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**Red-fan Parrot**  
*Daptrius accipitrinus*  
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The Sierra de Lema, the lowland rainforest of Rio Grande, and the little-known avifauna of the Orinoco Delta

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Southeastern Venezuela has always been a mysterious place, no matter how much human penetration affects the forest and roadside habitats. When I visited this region for the first time, I counted as many as three vehicles per day, and the road conditions were so bad that moving 10 kilometers was considered a long distance.



Nowadays, with Venezuela entering the Mercosur trade agreement, traffic has increased along the roads, but the forests behind them still bring one of the best birding experiences in Venezuela.

Consider these facts: in 11 days we managed to see Harpy Eagle, 26 endemic species, 17 *Psittacidae* (macaws, parrots, parakeets, and parrotlets), 22 species of hummingbirds, and 59 species of tyrant-flycatchers, for a birdlist of 402 species!

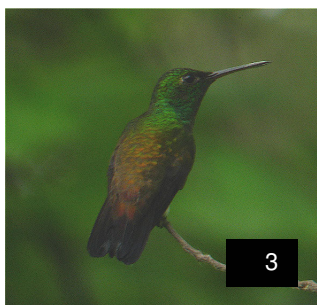
We started in the somehow neglected village of Las Claritas, where gold miners have created an atmosphere reminiscent of the old Wild West. Here, there is no Bolivar Square (present in most towns of Venezuela), no movie theater, only one gas station (serving fuel every other day), and a handful of shops for miners; however, there is an array of Internet sites with broadband satellite connection. Las Claritas was our headquarters for exploring Sierra de Lema, an area considered to be one of the most beautiful cloud forests in Venezuela. We spent the days looking for tepui endemic species, as well as restricted distribution species such as Tawny-headed Swallow, Blue-cheeked Parrot, Rufous-breasted Sabrewing, McConnell's Spinetail, and other species yet to be split such as Sierran Elaenia, Black-headed Tanager, and Pearly-breasted Tody-Tyrant. In the lowlands, we had views of Capuchinbird and Waved Woodpecker, amongst many other species.

From Las Claritas we drove to El Palmar, for a short Llanos experience, seeing Pinnated Bittern, Green Ibis, and many waterbirds. The following day we visited Rio Grande and enjoyed a female Harpy Eagle through the scope. On the trails, White-plumed Antbird and Rufous-throated Antbird (two army ant specialists) were seen very close, while Ferruginous-backed Antbird walked nicely in front of us.

At this point, other birding tour companies say goodbye and participants depart for home, but we don't. From El Palmar we drove to Tucupita, the capital city (not really a city, but a town) of the Delta Amacuro, where we took a boat trip into the Orinoco Delta. What an experience! We saw three yet to be described species (a spintail, a wagtail-tyrant, and a softtail), and also reported the first nest record of the spintail!



As I write this, I would like to emphasize that VENT has supported the expeditions taken to this area thanks to your participation, as well as the registration of many other birding fellows in our Venezuela tour program. I should also mention that Javier thanks Bob Tallyn for a pair of binoculars.



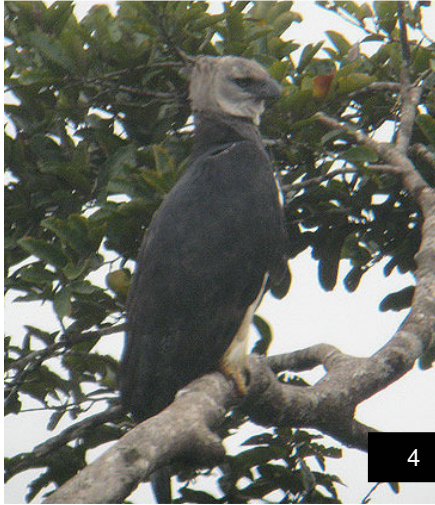
I would like to thank you for joining me on this, my favorite Venezuela tour. I would like to point out that we are the only birding organization reaching the Orinoco Delta, given the complicated logistics involved in such a visit. Great appreciation is given to Jose for helping in every aspect of the trip, and for being a superb driver. Also, Carmelitas provided great meals while in Las Claritas, and Javier was as good as always assisting in Rio Grande. I hope you enjoy the birdlist and I look forward to seeing you again!

All photos taken during the trip will be posted on VENT's web site <<http://www.ventbird.com>>. Also, you can enjoy the videos taken on the trip by visiting the Internet Bird Collection <<http://www.hbw.com/ibc/>>.

**List of photos taken by D. Ascanio.**

1. White-crested Spadebill.
2. Unnamed Spintail nest.
3. Copper-rumped Hummingbird.
4. Harpy Eagle.
5. White-bearded Flycatcher.
6. Roraiman Antwren.
7. Gray-headed Kite.
8. Brown Jacamar.
9. Group with Javier (Harpy guide).





## **BIRDLIST**

Locations visited: Puerto Ordaz and Cachamay, Sierra de Lema, Gran Sabana, Alto Cuyuni and Las Claritas, El Palmar, Rio Grande, Orinoco river. Endemic or special interest species are highlighted in **bold**.

Habitats visited in the trip. Premontane wet forest, premontane humid forest (Cloud forest), tropical humid forest (Rain forest), tropical moist forest, tropical dry forest, riverine forest (Gallery forest), sandy scrub, grassland, pastures, secondary growth, scrub woodland, river and wetlands.

Remark: The taxonomy is a fascinating field. Every year, there are new species described, other lumped, while sometimes some species are placed in a different family, or order. In most cases it is very difficult for birders to “follow-up” these changes. This list follows the taxonomy and order of Clements. The alternative common english name given in Hilty (2003) *Birds of Venezuela* to some species is given in brackets.

