

# **Kolibri Expeditions Birding Brazil**



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# **Itinerary**

- Aug 16. Departure from Stockholm Arlanda via Zürich.
- Aug 17. Arrival in São Paolo. Travel to Ubatuba via Biritiba Mirim.
- Aug 18. Fazenda Angelim (am) and Folha Seca (pm)
- Aug 19. '
- Aug 20. Ubatuba Itatiaia via Pereque.
- Aug 21. Itatiaia National Park and surroundings
- Aug 22. '
- Aug 23. Agulhas Negras Road + Campos do Jordão.
- **Aug 24.** Campos do Jordão. In the afternoon travel to Capão Bonito close to Intervales State Park.
- Aug 25. Intervales.
- Aug 26. "
- **Aug 27.** Travel day. Transfer Capão Bonito São Paolo. Flight São Paolo-Cuiabá. Bus transfer Cuiabá Chapada dos Guimarães .
- Aug 28. Chapada dos Guimarães .
- Aug 29. '
- **Aug 30**. AM Chapada dos Guimarães. Later travel to Pousada Piuval in Pantanal. Some birding here in the afternoon and the evening.
- Aug 31. Pousada Piuval.
- **Sep 1**. AM Pousada Piuval. PM Transpantaneira to Pto Jofre.
- Sep 2. AM and PM boat trips on Rio Cuiabá.
- **Sep 3.** AM Pto Jofre. Travel along Transpantaneira to Pousada Rio Claro. Boat on Rio Claro in PM and Evening.

Sep 4. Travel to Cuiabá. Flight to São Paolo. Flight via Zürich to Stockholm.

Sep 5. Arrival to Stockholm late PM.

# Diary

Aug 17. We arrived early in the morning to São Paolo after a long flight via Zürich. We were met by our guide Gunnar Engblom from Kolibri Expeditions and the driver Maurilio. No time to lose, we were soon on the roads driving east. Our first stop was a wetland close to Biritiba Mirim where the target species was the extremely local and recently described Sao Paolo Marsh Antwren. It is considered a split from the almost as local Parana Antwren which can be found in an area further south. We entered the reeds and got close to two birds that we saw a number of times, albeit never well. They made short and fast flights and dropped immediately into the vegetation. Hence no photo. Here was also an Orange-breasted Thornbird and near to where we parked we saw Campo Flicker and Blue-winged Parrotlet. A small forest patch added White-shouldered Fire-eye, Rufous Gnateater,



Rufous-capped and Chicli Spinetail, Hangnest Tody-Tyrant, Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, Golden-crowned Warbler, Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch and Green-winged Saltator to the list.

We had our first of many buffet lunches, which became an almost daily event during the trip and here like everywhere else it was excellent. Each and every one of



us found favourite dishes and there was always a rich variety of vegetables.

On our way towards Ubatuba on the coast, which would be our base for a couple of days, we saw among other **Grey-headed Kites** and we could conclude that the sky in terms of raptors was dominated almost completely by **Black** and **Turkey Vultures**, the former being most common. Closer to the coast they were joined by **Magnificent Frigatebirds**. We checked in at a small nice hotel in Ubatuba.

Aug 18. Fazenda Angelim, towards the foothills outside of Ubatuba was our first stop. Here there is some very old rain forest with high bird diversity. Walking the 500 meter entrance road to the small ranch doing frequent stops for new birds took us several hours. There were Ariel Toucan, Yellow-fronted Woodpecker, Scaly-headed Parrot, Maroon-bellied and Plain Parakeet, Spot-breasted Antvireo, Rufous-winged Antwren, Ferruginous



Antbird, Spotted Bamboo-Wren, Rufous-capped Antthrush, Cliff and Whiskered

Flycatcher, Tropical Pewee, Bare-throated Bellbird, Lemon-chested Greenlet, White-thighed Swallow, Longbilled Gnatwren, Yellow-legged Thrush and Flame-crested Tanager. Arriving to the clearing at Fazenda Angelim, we found the target of the day, a pair of the rare and often hard to see Buff-throated Purpletuft, which was missed by Big Year birder Noah Strycker. Sometimes it is hard.



