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Itinerary:

8/09 Group flight leaves US

8/10 Arrive in São Paulo – am flight into Manaus or arrive on pm flight via Brasilia for those on Alta Floresta tour

8/11 Early am birding in INPA Campinas then transfer to Presidente Figueiredo

8/12 Presidente Figueiredo birding around hotel forest

8/13 INPA tower visit and pm Presidente Figueiredo

8/14 Presidente Figueiredo with pm return to Manaus

8/15 Board our comfortable Apurisava boat early am and onto Machantaria Island all day, then steamed up Rio Negro into the night to Anavilhanas overnight

8/16 Anavilhanas all day birding steaming onto Lago de Tres Bocas for pm birding, then overnight to Rio Cuieras

8/17 Am birding Rio Cuieras, afternoon sail to meeting of the waters, night Machantaria.

8/18 Machanataria and meeting of water areas all day, dinner on boat and night in Davinci Hotel Manaus

8/19 INPA Reserva Ducke am Manaus, after lunch catch homebound flights to Sao Paulo connecting with international flights

8/20 Arrive US

Despite the extremely dry Amazonian conditions and almost complete lack of dawn song (totally unexpected at this time of year), we had a most memorable trip with many excellent highlights. Our relaxed boat trip on the Amazon and Negro rivers with superb Brazilian food, and great birds and scenery, was a highlight for most of us. Among the rarest birds of our trip were two diminutive, rarely seen species: three Dusky Purpletufts that we watched in the scope as they hawked for insects in the canopy at Presidente Figueiredo, and superb studies of a pair of Pelzel's Tody-Tyrants at the INPA campina, with probably the first known nest. The famous canopy tower of INPA lived up to its great reputation, offering spectacular eye level views of several species of macaws and parrots, a memorable close-up soaring Bicolored Hawk, in your face views of a multicolored stunning Paradise Tanager flock, and excellent studies of Guianan Toucanet, Guianan Gnatcatcher, Guianan Puffbird, Black-spotted Barbet, and Olive-Green Tyrannulet; and who could ever forget those spectacular, ever-present displaying male Pompadour Cotingas?

The food at Iracema Falls was almost as spectacular as the constant hummingbird show on the hotel grounds, where flowering trees produced multiple stunning Crimson Topaz, White-necked Jacobin, Fork-tailed Woodnymph, Gray-breasted Saberwing, and Black-throated Mango, while a nonstop stream of honeycreepers, including Short-billed, Purple, and Green, graced a flowering canopy tree outside our rooms.

The Amazon river island of Marchantaria, explored off our excellent boat, produced (as expected) a non-stop bombardment of birds including several poorly-known spinetails: Scaled, Red-and-white, Parker's, and White-bellied, and the favorite of the group, the Black-and-white Antbird. This year we were tripping over Ladder-tailed Nightjars, and the splendid colors of flocks of Orange-backed Troupials, as well as Yellow-hooded, Red-breasted, and Oriole blackbirds, added to the grand island show.

After passing the world-famous meeting of the waters where we observed both pink and gray river dolphins, we entered the grandmother of all rivers—the slow, peaceful Rio Negro. The Negro's mill-pool-like water captured our imaginations as it reflected a myriad of stars at night, as well as the countless hundreds of forested river islands during daylight, as we steamed through the secluded Anavilhanas Archipelago (the second largest in the world). Birding highlights here included spectacular studies of Crestless (or Lesser Razor-billed) Curassow as it was spotlighted late one evening, the recently rediscovered Klage's Antwren, Cherrie's and Leaden antwrens, Blackish-gray Antshrike, Ash-breasted Antbird, Long-billed Woodcreeper, Ornate Hawk-Eagle, fishing American Pygmy Kingfisher, and the two forms of Band-tailed Nighthawk (one still waiting to be fully named) dancing over our canoe at dusk.

Finally, we can't end without mentioning our wonderful studies of a star-studded lineup of manakins including Yellow-crested, White-fronted, White-crowned, and Tiny Tyrant-Manakin.

