C. variegatus*) – AF*
- Brazilian Tinamou (*C. strigulosus*) – AF*
- Tataupa Tinamou (*C. tataupa*) – AF*

CORMORANTS (Phalacrocoracidae)

- Neotropical Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) – AF

DARTERS & ANHINGAS (Anhingidae)

- Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) – AF

HERONS & EGRETS (Ardeidae)

- Whistling Heron (*Syrigma sibilatrix*) – CU (airstrip)
- Rufescent Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) – AF
- Great Egret (*Casmerodius alba*) – AF
- Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) – AF
- Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) – AF
- Striated Heron (*Butorides striata*) – AF
- Capped Heron (*Pilherodias pileatus*) – AF

IBISES (Threskiornithidae)

- Green Ibis (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*) – AF

STORKS (Ciconiidae)

- Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) – AF

NEW WORLD VULTURES (Cathartidae)

- Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) – AF
- Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) – AF
- Greater Yellow-headed Vulture (*C. melambrotos*) – AF
- King Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*) – AF

HAWKS & EAGLES (Accipitridae)

- Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) – AF
- Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) – CU, AF (A real surprise to see 6 migrating birds drifting over the canopy of the rainforest from the tower.)
- Plumbeous Kite (*Ictinia plumbea*) – AF
- Gray-bellied Hawk (*Accipiter poliogaster*) – AF*
- Great Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) – AF

Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*) – CU

Harpy Eagle (*Harpia harpyja*) – AF (A spectacle none of us will ever forget! We were so privileged to be able to observe the world's most powerful raptor at its nest. Watching the antics of the 4-month-old as it practiced flying in its enormous nest was simply wonderful. However, our patience paid off with the icing on the cake when the adult male delivered an opossum to the nestling. We were treated to breathtaking scope studies of the adult and later the youngster as he tore into his breakfast!)

Ornate Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus ornatus*) – AF*

FALCONS & CARACARA (Falconidae)

Southern Caracara (*Caracara plancus*) – CU

Barred Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*) – AF*

Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon (*M. mirandollei*) – AF* (Despite hearing two birds and we got no response to playback. In general, forest-falcons were non-vocal this trip. This was especially true of the Cryptic Forest-Falcon, which we never even heard despite daily playback!)

Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*) – AF (Wonderful studies of perched and hunting birds.)

GUANS, CHACHALACAS & ALLIES (Cracidae)

Spix's Guan (*Penelope jacquacu*) – AF

Red-throated Piping-Guan (*P. cujubi*) – AF (Repeated wonderful studies.)

Razor-billed Curassow (*Mitu tuberosum*) – AF (Great looks as it came in to drink.)

Bare-faced Curassow (*Crax fasciolata*) – AF (Wonderful to see this pair foraging so close and seemingly undisturbed by our presence – a reflection of the lack of hunting in this area.)

NEW WORLD QUAILS (Odontophoridae)

Marbled Wood-Quail (*Odontophorus gujanensis*) – AF (Leader only. Flushed off the side of the trail.)

LIMPKIN (Aramididae)

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) – AF

SUNBITTERN (Eurypygididae)

Sunbittern (*Eurypyga helias*) – AF

PLOVERS & LAPWINGS (Charadriidae)

Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) – CU, AF

Pied Plover (*V. cayanus*) – AF (Stunning, as always.)

TERNS (Sternidae)

Large-billed Tern (*Phaetusa simplex*) – AF

JACANAS (Jacanidae)

Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*) – AF

DOVES & PIGEONS (Columbidae)

Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) – AF

Picazuro Pigeon (*P. picazuro*) – AF, CU (A recent colonizer to Alta Floresta due to deforestation.)

Ruddy Pigeon (*P. subvinacea*) – AF

Plumbeous Pigeon (*P. Plumbea*) – AF

Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) – AF

Picui Ground Dove (*C. picui*) – CU

Blue Ground-Dove (*Claravis pretiosa*) – AF

White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) – AF

Ruddy Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon montana*) – AF (Leader only. Flushed off the trail.)

PARROTS & MACAWS & ALLIES (Psittacidae)

Blue-and-yellow Macaw (*Ara ararauna*) – AF (Repeated stunning views.)