1	Great Tinamou	<i>Tinamus major</i>	heard in Piedra de la Virgen
2	Variegated Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus variegatus</i>	heard in Rio Grande
3	Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	many sights in wetlands. Numerous in Cachamay very few sights. Seen along rivers in the Orinoco and Tucupita
4	Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	seen well the first morning. Three more along the road to Guasipati
5	Whistling Heron	<i>Syrigma sibilatrix</i>	
6	Capped Heron	<i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>	good studies along the road Tucupita-Puerto Ordaz
7	Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>	one in Cachamay and two in the Orinoco
8	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	many sights. Usually close to wetlands
9	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	Numerous in the Orinoco
10	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	many sights. Large roost in El Palmar
11	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	seen in El Palmar and in the Orinoco
12	<b>Pinnated Bittern</b>	<i>Botaurus pinnatus</i>	very good studies near Tumeremo. Our sight represents a minor range extension and confirms the migratory pattern of the species
13	Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	two individuals in El Palmar
14	Green Ibis	<i>Mesembrinibis cayennensis</i>	two individuals in the Orinoco
15	Horned Screamer	<i>Anhima cornuta</i>	heard in the Orinoco
16	White-faced Whistling- Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	common <i>Anatidae</i> for the trip
17	Black-bellied Whistling- Duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>	seen in various occasions, but always in low numbers
18	Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	many along the trip. Specially numerous in Cachamay
19	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	several sights of resident race <i>ruficollis</i>
20	Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>	a couple of individuals near Tucupita, Delta Amacuro
21	Greater Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes melambrotus</i>	various sights near the Cuyuni river
22	King Vulture	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>	one in Rio Grande
23	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	two along the Orinoco
24	Gray-headed Kite	<i>Leptodon cayanensis</i>	we had an unusual number of individuals for a trip (5), including a close view of a pair
25	Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	scattered records, never in large numbers
26	Pearl Kite	<i>Gampsonyx swainsonii</i>	two near Tucupita
27	Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>	two in the Orinoco
28	<b>Slender-billed Kite</b>	<i>Rostrhamus hamatus</i>	7+ individuals seen near Tucupita. Migratory pattern not completely understood
29	Double-toothed Kite	<i>Harpagus bidentatus</i>	one soaring in Rio Grande

30	Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>	various sights of individuals feeding on May Flies.
31	Crane Hawk	<i>Geranospiza caerulescens</i>	a pair flying in the Cuyuni road. Also one individual feeding on mayflies in Rio Grande
32	Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	one in El Palmar, also in the Orinoco
33	Black-collared Hawk	<i>Busarellus nigricollis</i>	one in El Palmar
34	Gray Hawk	<i>Asturina (Buteo) nitida</i>	one in the Cuyuni road. Also in Tucupita. Sometimes named Gray-lined Hawk
35	Roadside Hawk	<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	should this one be called Riverside Hawk? Seems logic! Seen many times
36	White-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albicaudatus</i>	various records. Mainly in open farmland
37	<b>Harpy Eagle</b>	<i>Harpia harpyja</i>	one male seen throughout the scope for various minutes. Also a female glimpsed near the nest
38	Black Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>	one male in Sierra de Lema
39	Black Caracara	<i>Daptrius ater</i>	one in the Orinoco
40	Red-throated Caracara (Northern) Crested	<i>Ibycter americanus</i>	amazing views of this incredible <i>Falconidae</i> . Should be placed in it's own family!
41	Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	many sights. Usually in open areas
42	Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>	many along the road and in farmland
43	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	various sights near Tumeremo
44	Bat Falcon	<i>Falco ruficularis</i>	seen in the Cuyuni road and also flying along the Orinoco
45	Rufous-vented Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis ruficauda</i>	one perched on a cactus on the drive to Tucupita. Also heard the last morning near Tucupita
46	Little Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis motmot</i>	seen briefly in El Palmar
47	Crested Bobwhite	<i>Colinus cristatus</i>	five individuals running along the road in El Palmar
48	Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	one near Tucupita
49	<b>Russet-crowned Crane</b>	<i>Anurolimnas viridis</i>	heard in Gran Sabana
50	Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>	one in El Palmar wetlands
51	Azure Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio flavirostris</i>	two individuals west of Guasipati. This represents a range extension of the species in southern Venezuela, and helps to understand the migratory pattern from the llanos to the Orinoco
52	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	various in the wetlands of El Palmar
53	Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>	many in wetlands along the road
54	Pied Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cayanus</i>	a pair in the river island of the Orinoco
55	Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>	seen regularly in El Palmar, also near Tucupita
56	Large-billed Tern	<i>Phaetusa simplex</i>	12+ in the Orinoco
57	Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	8+ in the Orinoco
58	Scaled Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas speciosa</i>	one individual flying over the Cuyuni river
59	Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	a common species in drier areas, usually in savannas but not in forested habitats
60	Ruddy Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas subvinacea</i>	heard twice in the lowlands. One in Rio Grande and also in the Orinoco

61	Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	many along the drive to Tucupita
62	Common Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>	few sights despite the fact that is a common species
63	Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	sights in both humid and drier areas, although prefers forest edge and open scrub
64	Scaled Dove	<i>Columbina squammata</i>	two in Puerto Ordaz, also in the Orinoco
65	White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	one near Tucupita
66	Gray-fronted Dove	<i>Leptotila rufaxilla</i>	two displaying in the Orinoco forested area
67	Red-and-green Macaw	<i>Ara chloroptera</i>	pairs in Sierra de Lema
68	White-eyed Parakeet	<i>Aratinga leucophthalmus</i>	various sights in savannas of Upata and El Palmar
69	Brown-throated Parakeet	<i>Aratinga pertinax</i>	many pairs in the same locations of the above species, although less numerous
70	<b>Fiery-shouldered Parakeet (E)</b>	<i>Pyrrhura egregia</i>	great views in Sierra de Lema and in Gran Sabana
71	Green-rumped Parrotlet	<i>Forpus passerinus</i>	common around Puerto Ordaz and Tucupita
72	Golden-winged Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris chrysopterus</i>	two scoped in Rio Grande
73	<b>Tepui Parrotlet E)</b>	<i>Nannopsittaca panychlora</i>	many sights but always flying
74	Lilac-tailed Parrotlet	<i>Touit batavica</i>	a couple of flocks flying in Rio Grande
75	Black-headed Parrot	<i>Pionites melanocephala</i>	scoped in Rio Grande
76	<b>Caica Parrot</b>	<i>Pionopsitta caica</i>	scoped in Rio Grande. 5+ individuals
77	Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>	few sights. Quite a contrast with the dry season, when common in the lowlands
78	<b>Dusky Parrot</b>	<i>Pionus fuscus</i>	scoped in Rio Grande
79	<b>Blue-cheeked Parrot</b>	<i>Amazona dufresniana</i>	distant views in Sierra de Lema
80	<b>Festive Parrot</b>	<i>Amazona festiva</i>	great views of individuals feeding on the fruits of a mango tree, near Tucupita
81	Orange-winged Parrot	<i>Amazona amazonica</i>	many individuals seen, specially common in the lowlands
82	Mealy Parrot	<i>Amazona farinosa</i>	only three individuals in Rio Grande
83	<b>Red-fan Parrot</b>	<i>Derophtus accipitrinus</i>	amazing view of three individuals feeding on a vine-fruit very close to the vehicle! Great scope views
84	Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>	heard in Sierra de Lema
85	Little Cuckoo	<i>Piaya minuta</i>	two in the Orinoco and extra two near Tucupita
86	Greater Ani	<i>Crotophaga major</i>	good studies near Tucupita
87	Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	many in dry grasslands
88	Striped Cuckoo	<i>Tapera naevia</i>	heard near Tucupita
89	Hoatzin	<i>Opisthocomus hoazin</i>	seen in the Orinoco and near Tucupita
90	Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>	scoped in Rio Grande
91	Lesser Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>	one individual over the savannas of Monagas
92	Nacunda Nighthawk	<i>Podager nacunda</i>	two juvenile flying over the savannas of Monagas