Key:

* = Heard only

AN = Anavilhanas

MA = Machantaria

CU = Cuieras River

PF = Presidente Figueiredo

IN = INPA tower (Includes INPA Campina)

RD = Reserva Ducke

Birds:

TINAMIDAE (tinamous):

Great Tinamou (*Tinamus major*) - CU (one flushed), PF*, IN

Variegated Tinamou (*Crypturellus variegates*) * - PF, IN

PHALACRORACIDAE (cormorants):

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) - MA, AN

ARDEIDAE (herons & egrets):

Rufescent Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) - MA *, AN

Cocoi Heron (*Ardea cocoi*) - MA, AN, CU

Great Egret (*Casmerodius alba*) - MA, AN

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) - MA

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) - MA, AN

Striated Heron (*Butorides striatus*) - MA, AN

Capped Heron (*Pilherodias pileatus*) - MA

Black-crowned Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) - MA

THRESKIORNITHIDAE (ibises & spoonbills):

Green Ibis (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*) - AN

CATHARTIDAE (new world vultures):

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) - AN, MA, CU, PF, IN

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) - MA, PF

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*C. burrovianus*) - MA

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture (*C. melambrotos*) - PF, IN, AN

King Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*) - IN

ANATIDAE (ducks & geese):

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) - MA

Muscovy Duck (*Carina moschata*) - AN

Brazilian Duck (*Amazonetta brasiliensis*) - MA (Few records for Manaus area. Possibly spreading due to deforestation)

ACCIPITRIDAE (hawks & eagles):

Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) - MA

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

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) - IN, PF, AN

Double-toothed Kite (*Harpagus bidentatus*) - IN

Plumbeous Kite (*Ictinia plumbea*) - PF, AN, IN

Tiny Hawk (*Accipiter superciliosus*) - PF (leader only)

Bicolored Hawk (*A. bicolor*) - IN (An excellent study of this rarely seen forest hawk. We saw it perched and then in flight when it flew towards us and over the INPA tower. Most interesting was that it represented the race *pileatus* with distinct rufous wing linings (local form has white). This would be a migrant here as this subspecies normally occurs way to the south and east as far as Rio Grande do Sul. This race is not known to be migratory so this is a very important record!)

White Hawk (*L. albicollis*) - IN, PF (Excellent studies of soaring birds as well as birds feeding on the large worms off the road!)

Gray Hawk (*Asturina nitida*) - PF

Great Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) - PF

Savanna Hawk (*Heterospizias meridionalis*) - MA

Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*) - MA, PF

Ornate Hawk-Eagle (*S. ornatus*) - AN (Excellent views of a perched adult.)

FALCONIDAE (falcons & caracara):

Lined Forest-Falcon (*M. gilvicolis*) - PF (Great studies of this rarely seen forest raptor.)

Barred Forest Falcon (*M. ruficollis*) * - PF, IN

Black Caracara (*Daptrius ater*) - PF

Red-throated Caracara (*D. americanus*) * - IN, PF

Southern Crested Caracara (*Polyborus plancus*) - CA

Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*) - PF, MA, AN

Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*) - IN, PF *

CRACIDAE (chachalacas, guans & curassows):

Little Chachalaca (*Ortalis motmot*) - PF

Marail Guan (*Penelope marail*) - IN (Great scope studies of this hard-to-see Guan.)

Spix's Guan (*Penelope jacquacu*) * - IN

Crestless (Lesser Razor-billed) Curassow (*Mitu tuberosa*) - AN – (Exceptional looks at this rarely seen Cracid in the spotlight were your leader's trip highlight. By far the best views I have ever had!)

RALLIDAE (rails & gallinules):

Gray-necked Woodrail (*Aramides cajanea*) * - MA

Yellow-breasted Crake (*Porzana albicollis*) * - MA (Alas, it would not come into view despite tape playback.)

Gray-breasted Crake (*Laterallus exilis*) - MA, (seen by some)

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyryla martinica*) - MA (Excellent studies of adults.)

Azure Gallinule (*P. flavirostris*) - MA

ARAMIDAE (limpkin):

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) - MA

CHARADRIIDAE (lapwings and plovers)

Collared Plover (*Charadrius collaris*) - MA (Stunning studies of this neat bird!)

