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This year's Mato Grosso, Brazil tour was a non-stop highlight reel, but if it had to be captured in a single word, that word would be "Jaguar"! Our first one was a mere tease—a large feline form crossing the gravel road some 150 meters in front of our bus. By the time we got the vehicle stopped, the cat had disappeared, only to step back out into view seconds later. Those in the front of the bus, with binoculars at the ready, were able to discern the pattern of spots and other details before the jaguar vanished for good. For the rest, a silhouette was as good as it got. But that was mere prelude to the following day. Our boat trip on the Rio Cuiabá, although attentive to birds, was very much a focused effort at finding a jaguar. By late morning, that effort had yielded fresh tracks along the shoreline, but nothing more, and we were on our way back to the lodge. My own internal disappointment was shattered when our boatman abruptly throttled down and shouted, "Onca"! Up ahead, at the margin of a large sandbar on the left shoreline, stood a magnificent jaguar. Our other boat was mere microseconds behind in spotting the cat, and soon we had both skiffs pulled in to the nearest shoreline. The next several minutes were a blur, as the many photographers in the group fired away in a non-stop digital barrage that challenged the capacity of a dozen cameras and flashcards to keep pace. Roughly 5,000 photos later, the regal cat had seen enough of us, and bounded into the brush, not to be seen again. From this point on, it was all icing on the cake.

But what icing it was! We thrilled to numerous encounters with *the* glamour bird of the Pantanal, the Hyacinth Macaw. The world's biggest parrot, a spectacular study in blue with yellow accents and possessing a decidedly serious bill, is a quest bird for every birder that visits the region. We saw them on numerous occasions, including several times on the grounds of our lodge, where birds came in nightly to roost, and sporadically through the day to feed and drink. Boat trips on the Rio Pixaím yielded prolonged studies of spectacular Agami Herons, more Boat-billed Herons than I can ever remember from a single trip (up to 50 per boat excursion), repeated close views of Sunbitterns and Sungrebes, rare Chestnut-bellied Guans, close groups of feisty giant otters, and more kingfishers, herons, egrets, anhingas, and the like than we could count.

It was definitely the year of the Pygmy Kingfisher. These diminutive little sprites are always present, but usually inconspicuous. This year we averaged 5 per day. The dawn feeder show at one of our lodges was a spectacle in and of itself, with mobs of Yellow-billed Cardinals and Purplish Jays competing with spectacular Toco Toucans for our attention. Two Subtropical Doraditos were a great bonus—this skulking flycatcher has only recently been confirmed as occurring in Brazil. A Zigzag Heron found by participants George and Valerie was a major bonus for the half of the group that could be

rallied in time to see it. Flashy Helmeted Manakins, near daily encounters with Bare-faced Curassows, nest-inspecting Black-hooded Parakeets, comical White Woodpeckers, adult male Blue-tufted Starthroats, impressive Great Rufous Woodcreepers, more than 150 giant Jabirus in a single marsh, and a day-roosting Great Potoo also stood out among the many other avian highlights. A night drive featuring a giant anteater, crab-eating raccoon, crab-eating fox, and a spectacular star-filled sky was the perfect exclamation point to our Pantanal adventure.

What the Chapada dos Guimarães lacked in sheer avian abundance and spectacle, it made up for in scenic splendor and the highly specialized nature of its avifauna. We enjoyed point-blank studies of such prizes as Blue-winged Macaw, Horned Sungem, Rufous-winged Antshrike, Rufous-sided Pygmy-Tyrant, Collared Crescent-chest, Fiery-capped Manakin, White-rumped Tanager, and Coal-crested Finch. A magnificent pair of Black-and-white Hawk-Eagles treated us to prolonged studies at the Geodesic Center, and a spotlighted Band-winged Nightjar provided a first record for this particular tour. The real prize was reserved for our last morning, when we stepped off the bus only to find a juvenile Crowned Eagle perched atop a nearby low tree. The bird was giving persistent food-begging calls, and when it finally took flight and sailed a few hundred meters away, it was joined by both of its parents. We were treated to magnificent studies of a family group of these immense and rarely seen raptors—the equivalent of seeing a family group of Harpy Eagles in Amazonia.

