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Once again, the Pantanal lived up to its well-deserved reputation as one of the premier wildlife spectacles in the world. Covering a staggering 140,000 sq km of seasonally flooded savannas, the Brazilian Pantanal is the world's largest freshwater wetland. I always feel privileged to be able to return to this region of astonishing biodiversity, where the sheer birdiness and abundance of mammals has to be experienced to be believed!

A rollicking dawn chorus of Limpkins was our alarm clock, pulling us out of bed to be greeted by a spectacular sunrise, whose fiery shafts of light illuminated the countless dew-kissed cobwebs scattered across the grasslands. Nacunda Nighthawks making their last foraging passes before calling it a day passed the baton to flocks of raucous Turquoise-fronted Parrots and various parakeets that were just beginning their rounds. Snail Kites streamed past as they left their communal roost along the Rio Pixaím. It was shaping up to be another great day in the Pantanal.

Our first morning found the lodge garden filled with a loud cacophony of odd voices, from the incessant Chaco Chachalacas and sporadic, but no less raucous Rufous Horneros, to the harsh machine-gun rattles of Ringed Kingfishers on the river out back. The bird feeders were alive with activity, hosting a nonstop procession of Yellow-billed and Red-crested cardinals, Purplish Jays, Saffron Finches, Bay-winged Cowbirds, Gray-crested Cacholotes, and an amazingly tame pair of spectacular Toco Toucans. Panic ensued among the smaller birds when an immature Bicolored Hawk dashed into the yard looking for breakfast. After an unsuccessful pass, this rarely seen raptor landed, providing great scope studies.

During our stay, the lush gallery forests produced such highlights as the stunning Pale-crested Woodpecker, tiny White-wedged Piculet, Golden-collared Macaw, Undulated Tinamou, Great Rufous Woodcreeper, Red-billed Scythebill, Great Antshrike, Mato Grosso and Band-tailed antbirds, Rusty-backed Antwren, Orange-backed Troupial, Gilded Sapphire, Rufous Casiornis, Green-backed Becard, and Red Pileated-Finch.

Afternoon boat trips were very relaxing, affording excellent photographic opportunities with wading birds, terns, skimmers, and kingfishers galore.

However, one of our most memorable encounters was with a very vocal group of twelve Giant Otters. A habituated group of these spectacular, six-foot long mammals even allowed us to feed them off the boat! We were also rewarded with views of Blue-throated Piping Guan, Bare-faced Curassow, Sungrebe, and great studies of both Pygmy Kingfisher and a Green-and-rufous Kingfisher that almost knocked me out of the boat. Our daily bird lists here were often close to 175 species.

Penetrating deeper into the Pantanal also proved productive, with Jabiru, Maguari, and Wood storks, Roseate Spoonbills, and various egrets and herons lining the numerous roadside pools. Splendid Scarlet-headed Blackbirds, Purple Gallinules, and a secretive Least Bittern all drew our attention to the reed beds, whereas endangered Chestnut-bellied Guans, Chestnut-eared Aracaris, and Chotoy Spinetails were just a few of the many birds that yanked our focus back to the brushlands and woods. Our arrival at the new hotel was heralded by several raucous pairs of huge Hyacinth Macaws, including a courting pair that allowed us to observe them at point-blank range!

Who could forget the flashy White Woodpeckers and four Streamer-tailed Tyrants displaying right over our heads against a cloudless blue sky, or the huge colony of odd-looking Boat-billed Herons displaying their shaggy black crests to one another? Mammal highlights included a wonderful close Ocelot seen on one of our night drives, a feeding Collared Anteater (Tamandua), and still suckling baby Capybaras (“Blockheads”).

The cooler Chapada dos Guimarães National Park, with its breathtaking red sandstone cliffs, deep canyons, plunging waterfalls, and spectacular views combined with its rich endemic *cerrado* fauna and lush gallery forests was also a winner. This year raptors stood out as highlights. The overlooks along the magnificent new wooden boardwalk at our hotel rewarded us with a majestic and rarely seen Crowned Eagle, as well as King Vulture, Black Hawk-Eagle, and excellent studies of close White and Short-tailed hawks. The *cerrado* and gallery forest were as rich as ever, with highlights including a stunning male Blue Finch, Red-legged Seriemas, Blue-winged Macaws, Curl-crested Jay, White-eared Puffbird, Horned Sungem, Checkered Woodpecker, Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper, the recently described Chapada Flycatcher, White-rumped and White-banded tanagers, Coal-crested Finch, and Helmeted and Band-tailed manakins.