The family *Apodidae* (Swifts) are usually difficult to identify in the field. One of the best opportunities for field identification represents the concentrations of individuals in the morning, when feeding frenetically. We studied various individuals and learned to use the field marks. In some cases, we could not identify the species with 100% accuracy.

93	<b>Tepui Swift (E)</b>	<i>Cypseloides phelpsi</i>	very good views on Gran Sabana
94	<b>White-chinned Swift</b>	<i>Cypseloides cryptus</i>	the dark Cypseloides seen on Gran Sabana may have been this species. 3-4 individuals
95	White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	many sights in both the lowlands and the highlands
96	Band-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura spinicaudus</i>	common in lowland forested areas
97	Gray-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i>	common in Sierra de Lema
98	Chapman's Swift	<i>Chaetura chapmani</i>	after comparative studies of the swifts flying over the forest in the Cuyuni road, we concluded that the 2 large Chaetura may have been this species
99	Short-tailed Swift	<i>Chaetura brachyura</i>	common and widespread
100	Fork-tailed (Neotropical) Palm-Swift	<i>Tachornis squamata</i>	one individual on the road to Puerto Ordaz in the last morning
101	Eastern Long-tailed Hermit	<i>Phaethornis superciliosus</i>	seen well in Sierra de Lema and in Rio Grande
102	Straight-billed Hermit	<i>Phaethornis bourcierii</i>	one seen briefly in Sierra de Lema. Not a common voice this month of the year
103	Little Hermit	<i>Phaethornis longuemareus</i>	two individuals in the Orinoco forested area
104	Reddish Hermit	<i>Phaethornis ruber</i>	one in Rio Grande. The smallest of the hermits in Venezuela
105	<b>Blue-fronted Lancebill</b>	<i>Doryfera johannae</i>	great view of 1 individual in Sierra de Lema
106	Gray-breasted Sabrewing	<i>Campylopterus largipennis</i>	various individuals in the Cuyuni road
107	<b>Rufous-breasted Sabrewing</b>	<i>Campylopterus hyperythrus</i>	seen in various occasions in Sierra de Lema
108	White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>	one individual in the Cuyuni road
109	Brown Violet-ear	<i>Colibri delphinae</i>	an individual in Piedra de la Virgen. Not a common species in the rainy season
110	Sparkling Violet-ear	<i>Colibri coruscans</i>	one juvenile in Sierra de Lema represents the lowest record for southern Venezuela
111	Black-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothorax nigricollis</i>	common around Tucupita
112	Crimson Topaz Ruby-topaz	<i>Topaza pella</i>	heard in the Cuyuni road
113	Hummingbird	<i>Chrysolampis mosquitos</i>	a juvenile male in the sandy scrub of the Orinoco
114	Fork-tailed Woodnymph Rufous-throated	<i>Thalurania furcata</i>	various sights in Sierra de Lema
115	Sapphire	<i>Hylocharis sapphirina</i>	a male in Rio Grande at eye level
116	<b>Tepui Goldenthrroat (E)</b>	<i>Polytmus milleri</i>	great views (scoped!) in Gran Sabana
117	White-chested Emerald Glittering-throated	<i>Agyrtria brevirostris</i>	one individual in Rio Grande
118	Emerald <b>Copper-tailed</b>	<i>Polyerata fimbriata</i>	mainly in drier habitats, in El Palmar and near Tucupita
119	<b>Hummingbird (E)</b> <b>Copper-rumped</b>	<i>Saucerottia cupreicauda</i>	a individual foraging on black flies at dawn in Gran Sabana
120	<b>Hummingbird</b> <b>Velvet-browed Brilliant</b>	<i>Saucerottia tobaci</i>	two individuals in Cachamay park, Puerto Ordaz
121	<b>(E)</b>	<i>Heliodoxa xanthogonys</i>	great views of both, a male and a female in Sierra de Lema
122	Black-eared Fairy	<i>Heliothryx aurita</i>	seen in the Cuyuni road