SCOLOPACIDAE (sandpipers):

Greater Yellow Legs (*Tringa melanoleuca*) - MA

Lesser Yellow Legs (*T. flavipes*) - MA

Pectoral Sandpiper (*Calidris melanotos*) - MA

Stilt Sandpiper (*C. himantopus*) - MA

Least Sandpiper (*C. minutilla*) - Meeting of waters

Solitary Sandpiper (*T. solitaria*) - MA

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*) - MA

JACANIDAE (jacanas):

Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*) - MA

LARIDAE (gulls, terns & skimmers):

Yellow-billed Tern (*Sterna superciliaris*) - MA, AN (Courtship feeding)

Large-billed Tern (*Phaetusa simplex*) - MA, AN

Black Skimmer (*Rhynchops niger*) - MA

COLUMBIDAE (pigeons & doves):

Feral Pigeon (*Columba livia*) - MA

Pale-vented Pigeon (*C. cayennensis*) - AN, MA

Scaled Pigeon (*C. speciosa*) - PF,

Ruddy Pigeon (*C. subvinacea*) - PF, IN, AN

Plumbeous Pigeon (*C. Plumbea*) - PF, IN

Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*) - PF, MA

Ruddy Ground-Dove (*C. talpacoti*) - PF, MA

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

PSITTACIDEA (parrots, macaws & allies):

White-eyed Parakeet (*Aratinga leucophthalmus*) - PF, IN, MA, RD

Blue-and-yellow Macaw (*Ara ararauna*) - IN, AN

Scarlet Macaw (*A. macao*) - MA

Red-and-green Macaw (*A. chloropterus*) - IN, PF

Red-bellied Macaw (*A. manilata*) - PF,

Blue-winged Parrotlet (*Forpus xanthopterygius*)* - MA

Golden-winged Parakeet (*B. chrysopterus*) - IN, PF, RD

Tui Parakeet (*B. sanctithomae*) - MA

Sapphire-rumped Parrotlet (*Touit purpuata*) - PF, RD*

Caica Parrot (*P. caica*) - PF (Excellent scope studies of this hard-to-see parrot.)

Short-tailed Parrot (*Graydidascalus brachyura*) - MA (Almost too many at times – their calls were nearly deafening!)

Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) - IN, AN, RD *

Dusky Parrot (*P. fuscus*) - PF, RD*

Festive Parrot (*Amazona festiva*) - MA, AN

Orange-winged Parrot (*A. amazonica*) - PF

Red-Lored Parrot (*A. autumnalis*) - PF

Mealy Parrot (*A. farinosa*) - IN, PF

Red-fan Parrot (*Deroptyus accipitrinus*) - PF (Excellent studies. Note that north bank and south bank forms could be split in the future. We saw the nominate form.)

CUCULIDAE (cuckoos and anis):

Dark-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus melacoryphus*) - MA (Leader only. Two of these migrants flushed in front of the group.)

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) - PF, AN, MA

Black-bellied Cuckoo (*P. melanogaster*)* - IN

Little Cuckoo (*P. minuta*) - MA

Striped Cuckoo (*Tapera naevia*) * - MA

Greater Ani (*Crotophaga major*) - MA, AN

Smooth-billed Ani (*C. ani*) - AN, MA, PF, IN

STRIGIDAE (typical owls):

Amazonian Pygmy Owl (*Glaucidium hardyi*) - RD (High in the tree, but still fine looks at this hard-to-see bird as it came in to my imitations at Reserva Ducke.)

CAPRIMULGIDAE (nighthawks):

Short-tailed Nighthawk (*Iurocalis semitorquatus*) - PF, IN

Band-tailed Nighthawk (*Nyctiprogne leucopyga*) - AN (Note that we had good looks at two different forms, each corresponding to a distinct vocal type. These will be split into two species at some point, but the work is ongoing.)

Nacunda Nighthawk (*Podager nacunda*) - MA. (Excellent studies of hundreds of day-roosting birds that flew south across the Amazon at dusk.)

Blackish Nightjar (*Caprimulgus nigescens*) - IN, PF

Common Parakeet (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) - PF

Ladder-tailed Nightjar (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*) - AN (Excellent daytime views of both sexes.)

Spot-tailed Nightjar (*C. maculicaudus*) - MA (Seen on night trip and heard by all. These birds were probably migrants.)

NYCTIBIIDAE (potoos):

Gray Potoo (*N. griseus*) - MA (night trip only)

APODIDAE (swifts):

Band-rumped Swift (*Chaetura spinicauda*) - AN, MA, PF, IN

Chapman's Swift (*C. chapmani*) - IN, PF, RD

Short-tailed Swift (*C. brachyura*) - PF, AN

Gray-rumped Swift (*C. ciniventris*) - AN

Sick's Swift (*C. meridionalis*) - PF (migrant here)

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift (*Reinarda squamata*) - AN, MA, PF, IN

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift (*Panyptila cayennensis*) - PF

TROCHILIDAE (hummingbirds):

Long-tailed Hermit (*Phaethornis supersiliosus*) - PF (Taxonomy of this genus is a mess. We continue to call this species Long-tailed Hermit, pending full revision.)

