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Birding in Amazonia is at once both exhilarating and frustrating. The sheer density of forest vegetation, and the resulting subdued or highly contrasting lighting, taken in concert with the natural furtiveness of a majority of the birds and animals of the forest interior, makes for a combination that challenges the abilities and patience of even the most experienced birders. But for those that are both persistent and patient, the rewards can be fabulous. This year's Amazonian Brazil tour underscored both of these realities, as we were presented with some unusual challenges while still logging an impressive diversity of birds.

The weather was not in our favor this year. Persistent cool, rainy conditions were highly unusual for this season, and heavily impacted bird activity and vocalization. In the Manaus region and all along the Rio Negro, even many of the most common species were virtually silent, unresponsive to tape, and extraordinarily difficult to find. It was only when we moved south of the Amazon that vocal activity and flock activity picked up to something approaching normal levels. Unfortunately, this boost in bird activity was accompanied by a new logistical challenge—the Brazilian government chose this time to begin a massive road improvement project (utilizing the army for labor) on the lightly traveled highway that runs past Tupaná Lodge, and decided to quarter 50 of the road-building troops in our lodge! What had been a quiet jungle lodge was converted into “Fort Tupaná,” a beehive of activity and noise that was in stark contrast to our goals and the verdant forest surroundings.

Despite this, we did find birds, logging 470 species in just two weeks. We started off in the Presidente Figueiredo region, north of Manaus. Highlights here were many, starting with the flowering trees opposite the dining area, which attracted a non-stop procession of honeycreepers (three species), tanagers, Moriche Orioles, and even golden-handed tamarin monkeys. Another flowering tree on the grounds was guarded zealously by a male Crimson Topaz, surely one of the most spectacular hummingbirds of all. Nearby forests treated us to repeated scope studies of rare Dusky Purpletufts, Guianan Puffbird, an unusually cooperative male Spot-backed Antwren, a highly responsive Pavonine Cuckoo, great views of a Red-billed Woodcreeper, the poorly-known Glossy-backed Becard, Cinnamon-rumped Foliage-gleaner, the seldom-seen Black-throated Antshrike, spectacular male Guianan Cocks-of-the-rock on a lek, Guianan Red-Cotinga, an elegant male Chestnut-belted Gnateater, an equally elegant male Ferruginous-backed Antbird, a spooky Spectacled Owl, and the maestro of the forest interior, a Musician Wren. A visit to neighboring *campina* habitats (stunted savanna woodlands growing on white-sandy soil) exposed us to a very different avifauna, highlights of which included great views of

the rare and seldom-seen White-naped Seedeater (a singing male), Bronzy Jacamar, Spotted Puffbird, and Pale-bellied Mourner.

Leaving Presidente Figueiredo, we returned to Manaus and set sail up the magnificent Rio Negro. We spent four days birding the lovely Anavilhanas Archipelago and the even more magnificent Jáu National Park, one of the largest, least-visited, and most remote wilderness areas on the planet. The opportunity to cruise, undisturbed, along the quiet black waters of the Rio Negro and its many small tributaries, through pristine flooded forest (*igapó*), in a complete absence of other humans or signs of previous human presence, was a trip highlight for me and for others. The late afternoon spectacle of masses of Festive and Orange-winged parrots returning to their roosts was truly awe-inspiring, and the near constant presence of both pink and gray river dolphins near our boat was a real treat. We racked up most of the flooded forest specialties, including such prizes as Slate-colored Hawk, Blue-and-yellow Macaw, Ladder-tailed Nightjar, Band-tailed Nighthawk, Long-billed Woodcreeper, Zimmer's Woodcreeper, Klages' Antwren, Blackish-gray Antshrike, Cherrie's Antwren, Leaden Antwren, Ash-breasted Antbird, Snethlage's Tody-Tyrant, Yellow-crested Manakin, and many others. A march through *terra firme* forest to a distant *campina* resulted in views of a male Yapacana Antbird for about half of the group. This antbird has probably been seen by fewer than 50 birders total, and is one of the most poorly-known of all South American birds. En route to and from the *campina*, we encountered a couple of large army ant swarms, which provided us with great views of spectacular Reddish-winged Bare-eyes, White-plumed Antbirds, and White-cheeked Antbirds.

Two days at Ilha Marchantaria, a large island in the "white" waters of the Amazon, yielded an entirely different group of birds that are specialized on successional habitats. We secured excellent views of a wide range of species, from Azure Gallinules to Oriole Blackbirds, and including a number of specialties such as Zimmer's Woodcreeper, Parker's and Red-and-white spinetails, Black-and-white Antbird, Castelnau's Antshrike, Brownish Elaenia, Riverside Tyrant, Pearly-breasted Conebill, and many others.

Moving south of the Amazon, we traveled to Tupaná Lodge, where, despite the inconvenience of the army presence, we had our best overall birding of the trip. Our time here produced two species still awaiting formal scientific description (an antwren and a tody-tyrant), not to mention some of the most sought-after of Amazonian birds. Among these, we were treated to good studies of Ornate Hawk-Eagle, White-browed Hawk, Russet-crowned Crake, Kawai's Parrot, Needle-billed Hermit, Fiery Topaz, Brown-banded Puffbird, Curl-crested Aracari, Golden-collared Toucanet, Blue-cheeked Jacamar, Red-necked Woodpecker, Curve-billed Scythebill, Bar-bellied Woodcreeper, Pearly Antshrike, Short-billed Leaf-tosser, Point-tailed Palmcreeper, Southern Nightingale-Wren, Guianan Gnatcatcher, Paradise Tanager, Masked Crimson Tanager, and many, many others.