All in all, a wonderful group of participants enjoyed an action-packed, two-week birding bonanza that produced 307 species of birds and a whopping 18 species of mammals, in addition to numerous excellent meals featuring freshly caught fish, Brazilian barbeques, and freshly-squeezed exotic fruit juices. I’m already looking forward to my return visit next year.

Itinerary: 2006

06/03 - Flights into São Paulo.
06/04 - Fly from São Paulo to Cuiabá, followed by lunch at a super Brazilian barbeque, and afternoon birding our way into the Pantanal (night at Pixiaím).
06/05 - Birding gallery forest by hotel with afternoon boat trip Rio Pixiaím.
06/06 - Birding our way deeper into the Pantanal to the end of the famous Transpantaneira Highway to Porto Jofre. Afternoon boat trip on the Rio Cuiaba and Rio Piquiri.
06/07 - Birding gallery forest and after lunch birding along road back to Pixiaím.
06/08 - a.m. birding the gallery forest; with afternoon boat trip
06/09 - Birding along the Transpanataneira.
06/10 - Birding our way out of the Pantanal with another great barbeque en route to the Chapada dos Guimarães National Park. Afternoon birding at the spectacular Véu de Noiva waterfall in the park.
06/11 - Birding *cerrado* of the Chapada and nearby gallery forests.
06/12 - Birding Chapada dos Guimarães National Park.
06/13 - Birding in the Chapada area.
06/14 - Birding gallery forest and around the hotel overlook and boardwalks, returning after lunch for our mid-afternoon flights to São Paulo and international connections homebound.

TOP 5 birds (as voted by the group).

1- Hyacinth Macaw
2- Helmeted Manakin
3- Crowned Eagle
4- Jabiru
5- Streamer-tailed Tyrant

Key:

P = Pantanal
CH = Chapada
* = Heard only
Bold = particularly interesting records

TINAMOUS (Tinamidae):

Undulated Tinamou (*Crypturellus undulatus*) - P

CORMORANTS (Phalacrocoracidae):

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) - P

DARTERS & ANHINGAS (Anhingidae):

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) - P

HERONS, EGRETS & BITTERNS (Ardeidae):

Whistling Heron *(Syrigma sibilatrix)* - P
Cocoi Heron *(Ardea cocoi)* - P
Capped Heron (*Pilherodius pileatus)* - P
Great Egret *(Casmerodius albus)* - P, CH
Little Blue Heron *(Egretta caerulea)* - P
Snowy Egret *(E. thula)* - P
Striated Heron *(Butorides striatus)* - P
Cattle Egret *(Bubulcus ibib)* - P, CH
Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) - P
Boat-billed Heron (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) - P (Wonderful daytime studies at a large breeding colony. We were fortunate to see displaying birds erecting their long crest feathers.)
Rufescent Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) - P
Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis erythromelas*) - P (Thanks to excellent spotting by David. Great scope looks at this rarely seen bird in South America).

STORKS (Ciconidae):

Wood Stork (*Mycteria amaricana*) - P
Maguari Stork (*Euxenura maguari*) - P
Jabiru (*Jabiru mycteria*) - P

IBISES & SPOONBILLS (Threskiornithidae):

Plumbeous Ibis (*Harpiprion caerulescens*) - P
Buff-necked Ibis (*Theristicus caudatus*) - P
Green Ibis (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*) - P
Bare-faced Ibis (*Phimosus infuscatus*) - P
Roseate Spoonbill (*Ajaia ajaja*) - P

SCREAMERS (Anhimidae):

Southern Screamer (*Chauna torquata*) - P

DUCKS, GEESE & SWANS (Anatidae):

White-faced Whistling-Duck (Dendrocygna viduata) - P
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) - P

Muscovy Duck (*Cairina moschata*) - P
Brazilian teal (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*) - P

NEW WORLD VULTURES (Cathartidae):

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) - P, CH
Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) - P, CH
Lesser Yellow-Headed Vulture (*C. burrovianus*) - P
King Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*) - CH