Along the way, a great group racked up tons of special birds and mammals, enjoyed some major feasts at Brazilian barbecues, downed a lot of icy cold drinks, shot an impressive number of photos, and had a lot of fun doing it. Andy and I really enjoyed birding with each of you, and look forward to showing you more of Brazil in the future.

### **Itinerary:**

- 8/01 - arrival in São Paulo
- 8/02 - flight from São Paulo to Cuiabá; afternoon drive to Pixaím
- 8/03 - Pixaím
- 8/04 - birding from Pixaím to Porto Jofre (night at Porto Jofre)
- 8/05 - birding near Porto Jofre (night at Porto Jofre)
- 8/06 - birded back from Porto Jofre to Pixaím, with afternoon boat trip on Rio Pixaím
- 8/07 - birding around Pixaím
- 8/08 - Pixaím to Pousada Alegre in time for lunch, with afternoon birding and night drive at Pousada Alegre
- 8/09 - morning birding at Pousada Alegre; drive to Cuiabá for lunch; drive to Chapada dos Guimarães, with late afternoon birding at Véu de Noiva.
- 8/10 - Chapada dos Guimarães area (Agua Fria, Portão da Fe, Véu de Noiva, Cidade das Pedras)
- 8/11 - Chapada dos Guimarães area (Portão da Fe, Cachoerinha, Véu de Noiva, Geodesic Center of South America)

8/12 - morning birding near Chapada dos Guimarães, lunch at hotel, afternoon drive back to Cuiabá in time for flight to São Paulo for most, or for flight to Brasilia and on to Manaus for the leaders and those continuing on to the **Amazonian Brazil Tour**.

8/13 - arrival back in the U.S.

**Key:**

P = Pantanal (from Cuiabá to Poconé and everywhere along the Trans-Pantaneira to Porto Jofre)

CH = Chapada dos Guimarães region

**BIRDS:**

**Rheidae (Rheas)**

Greater Rhea (*Rhea americana*) - P (especially nice studies at Pousada Alegre)

**Tinamidae (Tinamous)**

Undulated Tinamou (*Crypturellus undulatus*) - P (great looks), CH\*

Small-billed Tinamou (*Crypturellus parvirostris*)\* - CH

Red-winged Tinamou (*Rhynchotus rufescens*)\* - CH

**Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants)**

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) - P

**Anhingidae (Anhingas & Darters)**

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) - P

**Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets & Bitterns)**

Whistling Heron (*Syrigma sibilatrix*) - P

Capped Heron (*Pilerhodias pileatus*) - P

Cocoi Heron (*Ardea cocoi*) - P

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) - P

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*) - P

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) - P

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) - P, CH

Striated Heron (*Butorides striatus*) - P

**Agami Heron** (*Agamia agami*) - P (Nice studies of this spectacular heron!)

Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) - P  
Boat-billed Heron (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) - P (More common this year than on any previous trip. We had a high count of 50+ in one day.)  
Rufescent Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) - P  
**Zigzag Heron** (*Zebrilus undulatus*) - P (Seen well by several people. A great find by George and Valerie!)  
Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*)\* - P

### **Ciconidae (Storks)**

Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) - P  
Maguari Stork (*Ciconia maguari*) - P  
Jabiru (*Jabiru mycteria*) - P (150+ in a single marsh!)

### **Threskiornithidae (Ibises & Spoonbills)**

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

### **Anhimidae (Screamers)**

Southern Screamer (*Chauna torquata*) - P (including one pair with 7 chicks)

### **Anatidae (Ducks, Geese & Swans)**

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) - P  
Muscovy Duck (*Cairina moschata*) - P  
Brazilian Teal (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*) - P

### **Cathartidae (New World Vultures)**

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

### **Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles & Kites)**

Pearl Kite (*Gampsonyx swainsonii*) - CH (Cooperative pair on the Agua Fria Road.)  
Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) - P  
Plumbeous Kite (*Ictinia plumbea*) - CH  
Rufous-thighed Hawk (*Accipiter erythronemius*) - P

Crane Hawk (*Geranospiza caerulescens*) - P  
White Hawk (*Leucopternis albicollis*) - CH (rare here)  
Great Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) - P  
Savanna Hawk (*Buteogallus meridionalis*) - P  
Black-collared Hawk (*Busarellus nigricollis*) - P  
**Crowned Eagle** (*Harpyhaliaetus coronatus*) - CH (A family group of 2 adults and 1 food-begging juvenile on our last morning of birding provided a sensational send-off!)  
Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*) - P, CH  
Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*) - CH  
**Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle** (*Spizastur melanoleucus*) - P, CH (Great studies of a pair of these spectacular raptors from the Geodesic Center site!)