Itinerary:

8/11 - most participants elect to arrive in Manaus one day early, via Miami

8/12 - free day for most participants, with birding on grounds of Hotel Tropical
 8/13 - Manaus to Presidente Figueiredo, with afternoon birding at Iracema Falls
 8/14 - all day birding around Iracema Falls
 8/15 - morning at Marupiara; afternoon at Iracema Falls
 8/16 - Lajes Ecological Reserve; afternoon drive back to Manaus and board the Casiquiare; begin heading up the Rio Negro
 8/17 - all day birding the Anavilhanas
 8/18 - Anvilhanas to Jaú National Park
 8/19 - Jaú National Park: hike out the Trilha de Campina
 8/20 - Anavilhanas National Park
 8/21 - all day birding on and around Ilha Marchantaria
 8/22 - early morning birding at Ilha Marchantaria; boat to Careiro on the south bank of the Amazon; drive to Tupaná Lodge, with afternoon birding near the lodge.
 8/23 - Tupaná Lodge
 8/24 - Tupaná Lodge
 8/25 - Tupaná Lodge
 8/26 - morning birding at Tupaná Lodge, followed by lunch and afternoon drive back to Careiro, with ferry crossing (Meeting of the Waters) back to Manaus and the Hotel Tropical.
 8/27 - mid-day flight from Manaus to Miami
 8/28 - arrival home

Key:

PF = Presidente Figueiredo region (includes Iracema Falls, Lajes and Marupiara)
 RN = Rio Negro (includes the Anavilhanas Archipelago, Jaú NP, and all areas in between)
 IM = Ilha Marchantaria and adjacent islands in the Rio Solimões (Amazon)
 TU = Tupaná Lodge and the road south from Careiro
 * = An asterisk following a species name means that the species was only heard (not seen) for the tour. An asterisk following a locality abbreviation means that the species was only heard at that particular site, but was seen elsewhere during the tour.

BIRDS:

Tinamidae (Tinamous)

Gray Tinamou (*Tinamus tao*)* - TU
 Great Tinamou (*Tinamus major*) - PF (flushed several at Lajes)
 White-throated Tinamou (*Tinamus guttatus*)* - TU
 Cinereous Tinamou (*Crypturellus cinereus*)* - PF, TU
 Variegated Tinamou (*Crypturellus variegatus*)* - PF, TU

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants)

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) - RN, IM, TU

Anhingidae (Anhingas & Darters)

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) - RN, IM

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets & Bitterns)

Capped Heron (*Pilerhodias pileatus*) - RN, IM, TU

Cocoi Heron (*Ardea cocoi*) - RN, IM

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) - RN, IM, TU

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*) - IM

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) - IM, TU

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) - IM, TU

Striated Heron (*Butorides striatus*) - RN, IM (500+ in a single hour!), TU

Rufescent Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) - TU

Threskiornithidae (Ibises & Spoonbills)

Green Ibis (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*) - RN

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese & Swans)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) - IM, Careiro to TU

Muscovy Duck (*Cairina moschata*) - RN, IM

Brazilian Teal (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*) - IM

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) - daily (PF, RN, IL, TU)

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) - Manaus to PF, TU

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes burrovianus*) - IM, TU to Careiro

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes melambrotus*) - PF, RN

Pandionidae (Osprey)

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) - PF

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles & Kites)

Gray-headed Kite (*Leptodon cayanensis*) - RN

Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) - IM, TU to Careiro

Double-toothed Kite (*Harpagus bidentatus*) - PF, RN

Plumbeous Kite (*Ictinia plumbea*) - RN, TU
Tiny Hawk (*Accipiter superciliosus*) - TU
Bicolored Hawk (*Accipiter bicolor*) - RN
Slate-colored Hawk (*Leucopternis schistaceus*) - RN
White-browed Hawk (*Leucopternis kuhli*) - TU
Great Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) - RN, IM
Savanna Hawk (*Buteogallus meridionalis*) - IM, TU (highway)
Black-collared Hawk (*Busarellus nigricollis*) - IM
Gray Hawk (*Buteo nitida*) - TU
Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*) - PF, RN, IM, TU
Ornate Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus ornatus*) - TU (A spectacular fledged juvenile hanging around the nest!)

Falconidae (Falcons & Caracaras)

Black Caracara (*Daptrius ater*) - RN, TU
Red-throated Caracara (*Ibycter americanus*)* - PF
Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*) - PF, RN, IM, TU
Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) - TU (highway)
Bat Falcon (*Falco rufigularis*) - PF, RN

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas & Allies)

Little Chachalaca (*Ortalis motmot*) - Hotel Tropical, PF*

Odontophoridae (New World Quails)

Starred Wood-Quail (*Odontophorus stellatus*)* - TU (A late afternoon chorus of four pairs/coveys.)