HAWKS, EAGLES & KITES (Accipitridae):

Gray-headed Kite (*Leptodon cayanensis*) - CH
Pearl Kite (*Gampsonyx swaisonii*) - P, CH
Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) - P
Rufous-thiged Hawk (*Accipiter erythronemius*) - CH
Bicolored Hawk (*Accipiter bicolor*) - P (Two great studies of this irregularly seen forest raptor: first, a very close hunting immature that gave good scope studies; followed by a flying adult.)
Crane Hawk (Geranospiza caerulescens) - P
Great-black Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) - P
Savannah Hawk (*B. meridionalis*) - P, CH
Black-collared Hawk (Busarellus nigricollis) - P
Crowned Eagle (*Harpyhaliaetus coronatus*) - CH, (Wonderful studies of a spectacular huge soaring adult, thanks to good spotting by David.)
Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*) - P, CH
Short-tailed Hawk (*B. brachyurus*) - CH
White-tailed Hawk (Buteo albicaudatus) - P, CH
White Hawk (*Leucopternis albicollis*) - CH (Nice soaring pair, rare here).
Black-Hawk Eagle (*Spizeatus tyrannus*) - CH

FALCONS & CARACARAS (Falconidae):

Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinanns*) - P *
Collared Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur semitorquatus*) - CH * (It certainly had the Purplish jays upset!)
Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*) - P, CH
Southern-crested Caracara (*Caracara plancus*) - P, CH (This is a split from what used to be called "Crested Caracara". This form occurs from southern Brazil southward; the Northern Crested Caracara, *C. cheriway*, occurs from northern and western South America north to the southern U.S. Note that the genus name has also changed from *Polyborus* to *Caracara*. Identification criteria are still be worked out.)
American Kestrel (*F. sparverius*) - P, CH
Bat Falcon (*Falco rufigularis*) - P, CH*
Aplomado Falcon (*F. femoralis*) - CH

GUANS, CHACHALACAS & ALLIES (Cracidae):

Chaco Chachalaca (*Ortalis canicollis*) - P

Chestnut-bellied Guan (*Penelope ochrogaster*) - P (Many great studies of this rare, range restricted species. The northern Pantanal is the primary remaining stronghold for this species.)
Blue-throated Piping-Guan (*Pipile cumanensis*) - P
Bare-faced Curassow (*Crax fasciolata*) - P (Repeated spectacular views!)

LIMPKIN (Aramidae):

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) - P (*The* voice of the Pantanal this year; its' dawn chorus provided quite a wake-up call!)

RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS (Rallidae):

Rufous-sided Crake (*Laterallus melanophaius*) - P *
Gray-breasted Crake (*L. exillus*) - P *
Russet-crowned Crake (*L. viridis*) - CH*
Gray-necked Wood-Rail (*Aramides cajanea*) - P
Purple Gallinule (Porphyrula martinica) - P

SERIEMAS (Cariamidae):

Red-legged Seriema (*Cariama cristata*) - CH (Great studies of this, the South American ecological equivalent of the Secretary Bird of Africa. It was probably brooding recently hatched young.)

JACANAS (Jacanidae):

Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*) - P, SA

AVOCETS & STILTS (Recurvirostridae):

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) - P

PLOVERS & LAPWING (Charadriidae):

Pied Lapwing (*Vanellus cayanus*) - P
Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis)* - P, CH
Collared Plover (*Charadrius collaris*) - P

TERNS (Sternidae):

Yellow-billed Tern (*Sterna supercilliaris*) - P
Large-billed Tern (*Phaetusa simplex*) - P

SKIMMERS (Rynchopidae):

Black Skimmer (*Rhynchops niger*) - P

DOVES & PIGEONS (Columbidae):

Scaled Pigeon (*Columba speciosa*) - CH
Picazuro Pigeon (*C. picazuro)* - P, CH
Pale-vented Pigeon (*C. cayennensis*) - P, CH
Eared Dove (*Zenaida auricuolata*) - P
Picui Ground-Dove (*Columbia picui*) - P
Ruddy Ground-Dove (*C. talpacoti*) - P, CH
Long-tailed Ground-Dove (*Uropelia campestris*) - P (A lovely little regional endemic.)
Scaled Dove (*Scardafella squamanta*) - P
White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) - P, CH