Scarlet Macaw (*A. macao*) – AF

Red-and-green Macaw (*A. chloropterus*) – AF

Chestnut-fronted Macaw (*A. severa*) – AF

Red-bellied Macaw (*Primolius maracana*) – AF

Red-shouldered Macaw (*Diopsittaca noblis*) – CU (A fly-over at breakfast for some.)

White-eyed Parakeet (*Aratinga leucophthalma*) – AF, CU

Crimson-bellied Parakeet (*Pyrrhura perlata*) – AF (Superb in that afternoon light!)

Helmayr's Parakeet (*P. amazonum*) – AF (A recent split from Painted Parakeet, and an endemic to Brazil on the lower Amazon east of the Rio Tapajos.)

Dusky-billed Parrotlet (*Forpus sclateri*) – AF

Golden-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris chrysoptera*) – AF

White-bellied Parrot (*Pionopsitta leucogaster*) – AF

Orange-cheeked Parrot (*P. barrabandi*) – AF

Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) – AF

Yellow-crowned Parrot (*Amazonas ochrocephala*) – AF*

Kawall's Parrot (*A. kawalli*) – AF (This species was only formally described in 1989. We had good looks at two perched birds.)

Mealy Parrot (*A. farinosa*) – AF (Close looks at a perched bird.)

Red-fan Parrot (*Deroptryus accipitrinus*) – AF (We saw the south bank form *fuscifrons*, which could be split from the nominate north bank form.)

CUCKOOS (Cuculidae)

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) – AF

Black-bellied Cuckoo (*P. melanogaster*) – AF*

Little Cuckoo (*P. minuta*) – AF *

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) – CU, AF

Pavonine Cuckoo (*Dromococcyx pavoninus*) – AF (This skulker crossed the river at dusk in response to my imitation, and we managed to catch it in the spotlight as it flew over us.)

TYPICAL OWLS (Strigidae)

Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl (*Megascops watsonii*) – AF*

Crested Owl (*Lophotrix cristata*) – AF *

Amazonian Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium hardyii*) – AF* (No owls were responsive this trip.)

Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*) – AF

POTOOS (Nyctibidae)

Great Potoo (*Nyctibius grandis*) – AF (Nice daytime looks at a bird that was probably on a nest.)

NIGHTJARS & ALLIES (Caprimulgidae)

Nacunda Nighthawk (*Podager nacunda*) – CU (While eating our great pizzas!)

Parake (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) – AF*

Ocellated Poorwill (*Nyctiphrynus ocellatus*) – AF*

Blackish Nightjar (*Caprimulgus nigescens*) – AF

SWIFTS (Apodidae)

Gray-rumped Swift (*Chaetura ciniventris*) – AF

Pale-rumped Swift (*C. egregia*) – AF

Amazonian Swift (*C. viridipennis*) – AF

HUMMINGBIRDS (Trochilidae)

Great-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis malaris*) – AF*

Reddish Hermit (*P. ruber*) – AF *

Gray-breasted Sabrewing (*Campylopterus largipennis*) – AF*

White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*) – AF

Black-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*) – AF (Including two nests.)

Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalurania furcata*) – AF

White-chinned Sapphire (*Hylocharis cyanus*) – AF

Rufous-throated Sapphire (*H. sapphirina*) – AF

Versicolored Emerald (*Agyrtia versicolor*) – AF

Glittering-throated Emerald (*Polyerata fimbriata*) – CU, AF

Long-billed Starthroat (*Heliomaster longirostris*) – AF

Amethyst Woodstar (*Calliphlox amethystina*) – AF

TROGONS (Trogonidae)

White-tailed Trogon (*Trogon viridis*) – AF

Violaceous Trogon (*T. violaceus*) – AF *

Blue-crowned Trogon (*T. curucui*) – AF

Black-tailed Trogon (*T. melanurus*) – AF

Collared Trogon (*T. collaris*) – AF*

KINGFISHER (Alcedinidae)

Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquata*) – AF

Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazon*) – AF

Green Kingfisher (*C. americana*) – AF

Green-and-rufous kingfisher (*C. inda*) – AF (Superb close studies in the spotlight.)