123	(Amazonian) White-tailed Trogon	<i>Trogon viridis</i>	a pair in Rio Grande
124	(Amazonian) Violaceous Trogon	<i>Trogon violaceus</i>	two juveniles in the Cuyuni road
125	Masked Trogon	<i>Trogon personatus</i>	three individuals vocalizing in Sierra de Lema
126	Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle torquata</i>	El Palmar wetland
127	Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	El Palmar wetland
128	Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>	El Palmar wetland
129	<b>Green-and-rufous Kingfisher</b>	<i>Chloroceryle inda</i>	heard in the Orinoco
130	<b>American Pygmy Kingfisher</b>	<i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>	heard in Rio Grande and in the Orinoco
131	Blue-crowned Motmot	<i>Momotus momota</i>	heard in the Cuyuni river bridge
132	Brown Jacamar	<i>Brachygalba lugubris</i>	various sights in the Cuyuni bridge and in Gran Sabana
133	<b>Yellow-billed Jacamar</b>	<i>Galbula albirostris</i>	heard in Rio Grande. Not responsive to playback
134	Green-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula galbula</i>	a male found by Jose, the driver, in the Cuyuni river
135	Paradise Jacamar	<i>Galbula dea</i>	many pairs, usually perched on exposed branches of emergent trees
136	Pied Puffbird	<i>Notharchus tectus</i>	a male in the Cuyuni road
137	Russet-throated Puffbird	<i>Hypnelus ruficollis</i>	heard in Cachamay and seen near Tucupita. Sometimes treated as Double-banded Puffbird <i>Hypnemmus bicinctus</i>
138	Black Nunbird	<i>Monasa atra</i>	few sights in Rio Grande and in the Orinoco. Not responsive to playback this time of the year!
139	Swallow-wing	<i>Chelidoptera tenebrosa</i>	scattered sights along the road from las Claritas to El Dorado
140	Black-spotted Barbet	<i>Capito niger</i>	two pairs in Rio Grande
141	Green Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus viridis</i>	seen in the lowland forest, in Rio Grande and in the Cuyuni road
142	Black-necked Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus aracari</i>	equal to the species above, seen in the lowland forested locations
143	Guianan Toucanet	<i>Selenidera culik</i>	heard in Rio Grande. Unfortunately not responsive to playback
144	Channel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i>	seen twice, in Rio Grande and in the Cuyuni road
145	Red-billed (White-throated) Toucan	<i>Ramphastos tucanus</i>	seen in more occasions than the previous species, in the lowland forests
146	Golden-spangled Piculet	<i>Picumnus exilis</i>	various sights in Sierra de Lema and the Cuyuni road
147	<b>Black-spotted Piculet (E)</b>	<i>Picumnus nigropunctatus</i>	pair near Tucupita
148	<b>White-bellied Piculet</b>	<i>Picumnus spilogaster</i>	great views of a male in the Orinoco
149	Yellow-tufted Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes cruentatus</i>	good views along the Cuyuni road
150	Red-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>	various sights in Puerto Ordaz
151	Red-rumped Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis kirkii</i>	heard in Sierra de Lema. Not responsive to playback
152	Golden-collared Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis cassini</i>	great views of an individual in Rio Cuyuni road
153	Yellow-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus flavigula</i>	heard in Rio Grande

154	Golden-olive Woodpecker Spot-breasted	<i>Piculus rubiginosus</i>	seen in three times in Sierra de Lema
155	Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes punctigula</i>	one in the Orinoco
156	<b>Waved Woodpecker</b> Cream-colored	<i>Celeus undatus</i>	two in the Cuyuni road
157	Woodpecker	<i>Celeus flavus</i>	two near Tucupita
158	Lineated Woodpecker <b>Red-necked</b>	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	one female feeding at a tree along with the next two species
159	<b>Woodpecker</b> Crimson-crested	<i>Campephilus rubricollis</i>	two in Rio Grande
160	Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>	a pair sharing the same tree with the previous species in Rio Grande
161	Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>	heard in Gran Sabana and in the Orinoco
162	<b>MacConnell's Spinetail</b>	<i>Synallaxis macconnelli</i>	good views in Sierra de Lema
163	Plain-crowned Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis gujanensis</i>	heard in the Orinoco
164	<b>Unnamed Spinetail (E)</b>	<i>Synallaxis nuovo</i>	great views of a pair, and even an individuals building a nest!  one individual quite distant but scoped with a feeding flock in Sierra de Lema
165	<b>Tepui Spinetail (E)</b>	<i>Cranioleuca demissa</i>	
166	<b>Rusty-backed Spinetail</b> Yellow-chinned	<i>Cranioleuca vulpina</i>	pair in the Orinoco
167	Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomea</i>	a single individual in El Palmar wetland amazing views of an individual tearing apart a mosses of a tree
168	<b>Roraiman Barbtail (E)</b>	<i>Roraimia adusta</i>	
169	<b>Slender-billed Xenops</b>	<i>Xenops tenuirostris</i>	good studies of this rare species with a feeding flock in Sierra de Lema. An altitudinal extension?
170	Plain Xenops <b>White-throated (Tepui)</b>	<i>Xenops minutus</i>	one individual with a feeding flock in Sierra de Lema
171	<b>Foliage-gleaner (E)</b> Buff-throated Foliage-	<i>Automolus roraimae</i>	great views in Sierra de Lema
172	gleaner	<i>Automolus ochrolaemus</i>	one individual in Rio Grande
173	<b>Unnamed Softtail (E)</b> Plain-brown	<i>Thripophaga nuovo</i>	three individuals in the Orinoco river
174	Woodcreeper Wedge-billed	<i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i>	two individuals in Rio Grande
175	Woodcreeper <b>Red-billed</b>	<i>Glyphorhynchus spirurus</i>	various sights. Usually associated with feeding flocks heard in Rio Cuyuni bridge! A very rare species in Venezuela!
176	<b>Woodcreeper</b>	<i>Hylexetastes perrotii</i>	
177	Strong-billed Woodcreeper Black-banded	<i>Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus</i>	one individual in Sierra de Lema at 900m. This represents the highest record south of the Orinoco
178	Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocolaptes picumnus</i>	one in Rio Grande, with a feeding flock
179	Striped Woodcreeper Buff-throated	<i>Xiphorhynchus obsoletus</i>	two individuals in the Orinoco forested area
180	Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus guttatus</i>	common and widespread in lowland humid forests
181	Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper Straight-billed	<i>Xiphorhynchus pardalotus</i>	various sights, with feeding flocks and individuals. Commoner at higher elevations
182	Woodcreeper	<i>Dendroplex picus</i>	pair in the Orinoco forested area
183	Streak-headed	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>	pair in the Orinoco forested area