PARROTS, MACAWS & ALLIES (Psittacidae):

Hyacinth Macaw (*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*) - P (Mind-blowing studies of this, the World's largest and most spectacular parrot!)
Red-and-Green Macaw (*A. chloroptera*) - CH
Golden-collared Macaw (*A. auricollis*) - P (Stunning birds!)
Blue-winged Macaw (*Primolius maracana*) - CH
White-eyed Parakeet (*Aratinga leucophthalmus*) - CH
Peach-fronted Parakeet (*A. aurea*) - P, CH
Black-hooded Parakeet (*Nandayus nenday*) - P *
Monk Parakeet (*Brotogeris chiriri*) - P
Yellow-chevroned Parakeet (*Brotogeris chiriri*) - P, CH
Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) - CH
Scaly-headed Parrot (*P. maximiliani*) - P
Turquoise-fronted Parrot (*Amazona aestiva*) - P

CUCKOOS (Cuculidae):

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) - P, CH
Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) - P, CH
Greater Ani (*C. major*) - P
Guira Cuckoo (*Guira guira*) - P, CH
Striped Cuckoo (*Tapera naevia*) - P*

TYPICAL OWLS (Strigidae):

Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus nacurutu*) - P (Great scope studies in nice afternoon light)
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) - P
Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*) - P, CH

NIGHTJARS & ALLIES (Caprimulgidae):

Band-tailed Nighthawk (*Nyctiprogne leucopyga*) - P
Nacunda Nighthawk (*Podager nacunda*) - P

Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) - P
Scissor-tailed Nightjar (*Hydropsalis brasiliana*) - P
Ladder-tailed Nightjar (*H. climacocerca*) - P
Spot-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus maculicaudus*) - P

SWIFTS (Apodidae):

Biscutate Swift (*Streptoprocne biscutata*) - CH

HUMMINGBIRDS (Trochilidae):

Planalto Hermit (*Phaethornis pretrei*) - CH
Buff-bellied Hermit (*Phaeothornis subochraceus*) - P (We had repeated great studies of this range-restricted bird.)
Cinnamon-throated Hermit (*P. nattereri*) - CH
Swallow-tailed Hummingbird (*Eupetomena macroura*) - CH (very brief view this year)
White-vented Violetear (*Colibri serrirostris*) - CH
Black-throated Mango (*Anthracathorax nigricollis*) - CH
Glittering-bellied Emerald (*Chlorostilbon aureoventris*) - CH (brief views of a female)
Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalutania furcata*) - P, CH
Gilded Sapphire (*Hylocharis chrysura*) - P
White-tailed Goldenthroat (*Polytmius guainumbi*) - P, CH
Glittering-throated Emerald (*Amazilia fimbriata*) - P, CH
Horned Sungem (*Heliactin cornuta*) - CH
Long-billed Starthroat (*Heliomaster longirostris*) - CH

TROGONS (Trogonidae):

Blue-crowned Trogon (*T. curucui*) - P, CH

KINGFISHERS (Alcedinidae):

Ringed Kingfisher (*Ceryle torquata*) - P, CH
Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*) - P
Green Kingfisher (*C. americana*) - P
Green-and-Rufous Kingfisher (*C. inda*) - P
American Pygmy Kingfisher (*C. aenea*) - P

MOTMOTS (Momotidae):

Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*) - P*, CH

JACAMARS (Galbulidae):

Brown Jacamar (*Brachygalba lugubris*) - CH
Rufous-tailed Jacamar (*Galbula ruficauda rufoviridis*) - P, CH

PUFFBIRDS (Bucconidae):

White-eared Puffbird (*Nystalus chacuru*) - CH
Black-fronted Nunbird (*Monasa nigrifrons*) - P, CH

TOUCANS (Ramphastidae):

Chestnut-eared Aracari (*Pteroglossus costanotis*) - P, CH
Channel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus*) - CH
Toco Toucan (*R. toco*) - P, CH

WOODPECKERS (Picidae):