MOTMOTS (Momotidae)

Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*) – AF *

JACAMARS (Galbulidae)

Brown Jacamar (*Brachygalbula lugubris*) – AF *

Blue-cheeked Jacamar (*Galbula cyanicollis*) – AF*

Rufous-tailed Jacamar (*G. ruficauda*) – AF

Bronzy Jacamar (*G. leucogstra*) – AF*

Paradise Jacamar (*G. dea*) – AF (Several fine views of this stunner.)

Great Jacamar (*Jacamerops aureus*) – AF

PUFFBIRDS (Bucconidae)

White-necked Puffbird (*Notharchus macrorhynchus*) – AF*

Brown-banded Puffbird (*N. Ordii*) – AF (Multiple studies of this until recently poorly-known puffbird.)

Pied Puffbird (*N. tectus*) – AF

Spotted Puffbird (*Nystactes tamatia*) – AF (Stunning looks at this juvenile.)

Striolated Puffbird (*Nystalus striolatus*) – AF

Rufous-necked Puffbird (*Malacoptila rufa*) – AF (Excellent studies of this gorgeous, easily missed puffbird.)

Black-fronted Nunbird (*Monasa nigrifrons*) – AF

White-fronted Nunbird (*M. morphoeus*) – AF

Swallow-wing (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*) – AF

BARBETS (Capitonidae)

Black-girdled Barbet (*Capito dayi*) – AF

TOUCANS (Ramphostidae)

Lettered Aracari (*Pteroglossus inscriptus*) – AF

Red-necked Aracari (*P. bitorquatus*) – AF

Black-necked Aracari (*P. aracari*) – AF,

Curl-crested Aracari (*P. beauharnaesii*) – AF (Many stunning views of this great bird, especially off the tower)

Gould's Toucanet (*Selenidera goudii*) – AF (Stunning studies off the tower where we observed the male singing as he rocked back and forth on the perch.)

Channel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus*) – AF (This species and Yellow-ridged Toucan are now lumped by most.)

White-throated Toucan (*R. tucanus*) – AF (This species is now lumped with Red-billed Toucan.)

WOODPECKERS & ALLIES (Picidae)

Bar-breasted Piculet (*Picumnus aurifrons*) – AF (We saw the distinct looking subspecies *P. a. transfasciatus*. Taxonomy in this group is confusing.)

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cruentatus*) – AF

Red-stained Woodpecker (*Veniliornis affinis*) – AF

Yellow-throated Woodpecker (*Piculus flavigula*) – AF

Chestnut Woodpecker (*Celeus elegans*) – AF

Cream-colored Woodpecker (*C. flavus*) – AF (Alas, just a fly-by.)

Ringed Woodpecker (*C. torquatus*) – AF

Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) – AF*

Red-necked Woodpecker (*Campephilus rubricollis*) – AF

OVENBIRDS & WOODCREEPERS (Furnariidae)

Rufous Hornero (*Furnarius rufus*) – CU

Chestnut-winged Hookbill (*Ancistrops strigilatus*) – AF.

Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner (*Philydor erythrocerus*) – AF

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Cinnamon-rumped Foliage-gleaner (*P. pyrrhodes*) – AF*

Dusky-cheeked Foliage-gleaner (*Anabazenops dorsalis*) – AF*

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner (*Automolus ochrolaemus*) – AF *

Chestnut-crowned Foliage-gleaner (*A. rufipileatus*) – AF (One of the few furnariids that demonstrated any response to tape.)

Plain Xenops (*Xenops rutilans*) – AF*

Streaked Xenops (*X. rutilans*) – AF*

Black-tailed Leaf-tosser (*Sclerurus caudicautus*) – AF*

Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*) – AF

White-chinned Woodcreeper (*D. merula*) – AF (Seen well at the antswarm.)

Long-tailed Woodcreeper (*Deconychura longicauda*) – AF*

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) – AF (Seen well from the tower. Pay attention to where you've seen "Olivaceous Woodcreeper", since this widespread "species" will undoubtedly be split into multiple species.)

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) – AF*

Long-billed Woodcreeper (*Nasica longirostris*) – AF*

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper (*Dendrexetastes rufigula*) – AF*

Strong-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*) – AF (Seen only by the leader; everyone heard several.)

Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*) – AF (At the antswarm.)