Opisthocomidae (Hoatzin)

Hoatzin (*Opisthocomus hoazin*)* - RN

Aramidae (Limpkin)

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) - IM

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules & Coots)

Russet-crowned Crake (*Anurolimnas viridis*) - TU (Nice, point-blank studies!)
Gray-breasted Crake (*Laterallus exilis*) - IM (Seen by some, heard by all.)
Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinica*) - IM

Azure Gallinule (*Porphyrio flavirostris*) - IM

Jacanidae (Jacanas)

Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*) - IM, Careiro to TU

Charadriidae (Plovers & Lapwings)

Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) - Careiro to TU (leader only)

American Golden-Plover (*Pluvialis dominica*) - IM

Collared Plover (*Charadrius collaris*) - IM

Scolopacidae (Sandpiper & Allies)

Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) - IM

Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*) - IM, TU (highway)

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*) - RN, IM

Sternidae (Terns)

Yellow-billed Tern (*Sterna superciliaris*) - RN, IM

Large-billed Tern (*Phaetusa simplex*) - RN, IM

Rynchopidae (Skimmers)

Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger*) - IM

Columbidae (Pigeons & Doves)

Rock (Feral) Pigeon (*Columba livia*) - Careiro do Castanha

Scaled Pigeon (*Patagioenas speciosa*) - PF, RN

Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) - RN, IM, TU

Plumbeous Pigeon (*Patagioenas plumbea*) - PF, RN*

Ruddy Pigeon (*Patagioenas subvinacea*) - PF, RN

Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*) - PF, TU to Careiro

Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) - PF, IM, TU (highway)

White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) - RN, IM

Ruddy Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon montana*) - TU

Psittacidae (Parrots, Macaws & Allies)

Blue-and-yellow Macaw (*Ara ararauna*) - PF, RN

Scarlet Macaw (*Ara macao*) - RN

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

Chestnut-fronted Macaw (*Ara severa*) - IM (rare in this region), TU*
 Red-bellied Macaw (*Orthopsittaca manilata*) - PF to Manaus (40 in one tree!), TU
 White-eyed Parakeet (*Aratinga leucophthalmus*) - IM
 Brown-throated Parakeet (*Aratinga pertinax*) - RN
 Maroon-tailed Parakeet (*Pyrrhura melanura*)* - RN
 Canary-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris versicolorus*) - Hotel Tropical (also known as
 “White-winged Parakeet”)
 Cobalt-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris cyanoptera*)* - RN (Jaú NP)
 Golden-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris chrysoptera*) - PF, RN, TU
 Tui Parakeet (*Brotogeris sanctithomae*) - IM, TU to Careiro
 Sapphire-rumped Parrotlet (*Touit purpurata*) - PF
 Black-headed Parrot (*Pionites melanocephalus*)* - RN (Jaú NP)
 Orange-cheeked Parrot (*Gypopsitta barrabandi*)* - RN, TU
 Caica Parrot (*Gypopsitta caica*) - PF
 Short-tailed Parrot (*Graydidascalus brachyurus*) - IM (Repeated great studies of this
 strange parrot.)
 Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) - PF, TU
 Dusky Parrot (*Pionus fuscus*) - PF (Scope studies of a perched bird.)
 Red-lored Parrot (*Amazona autumnalis*)* - PF
 Festive Parrot (*Amazona festiva*) - RN, IM (Common. We were treated to repeated
 spectacular views of this species, including many birds doing their branch-bouncing act!)
 Kawall’s Parrot (*Amazona kawalli*) - RN*, TU (good views)
 Orange-winged Parrot (*Amazona amazonica*) PF, RN
 Mealy Parrot (*Amazona farinosa*) - PF, TU
 Red-fan Parrot (*Derophtyx accipitrinus*) - PF

Cuculidae (Cuckoos & Anis)

Dark-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus melacoryphus*) - RN, TU
 Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) - PF, RN, IM
 Black-bellied Cuckoo (*Piaya melanogaster*) - RN*, TU (nice views)
 Little Cuckoo (*Piaya minuta*) - RN
 Greater Ani (*Crotophaga major*) - RN, IM
 Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) - PF, IM, TU (highway)
 Pavonine Cuckoo (*Dromococcyx pavoninus*) - PF (Nice views of this seldom-seen
 bird.)

Strigidae (Typical Owls)

Black-banded Owl (*Ciccaba huhula*)* - TU
 Spectacled Owl (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*) - PF (Spectacular studies!)
 Amazonian Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium hardyi*) - PF, TU

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

Rufous Potoo (*Nyctibius bracteatus*)* - TU (Alas, we were done in by the big thunderstorm, which started just about the time we got this bird to call back.)

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars & Allies)

Short-tailed Nighthawk (*Lurocalis semitorquatus*) - PF
Nacunda Nighthawk (*Podager nacunda*) - IM
Band-tailed Nighthawk (*Nyctiprogne leucopyga*) - RN (Two different vocal forms.)
Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)* - RN
Spot-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus maculicaudus*)* - IM
Blackish Nightjar (*Caprimulgus nigrescens*) - PF
Ladder-tailed Nightjar (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*) - RN (spectacular male), IM (day-roosting female at point-blank range)

Apodidae (Swifts)

Band-rumped Swift (*Chaetura spinicaudus*) - PF, RN, TU
Gray-rumped Swift (*Chaetura cinereiventris*) - RN, TU
Chapman's Swift (*Chaetura chapmani*) - RN
Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura*) - RN, TU
Fork-tailed Palm-Swift (*Tachornis squamata*) - PF, TU