White-wedged Piculet (*Picummus albosquamatus*) - P, CH
White Woodpecker (*Melenerpes candidus*) - P, CH (Spectacular aerial display from a group of these neat looking woodpeckers.)
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*M. cruentatus*) - CH
Campo Flicker (*Colaptes campestris*) - P, CH
Checkered Woodpecker (*Picoides mixtus*) - CH
Pale-crested Woodpecker (*Celeus lugubris*) - P
Little Woodpecker (*Veniliornis passerinus*) - P
Golden-green Woodpecker (Piculus chrysochloros) - P
Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) - CH
Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) - P

OVENBIRDS (Furnariidae):

Pale-legged Hornero (*Furnarius leucopus*) - P
Rufous Hornero (*Furnarius rufus*) - P, CH
Chotoy Spinetail (*Shoeniophlax phryganophila*) - P (One of the best looking Spinetails!)
Ochre-cheeked Spinetail (*Poecilurus scutatus*) - CH*
Cinereous-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis hypospodia*) - P
Pale-breasted Spinetail (*S. albescens*) - CH
White-lored Spinetail (*S. albilora*) - P
Rusty-backed Spinetail (*Cranioleuca vulpina*) - P
Yellow-chinned Spinetail (*Certhiaxis cinnamomea*) - P
Rufous-fronted Thornbird (*Phacellodomus rufifrons*) - P, CH
Yellow-eyed Thornbird (Phacellodomus ruber) - P (also known as "Greater Thornbird")
Gray-crested Cacholote (*Pseudoseisura unirufa*) - P (What used to be called "Rufous Cacholote" was split by K. Zimmer & A. Whittaker into two species: Caatinga Cacholote, *P. cristata*, of arid northeastern Brazil, and this species, which occurs in southwestern Brazil and adjacent Bolivia and N Paraguay. The two species have disjunct ranges and very different voices and duets. The Caatinga Cacholote is larger, paler rufous, and lacks any gray in the crest.)
Streaked Zenops (*Xenops rutilans*) - CH

Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper (*Lochmias nematura*) - CH
Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner (*Philydor rufus*) - CH

WOODCREEPERS (Dendrocolaptidae):

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) - P
Great Rufous Woodcreeper (*Xiphocolaptes major*) - P (Spectacular looks at this giant of the woodcreepers. What a bill!)
Planalto Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes platyrostris intermidius*) - CH
Buff-throated Woodcreeper (*Xiphorynchus guttatus*) - P, CH
Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*X. picus*) - P
Narrow-billed Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*) - P
Red-billed Scythebill (*Campylorhamphus trochilirostris lafresnayanus* **) -** P

TYPICAL ANTBIRDS (Thamnophilidae):

Great Antshrike (*Taraba major*) - P, CH*
Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) - P
Rufous-winged Antshrike (*T. torquatus*) - CH
Plain Antvireo (*Dysithamnus metalis*) - P, CH
Large-billed Antwren (*Herpsilochmus longirostris*) - P, CH
Rusty-Backed Antwren (*Formicivora rufa*) - P
Mato Grosso Antbird (*Cercomacra melanaria*) - P
White-backed Fire-eye (*Pyriglena leuconota*) - CH
Band- tailed Antbird (*Hypocnemoides maculicauda*) - P

TAPACULOS (Rhinocryptidae):

Collared Crescentchest (*Melanopareia torquata*) - CH*

MANAKINS (Pipridae):

Band-tailed Manakin (*Pipra fasciicauda*) - CH (great studies of a lovely male)
Helmeted Manakin (*Antilophia galeata*) - CH (Breathtakingly close studies of a responsive male!)
Fiery-capped Manakin (*Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*) - CH

TYRANT FLYCATCHER (Tyrannidae):

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*) - P, CH
Forest Elaenia (*Myiopagis gaimardii*) - P, CH
Greenish Elaenia (*Myiopagis viridicata*) - P
Large Elaenia (*Elaenia spectabilis*) - P
Plain-crested Elaenia (*E. cristata*) - CH
Lesser Elaenia (*E. chiriquensis*) - CH
Sepia-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*) - CH
Planalto Tyrannulet (*Phyllomyias fasciatus)* - CH
Southern Scrub Flycatcher (*Sublegatus modestus*) - CH