	Woodcreeper		
184	Lineated Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes albolineatus</i>	one individual in Rio Grande
185	Red-billed Scythebill	<i>Campylorhamphus trochilirostris</i>	one individual in the Orinoco forested area
186	<b>Curve-billed Scythebill</b>	<i>Campylorhamphus procurvoides</i>	one individual (Race <i>sanus</i> – likely to be a split) in Rio Grande
187	Fasciated Antshrike	<i>Cymbilaimus lineatus</i>	heard with a feeding flock in Sierra de Lema
188	Great Antshrike	<i>Taraba major</i>	heard in Rio Grande and in the Orinoco
189	Black-crested Antshrike	<i>Sakesphorus canadensis</i>	a male in El Dorado. Also heard several times in the Orinoco
190	Barred Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>	heard in the Orinoco forested area
191	Mouse-colored Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus murinus</i>	a male in Rio Grande
192	<b>Streak-backed Antshrike (E)</b>		
	Dusky-throated	<i>Thamnophilus insignis</i>	a family group(?) in Sierra de Lema
193	Antshrike	<i>Thamnomanes ardesiacus</i>	a pair with a feeding flock in Rio Grande
194	Cinereous Antshrike	<i>Thamnomanes caesius</i>	a pair with a feeding flock in Rio Grande
195	Pygmy Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula brachyura</i>	a pair in the Cuyuni road
196	Guianan (Streaked) Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula surinamensis</i>	a male in Rio Grande
197	Brown-bellied Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula gutturalis</i>	an individual with a feeding flock in Rio Grande
198	Gray Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula menetriesii</i>	a pair with a feeding flock in Rio Grande
199	<b>Roraiman Antwren (E)</b>	<i>Herpsilochmus roraimae</i>	a pair with a feeding flock in Sierra de Lema
200	Rufous-winged Antwren	<i>Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus</i>	one in Rio Cuyuni bridge
201	Ash-winged Antwren	<i>Terenura spodioptila</i>	a pair with a feeding flock in Sierra de Lema
202	Gray Antbird	<i>Cercomacra cinerascens</i>	pair in Sierra de Lema
203	Dusky Antbird	<i>Cercomacra tyrannina</i>	a male in Rio Grande
204	Jet Antbird	<i>Cercomacra nigricans</i>	a pair in the Orinoco river. Surprisingly well above eyelevel, in the sub canopy of the forest
205	White-browed Antbird	<i>Myrmoborus leucophrys</i>	a male in the Orinoco forested area
206	Warbling Antbird	<i>Hypocnemis cantator</i>	various sights in Sierra de Lema
207	Black-chinned Antbird	<i>Hypocnemoides melanopogon</i>	heard in the Orinoco
208	White-bellied Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza longipes</i>	great views in the Orinoco forested area
209	<b>Ferruginous-backed Antbird</b>	<i>Myrmeciza ferruginea</i>	what a bird! Superb views in Rio Grande
210	<b>White-plumed Antbird</b>	<i>Pithys albifrons</i>	another one seen extremely well, for about 30 minutes
211	<b>Rufous-throated Antbird</b>	<i>Gymnophithys rufigula</i>	equal to be above species, another army ant specialist. Seen very well
212	Scale-backed Antbird	<i>Hylophylax poecilinota</i>	heard in the Cuyuni river road
213	Short-tailed Antthrush	<i>Chamaeza campanisona</i>	heard in Sierra de Lema
214	Thrush-like Antpitta	<i>Myrmothera campanisona</i>	heard in Rio Grande

215	<b>Tepui Antpitta (E)</b>	<i>Myrmothera simplex</i>	only heard. Despite much effort, we did not see this species this time. We had a close one, but unfortunately did not come after the playback of its song
216	<b>Slate-crowned Antpitta</b>	<i>Grallaricula nana kukenamensis</i>	this was the great surprise for the trip. I finally got a recording for the third individual of the race <i>kukenamensis</i> , which is likely to be an split and a new endemic species. We had astonishing views of this species
217	<b>Guianan Red-Cotinga</b>	<i>Phoenicircus carnifex</i>	one male flying inside the forest in the Cuyuni road
218	<b>Red-banded Fruiteater (E)</b>	<i>Pipreola whitelyi</i>	another astonishing scoped species. A male perched for quite a while
219	Screaming Piha	<i>Lipaugus vociferans</i>	great views of a male singing in Rio Grande
220	<b>Rose-collared Piha (E)</b>	<i>Lipaugus streptophorus</i>	various males singing in Sierra de Lema
221	<b>Purple-breasted Cotinga</b>	<i>Cotinga cotinga</i>	a male feeding on may flies in Rio Grande
222	Spangled Cotinga	<i>Cotinga cayana</i>	a male in the Cuyuni road
223	Purple-throated Fruitcrow	<i>Querula purpurata</i>	a group in Rio Grande, very responsive to playback
224	Capuchinbird	<i>Perissocephalus tricolor</i>	we managed to locate about 3 males displaying in the split lek. Further studies are needed about the lek dynamic of the species
225	White Bellbird	<i>Procnias alba</i>	great views of a male in Sierra de Lema
226	Bearded Bellbird	<i>Procnias averano</i>	heard in Sierra de Lema, but not a common species this year!
227	Guianan Cock-of-the-rock	<i>Rupicola rupicola</i>	a male flying scoped from the road in Sierra de Lema, plus two females flying across the road. Nesting?
228	<b>Olive Manakin (E)</b>	<i>Chloropipo uniformis</i>	great views in the ecotone forest-savanna in Sierra de Lema
229	White-throated Manakin	<i>Corapipo gutturalis</i>	common voice this time of the year. Many pairs in Sierra de Lema and in Rio Grande
230	<b>Crimson-hooded Manakin</b>	<i>Pipra aureola</i>	what a bird! Male in lek in the Orinoco
231	White-crowned Manakin	<i>Dixiphia pipra</i>	various sights, mainly of birds in female plumage. Juveniles?
232	Golden-headed Manakin	<i>Pipra erythrocephala</i>	a great view of a male in Rio Cuyuni road
233	<b>Scarlet-horned Manakin</b>	<i>Pipra cornuta</i>	another gem for the trip! A male feeding in <i>Melastomataceae</i> fruits in Sierra de Lema
234	<b>Tepui (Orange-bellied) Manakin</b>	<i>Lepidothrix suavisima</i>	we have to ban the name given in Clements (Tepui Manakin) since it is not a tepui endemic. I much prefer the common name given in Hilty <i>Birds of Venezuela</i> Orange-bellied Manakin
235	Tiny Tyrant-Manakin	<i>Tyrannetes virescens</i>	heard in Rio Grande
236	Thrush-like Schiffornis	<i>Schiffornis turdinus</i>	a male flying by us in the forest of Rio Grande

Tyrant-Flycatchers are one of the most challenging bird groups in the neotropics. One of the problem is that field guides shown most illustrated facing the same way, perched almost identical, and piled together. I know that seeing these plates can be

intimidating! In this trip we learned the field marks of many species, and discussed voice, habitats and habits as an aid for field identification.