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

Eastern Long-tailed Hermit (*Phaethornis superciliosus*)* - PF
Great-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis malaris*) - TU (nice looks)
Needle-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis phillipii*) - TU (great views)
Straight-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis bourcieri*) - PF
Streak-throated (Rupurumi) Hermit (*Phaethornis rupurumii*) - RN
Reddish Hermit (*Phaethornis ruber*) - TU
Gray-breasted Sabrewing (*Campylopterus largipennis*) - PF
White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*) - PF, RN, TU
Crimson Topaz (*Topaza pella*) - PF (Repeated close studies of a gorgeous male!)
Fiery Topaz (*Topaza pyrra*) - TU (Great looks at a spectacular male!)
Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalurania furcata*) - PF, TU
Rufous-throated Sapphire (*Hylocharis sapphirina*) - TU
Green-tailed Goldenthrout (*Polytmus theresiae*) - PF (Beautiful!)
Olive-spotted Hummingbird (*Leucippus chlorocercus*)* - IM
Versicolored Emerald (*Amazilia versicolor*) - PF
Glittering-throated Emerald (*Polyerata fimbriata*) - RN
Black-eared Fairy (*Heliostyris aurita*) - PF, TU

Trogonidae (Trogons & Quetzals)

White-tailed Trogon (*Trogon viridis*) - PF, TU
Violaceous Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*) - PF*, RN*, TU
Collared Trogon (*Trogon collaris*)* - TU
Black-throated Trogon (*Trogon rufus*) - PF*, TU
Black-tailed Trogon (*Trogon melanurus*) - PF*, RN*, TU
Pavonine Quetzal (*Pharomachrus pavoninus*) - TU

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

Ringed Kingfisher (*Ceryle torquata*) - PF, RN, IM, TU to Careiro
Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*) - RN, IM
Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*) - PF*, RN, TU (highway)
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle inda*) - RN
American Pygmy Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle aenea*) - RN

Momotidae (Motmots)

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

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

Yellow-billed Jacamar (*Galbula albirostris*) - PF (Nice views.)
Blue-cheeked Jacamar (*Galbula cyanicollis*) - TU (Voted favorite bird of the trip!)
Green-tailed Jacamar (*Galbula galbula*)* - RN (Normally an easy bird to see along the Rio Negro; they were missing in action this year.)
Bronzy Jacamar (*Galbula leucogastra*) - PF (nice views), TU*
Paradise Jacamar (*Galbula dea*) - PF, TU
Great Jacamar (*Jacamerops aureus*)* - TU

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

Guianan Puffbird (*Notharchus macrorhynchus*) - PF (Recently split from White-necked Puffbird.)
Brown-banded Puffbird (*Notharchus ordii*) - TU (Great looks of this poorly known species.)
Pied Puffbird (*Notharchus tectus*) - RN, TU
Chestnut-capped Puffbird (*Bucco macrodactylus*) - TU (leaders only)
Spotted Puffbird (*Bucco tamatia*) - PF
White-chested Puffbird (*Malacoptila fusca*)* - PF (So close!)
Rufous-necked Puffbird (*Malacoptila rufa*) - TU
Rusty-breasted Nunlet (*Nonnula rubecula*)* - TU
Black Nunbird (*Monasa atra*) - PF
Black-fronted Nunbird (*Monasa nigrifrons*) - Manaus, RN
White-fronted Nunbird (*Monasa morphoeus*) - TU

Swallow-wing (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*) - PF, RN, TU (An amazing 12 species of puffbirds recorded, of which 10 were seen!)

Capitonidae (Barbets)

Gilded Barbet (*Capito auratus*) - RN (leader only), TU
Black-spotted Barbet (*Capito niger*)* - PF

Ramphastidae (Toucans & Aracaris)

Green Aracari (*Pteroglossus viridis*) - PF
Ivory-billed (Brown-mandibled) Aracari (*Pteroglossus azara mariae*)* - TU
Chestnut-eared Aracari (*Pteroglossus castanotis*) - TU
Black-necked Aracari (*Pteroglossus aracari*) - PF
Curl-crested Aracari (*Pteroglossus beauharnaesii*) - TU (Great views of this bizarre bird!)
Golden-collared Toucanet (*Selenidera reinwardtii*) - TU (Nice studies of this spectacular little toucan!)
Channel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus*) - PF, TU
White-throated Toucan (*Ramphastos tucanus*) - PF, RN, TU

Picidae (Woodpeckers & Allies)

Golden-spangled Piculet (*Picumnus exilis*)* - PF
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cruentatus*) - PF, RN*, TU
Little Woodpecker (*Veniliornis passerinus*) - IM
Golden-collared Woodpecker (*Veniliornis cassini*) - PF, RN
Red-stained Woodpecker (*Veniliornis affinis*)* - TU
White-throated Woodpecker (*Piculus leucolaemus*) - TU (A first record for this site.)
Yellow-throated Woodpecker (*Piculus flavigula*) - PF, TU
Golden-green Woodpecker (*Piculus chrysochloros*) - PF
Spot-breasted Woodpecker (*Colaptes punctigula*) - IM, Tupana to Careiro
Scaly-breasted Woodpecker (*Celeus grammicus*) - TU
Waved Woodpecker (*Celeus undatus*) - PF, RN (east bank)
Chestnut Woodpecker (*Celeus elegans*) - PF (Nice scope views.)
Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) - PF, RN*, TU
Red-necked Woodpecker (*Campephilus rubricollis*) - PF, TU (Spectacular!)
Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) - RN, IM