Striped Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*) – AF*

Buff-throated Woodcreeper (*X. guttatus*) – AF*

Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*X. picus*) – AF*

Lineated Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*) – AF (Represented here by the race *layardi*. This is another group in which several splits are imminent.)

Curve-billed Scythebill (*Campylorhynchus procurvoides*) – AF* (Alas, despite much playback, these birds did not come in close enough to see. As I explained during the tour, several splits in this group are forthcoming.)

TYPICAL ANT BIRDS (Thamnophilidae)

Fasciated Antshrike (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) – AF

Glossy Antshrike (*Sakesphorus luctuosus*) – AF (Great studies of this neat endemic)

Chestnut-backed Antshrike (*Thamnophilus palliatus*) – AF

White-shouldered Antshrike (*T. aethiops*) – AF

Plain-winged Antshrike (*T. schistaceus*) – AF

Natterer's Slaty-Antshrike (*T. stictocephalus*) – AF*

Amazonian Antshrike (*T. amazonicus*) – AF

Spot-winged Antshrike (*Pygoptila stellaris*) – AF

Cinereous Antshrike (*Thamnomanes caesius*) – AF

Pygmy Antwren (*Myrmotherula brachyura*) – AF

Sclater's Antwren (*M. sclateri*) – AF

Amazonian Streaked Antwren (*M. multistriata*) – AF

Plain-throated Antwren (*M. hauxwelli*) – AF*

White-flanked Antwren (*M. axillaris*) – AF

Long-winged Antwren (*M. longipennis*) – AF

Gray Antwren (*M. menetriesii*) AF

White-eyed Antwren (*Epinecropylla leucophthalma*) – AF*

Ornate Antwren (*E. ornata*) – AF*

Rufous-winged Antwren (*Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*) – AF

Dot-winged Antwren (*Microrhopias quixensis emilia*) – AF (A distinct vocal type endemic to Brazil. It is in the process of being split.)

Southern White-fringed Antwren (*Formicivora grisea*) – AF*

Striated Antbird (*Drymophila devillei subochracea*) – AF (A possible future split. This subspecies is endemic to Brazil.)

Gray Antbird (*Cercomacra cinerascens*) - AF

Manu Antbird (*C. manu*) – AF (After some work, it was seen well by all.)

White-browed Antbird (*Myrmoborus leucophrys*) – AF

Black-faced Antbird (*M. myotherinus*) – AF

Spix's Warbling- antbird (*Hypocnemis striata*) – AF

Band-tailed Antbird (*Hypocnemoides maculicauda*) – AF

Silvered Antbird (*Sclateria naevia*) – AF

Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird (*Myrmeciza hemimelaena*) – AF*

Black-throated Antbird (*M. atrothorax*) – AF*

Bare-eyed Antbird (*Rhegmatorhia gymnops*) – AF (Great studies of this stunning endemic; a male by the antswarm.)

Spot-backed Antbird (*Hylophylax naevia*) – AF*

Dot-backed Antbird (*H. punctulata*) – AF*

Scale-backed Antbird (*H. poecilinota*) – AF*

Black-spotted Bare-eye (*Phlegopsis nigromaculata*) – AF

ANTTHRUSHES & ANTPITTAS (Formicariidae)

Spotted Antpitta (*Hyllopezus macularius*) – AF* (Heard only once despite much playback. Extremely early heavy rains this season caused many species to breed early, including Antpittas, Antthrushes and Gnateaters, none of which were vocal.)

Thrush-like Antpitta (*Myrmothera campanisona*) – AF*

GNATEATERS (Conopophagidae)

Chestnut-belted Gnateater (*Conopophaga aurita*) – AF* (Alas, heard only.)