Straight-billed Hermit (*P. bourcieri*) - *PF, IN

Rupurumi Hermit (*P. rupurumi*) - AN (Great looks. This is a split from Dusky-throated Hermit, which is now considered endemic to SE Brazil.)

Gray-breasted Sabrewing (*Campylopterus largipennis*) - PF

White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*) - PF.

Green-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax viridigula*) - CA (Good scope looks.)

Black-throated Mango (*A. nigricollis*) - CA

Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalurania fucata*) - IN, PF, AN

Olive-spotted Hummingbird (*Leucippus chlorocercus*) - MA

Green-tailed Goldenthrout (*Polytmus theresiae*) - PF

Versicolored Emerald (*Amazilia versicolor*) - PF

Glittering-throated Emerald (*A. fimbriata*) - PF

Crimson Topaz (*Topaza pella*) - PF – (A stunning male in full glory!)

Black-eared Fairy (*Heliostyris aurita*) - IN, PF

TROGONIDAE (trogons & quetzals):

White-tailed Trogon (*Trogon viridis*) - CU * IN, PF

Violaceous Trogon (*T. violaceus*) - PF, Nominate form

Black-throated Trogon (*T. rufus*) * - IN

Black-tailed Trogon (*T. melanurus*) - IN, PF

MOMOTIDAE (motmots):

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

CERYLIDAE (kingfishers):

Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquata*) - PF, MA, AN

Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazon*) - PF, MA, AN

Green Kingfisher (*C. americana*) - MA, AN, CA

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher (*C. inda*) - PF
Americana Pygmy Kingfisher (*C. aenea*) - AN (Superb studies as it caught fish.)

BUCCONIDAE (puffbirds):

Guianan Puffbird (*Northarchus macrorhynchos*) - IN, PF* (We had superb scope studies from the tower of this puffbird. This is a recent split from the more widespread White-necked Puffbird. This form is restricted to the Guianan Shield.)

Pied Puffbird (*N. Tectus*) - PF, RD

Spotted Puffbird (*Bucco tamatia*) * - IN

Collard Puffbird (*B. capensis*) * - IN

Black Nunbird (*Monasa atra*) - IN, PF

Black-fronted Nunbird (*M. Nigrifrons*) - AN

Swallow-wing (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*) - IN, PF

GALBULIDAE (jacamars):

Yellow-billed Jacamar (*Galbula albirostris*) * - CU

Green-tailed Jacamar (*G. Galbula*) - AN

Bronzy Jacamar (*G. leucogastra*) - IN (Stunning studies!)

Paradise Jacamar (*G. Dea*) - IN, PF

RAMPHASTIDAE (toucans & new world barbets):

Black-spotted Barbet (*Capito niger*) - PF (great looks!)

Green Aracari (*Pteroglossus viridis*) - PF, IN

Black-necked Aracari (*P. aracari*) - PF

Guianan Toucanet (*S. culik*) - IN (Spectacular studies in scope of a pair.)

Channel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus*) - IN, PF, AN. (This species and Yellow-ridged Toucan are now lumped by most taxonomists.)

White-throated Toucan (*R. tucanus*) - IN, AN (This species combines what used to be called Red-billed Toucan and Cuvier's Toucan, now considered conspecific by most authorities.)

PICIDAE (woodpeckers):

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cruentatus*) - IN, PF, RD*

Little Woodpecker (*Veniliornis passerinus*) - MA

Golden-collared Woodpecker (*V. cassini*) - PF

Yellow-throated Woodpecker (*Piculus flavigula*) - PF, *IN

Spot-breasted Woodpecker (*Colaptes punctigula*) - MA

Waved Woodpecker (*Celeus undulatus*) * - RD

Ringed Woodpecker (*C. torquatus*) * - AN

Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) - PF

Red-necked Woodpecker (*Campephilus rubricollis*) * - PF, IN

Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) - AN

FURNIRIIDAE (foliage-gleaners, spinetails & allies):

Lesser Hornero (*Furnarius minor*) - MA

Dark-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis albigularis*) - MA

Pale-breasted Spinetail (*S. albescens*) - MA

White-bellied Spinetail (*S. propinqua*) - MA (Superb looks!)