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds & Woodcreepers):

Subfamily Sclerurinae (Leaftossers & Miners)

Short-billed Leaf Tosser (*Sclerurus rufigularis*) - TU

Subfamily Furnariinae (Ovenbirds)

- Pale-legged Hornero (*Furnarius leucopus*)* - RN (Less conspicuous than usual.)
Tail-banded Hornero (*Furnarius figulus*) - Careiro to TU
Lesser Hornero (*Furnarius minor*) - IM
Pale-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis albescens*) - IM
Dark-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis albigularis*) - IM
White-bellied Spinetail (*Synallaxis propinqua*) - IM
Ruddy Spinetail (*Synallaxis rutilans*) - PF
Rusty-backed Spinetail (*Cranioleuca vulpina*) - RN
Parker's Spinetail (*Cranioleuca vulpecula*) - IM
Speckled Spinetail (*Cranioleuca gutturata*)* - RN
Red-and-white Spinetail (*Certhiaxis mustelina*) - IM
Yellow-chinned Spinetail (*Certhiaxis cinnamomea*) - IM, TU to Careiro
Rufous-tailed Xenops (*Xenops milleri*) - PF
Slender-billed Xenops (*Xenops tenuirostris*)* - TU
Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*) - PF, TU
Point-tailed Palmcreeper (*Berlepschia rikeri*) - TU (Great views of this stunning furnariid – surely one of the most attractive members of the family.)
Striped Woodhaunter (*Hyloctistes subulatus*) - TU
Chestnut-winged Foliage-gleaner (*Philydor erythropterum*) - TU
Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner (*Philydor erythrocercum*) - TU
Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner (*Philydor ruficaudatum*) - TU
Cinnamon-rumped Foliage-gleaner (*Philydor pyrrhodes*) - PF
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner (*Automolus ochrolaemus*)* - PF
Olive-backed Foliage-gleaner (*Automolus infuscatus purusianus*) - TU

Subfamily Dendrocolaptinae (Woodcreepers)

- Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*) - PF*, RN, TU
White-chinned Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla merula*) - PF (in-the-hand!), RN (at army ant swarms), TU*
Long-tailed Woodcreeper (*Deconychura longicauda*) - TU
Spot-throated Woodcreeper (*Deconychura stictolaema*) - TU
Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillusgriseicapillus*) - PF, TU
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) - PF, TU
Long-billed Woodcreeper (*Nasica longirostris*) - RN (Awesome!)
Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper (*Dendrexetastes rufigula*) - TU (Sensational views!)
Bar-bellied Woodcreeper (*Hylexetastes stresemanni*) - TU (Nice views of this rare woodcreeper.)
Red-billed Woodcreeper (*Hylexetastes perrotii*) - PF (Good looks.)
Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*) - PF
Black-banded Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*) - TU
Striped Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*)* - RN
Elegant Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus elegans*) - TU
Buff-throated Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*)* - RN

Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus pardalotus*) - PF
 Zimmer's Woodcreeper (*Dendroplex kienerii*) - RN, IM (Several nice studies of this poorly known bird.)
 Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*Dendroplex picus*) - RN, IM
 Lineated Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*) - TU
 Curve-billed Scythebill (*Campylorhamphus procurvoides*) - TU (Great looks!)

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

Fasciated Antshrike (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) - TU
 Black-throated Antshrike (*Frederickena viridis*) - PF (Nice looks at a male.)
 Undulated Antshrike (*Frederickena unduligera*)* - TU (Heard only, despite much effort.)
 Black-crested Antshrike (*Sakesphorus canadensis*) - RN
 Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) - TU (highway)
 Blackish-gray Antshrike (*Thamnophilus nigrocinereus*) - RN
 Castelnau's Antshrike (*Thamnophilus cryptoleucus*) - IM
 White-shouldered Antshrike (*Thamnophilus aethiops*) - TU
 Mouse-colored Antshrike (*Thamnophilus murinus*) - PF, RN*, TU
 Northern Slaty-Antshrike (*Thamnophilus punctatus*) - PF
 Amazonian Antshrike (*Thamnophilus amazonicus*) - RN
 Spot-winged Antshrike (*Pygoptila stellaris*)* - RN
 Pearly Antshrike (*Megastictus margaritatus*) - TU (Nice views of this seldom-seen species.)
 Dusky-throated Antshrike (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*) - PF
 Cinereous Antshrike (*Thamnomanes caesius*) - PF, RN*, TU
 Stipple-throated Antwren (*Epinecrophylla haematonota*) - TU
 Pygmy Antwren (*Myrmotherula brachyura*) - PF, RN*, TU
 Sclater's Antwren (*Myrmotherula sclateri*) - TU
 Klages' Antwren (*Myrmotherula klagesi*) - RN (Too close to focus on!)
 Cherrie's Antwren (*Myrmotherula cherriei*) - RN
 Rufous-bellied Antwren (*Myrmotherula guttata*) - PF
 White-flanked Antwren (*Myrmotherula axillaris*) - PF, TU
 Long-winged Antwren (*Myrmotherula longipennis*) - TU
 Gray Antwren (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*) - PF, TU
 Leaden Antwren (*Myrmotherula assimilis*) - RN
Herpsilochmus sp. novum - TU
 Spot-backed Antwren (*Herpsilochmus dorsimaculatus*) - PF (A male that sat still long enough for everyone to get nice scope views!), RN*
 White-fringed Antwren (*Formicivora grisea*) - PF
 Chestnut-shouldered Antwren (*Terenura humeralis*)* - TU
 Ash-winged Antwren (*Terenura spodioptila*) - PF
 Gray Antbird (*Cercomacra cinerascens*)* - PF, RN
 Dusky Antbird (*Cercomacra tyrannina*)* - RN (Jaú NP)
 Black Antbird (*Cercomacra serva*) - TU
 Ash-breasted Antbird (*Myrmoborus lugubris*) - RN