237	White-lored Tyrannulet	<i>Ornithion inermis</i>	heard in the Cuyuni road
238	Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>	good studies in Puerto Ordaz
239	Mouse-colored Tyrannulet	<i>Phaeomyias murina</i>	another species seen in El Dorado and in Monagas
240	Yellow Tyrannulet	<i>Capsiempis flaveola</i>	pairs in El Dorado, in Rio Grande and in the Orinoco
241	Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	<i>Tyrannulus elatus</i>	four in El Dorado. Also in the Orinoco and in Tucupita
242	Forest Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis gaimardii</i>	good view of an individual in Rio Cuyuni bridge
243	Yellow-crowned Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis flavivertex</i>	seen in the Orinoco
244	Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	one in the Orinoco and another in Tucupita
245	<b>Great Elaenia (E)</b>	<i>Elaenia dayi</i>	great views of three individuals, including a juvenile
246	Sierran Elaenia	<i>Elaenia pallatangae</i>	many heard and a pair seen in Sierra de Lema
247	Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>	heard in Rio Grande
248	MacConnell's Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes macconnelli</i>	two individuals approaching after the whistle of the pygmy-owl in the Cuyuni road
249	<b>Black-fronted Tyrannulet (E)</b>	<i>Phylloscartes nigrifrons</i>	seen briefly in a feeding flock in Sierra de Lema. Not very responsive to playback
250	Northern Scrub-Flycatcher	<i>Sublegatus arenarum</i>	one individual, presumably race <i>orinocensis</i> . May well be a good candidate for a technical split
251	<b>River Tyrannulet</b>		pair in the Orinoco river island
252	Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Euscarthmus meloryphus</i>	great views of a pair near the Orinoco
253	Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Lophotriccus galeatus</i>	one individual seen in the Alto Cuyuni road although heard almost daily
254	Slate-headed Tody-Tyrant	<i>Poecilotriccus sylvia</i>	pair in the Orinoco
255	<b>Black-chested Tyrant</b>	<i>Taeniotriccus andrei</i>	Superb views of a male in the Orinoco
256	<b>Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant</b>	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>	heard in Gran Sabana. Race <i>auyantepui</i> is a good candidate for a species status
257	<b>Ruddy Tody-Flycatcher</b>	<i>Poecilotriccus russatus</i>	great views if one individual in Sierra de Lema
258	Painted Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum pictum</i>	pair in Rio Grande
259	Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>	many. Usually in drier country
260	Yellow-olive (Flatbill) Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>	pair nesting in the Orinoco
261	Yellow-margined (Zimmer's) Flycatcher (Flatbill)	<i>Tolmomyias assimilis</i>	a individual building a nest in Sierra de Lema
262	Gray-crowned Flycatcher (Flatbill)	<i>Tolmomyias poliocephalus</i>	pair feeding a chick in the Alto Cuyuni road
263	<b>White-throated Spadebill</b>	<i>Platyrrinchus mystaceus</i>	a female on the nest, in the Orinoco. What a view!
264	<b>White-crested Spadebill</b>	<i>Platyrrinchus platyrhynchos</i>	superb views of an adult with a chick in Rio Grande

265	Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Terenotriccus erythrurus</i>	heard in Rio Grande
266	Cliff Flycatcher	<i>Hirundinea ferruginea</i>	pair in Sierra de Lema
267	<b>Riverside Tyrant</b>		one in the Orinoco river island
268	Fuscous Flycatcher	<i>Cnemotriccus fuscatus</i>	four individuals in the Orinoco
269	Euler's Flycatcher	<i>Lathrotriccus eulerei</i>	heard in the Orinoco
270	Smoke-colored Pewee	<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>	various sights in Sierra de Lema
271	Pied Water-Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>	many along the Orinoco
272	White-headed Marsh-Tyrant	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>	one in the Orinoco
273	Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosus</i>	seen in Tumeremo and in Rio Grande
274	Cinnamon Attila	<i>Attila cinnamomeus</i>	seen in Rio Grande and in the Orinoco
275	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>	one individual in Sierra de Lema, foraging along with a feeding flock
276	Short-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus ferox</i>	pair in El Dorado road
277	Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>	one in the sandy scrub of the Orinoco
278	Lesser Kiskadee	<i>Philohydor lictor</i>	pair in Rio Grande
279	Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	many in open areas
280	Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>	heard in the Orinoco
281	Rusty-margined Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>	various pairs, usually in edge habitat
282	Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>	many near Cachamay park and again in the Orinoco
283	<b>Unnamed Wagtail Tyrant (E)</b>	<i>Stigmatura sp.</i>	pair in the Orinoco
284	Yellow-throated Flycatcher	<i>Conopias parva</i>	pair in the Alto Cuyuni road and also in Rio Grande
285	Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	several individual of resident race <i>tobaguensis</i>
286	Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>	heard in El Dorado and Tucupita
287	Variiegated Flycatcher	<i>Empidonomus varius</i>	one in Rio Grande. Most likely to be the resident race <i>rufinus</i>
288	<b>White-bearded Flycatcher (Almost Endemic!)</b>	<i>Phelpsia inornata</i>	pair near Tucupita. Our record is the second ever in Delta Amacuro
289	Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	common in most locations
290	Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>	150+ seen in Anzoategui at dusk. Southern migrant race <i>savanna?</i>
291	White-winged Becard	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>	heard in Rio Grande and seen in the Orinoco
292	Black-capped Becard	<i>Pachyramphus marginatus</i>	heard in the Alto Cuyuni road
293	Cinereous Becard	<i>Pachyramphus rufus</i>	a male in Tucupita area
294	Black-tailed Tityra	<i>Tityra cayana</i>	seen in Alto Cuyuni road and in Rio Grande
295	Black-crowned Tityra	<i>Tityra inquisitor</i>	pair in Tucupita area
296	Brown-chested Martin	<i>Progne tapera</i>	southern migrant race <i>fusca</i> . Many records, mainly in farmland
297	Gray-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	common and usually near wetlands
298	White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>	usually related with wetlands. Many seen
299	Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	mainly in Sierra de Lema. Resident race <i>cyanoleuca</i>
300	Black-collared Swallow	<i>Atticora melanoleuca</i>	pair in Cachamay