Rusty-backed Spinetail (*Cranioleuca vulpina*) - AN

Parker's Spinetail (*C. vulpecula*) - MA (We even found what was probably the first known nest.)

Scaled Spinetail (*C. muelleri*) - MA (This nearly mythical bird was unseen for over 100 years. It was only rediscovered a few years ago.)

Speckled Spinetail (*C. gutturata*) - AN

Yellow-chinned Spinetail (*Centhiaxis cinnamomea*) - AN

Red-and-white Spinetail (*C. mustelina*) - AN (Excellent studies this year of multiple pairs on young river islands.)

Point-tailed Palmcreeper (*Berlepschia rikeri*) - PF (Stunning, eye-level looks!)

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner (*Automolus ochrolaemus*) - PF

Plain Xenops (*Xenops rutilans*) - PF, IN

Rufous-tailed Xenops (*X. milleri*) - IN

Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser (*Sclerurus mexicanus*) - RD

DENDROCOLAPTINAE (woodcreepers):

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) * - IN, PF

Long-tailed Woodcreeper (*Deconychura longicauda*) - PF

Spot-throated Woodcreeper (*D. stictolema*) - PF (Excellent studies of this rarely seen bird.)

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) - PF, IN

Long-billed Woodcreeper (*Nasica longirostris*) - AN

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper (*Dendrexetastes rufigula*) * - RD

Red-billed Woodcreeper (*Hylexetastes perrotii*) - IN (Excellent studies from the tower.)

Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*) * - IN

Black-banded Woodcreeper (*D. picumnus*) * - IN

Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus picus*) - AN, MA

Zimmer's Woodcreeper (*X. necopinus*) - MA (superb studies)

Striped Woodcreeper (*X. obsoletus*) - AN

Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper (*X. pardalotus*) - PF, RD

Lineated Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*) - IN, PF (This complex will be split into multiple species in the near future.)

Curve-billed Scythebill (*Campylorhamphus procurvoides*) * - PF

THAMNOPHILIDAE (typical antbirds):

Fasciated Antshrike (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) * - PF, IN

Black-throated Antshrike (*Frederickena viridis*) * - RD Black-crested Antshrike (*Sakesphorus canadensis*) - AN

Blackish-gray Antshrike (*T. nigrocinereus*) - AN

Castlenau's Antshrike (*T. cryptolecus*) - MA

Mouse-colored Antshrike (*T. murinus*) * - RD

Guianan Slaty Antshrike (*T. punctus*) - IN

Spot-winged Antshrike (*Pygoptila stellaris*) * - AN

Cinereous Antshrike (*Thamnomanes caesius*) - IN

Dusky-throated Antshrike (*T. ardesiacus*) * - IN

Pygmy Antwren (*Myrmotherula brachyura*) * - PF, IN

Klage's Antwren (*M. klagesi*) - AN (Excellent studies of a responsive male. This species was lost to science for 125 years before being rediscovered in this area around 1990.)

Cherrie's Antwren (*M. cherriei*) - AN (Good looks at last of this poorly known bird.)

Brown-bellied Antwren (*M. gutturalis*) * - IN

White-flanked Antwren (*M. axillaris*) - IN (leader only)

Gray Antwren (*M. menetriesii*) * - IN

Leaden Antwren (*M. assimilis*) - AN

Spot-backed Antwren (*Herpsilochmus dorsimaculatus*) - IN (Great looks)

Southern White-fringed Antwren (*Formicivora grisea*) - PF

Ash-winged Antwren (*Terenura spodioptila*) - IN (Great looks at this canopy antbird.)

Gray Antbird (*Cercomacra cinerascens*) * - PF, IN

Dusky Antbird (*C. tyrannina*) - PF

Ash-breasted Antbird (*M. lugubris*) - AN (A fine show at last from a responsive male.)

Warbling Antbird (*Hypocnemis cantator*) - CU

Black-chinned Antbird (*Hypocnemoides melanopogon*) - AN

Black-and-white Antbird (*Myrmochanes hemileucus*) - MA

Black-headed Antbird (*Percnostola rufifrons*) - PF (brief views)

Ferruginous-backed Antbird (*Myrmeciza ferruginea*) - IN (Wow! A stunning performance from a bird that was close enough to touch.)