Black-faced Antbird (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*) - RN*, TU
 Guianan Warbling-Antbird (*Hypocnemis cantator*) - PF
 Peruvian Warbling-Antbird (*Hypocnemis peruviana*) - TU
 Yellow-browed Antbird (*Hypocnemis hypoxantha*) - RN
 Black-chinned Antbird (*Hypocnemoides melanopogon*) - RN
 Black-and-white Antbird (*Myrmochanes hemileucus*) - IM
 Silvered Antbird (*Sclateria naevia*) - TU
 Black-headed Antbird (*Percnostola rufifrons*)* - PF
 Humaita Antbird (*Percnostola humaythae*) - TU
 Yapacana Antbird (*Myrmeciza disjuncta*) - RN (Jaú NP) (Despite much effort, this skulker was seen by only half of our group. It is one of the least-seen, and most poorly known birds in all of South America.)
 Ferruginous-backed Antbird (*Myrmeciza ferruginea*) - PF (Always a crowd-pleaser!)
 Chestnut-tailed Antbird (*Myrmeciza hemimelaena*) - TU
 Sooty Antbird (*Myrmeciza fortis*) - TU
 Black-throated Antbird (*Myrmeciza atrothorax*)* - PF
 White-plumed Antbird (*Pithys albifrons*) - RN
 Rufous-throated Antbird (*Gymnopathys rufigula*)* - PF
 White-cheeked Antbird (*Gymnopathys leucaspis*) - RN
 White-throated Antbird (*Gymnopathys salvini*) - TU
 Hairy-crested Antbird (*Rhegmatorhina melanosticta*) - TU (Poorly behaved compared to the other obligate army ant followers.)
 Scale-backed Antbird (*Dichropogon poecilinota*) - TU
 Reddish-winged Bare-eye (*Phlegopsis erythroptera*) - RN, TU (Repeated nice studies of this spectacular bird at various army ant swarms.)

Formicariidae (Antthrushes & Antpittas)

Rufous-capped Antthrush (*Formicarius colma*) - TU
 Thrush-like Antpitta (*Myrmothera campanisona*)* - PF

Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)

Chestnut-belted Gnateater (*Conopophaga aurita*) - PF (Excellent views of this snazzy bird!)

Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)

Rusty-belted Tapaculo (*Liosceles thoracicus*) - TU (This skulker didn't offer more than fleeting glimpses.)

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

White-lored Tyrannulet (*Ornithion inermis*)* - PF, TU
 Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*) - PF, RN, IM, TU

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet (*Phaeomyias murina*) - PF, TU*
 Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet (*Tyrannulus elatus*) - PF, RN*, TU
 Forest Elaenia (*Myiopagis gaimardii*) - PF*, RN, TU
 Gray Elaenia (*Myiopagis caniceps*) - PF, RN*, TU
 Large Elaenia (*Elaenia spectabilis*) - IM
 Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia flavogaster*) - TU
 Small-billed Elaenia (*Elaenia parvirostris*) - PF, IM
 Brownish Elaenia (*Elaenia pelzelni*) - IM (Nice looks at this drab, river island specialist.)
 Rufous-crowned Elaenia (*Elaenia ruficeps*) - PF
 River Tyrannulet (*Serpophaga hypoleuca*) - PF
 McConnell's Flycatcher (*Mionectes macconnelli*) - RN (A well-studied bird at close range on the west bank of the Rio Negro may have represented an extension of the known range.)
 Olive-green Tyrannulet (*Phylloscartes virescens*)* - PF
 Slender-footed Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius gracilipes*) - RN (Too-close-to-focus!), TU*
 Amazonian Inezia (*Inezia subflava*) - RN
 Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant (*Myiornis ecaudatus*) - PF*, TU (Eye-level studies of a pair of these diminutive little sprites!)
 Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus vitiosus*)* - PF
Hemitriccus sp. novum - TU (Nice studies of this soon-to-be-named flycatcher.)
 Snethlage's Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus minor*) - RN
 White-eyed Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus zosterops*) - PF, RN* (west bank)
 White-bellied Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus griseipectus*) - TU
 Zimmer's Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus minimus*)* - TU (Despite some effort, we never managed to see it.)
 Spotted Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum maculatum*) - RN, IM
 Painted Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum pictum*)* - PF
 Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*) - TU
 Ringed Antpiper (*Corythopsis torquata*) - PF, RN*
 Brownish Twistwing (*Cnipodectes subbrunneus*) - TU
 Rufous-tailed Flatbill (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*)* - RN
 Olivaceous Flatbill (*Rhynchocyclus olivaceus*) - PF
 Yellow-olive Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens insignis*)* - RN
 Yellow-margined Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias assimilis*) - PF*, TU
 Gray-crowned Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*)* - PF, RN
 White-crested Spadebill (*Platyrrinchus platyrhynchus*) - TU (Nice views!)
 Whiskered Flycatcher (*Myiobius barbatus*) - PF, TU
 Black-tailed Flycatcher (*Myiobius atricaudus*) - TU
 Fuscous Flycatcher (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus duidae*) - PF
 Amazonian Black-Tyrant (*Knipolegus poecilocercus*) - RN
 Riverside Tyrant (*Knipolegus orenocensis*) - IM
 Black-backed Water-Tyrant (*Fluvicola albiventer*) - IM
 White-headed Marsh-Tyrant (*Arundinicola leucocephala*) - Careiro to TU
 Cinnamon Attila (*Attila cinnamomeus*) - RN
 Citron-bellied Attila (*Attila citriniventris*)* - TU