### **Falconidae (Falcons & Caracaras)**

Southern Crested Caracara (*Caracara plancus*) - P, CH  
Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*) - P, CH  
Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) - P  
Barred Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*)\* - CH  
American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) - P, CH  
Aplomado Falcon (*Falco femoralis*) - P  
Bat Falcon (*Falco rufigularis*) - P  
**Orange-breasted Falcon** (*Falco deiroleucus*) - CH

### **Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas & Allies)**

Chaco Chachalaca (*Ortalis canicollis*) - P  
**Chestnut-bellied Guan** (*Penelope ochrogaster*) - P  
Blue-throated Piping-Guan (*Pipile cumanensis grayi*) - P (This subspecies is sometimes treated as a separate species, "Gray's Piping-Guan".)  
Red-throated Piping-Guan (*Pipile cujubi*) - P  
Bare-faced Curassow (*Crax fasciolata*) - P (Repeated great views.)

### **Aramidae (Limpkin)**

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) - P

### **Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules & Coots)**

Paint-billed Crake (*Neocrex erythrops*)\* - CH  
Gray-breasted Crake (*Laterallus exilis*)\* - P  
Gray-necked Wood-Rail (*Aramides cajanea*) - P

### **Heliornithidae (Sungrebes & Finfoots)**

Sungrebe (*Heliornis fulica*) - P (Terrific views!)

## **Eurypygidae (Sunbittern)**

Sunbittern (*Eurypyga helias*) - P (daily)

## **Cariamidae (Seriemas)**

Red-legged Seriema (*Cariama cristata*) - P (Quite a show put on by the pair that taped in and then hopped up on the termite mounds!), CH\*

## **Jacanidae (Jacanas)**

Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*) - P

## **Recurvirostridae (Avocets & Stilts)**

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) - P (Stilt taxonomy is a mess. There are six taxa in the genus *Himantopus*, and these are distributed over most of the globe. Taxonomists recognize anywhere from one polytypic species [= Common Stilt, *H. himantopus*] to six allospecies. Birds from southern South America, including southern Brazil are variously treated as a separate species [= *H. melanurus*, White-backed Stilt], or, as conspecific with *H. mexicanus* {true “Black-necked Stilt”} of North America through northern South America. The two forms are known to hybridize, at least to a limited extent, in their narrow range of overlap. The nature of the contact zone and the extent of hybridization between the two taxa has not been studied in detail.)

## **Charadriidae (Plovers & Lapwings)**

Pied Lapwing (*Vanellus cayanus*) - P

Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) - P, CH

Collared Plover (*Charadrius collaris*) - P

## **Scolopacidae (Sandpiper & Allies)**

South American Snipe (*Gallinago paraguaiiae*) - P

Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) - P

Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*) - P

## **Sternidae (Terns)**

Yellow-billed Tern (*Sterna superciliaris*) - P

Large-billed Tern (*Phaetusa simplex*) - P

## **Rynchopidae (Skimmers)**

Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger*) - P

### **Columbidae (Pigeons & Doves)**

Rock (Feral) Pigeon (*Columba livia*) - Cuiabá

Scaled Pigeon (*Patagioenas speciosa*) - CH

Picazuro Pigeon (*Patagioenas picazuro*) - P, CH

Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) - P, CH

Eared Dove (*Zenaida auriculata*) - P

Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) - P, CH

Picui Ground-Dove (*Columbina picui*) - P

Scaled Dove (*Columbina squammata*) - P, CH

Long-tailed Ground-Dove (*Uropelia campestris*) - P

White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) - P

Gray-fronted Dove (*Leptotila rufaxilla*) - P (Seen by AW and part of the group.)