Chapada Flycatcher (*Suiriri islerorum*) - CH (Described to science by Kevin Zimmer and I in 2001. We had great studies and observed the very distinctive, exaggerated wing-flapping displays of this species.)
Plain Tyrannulet (*Inezia inornata*) - P
Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant (*Euscarthmus meloryphus*) - P
Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus striaticollis*) - P
Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant (*H. margaritaceiventer*) - P
Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum latirostre*) - P
Common Tody-Flycatcher (*T. cinereum*) - P
Yellow-Olive Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens pallescens*) - P, CH
Bran-colored Flycatcher (*Myiophobus fasciatus*) - CH*
Cliff Flycatcher (*Hirundinea ferruginea*) - CH
Fuscous Flycatcher (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus*) - P, CH
Gray Monjita (*Xolmis cinerea*) - CH
White-rumped Monjita (*X. velata*) - P
Crested Black-Tyrant (*Knipolegus lophotes*) - CH
Black-backed Water-Tyrant (*Fluvicola albiventris*) - P
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant (*Arundinicola leucocephala*) - P
Streamer-tailed Tyrant (*Gubernetes yetapa*) - P (Spectacular displays!)
Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) - P, CH
Cattle Tyrant (*Machetornis rixosus*) - P
Rufous Casiornis (*Casiornis rufa*) - P, CH
Sirystes (*Sirystes sibilator*) - CH
Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) - CH
Short-crested Flycatcher (*M. ferox*) - P, CH
Brown-crested Flycatcher (*M. tyrannulus*) - P, CH
Lesser Kiskadee (*Phlohydor lictor*) - P
Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) - P, CH
Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarynchus pitangua*) - P, CH
Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*) - P, CH
Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*) - P, CH
Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) - P, CH
Crested Becard *(Pachyramphus validus*) - CH
Green-backed Becard (*Pachyramphus viridis*) - P, CH
White-winged Becard (*P. polychopterus*) - P, CH
Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*) - P
Black-crowned Tityra (*T. inquisitor*) - CH

SWALLOWS (Hirundinidae):

Brown-chested Martin (*Progne tapera*) - P
Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalbea*) - P, CH
White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*) - P
White-rumped Swallow (*T. leucorrhoa*) - P (good numbers of these austral migrants)
Blue-and-white Swallow (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*) - CH
Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*) - P, CH

WAGTAILS & PIPITS (Motacillidae):

Yellowish Pipit (*Anthus lutescens*) - P (very good scope studies)

WRENS (Troglodytidae):

(Black-capped)Donacobius (*Donacobius atricapilla*) - P
Thrush-like Wren (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*) - P, CH*
Moustached Wren (*Thryothorus genibarbis*) - P
Fawn-breasted Wren (*T. guarayanus*) - P
Buff breasted Wren (*T. leucotis rufiventris*) - P
House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) - CH

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS (Mimidae):

Chalk-browed Mockingbird (*Mimus saturninus*) - P, CH

THRUSHES & ALLIES (Turdidae):

Rufous-bellied Thrush (*Turdus rufiventris*) - P, CH
Pale-breasted Thrush (*T. leucomelas*) - P, CH
Creamy-bellied Thrush (*T. amaurochalinus*) - P, CH
White-necked Thrush (*T. albicollis*) - CH (austral migrant here)

GNATCATCHERS (Polioptilidae):

Masked Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila dumicola*) - P

CROWS, JAYS & MAGPIES (Corvidae):

Purplish Jay (*Cyanocorax cyanomelas*) - P
Curl-crested Jay (Cyanocorax cristatellus) - CH

OLD WORLD SPARROWS (Passeridae):

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) - P

VIREOS & ALLIES (Vireonidae):

Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceous*) - CH
Ashy-headed Greenlet (*Hylophilus pectoralis*) - P, CH*
Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) - P, CH

NEW WORLD WARBLERS (Parulidae):

Tropical Parula (*Parula pitiayumi*) - CH
Masked Yellowthroat (*Geothlpis aequinoctialis*) - CH*

Flavescent Warbler (*Basileuterus flaveolus*) - P
White-bellied Warbler (*B. hypoleucus*) - CH

BANANAQUIT (Coerebidae):

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*) - CH

TANAGERS & ALLIES (Thraupidae):