Bright-rumped Attila (*Attila spadiceus*)* - PF, RN
 White-eyed Attila (*Attila boliviana*) - IM
 Sirystes (*Sirystes sibilator*)* - PF
 Grayish Mourner (*Rhytipterna simplex*) - PF*, RN*, TU
 Pale-bellied Mourner (*Rhytipterna immunda*) - PF (Nice studies, after some effort.)
 Short-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus ferox*) - PF, RN, IM, TU
 Lesser Kiskadee (*Philohydor lictor*) - TU
 Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) - PF, RN, IM, TU
 Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarynchus pitangua*) - PF
 Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*) - PF, RN, TU
 Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*) - IM
 Yellow-throated Flycatcher (*Conopias parva*) - PF (nice views), RN*, TU*
 Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*) - IM (We saw both the resident form and the migratory subspecies *solitarius*. Vocal and plumage differences suggest that these should be split.)
 Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaeus*) - PF
 Variegated Flycatcher (*Empidonomus varius*) - PF
 Sulphury Flycatcher (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*) - PF, TU
 White-throated Kingbird (*Tyrannus albogularis*) - IM
 Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) - daily (Ken's favorite bird!)
 Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savanna*) - PF, RN, IM, TU

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

Guianan Cock-of-the-rock (*Rupicola rupicola*) - PF (3 males at a lek.)
 Guianan Red-Cotinga (*Phoenicircus carnifex*) - PF
 Purple-breasted Cotinga (*Cotinga cotinga*) - RN
 Spangled Cotinga (*Cotinga cayana*) - PF, TU (Including some stunning males.)
 Screaming Piha (*Lipaugus vociferans*) - PF, RN*, TU
 Pompadour Cotinga (*Xipholena punicea*) - PF, RN, TU
 Bare-necked Fruitcrow (*Gymnoderus foetidus*) - RN (Much less conspicuous than normal.)

Pipridae (Manakins)

White-bearded Manakin (*Manacus manacus*)* - PF
 White-throated Manakin (*Corapipo gutturalis*)* - PF (Heard several times from the canopy. We just couldn't spot the little beast!)
 Blue-backed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia pareola*) - TU
 Wire-tailed Manakin (*Pipra filicauda*) - RN
 Golden-headed Manakin (*Pipra erythrocephala*) - PF
 Red-headed Manakin (*Pipra rubrocapilla*)* - TU
 Blue-crowned Manakin (*Lepidothrix coronata*) - RN (west bank), TU
 White-crowned Manakin (*Dixiphia pipra*) - PF, RN, TU

Black Manakin (*Xenopipo atronitens*) - PF
Yellow-crested Manakin (*Heterocercus flavivertex*) - RN (A spectacular male!)
Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin (*Neopelma chrysocephalum*) - PF*, RN
Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin (*Tyranneutes stolzmanni*) - RN*, TU
Tiny Tyrant-Manakin (*Tyranneutes virescens*) - PF

Tityridae (Tityras, Becards & Allies)

Black-tailed Tityra (*Tityra cayana*) - PF*, RN, TU
Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*) - RN
Varzea Schiffornis (*Schiffornis major*)* - RN
Thrush-like Schiffornis (*Schiffornis turdinus*)* - TU
Cinereous Mourner (*Laniocera hypopyrra*) - TU
White-browed Purpletuft (*Iodopleura isabellae*) - TU
Dusky Purpletuft (*Iodopleura fusca*) - PF (Several great studies of this rarely seen and poorly known bird.)
Chestnut-crowned Becard (*Pachyramphus castaneus*)* - IM
White-winged Becard (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*) - RN
Black-capped Becard (*Pachyramphus marginatus*)* - PF
Glossy-backed Becard (*Pachyramphus surinamus*) - PF (seen nicely)
Cinereous Becard (*Pachyramphus rufus*) - TU
Wing-barred Piprites (*Piprites chloris*) - RN*, TU

Hirundinidae (Swallows & Martins)

Brown-chested Martin (*Progne tapera*) - RN, IM, TU (highway)
Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*) - PF, RN, IM, TU
Southern Martin (*Progne elegans*) - TU
White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*) - Manaus to PF, RN, IM, TU to Careiro
Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*) - PF, RN, TU
Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) - IM

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

Moustached Wren (*Thryothorus genibarbis*)* - TU
Coraya Wren (*Thryothorus coraya*)* - PF
Buff-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus leucotis*) - RN
House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) - PF, RN*, IM, TU*
Southern Nightingale-Wren (*Microcerculus marginatus*) - TU
Wing-banded Wren (*Microcerculus bambla*)* - RN (west bank)
Musician Wren (*Cyphorhinus aradus aradus*) - PF
Musician Wren (*C. a. modulator*) - TU