301	<b>Tawny-headed Swallow</b> Southern Rough-winged	<i>Alopochelidon fucata</i>	great views of 5 individuals feeding over grassland in Gran Sabana
302	Swallow Black-capped	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	few near Tucupita
303	Donacobius	<i>Donacobius atricapilla</i>	great view of a pair in the Orinoco river trip
304	Bicolored Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus griseus</i>	pair near Tucupita
305	Stripe-backed Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus nuchalis</i>	various in the Orinoco
306	<b>Coraya Wren</b>	<i>Thryothorus coraya</i>	pair in Sierra de Lema
307	Buff-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus leucotis</i>	various sights, usually in riverine forest
308	House Wren White-breasted Wood-	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	common in most urban areas
309	Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucosticta</i>	pair in Rio Grande trail
310	<b>Flutist Wren (E)</b>	<i>Microcerculus ustulatus</i>	what a view! One seen very well after six attempts
311	<b>Musician Wren</b>	<i>Cyphorhinus aradus</i>	pair in Rio Grande trail
312	Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>	many sights in open country
313	<b>Rufous-brown Solitaire</b>	<i>Cichlopsis leucogenys</i>	only one individual in Sierra de Lema. Quite difficult this time of the year
314	Black-hooded Thrush	<i>Turdus olivater</i>	a individual in female plumage in Sierra de Lema
315	Pale-breasted Thrush	<i>Turdus leucomelas</i>	seen in El Palmar
316	Black-billed Thrush	<i>Turdus ignobilis</i>	only one individual in Gran Sabana
317	Cocoa Thrush	<i>Turdus fumigatus</i>	seen in Rio Grande and in the Orinoco
318	Bare-eyed Thrush	<i>Turdus nudigenis</i>	heard in the Orinoco
319	White-necked Thrush	<i>Turdus albicollis</i>	one individual seen in the Alto Cuyuni road
320	Tropical Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila plumbea</i>	seen in the sandy scrub of the Orinoco and in Cachamay park
321	Cayenne Jay	<i>Cyanocorax cayanus</i>	seen twice in Rio Grande
322	Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	seen many times in Cachamay and in most dry forest type mainly heard. Only once glimpsed at 900m in Sierra de Lema
323	<b>Tepui Greenlet (E)</b>	<i>Hylophilus sclateri</i>	heard in Sierra de Lema
324	Buff-cheeked Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus muscicapinus</i>	many sights in dry forest in Cachamay and close to the Orinoco
325	Scrub Greenlet Tawny-crowned	<i>Hylophilus flavipes</i>	
326	Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus ochraceiceps</i>	pair in Sierra de Lema
327	Golden-fronted Greenlet Slaty-capped Shrike-	<i>Hylophilus aurantiifrons</i>	pair in the Orinoco
328	Vireo Rufous-browed	<i>Vireolanius leucotis</i>	one individual with feeding flock in Sierra de Lema
329	Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	various sights in Sierra de Lema and in the Orinoco
330	Plumbeous Euphonia	<i>Euphonia plumbea</i>	sights in Alto Cuyuni road
331	Trinidad Euphonia	<i>Euphonia trinitatis</i>	heard in Puerto Ordaz
332	Violaceous Euphonia	<i>Euphonia violacea</i>	many sights. Restricted to the lowlands pair seen in response to a pygmy-owl whistle in Alto Cuyuni
333	White-vented Euphonia	<i>Euphonia minuta</i>	
334	Orange-bellied Euphonia Blue-naped	<i>Euphonia xanthogaster</i>	many sights in Sierra de Lema
335	Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia cyanea</i>	pair feeding at mistletoe in Sierra de Lema
336	Tropical Parula	<i>Parula pitiayumi</i>	many pairs in Sierra de Lema

337	Slate-throated Redstart	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>	many pairs in Sierra de Lema
338	<b>Tepui Redstart</b> <b>(Whitestart) (E)</b> <b>Two-banded</b> <b>(Roraiman) Warbler</b> <b>(E)</b>	<i>Myioborus castaneocapillus</i>	great views of various pairs in Sierra de Lema
339	Rose-breasted Chat	<i>Basileuterus bivittatus</i>	pair in Sierra de Lema
340		<i>Granatellus pelzelni</i>	male and female in Rio Grande
341	Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	common and widespread. Race <i>roraimae</i> from Sierra de Lema is likely to be treated as a separate species in the future. Keep track on this species!
342	Black-faced Tanager	<i>Schistochlamys melanopsis</i>	pair in Gran Sabana
343	Yellow-backed Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis flavicollis</i>	pair responding to a pygmy-owl whistle in Alto Cuyuni
344	Hooded Tanager	<i>Nemosia pileata</i>	heard in the Orinoco
345	<b>Olive-backed Tanager</b> <b>(E)</b> White-shouldered Tanager	<i>Mitrospingus oleagineus</i>	family groups in Sierra de Lema
346		<i>Tachyphonus luctuosus</i>	pair in edge of Sierra de Lema
347	White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	pair in El Dorado
348	Red-shouldered Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus phoenicius</i>	various sights, usually related with scrubby vegetation
349	White-winged Tanager	<i>Piranga leucoptera</i>	pair with feeding flock at 900m
350	Silver-beaked Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>	many sights in Sierra de Lema and the Orinoco
351	Blue-gray Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	common and widespread although seen almost every day, less numerous than the previous species
352	Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	
353	Turquoise Tanager	<i>Tangara mexicana</i>	pairs or trios in lowland forested areas, not larger groups great views of a small group of six individuals in the Alto Cuyuni road
354	Paradise Tanager	<i>Tangara chilensis</i>	
355	Yellow-bellied Tanager	<i>Tangara xanthogastra</i>	few sights (usually pairs) in Sierra de Lema
356	Spotted Tanager	<i>Tangara punctata</i>	pair in Rio Grande
357	Speckled Tanager	<i>Tangara guttata</i>	seen a couple of times in Sierra de Lema
358	Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>	pair in Sierra de Lema
359	Burnished-buff Tanager	<i>Tangara cayana</i>	pair in Gran Sabana
360	Black-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanoptera</i>	pairs or individuals in Sierra de Lema
361	Opal-rumped Tanager	<i>Tangara velia</i>	pair in Sierra de Lema
362	Black-faced Dacnis	<i>Dacnis lineata</i>	first seen in the Alto Cuyuni road and again in Rio Grande
363	Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>	various sights, specially in humid lowland forest
364	Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>	about three individuals seen in Rio Grande
365	Purple Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i>	almost daily sights, specially in forested areas
366	Red-legged Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>	usually seen moving loosely with feeding flocks in Sierra de Lema
367	<b>(Gray) Pileated Finch</b>	<i>Coryphospingus pileatus</i>	great views in the sandy scrub of the Orinoco
368	Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>	many in El Palmar and along the Orinoco
369	<b>Slate-colored Seedeater</b>	<i>Sporophila schistacea</i>	pair in the Orinoco. I have not seen this species previously in the Orinoco!