### **Psittacidae (Parrots, Macaws & Allies)**

**Hyacinth Macaw** (*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*) - P (Simply awesome!)

Red-and-green Macaw (*Ara chloroptera*) - CH

Blue-winged Macaw (*Primolius maracana*) - CH

Golden-collared Macaw (*Primolius auricollis*) - P

Red-shouldered Macaw (*Diopsittaca nobilis*) - CH

Blue-crowned Parakeet (*Aratinga acuticaudata*) - P (Exceptional studies)

White-eyed Parakeet (*Aratinga leucophthalmus*) - P, CH

Peach-fronted Parakeet (*Aratinga aurea*) - P, CH

Nanday (Black-hooded) Parakeet (*Nandayus nenday*) - P (Nice studies of this lovely parakeet.)

Monk Parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*) - P

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet (*Brotogeris chiriri*) - P, CH

Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) - CH

Scaly-headed Parrot (*Pionus maximilliani*) - P

Turquoise-fronted Parrot (*Amazona aestiva*) - P, CH\*

### **Cuculidae (Cuckoos & Anis)**

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) - P, CH

Little Cuckoo (*Piaya minuta*) - P

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) - P, CH

Guira Cuckoo (*Guira guira*) - P, CH

Striped Cuckoo (*Taperia naevia*) - P

Pheasant Cuckoo (*Dromococcyx phasianellus*)\* - CH

### **Strigidae (Typical Owls)**

Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*) - P  
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) - P, CH  
Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*) - CH

### **Nyctibiidae (Potoos)**

Great Potoo (*Nyctibius grandis*) - P (An incredibly cryptic bird on its day-roost.)  
Common Potoo (*Nyctibius griseus*) - P

### **Caprimulgidae (Nightjars & Allies)**

Nacunda Nighthawk (*Podager nacunda*) - P (Great daytime studies of roosting and flying birds.)  
Band-tailed Nighthawk (*Nyctiprogne leucopyga*) - P  
Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) - P  
**Band-winged Nightjar** (*Caprimulgus longirostris*) - CH (Nice studies. A first for this tour!)  
Spot-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus maculicaudus*) - P  
Ladder-tailed Nightjar (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*) - P  
Scissor-tailed Nightjar (*Hydropsalis torquata*) - P (Including spectacular males.)

### **Apodidae (Swifts)**

Great Dusky Swift (*Cypseloides senex*) - CH  
Biscutate Swift (*Streptoprocne biscutata*) - CH

### **Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)**

Rufous-breasted Hermit (*Glaucis hirsutus*) - CH  
Planalto Hermit (*Phaethornis pretrei*) - CH  
**Buff-bellied Hermit** (*Phaethornis subochraceus*) - P  
**Cinnamon-throated Hermit** (*Phaethornis nattereri*) - CH  
Swallow-tailed Hummingbird (*Eupetomena macrourus*) - CH  
White-vented Violet-ear (*Colibri serrirostris*) - CH  
Glittering-bellied Emerald (*Chlorostilbon aureoventris*) - CH  
Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalurania furcata*) - P, CH  
Gilded Sapphire (*Hylocharis chrysura*) - P  
White-tailed Goldenthrout (*Polytmus guainumbi*) - P  
Glittering-throated Emerald (*Polyerata fimbriata*) - P, CH  
**Horned Sunbeam** (*Heliactin bilopha*) - CH (Repeated good looks.)  
**Blue-tufted Starthroat** (*Heliomaster furcifer*) - CH (Including scope views of a spectacular adult male!)  
Amethyst Woodstar (*Calliphlox amethystina*) - CH

## **Trogonidae (Trogons & Quetzals)**

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

## **Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)**

Ringed Kingfisher (*Ceryle torquata*) - P

Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*) - P

Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*) - P

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle inda*) - P, CH

American Pygmy Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle aenea*) - P (More than we have ever seen before, including at least 8 in one day!)