Black-throated Antbird (*M. atrothorax*) * - PF

Rufous-throated Antbird (*Gymnopithys rufigula*) * - IN

White-plumed Antbird (*Pithys albifrons*) * - PF

Scale-backed Antbird (*Hylophylax poecilinota*) - CU

FORMICARIIDAE (ground antbirds):

Variegated Antpitta (*Grallaria varia*) * - IN

TYRANNIDAE (flycatchers):

White-lored Tyrannulet (*Ornithion inerme*) - IN

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma absoletum*) - MA

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

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet (*Tyrannulus elatus*) * - PF, IN, RD

Forest Elaenia (*Myiopagis gaimardii*) - IN * PF, RD

Gray Elaenia (*M. caniceps*) * - IN

Yellow-crowned Elaenia (*M. flavivertex*) - MA

Large Elaenia (*Elaenia spectabilis*) - MA

Brownish Elaenia (*E. pelzelni*) - MA (Excellent studies of an adult feeding a youngster.)

Rufous-crowned Elaenia (*E. ruficeps*) - PF (Great studies of this often hard- to-see bird; even showing its rufous nape.)

River Tyrannulet (*Serpophaga hypoleuca*) - MA

Amazonian Inezia (*Inezia subflava*) - AN (What used to be called Pale-tipped

Tyrannulet was recently split by K. Zimmer and A. Whittaker into two species: Amazonian Inezia and Pale-tipped Inezia.)

McConnell's Flycatcher (*M. macconnelli*) - PF (Leader only)

Olive-green Tyrannulet (*Phylloscartes virescens*) - IN (After a lot of work, this poorly known canopy flycatcher was eventually seen well by all.)

Slender-footed Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius gracilipes*) - IN, PF, AN

Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant (*Myiornis ecaudatus*) * - IN
Southern Scrub Flycatcher (*Sublegatus modestus*) - MA (This austral migrant was a surprise. One of few area records.)
Double-banded Pygmy-tyrant (*L. vitiosus*) - PF, IN
Snethlage's Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus minor*) - AN
White-eyed Tody-Tyrant (*H. zosterops*) - *IN, PF
Pelzelin's Tody-Tyrant (*H. inornatus*) - IN (Watching this bird bathe in dew off leaves was a highlight for me. We found what was almost certainly the first known nest of this species, which was known from a single specimen collected in 1831, prior to being rediscovered by Kevin Zimmer and I in 1992.)
Rusty-fronted Tody-flycatcher (*Todirostrum latirostre*) - MA
Spotted Tody-Flycatcher (*T. maculatum*) - MA, AN
Painted Tody-Flycatcher (*T. pictum*) - IN
Rufous-tailed Flatbill (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*) - PF
Yellow-olive Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*) * - AN
Yellow-margined Flycatcher (*T. assimilis*) - IN (Several splits in this complex are likely.)
Yellow-breasted Flycatcher (*T. flaviventris*) * - MA
Gray-crowned Flycatcher (*T. poliocephalus*) * - IN, PF
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher (*Myiobius erythrurus*) - PF
Fuscous Flycatcher (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus*) - AN (Several splits due here.)
Euler's Flycatcher (*Lathrotriccus euleri*) * - AN
Amazonian Black-Tyrant (*Knipolegus poecilocercus*) * - AN,
Riverside Tyrant (*K. orenocensis*) - MA (More common than usual. We observed displays by males.)
Black-backed Water-Tyrant (*Fluvicola albiventer*) - MA,
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant (*Arundinicola leucocephala*) - MA, CA
White-eyed Attila (*Attila bolivianus*) - MA (Wow! What a look!)
Bright-rumped Attila (*A. spadiceus*) * - IN
Cinnamon Attila (*A. cinnamomeus*) * - PF
Grayish Mourner (*Rhytipterna simplex*) - PF, IN
Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) * - PF
Short-crested Flycatcher (*M. ferox*) - PF, MA,
Lesser Kiskadee (*Pitangus lictor*) - MA
Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) - AN, MA, PF, IN
Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarynchus pitangua*) - PF
Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*) - AN, PF, IN
Social Flycatcher (*M. similis*) - MA
Yellow-throated Flycatcher (*Conopius parva*) - PF
Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*) - MA, AN
Variegated Flycatcher (*Empidonomus varius*) - PF, AN
Crowned Slaty Flycatcher (*Griseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus*) - AN
Sulphury Flycatcher (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*) - PF
Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) - AN, MA, PF, IN
White-throated Kingbird (*T. albogularis*) - MA
Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*T. savana*) - AN, MA
Varzea Schiffornis (*Schiffornis major*) * - AN
Thrush-like Schiffornis (*S. turdinus*) * - PF
Wing-barred Piprites (*Piprites chloris*) * - PF