370	Gray Seedeater	<i>Sporophila intermedia</i>	few in El Palmar and in the Orinoco. Usually in low numbers
371	Lesson's Seedeater	<i>Sporophila bouvronides</i>	many individuals, presumably recent arrivals, feeding in grasslands near El Palmar
372	Lined Seedeater	<i>Sporophila lineola</i>	hundreds near Tucupita
373	Yellow-bellied Seedeater Ruddy-breasted	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>	three in the vicinity of El Palmar and also seen near Tucupita
374	Seedeater Chestnut-bellied Seed- Finch (Lesser Seed- Finch)	<i>Sporophila minuta</i>	sights restricted mainly to El Palmar
375	<b>Greater Flowerpiercer</b>	<i>Oryzoborus angolensis</i>	sights of individuals on various ages and plumages
376	<b>(E)</b>	<i>Diglossa major</i>	outstanding views of an individual in Sierra de Lema
377	Saffron Finch Orange-fronted Yellow- Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>	seen in El Palmar and in the Orinoco
378	Wedge-tailed Grass- Finch	<i>Sicalis columbiana</i>	scattered individuals in the Orinoco
379		<i>Emberizoides herbicola</i>	great views of a pair in Gran Sabana
380	Red-capped Cardinal	<i>Paroaria gularis</i>	first seen in Cachamay and also at the end of the trip, along the Orinoco
381	<b>Tepui Brush-Finch (E)</b>	<i>Atlapetes personatus</i>	parents with chicks were seen frequently in Sierra de Lema
382	Pectoral Sparrow	<i>Arremon taciturnus</i>	one in Rio Grande
383	Grassland Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus humeralis</i>	one in Tucupita area
384	Yellow-browed Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus aurifrons</i>	pair in the Orinoco river island
385	Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	common in Gran Sabana
386	Grayish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	pairs along the Orinoco
387	Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>	pair in the Orinoco
388	Slate-colored Grosbeak	<i>Saltator grossus</i>	great views of a pair in Rio Grande
389	Orinocan Saltator	<i>Saltator orenocensis</i>	one in Cachamay park
390	Yellow-green Grosbeak	<i>Caryothraustes canadensis</i>	a group in Rio Grande. Usually packed in groups of about 5-7 individuals
391	Yellow-hooded Blackbird	<i>Chrysomus icterocephalus</i>	various groups in the vicinity of El Palmar
392	Red-breasted Blackbird	<i>Sturnella militaris</i>	male near Tucupita
393	Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	various sights, usually in farmlands along the road
394	Carib Grackle	<i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>	many along the road, except in forested areas
395	Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	common along the Orinoco
396	Yellow Oriole	<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>	scattered sights near Tucupita
397	<b>Venezuelan Troupial</b>	<i>Icterus icterus</i>	an adult visiting the bird feeder in El Palmar
398	Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela</i>	hundreds flying across the road in Tucupita
399	Red-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus haemorrhous</i>	mainly heard in Tucupita
400	Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>	many in the open areas of Sierra de Lema, close to Las Claritas
401	Green Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius viridis</i>	few individuals. Seen in Rio Grande
402	<b>Golden-tufted</b> <b>(Mountain) Grackle</b>	<i>Macroagelaius imthurni</i>	great studies in Sierra de Lema. This flock was so close that we could not use our scopes!

## OTHER WILDLIFE LIST

1	Red-howler Monkey	<i>Alouatta seniculus</i>	three in Las Claritas and heard in Rio Grande
2	Marine Toad	<i>Bufo marinus</i>	various in Anaconda
3	Guayanan Squirrel	<i>Sciurus aestuans</i>	a individual in Sierra de Lema
4	Coatimundi	<i>Nasua nasua</i>	great views of one individual crossing the road in Sierra de Lema
5	Goliath Tarantula? (yellow-tip legged)	<i>Theraphosa blondi</i>	pair in Sierra de Lema
6	Racer	<i>Masticophis</i>	one in Sierra de Lema
7	Blue Morpho	<i>Morpho sp.</i>	many in Sierra de Lema
8	Bullet Ant	<i>Paraponera sp.</i>	various groups in Rio Grande
9	Mayfly	Ephemeroptera	thousands in Rio Grande
10	Heliconia Butterfly	<i>Heliconia sp.</i>	Cuyuni bridge
11	Orchestra of toads and frogs	-	great in Rio Grande!
12	Mountain Lion	<i>Puma concolor</i>	tracks in Rio Grande
13	Weeping Capuchin Monkey	<i>Cebus olivaceus</i>	three in the Orinoco
14	Gray Dolphin	<i>Sotalia fluviatilis</i>	three in the Orinoco
15	Silky Anteater	<i>Cyclopes didactylus</i>	amazing views near Tucupita
16	Parrot Snake	<i>Masticophis?</i>	one near Tucupita