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS (Tyrannidae)

White-lored Tyrannulet (*Ornithion inerme*) – AF

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma absoletum*) – AF

Forest Elaenia (*Myiopagis gaimardii*) – AF

Gray Elaenia (*M. caniceps*) – AF

Small-billed Eleania (*Elaenia parvirostris*) – AF

Sepia-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*) – AF

Slender-footed Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius gracilipes*) – AF*

Amazonian Scrub-Flycatcher (*Sublegatus obscurior*) – AF

Ringed Antpipit (*Corythopius torquatus*) – AF

Short-tailed Pygmy- tyrant (*Myiornis ecaudatus*) – AF*

Snethlage's Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus minor*) – AF*

White-bellied Tody-Tyrant (*H. griseipectus*) – AF*

Zimmer's Tody-Tyrant (*H. minimus*) – AF *

Spotted Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum maculatum*) – AF

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher (*T. chrysocrotaphum*) – AF*

Large-headed Flatbill (*Ramphotrigo megalcephala*) – AF

Rufous-tailed Flatbill (*R. ruficauda*) – AF*

Dusky-tailed Flatbill (*R. fuscicauda*) – AF*

Yellow-margined Flycatcher (*Tolmomyia assimilis paraensis*) – AF (Likely to be split into multiple species.)

Gray-crowned Flycatcher (*T. policephalus*) – AF

Yellow-breasted Flycatcher (*T. flaviventris*) – AF

Golden-crowned Spadebill (*Platyrrhynchos coronatus*) – AF*

White-crested Spadebill (*P. platyrhynchos*) – AF*

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher (*Myiobius erythrurus*) – AF*

Euler's Flycatcher (*Lathrotriccus euleri*) – AF

Drab Water Tyrant (*Ochthornis littoralis*) – AF

Lesser Kiskadee (*Pitangus lictor*) – AF

Great Kiskadee (*P. sulphuratus*) – AF

Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarynchus pitangua*) – AF*

Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*) – AF

Dusky-chested Flycatcher (*M. luteiventris*) – AF

Cattle Tyrant (*Machetornis rixosa*) – CU

Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaeus*) – AF

Variiegated Flycatcher (*Empidonomus varius*) – AF

Crowned Slaty Flycatcher (*Griseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus*) – AF

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) – AF

Grayish Mourner (*Rhytipterna simplex*) – AF

Sirystes (*Sirystes sibilator*) – AF *

Rufous Casiornis (*Casiornis rufus*) – AF

Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) – AF*
Short-crested Flycatcher (*M. ferox*) – AF
Brown-crested Flycatcher (*M. tyrannulus*) – AF
Cinnamon Attila (*Attila cinamomeus*) – AF
Bright -rumped Attila (*A. spadiceus*) – AF

COTINGAS (Cotingidae)

Screaming Piha (*Lipaugus vociferans*) – AF
Spangled Cotinga (*Cotinga cayana*) – AF (Several nice looks.)
Pompadour Cotinga (*Xipholena punicea*) – AF*
Amazonian Umbrellabird (*Cephalopterus ornatus*) – AF (Good looks as two flew across the rio Teles Pires, one almost right over us.)

MANAKINS (Pipridae)

Band-tailed Manakin (*Pipra fasciicauda*) – AF
Red-headed Manakin (*P. rubrocapila*) – AF
Snow-capped Manakin (*Lepidothrix nattereri*) – AF *
Blue-backed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia pareola*) – AF*
Fiery-capped Manakin (*Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*) – AF*
Flame-crested Manakin (*Heterocercus linteatus*) – AF (What a stunning look at a male on his display perch.)
Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin (*Tyrannuetes stolzmanni*) – AF
Wing-barred Piprites (*Piprites chloris*) – AF*

TITYRAS & BECARDS (Tityridae)

Thrush-like Schiffornis (*Schiffornis turdina*) – AF
Cinereous Mourner (*Laniocera hypopyrra*) – AF
White-browed Purpletuft (*Iodoplura isabellae*) – AF*
Black-tailed Tityra (*Tityra cayana*) – AF*
Masked Tityra (*T. semifasciata*) – AF
White-winged Becard (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*) – AF*
Pink-throated Becard (*P. minor*) – AF (Great looks at a male eating a caterpillar.)