## **Momotidae (Motmots)**

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

## **Galbulidae (Jacamars)**

Brown Jacamar (*Brachygalba lugubris melanosterna*) - CH

Rufous-tailed Jacamar (*Galbula ruficauda*) - P, CH

## **Bucconidae (Puffbirds)**

White-eared Puffbird (*Nystalus chacuru*) - CH

Black-fronted Nunbird (*Monasa nigrifrons*) - P, CH

## **Ramphastidae (Toucans & Aracaris)**

Chestnut-eared Aracari (*Pteroglossus castanotis*) - P, CH

Channel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus*) - CH

Toco Toucan (*Ramphastos toco*) - P, CH (Spectacular!)

## **Picidae (Woodpeckers & Allies)**

White-wedged Piculet (*Picumnus albosquamatus*) - P

**White Woodpecker** (*Melanerpes candidus*) - P, CH

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cruentatus*) - CH

Little Woodpecker (*Veniliornis passerinus*) - P, CH

Golden-green Woodpecker (*Piculus chrysochloros*) - P

Green-barred Woodpecker (*Colaptes melanochloros*) - P

Campo Flicker (*Colaptes campestris*) - P, CH (Unusually scarce this year.)

Pale-crested Woodpecker (*Celeus lugubris*) - P

Cream-colored Woodpecker (*Celeus flavus*) - P

Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*)\* - P  
Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) - P

### **Furnariidae (Ovenbirds)**

Pale-legged Hornero (*Furnarius leucopus*) - P  
Rufous Hornero (*Furnarius rufus*) - P, CH  
Chotoy Spinetail (*Schoeniophylax phryganophila*) - P (With fledged young.)  
Sooty-fronted Spinetail (*Synallaxis frontalis*) - CH  
Cinereous-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis hypospodia*) - P  
Pale-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis albescens*)\* - CH  
White-lored Spinetail (*Synallaxis albilora*) - P  
Rusty-backed Spinetail (*Cranioleuca vulpina*) - P  
Yellow-chinned Spinetail (*Certhiaxis cinnamomea*) - P  
Rufous-fronted Thornbird (*Phacellodomus rufifrons*) - P  
Greater Thornbird (*Phacellodomus ruber*) - P  
Gray-crested Cacholote (*Pseudoseisura unirufa*) - P  
Streaked Xenops (*Xenops rutilans*) - P  
Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper (*Lochmias nematura*)\* - CH

### **Dendrocolaptidae (Woodcreepers)**

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillusgriseicapillus*)\* - CH  
**Great Rufous Woodcreeper** (*Xiphocolaptes major*) - P (Prolonged studies of this impressive beast of a woodcreeper!)  
Buff-throated Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus dorbignyanus*) - P, CH  
Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus picus*) - P  
Narrow-billed Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*) - P  
Red-billed Scythebill (*Campylorhamphus trochilirostris lafresnayanus*) - P (Several great looks at this bizarre bird.)

### **Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)**

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

## Melanopareidae (Crescentchests)

**Collared Crescentchest** (*Melanopareia torquata*) - CH (Crippling views!)

## Pipridae (Manakins)

**Helmeted Manakin** (*Antilophia galeata*) - P, CH (Point-blank views of this stunner!)

Fiery-capped Manakin (*Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*) - CH (Excellent studies of an adult male.)

## Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*) - P, CH

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet (*Phaeomyias murina*) - CH

Forest Elaenia (*Myiopagis gaimardii*) - P, CH

Plain-crested Elaenia (*Elaenia cristata*) - CH

Lesser Elaenia (*Elaenia chiriquensis*) - CH

Sepia-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*) - P\*, CH

Planalto Tyrannulet (*Phyllomias fasciatus*) - CH

Southern Scrub-Flycatcher (*Sublegatus modestus*) - P

Suiriri Flycatcher (*Suiriri suiriri affinis*) - CH

**Chapada Flycatcher** (*Suiriri islerorum*) - CH (Described to science by your leaders in 2001.)

Plain Tyrannulet (*Inezia inornata*) - P

**Subtropical Doradito** (*Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis*) - P (Only recently confirmed to occur in Brazil. This was a great find!)

Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant (*Euscarthmus meloryphus*) - P, CH

**Rufous-sided Pygmy-Tyrant** (*Euscarthmus rufomarginatus*) - CH (Excellent studies of this rare, and poorly known bird.)

Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus striaticollis*) - P

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*) - P

Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher (*Poecilatriccus latirostris*) - P, CH\*

Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum 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

Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) - P

Gray Monjita (*Xolmis cinerea*) - CH

White-rumped Monjita (*Xolmis velata*) - P, CH

Crested Black-Tyrant (*Knipolegus lophotes*) - CH

Black-backed Water-Tyrant (*Fluvicola albiventer*) - P

White-headed Marsh-Tyrant (*Arundinicola leucocephala*) - P

**Streamer-tailed Tyrant** (*Gubernetes yetapa*) - P (Spectacular wing-flapping duets!)

Cattle Tyrant (*Machetornis rixosus*) - P

White-eyed Attila (*Attila boliviana*) - P

Rufous Casiornis (*Casiornis rufa*) - P  
Sirystes (*Sirystes sibilator*) - CH  
Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) - P, CH\*  
Short-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus ferox*) - P, CH  
Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*) - P, CH  
Lesser Kiskadee (*Philohydor 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*) - CH  
White-throated Kingbird (*Tyrannus albogularis*) - P (Migrant)  
Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) - P, CH  
Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savanna*) - CH  
Green-backed Becard (*Pachyramphus viridis*) - P  
White-winged Becard (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*) - P  
Crested Becard (*Pachyramphus validus*) - CH  
Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*) - CH

### **Hirundinidae (Swallows & Martins)**

Brown-chested Martin (*Progne tapera*) - P  
Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*) - P  
White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*) - P  
White-rumped Swallow (*Tachycineta leucorrhoa*) - P  
Blue-and-white Swallow (*Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*) - São Paulo, CH\*  
Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*) - P, CH

### **Motacillidae (Wagtails & Pipits)**

Yellowish Pipit (*Anthus lutescens*) - P

### **Troglodytidae (Wrens)**

Black-capped Donacobius (*Donacobius atricapillus*) - P  
Thrush-like Wren (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*) - P, CH  
Moustached Wren (*Thryothorus genibarbis*) - P, CH  
Buff-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus leucotis*) - P, CH  
**Fawn-breasted Wren** (*Thryothorus guarayanus*) - P  
House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) - São Paulo, CH

### **Mimidae (Mockingbirds & Thrashers)**

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

### **Turdidae (Thrushes & Allies)**

Rufous-bellied Thrush (*Turdus rufiventris*) - P, CH  
Pale-breasted Thrush (*Turdus leucomelas*) - CH  
Creamy-bellied Thrush (*Turdus amaurochalinus*) - P

### **Polioptilidae (Gnatcatchers & Gnatwrens)**

Masked Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila dumicola*) - P

### **Corvidae (Crows, Jays & Magpies)**

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

### **Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)**

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) - São Paulo, CH

### **Vireonidae (Vireos & Greenlets)**

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

### **Finches (Fringillidae)**

Purple-throated Euphonia (*Euphonia chlorotica*) - P, CH  
Violaceous Euphonia (*Euphonia violacea*) - P, CH

### **Parulidae (New World Warblers)**

Tropical Parula (*Parula pitiayumi*) - P  
Masked Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis aequinoctialis*)\* - P  
White-bellied Warbler (*Basileuterus hypoleucus*) - P\*, CH (seen well)  
Flavescent Warbler (*Basileuterus flaveolus*) - P, CH

### **Coerebidae (Bananaquit)**

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*) - São Paulo, P, CH

### **Thraupidae (Tanagers & Allies)**

Chestnut-vented Conebill (*Conirostrum speciosum*) - P (Exceptional eye-level studies of both sexes.)  
Black-faced Tanager (*Schistochlamys melanopis*) - CH

**White-banded Tanager** (*Neothraupis fasciata*) - CH  
**White-rumped Tanager** (*Cypsnagra hirundinacea*) - CH  
 Guira Tanager (*Hemithraupis guira*) - CH  
 Hooded Tanager (*Nemosia pileata*) - CH  
 Gray-headed Tanager (*Eucometis penicillata*) - P, CH  
 White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*) - CH  
 Lowland Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga flava*)\* - CH  
 Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo*) - P, CH  
 Sayaca Tanager (*Thraupis sayaca*) - P, CH  
 Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*) - P, CH  
 Burnished-buff Tanager (*Tangara cayana*) - CH  
 Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*) - CH  
 Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*)  
 Swallow Tanager (*Tersina viridis*) - P\*, CH