Screaming Piha (*Lipaugus vociferans*) * - PF
Chestnut-crowned Becard (*Pachyramphus castaneus*) - MA
Black-capped Becard (*P. marginatus*) - IN
Glossy-backed Becard (*P. surinamus*) - IN (We found two nests this year. Amazingly, they were not seen from tower!)
Cinereous Becard (*P. rufus*) - PF (great looks at a nesting pair)
Black-tailed Tityra (*Tityra cayana*) - IN, PF

COTINGIDAE (cotingas):

Dusky Purpletuft (*I. fusca*) - PF (Stunning scope views of a family of three of these rare birds. We could even see the normally hidden purple tufts!)
Spangled Cotinga (*Cotinga cayana*) - IN, AN, PF
Pompadour Cotinga (*Xipholena punicea*) - IN, PF (Close males flying past the tower in full sunlight, showing off their glorious plumage!)
Purple-breasted Cotinga (*C. Cotinga*) - PF (Good spotting by Carl on finding this rare bird. We saw the heavily scaled female.)
Bare-necked Fruitcrow (*Gymnoderus foetidus*) - AN
Amazonian Umbrellabird (*Cephalopterus ornatus*) * - AN
Capuchinbird (*Perissocephalus tricolor*) - CU (Excellent studies of such an odd bird. Hearing its odd cat-like and chainsaw-like voices was a trip highlight.)

PIPRIDAE (manakins):

Wire-tailed Manakin (*Pipra filicauda*) * - AN
Golden-headed Manakin (*Pipra erythrocephala*) * - IN, PF
White-crowned Manakin (*P. pipra*) - PF, CU, RD
White-fronted Manakin (*P. serena*) - RD (excellent studies)
White-throated Manakin (*Corapipo gutturalis*) * - PF
Black Manakin (*Xenopipo atronitens*) * - PF
Yellow-crested Manakin (*Hetercercus flavivertex*) - IN (Stunning, as it tilted over to the side on its perch and expanded its immaculate white throat feathers!)
Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin (*Neopelma chrysocephalum*) - IN, PF
Tiny Tyrant-Manakin (*Tyrannutes virescens*) - CU (Really a privilege to see it singing on its perch and exposing its concealed yellow crown patch by parting its crown feathers.)

VIREONIDAE (vireos, greenlets & allies):

Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*) - IN, PF
Gray-chested Greenlet (*Hylophilus semicinereus*) * - AN
Buff-cheeked Greenlet (*H. muscicapinus*) - IN
Tawny-crowned Greenlet (*H. ochraceiceps*) - IN, PF*
Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius leucotis*) - IN (Wonderful canopy tower studies of this cool looking bird.)
Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) - PF

HIRUNINIDAE (swallows):

White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*) - PF, AN, MA
Southern Martin (*Progne modesta*) - MA, AN (Excellent studies of about 150 day-roosting birds intermixed with both forms of Brown-chested Martin.)

Brown-chested Martin (*Phaeoprogne tapera*) - AN, MA (Both smaller resident form and the larger austral migrants.)

Gray-breasted Martin (*P. chalybea*) - AN, MA, CA, PF, IN

White-thighed Swallow (*Neochelidon tibialis*) - PF

Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*) - PF, AN, MA

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) - MA

TROGLODYTIDAE (wrens):

Black-capped Donacobius (*Donacobius atricapillus*) - CA

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) - AN, MA, PF

Muscian Wren (*Cyphorhinus arada*) - CU (Excellent studies!)

Buff-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus leucotis*) - AN

Coraya Wren (*T. coraya*) - PF

SYLVIIDAE (gnatcatchers & gnatwrens):

Collared Gnatwren (*Microbates collaris*) * - PF

Guianan Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila guianensis*) - IN (Excellent studies!)