SWALLOWS (Hirundinidae)

White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*) – AF
Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*) – AF
White-banded Swallow (*Atticora fasciata*) – AF
Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*) – AF

WRENS (Troglodytidae)

Black-capped Donacobius (*Donacobius atricapillus*) – AF
Thrushlike Wren (*Campylorhynchus turdus*) – AF
Tooth-billed Wren (*Odontorchilus cinereus*) – AF (Great studies, from the tower, of this hard to see canopy wren.)
Moustached Wren (*Thryothorus genibatbis*) – AF
Buff-breasted Wren (*T. leucotis*) – AF

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) – AF
Southern Nightingale-Wren (*Microcerculus marginatus*) – *AF

THRUSHES & ALLIES (Turdidae)

Rufous-bellied Thrush (*Turdus rufiventris*) – CU
Hauxwell's Thrush (*T. hauxwelli*) – AF
White-necked Thrush (*T. ignobilis*) – AF*

GNATCATCHERS (Poliophtilidae)

Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) – AF

OLD WORLD SPARROWS (Passeridae)

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) – CU

VIREOS & ALLIES (Vireonidae)

Gray-chested Greenlet (*Hylophilus semicinereus*) – AF
Dusky-capped Greenlet (*H. hypoxanthus*) – AF
Tawny-crowned Greenlet (*H. ochraceiceps*) – AF*
Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanus leucotis*) – AF*
Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) – AF*

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS & ALLIES (Fringillidae)

Violaceous Euphonia (*Euphonia violacea*) – AF*
White-vented Euphonia (*E. minuta*) – AF
White-lored Euphonia (*E. chrysopasta*) – AF
Rufous-bellied Euphonia (*E. rufiventris*) – AF

NEW WORLD WARBLERS (Parulidae)

Golden-crowned Warbler (*Basileuterus culicivorus*) – AF*
Rose-breasted Chat (*Granatellus pelzelni*) – AF (Great views!)

BANANAQUIT (Coerebidae)

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*) – AF

TANAGERS & ALLIES (Thraupidae)

Red-billed Pied Tanager (*Lamprospiza melanoleuca*) – AF*
Yellow-backed Tanager (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*) – AF
White-winged Shrike-Tanager (*Lanio versicolor*) – AF (Stunning male)
White-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*) – AF
Flame-crested Tanager (*T. cristatus*) – AF
Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo*) – AF
Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*) – AF
Turquoise Tanager (*Tangara mexicana*) – AF*
Paradise Tanager (*T. chilensis*) – AF
Bay-headed Tanager (*T. gyrola*) – AF
Blue-necked Tanager (*T. cyanicollis*) – AT (Good spotting Don!)

Black-faced Dacnis (*Dacnis lineata*) – AF
Yellow-bellied Dacnis (*D. flaviventer*) – AF
Blue Dacnis (*D. cayana*) – AF
Swallow Tanager (*Teresina viridis*) – AF

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS & ALLIES (Emberizidae)

Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) – AF

SALTATOR, CARDINALS & ALLIES (Cardinalidae)

Red-capped Cardinal (*Paroaria gularis*) – AF
Slate-colored Grosbeak (*Saltator grossus*) – AF
Buff-throated Saltator (*S. maximus*) – AF
Blue-black Grosbeak (*Cyanocompsa cyanooides*) – AF*
Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak (*Parkerthraustes humeralis*) – AF* (We tried, but alas, they would not come into tape.)

TROUPIALS & ALLIES (Icteridae)

Shiny Cowbird (*Molthrus bonariensis*) – CU
Epaulet Oriole (*Icterus cayanensis*) – AF,
Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*) – AF
Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*) – AF
Olive Oropendola (*P. bifasciatus*) – AF

TOTAL = species 330

Mammals

Long-nosed Bat – AF
Brazilian Free-tailed Bat – AF
White-fronted Spider Monkey – AF*
Black-faced Spider Monkey – AF
Brown Capuchin Monkey – AF
Dusky Titi Monkey – AF*
White-nosed Bearded Saki – AF (Stunning studies of these oddly named, pink-nosed primates, which are endemic to Brazil.)
Red-handed Howler Monkey – AF*
Night Monkey – AF (Leader only)
Capybara – AF
Green-rumped Agouti – AF
Red Acouchy – AF
Southern River Otter – AF

Significant Others:

Dwarf Caiman – AF
Yellow Caiman – AF
Blue Morpho – AF

Turtle sp – AF

Amazonian Anaconda – AF (A monster; over 6 m in length!)

king snake sp. – AF (Stunning.)

Rainbow Boa – AF

Golden Tegu Lizard – AF

Amazonian Whiptail – AF

Poison Dart Frog – AF (A spectacular black-and-yellow, as yet unnamed species that was first found by our 1993 VENT group!)