Turdidae (Thrushes & Allies)

Pale-breasted Thrush (*Turdus leucomelas*) - Manaus (Hotel Tropical)
Black-billed Thrush (*Turdus ignobilis*) - PF
Cocoa Thrush (*Turdus fumigatus*)* - RN
White-necked Thrush (*Turdus albicollis*)* - RN

Poliptilidae (Gnatcatchers & Gnatwrens)

Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) - PF, TU*
Guianan Gnatcatcher (*Poliptila guianensis*) - TU (nice looks)
Tropical Gnatcatcher (*Poliptila plumbea*) - RN

Vireonidae (Vireos & Greenlets)

Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*) - PF
Gray-chested Greenlet (*Hylophilus semicinereus*) - Hotel Tropical*, RN
Buff-cheeked Greenlet (*Hylophilus muscicapinus*) - PF
Dusky-capped Greenlet (*Hylophilus hypoxanthus*) - RN (west bank)*, TU
Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius leucotis*)* - PF, TU
Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) - PF, RN*, TU

Fringillidae (Fringillid Finches)

Plumbeous Euphonia (*Euphonia plumbea*)* - PF
White-lored Euphonia (*Euphonia chrysopasta*) - PF, RN
White-vented Euphonia (*Euphonia minuta*) - PF, RN
Rufous-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia rufiventris*) - TU

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

Masked Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis aequinoctialis*) - IM

Coerebidae (Bananaquit)

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*) - PF, RN

Thraupidae (Tanagers & Allies)

Pearly-breasted Conebill (*Conirostrum margaritae*) - IM
Black-faced Tanager (*Schistochlamys melanopis*) - TU
Yellow-backed Tanager (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*) - TU
Hooded Tanager (*Nemosia pileata*) - IM

Fulvous-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus surinamus*) - PF
 White-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*) - RN
 White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*) - TU
 Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (*Habia rubica*)* - RN (west bank)
 Masked Crimson Tanager (*Ramphocelus nigrogularis*) - TU
 Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo*) - PF, RN, TU
 Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*) - PF, RN, IM, TU
 Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*) - PF, TU
 Turquoise Tanager (*Tangara mexicana*) - PF, RN
 Paradise Tanager (*Tangara chilensis*) - TU
 Spotted Tanager (*Tangara punctata*) - PF
 Dotted Tanager (*Tangara varia*)* - PF
 Opal-rumped Tanager (*Tangara velia*) - PF, RN, TU
 Black-faced Dacnis (*Dacnis lineata*) - PF
 Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*) - PF, RN, TU
 Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*) - PF, RN, TU
 Short-billed Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes nitidus*) - PF, RN, TU
 Purple Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*) - PF, TU
 Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) - PF

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows & Allies)

Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) - PF, IM, TU
 Wing-barred (Variable) Seedeater (*Sporophila americana*) - TU
 Lined Seedeater (*Sporophila lineola*) - IM
 Chestnut-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila castaneiventris*) - PF, IM, TU
 Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch (*Oryzoborus angolensis*) - PF, TU
 White-naped Seedeater (*Dolospingus fringilloides*) - PF (Excellent views of a singing male. This species is poorly known and rarely seen.)
 Orange-fronted Yellow-Finch (*Sicalis columbiana*) - RN, IM, TU to Careiro
 Red-capped Cardinal (*Paroaria gularis*) - RN, IM
 Yellow-browed Sparrow (*Ammodramus aurifrons*) - PF, IM, TU (highway)

Cardinalidae (Saltators, Cardinals & Allies)

Grayish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*) - IM
 Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*) - PF, TU
 Yellow-green Grosbeak (*Caryothraustes canadensis*) - PF
 Blue-black Grosbeak (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*) - PF*, TU

Icteridae (Orioles, Blackbirds & Allies)

Yellow-hooded Blackbird (*Chrysomus icterocephalus*) - IM
 Red-breasted Blackbird (*Sturnella militaris*) - IM, TU (highway)
 White-browed Blackbird (*Sturnella superciliaris*) - TU (highway)

Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*) - PF, IM
Giant Cowbird (*Molothrus oryzivorus*) - PF, IM
Moriche Oriole (*Icterus chryscephalus*) - PF
Epaulet Oriole (*Icterus cayanensis*) - TU
Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*) - Hotel Tropical, RN, IM, TU
Red-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus haemorrhous*)* - PF
Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*) - RN
Green Oropendola (*Psarocolius viridis*) - PF, RN
Russet-backed Oropendola (*Psarocolius angustifrons*) - IM
Oriole Blackbird (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*) - IM

TOTAL = 470 species

Mammals:

Lesser Bulldog Bat (*Noctilio albiventris*)
Brazilian Free-tailed Bat
Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth (*Bradypus variegatus*)
Nine-banded Long-nosed Armadillo (*Dasypus novemcinctus*)
Golden-handed Tamarin (*Saguinas midas*)
Bearded Saki Monkey (*Chiropotes satanus*)
Red Howler Monkey (*Alouatta seniculus*)
Pink River Dolphin (*Inia geoffrensis*)
Gray River Dolphin (*Sotalia fluviatillis*)
Amazon Bamboo Rat (*Dactylomys dactylinus*)
Red-rumped Agouti (*Dasyprocta agouti*)

Significant Others:

Iguana
Electric Eel
Tarantula
Harlequin Beetle
Click Beetle