Chestnut-vented Conebill (*Conirostrum speciosum*) - P, CH
White-banded Tanager (*Neothrupis fasciata*) - CH
White-rumped Tanager (*Cypsnagra hirundinacea*) - CH
Guira Tanager (*Hamithraupis guira*) - CH
Hooded Tanager (*Neamosia pileata*) - CH
Gray-headed Tanager (*Eucometis penicillata*) - P*, CH
White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*) - P, CH
White-shouldered Tanager (*T. luctuosus*) - CH
Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo*) - P, CH
Sayaca Tanager (*Thraupis sayaca*) - P, CH
Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*) - P, CH
Purple-throated Euphonia (*Euphonia chlorotica*) - P
Violaceous Euphonia (*E. violacea*) - CH
Burnished-buff Tanager (*Tanager cayana*) - CH
Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*) - P, CH
Swallow-Tanager (*Tersina viridis*) - CH

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS & ALLIES (Emberizidae):

Coal-crested Finch (*Charitospiza eucosma*) - CH
Red Pileated Finch (*Coryphospingus cucullatus*) - CH, P
Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) - P, CH
Plumbeous Seedeater (*Sorophila plumbea*) - CH
Rusty-collared Seedeater (*Sporophila collaris*) - P
Double-collared Seedeater (*Sporophila caerulescens*) - P
White-bellied Seedeater *(Sporophila leucoptera*) - P (Seen only by a few)
Saffron Finch (*Sicalis flaveola*) - P
Red-crested Cardinal (*Paroaria coronata*) - P
Yellow-billed Cardinal (*Paroaria capitata*) - P
Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch (*Emberizoides herbicola*) - CH
Saffron-billed Sparrow (*Arremon flavirostris*) - CH
Pectoral Sparrow (*A. taciturnus*) - CH*
Grassland Sparrow (*Ammodramus humeralis*) - P

SALTATORS & ALLIES (Cardinalidae):

Grayish Saltator (*Saltador coerulescens*) - P, CH
Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*) - CH
Green-winged Saltator (*Saltator similis*) - CH

Black-throated Saltator (*Saltador atricollis*) - CH
Blue Finch (*Porphyrospiza cearulescens*) - CH (Great studies of a lovely adult male; also known as "Yellow-billed Blue Finch")

TROUPIALS & ALLIES (Icteridae):

Unicolored Blackbird (*Agelaius cyanopus*) - P
White-browed Blackbird (*Sturnella superciliaris*) - P (Big flocks; almost certainly occurs as an austral migrant here.)
Baywing (Cowbird) (*Molothrus badius*) - P (seen feeding on nectar)
Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*) - P, CH
Giant Cowbird (*M. oryzivorus*) - P
Epaulet Oriole (*Icterus cayanensis*) - P (Here, with chestnut epaulets rather than yellow, as in the rest of its range).
Orange-backed Tropial (*Icterus croconotus*) - P
Solitary Cacique (*Procacicus solitarius*) - P (recently placed in a monotypic genus)
Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*) - CH, P
Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*) - P, CH
Scarlet-headed Blackbird (*Amblyramphus holosericeus*) - P (So many great studies of this crippling bird this year.)
Chopi Blackbird (*Gnorimopsar chopi*) - P

Total of 307 bird species

Mammals: 18 species

Collared Anteater - P (Good spotting David! We watched it feeding on termites at close range.)
Ocelot - P (Spectacular close studies of this wonderful spotted cat! Seen sitting in the road during one of our night drives.)
Giant River Otter - P (Spectacular and vocal group of 12!)
Southern River Otter - P
Marsh Deer - P
Brown Brocket Deer - P
Brazilian Rabbit - P
Azara's Agouti - P, CH
Capybara - P (large numbers, including small youngsters)
Crab-eating Fox - P
Hoary Fox - CH
South American Coatimundi - P
Silvery Marmoset - P
Brown Capuchin Monkey - P, CH
Black Howler Monkey - P
Collard Peccary - P
Lesser Bulldog Bat - P
Brazilian Free-tailed Bat - P

Significant others:

Yellow Anaconda - P (a 1.5 m individual that I caught and we all photographed!)
Fer-de-lance (*Bothrops* sp.) - P (We saw 3 on the road at night, probably due to high water levels.)
Yellow Caiman - P
Iguana - P, CH
Tegui Lizard
Ameiva ameiva lizard - P, CH
Cane Toad
Giant green tree frog
Blue Morpho
South American Monarch