Tropical Gnatcatcher (*P. plumbea*) - AN

TURDINAE (thrushes):

Cocoa Thrush (*Turdus fumigatus*) - AN

White-necked Thrush (*T. ignobilis*) - PF, *RD, IN

PARULIDAE (warblers):

Masked Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis aequinoctialis*) - MA

Neotropical River Warbler (*Phaeothlypis rivularis*) * - PF

COERBIDAE (bananaquit):

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*) - PF, NA, CA

THRAUPIDAE (tanagers, euphonias & honeycreepers):

Pearly-breasted Conebill (*C. margaritae*) - MA

Yellow-backed Tanager (*H. flavicollis*) - IN

Hooded Tanager (*Nemosia pileata*) - MA

Fulvous Shrike-Tanager (*Lanio fulvus*) - IN

Fulvous-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus surinamus*) - PF, RD

Flame-crested Tanager (*T. cristatus*) - IN, PF

Red-shouldered Tanager (*T. phoenicius*) - PF

Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo*) - AN, MA, PF, IN

Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*) - AN, MA, PF, IN

Palm Tanager (*T. palmarum*) - AN, MA, PF, IN

Purple-throated Euphonia (*Euphonia cholorotica*) * - AN

White-lored Euphonia (*E. chrysopasta*) - PF

White-vented Euphonia (*E. minuta*) - PF

Golden-sided Euphonia (*E. cayennensis*) - IN, PF (Spectacular studies.)

Turquoise Tanager (*Tangara mexicana*) - PF

Paradise Tanager (*T. chilensis*) - IN, PF (WOW!!!!!!)

Spotted Tanager (*T. punctata*) - IN, PF
Bay-headed Tanager (*T. gyrola*) - IN
Opal-rumped Tanager (*T. velia*) - PF
Orange-headed Tanager (*Thypopsis sordida*) - MA
Black-faced Dacnis (*Dacnis lineata*) - IN, PF
Yellow-bellied Dacnis (*D. flaviventer*) - AN
Blue Dacnis (*D. cayana*) - IN , PF, AN
Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*) - IN, PF
Purple Honeycreeper (*C. caeruleus*) - IN
Short-billed Honeycreeper (*C. nitidus*) - PF (Repeated scope looks.)

EMBERIZIDAE (finches & sparrows):

Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) - PF, MA
Chestnut-bellied Seedeater (*S. castaneiventris*) - IN, PF, MA
Lined Seedeater (*S. lineola*) - MA
White-naped Seedeater (*Dolospingus fringilloides*) - PF (Stunning studies of this poorly-known bird. What a super song!)
Orange-fronted Yellow-Finch (*S. columbiana*) - MA, AN (Even entering our cabins to sing!)
Lesser Seedfinch (*Oryzoborus angolensis*) - PF
Yellow-browed Sparrow (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)

CARDINALIDAE (cardinals, grosbeaks, saltators & buntings):

Red-capped Cardinal (*Paroaria gularis*) - AN
Grayish Saltator (*S. coerulescens*) - MA
Yellow-green Grosbeak (*Caryothraustes canadensis*) * - PF, IN

ICTERIDAE (blackbirds, oropendolas, caciques & allies):

Red-breasted Blackbird (*Sturnella militaris*) - MA
Shiny Cowbird (*M. bonariensis*) - PF, MA
Giant Cowbird (*Scaphidura oryzivora*) - PF, AN, IN
Orange-backed Troupial (*Icterus croconotus*) - MA
Oriole Blackbird (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*) - MA
Yellow-hooded Blackbird (*Agelaius icterocephalus*) - MA
Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*) - AN, MA, RD
Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*) - AN, MA
Green Oropendola (*P. viridis*) - IN, PF
Russet-backed Oropendola (*P. angustifrons*) - MA (Leader only)

Mammals:

Jaguarundi - RD (Leader only)
Bearded Saki Monkey - RD
Brown Capuchin Monkey - PF
Golden-handed Tamarin - IN

Guianan Spider Monkey - IN
Red Howler Monkey - IN
Night Monkey species - AN
Amazonian Bamboo Rat - *AN
Red-rumped Agouti - PF, RD
Three-toed Sloth - MA (Leader only)
Pink River Dolphin - MA, AN
Gray River Dolphin - MA, AN

Significant Others:

Fer-de-lance (*Bothrops* sp.) - CU
Basalisk lizard - AN
Anolis sp
Anolis anolis - (Big green/blue/brown Lizard)
Blue Morpho