### **Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows & Allies)**

**Coal-crested Finch** (*Charitospiza eucosma*) - CH (Spectacular male.)  
 Red Pileated-Finch (*Coryphospingus cucullatus*) - P, CH  
 Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) - P, CH  
 Plumbeous Seedeater (*Sporophila plumbea*) - CH  
 Rusty-collared Seedeater (*Sporophila collaris*) - P  
 Double-collared Seedeater (*Sporophila caerulea*) - CH  
 White-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila leucoptera*) - P  
 Tawny-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila hypoxantha*) - P  
 Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch (*Oryzoborus angolensis*) - P, CH  
 Saffron Finch (*Sicalis flaveola*) - P  
 Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch (*Emberizoides herbicola*) - CH  
 Red-crested Cardinal (*Paroaria coronata*) - P  
 Yellow-billed Cardinal (*Paroaria capitata*) - P  
 Saffron-billed Sparrow (*Arremon flavirostris*) - CH  
 Grassland Sparrow (*Ammodramus humeralis*) - CH  
 Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*) - São Paulo

### **Cardinalidae (Saltators, Cardinals & Allies)**

Grayish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*) - P  
 Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*) - CH  
 Black-throated Saltator (*Saltator atricollis*) - CH  
**Black-backed Grosbeak** (*Pheucticus aureoventris*) - P (rarely seen here)

### **Icteridae (Orioles, Blackbirds & Allies)**

Unicolored Blackbird (*Agelasticus cyanopus*) - P  
 White-browed Blackbird (*Sturnella supercilialis*) - P

Bay-winged Cowbird (*Molothrus badius badius*) - P  
Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*) - P  
Giant Cowbird (*Molothrus oryzivorus*) - P  
Epaulet Oriole (*Icterus cayanensis*) - P  
Orange-backed Troupial (*Icterus croconotus*) - P  
Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*) - P  
Solitary Cacique (*Cacicus solitarius*) - P  
Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*) - P  
Scarlet-headed Blackbird (*Amblyramphus holosericeus*) - P  
Chopi Blackbird (*Gnorimopsar chopi*) - P

### **Estrildidae (Estrildids)**

Common Waxbill (*Estrilda astrild*) - São Paulo

### **Mammals:**

Giant Anteater (*Myrmecophaga tridactyla*) - P  
Southern Tamandua (*Tamandua tetradactyla*) - P  
Lesser Bulldog Bat (*Noctilio albiventris*) - P  
Brazilian Free-tailed Bat  
Silvery Marmoset (*Callithrix argentata*) - P  
Black Howler Monkey (*Alouatta caraya*) - P  
Black-capped Capuchin Monkey (*Cebus sp.*) - P  
Crab-eating Fox (*Cerdocyon thous*) - P  
Crab-eating Raccoon (*Procyon cancrivorous*) - P  
South American Coati (*Nasua nasua*) - P  
Southern River Otter (*Lutra longicaudus*) - P  
Giant River Otter (*Pteronura brasiliensis*) - P (spectacular views!)  
Jaguarundi (*Felis yagouaroundi*) - P (crossed the road in front of our bus)  
**Jaguar** (*Panthera onca*) - P (Two individuals. One that crossed the road in front of our bus on the Transpantaneira; the other seen at length from our boats on the Rio Cuiabá. Absolutely magnificent!)  
Collared Peccary (*Tayassu tajacu*) - P  
Brown Brocket Deer (*Mazama sp.*) - P  
Marsh Deer (*Blastocerus dichotomus*) - P  
Pampas Deer (*Ozotoceros bezoarticus*) - P  
Capybara (*Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*) - P  
Acouchy  
Azara's Agouti (*Dasyprocta azarae*) - P

### **Significant Others:**

Tegu Lizard (*Tupinambis sp.*)  
Yellow Caiman

Iguana  
Ameiva Lizard