Along a road to a village at the sea we searched in vain for Brown-backed Parrotlets, so we had to content ourselves with Sayaca, Brazilian, Green-headed and Rufous-headed Tanager and a female of our first hummingbird, Brazilian Ruby. Here we also found the first of any Rufous-bellied Thrushes, the national bird of Brazil. In the afternoon we visited Folha Seca, where we mainly spent time observing the myriads of birds visiting the feeders of the house of Sr. Jonas, a very hospitable gentleman who speaks excellent English. No less than 9 species of Hummingbirds could be found. Festive Coquette and



Violet-capped Woodnymph dominated. And there were also Saw-billed Hermit, Brazilian Ruby, Swallow-tailed Hummingbird, Sombre Hummingbird, Versicolored Emerald, Glittering-throated Emerald and White-chinned Sapphire. Biggan Irestedt explained afterwards that as far as she - our hummingbird lover, - was concerned, the trip was already a success.

Other birds attracted by the sugar water and the fruit were Ruby-crowned, Brazilian, Azure-shouldered, Greenheaded and Red-necked



Tanager, Blue Dacnis, Green Honeycreeper as well as Violaceous and Chestnut-bellied

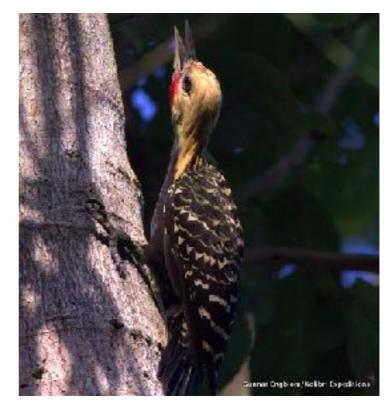


Euphonia. At dusk we could hear a Slaty-breasted Wood-Rail.

Aug 19. In the morning we were joined by the local guide Hudson who was to accompany

us for several days until Agulhas Negras Road on August 23. We basically followed the same program as yesterday - morning at Fazenda Angelim and pm at Folha Seca. Around lunch we spent some time at the sea in Ubatuba.

There were surprisingly many new species at the Fazenda in spite of the thorough birding we had done the first morning. We noted Greyrumped Swift, Reddish Hermit, White-throated Hummingbird, White-tailed Trogon, White-barred Piculet, Blond-crested Woodpecker, Spot-backed and Tufted Antshrike, Scaled and Squamate Antbird, Lesser Woodcreeper, White-eyed Foliagegleaner, Blue and White-bearded Manakin and Greenish Schiffornis. The White-bearded Manakins were



displaying in many places with loud snaps and clicks.

The telescope of Hasse and Gunilla disappeared after having been placed at the entrance of a trail, so they had to spend some time at the police station to report the theft. Fortunately, the scope was located by local staff at Angelim, and a couple of months later another Swedish group brought the scope back to Sweden. During the slow police reporting the rest of our group worked the beach area and river outer and identified Brown Boobies, Kelp Gull, Royal Terns and Sandwich Terns of the yellow-billed subspecies *eurygnatha*, also known as "Cayenne Tern". At the river outlet there were Neotropic Cormorants and Great Egrets, Snowy Egret and Little Blue Heron and Ruddy Ground-Doves, Masked Water-Tyrants and Cattle Tyrant.

Later we moved on to Folha Seca again. Biggan and Hasse choose to stay with the hummingbirds, while the others worked a jeep track into the mountains. There were no additional hummingbirds but well some new species for the trip list - Brown Tinamou, Rufous-capped Motmot, Robust Woodpecker, Black-cheeeked Gnateater, Slaty Bristlefront, Russet-winged Spadebill and Grey-hooded Attila.

In the evening we heard both **Black-capped Screech-Owl** and **Tawny-browed Owl**, but a sudden rain wrecked our chances of seeing any of them.

Aug 20. We left Ubatuba early and drove east. After an hour or so we arrived at Peregué for a couple of hours rewarding birding. For some reason the birding activity was much more intense here than any of the other places we visited, Our main target - Black-hooded Antwren - yet another antwren with very limited distribution was located very rapidly with a pair observed very well. Other species included Whistling Heron, Whitecollared Swift, Reddish Hermit, Crescent-chested Puffbird. Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Lineated



Woodpecker, White-throated Woodcreeper, Orange-eyed Thornbird, Grey-hooded Attila, Yellow-lored Tody-Flycatcher, Bar-throated Bellbird, Chestnut-crowned Becard and Golden-chevroned Tanager.

Another successful stop was made at a pasture near Itatiaia National Park. The target was the amazing Streamer-tailed Tyrant and a pair were seen well while the male was



displaying intensively. Other species here included Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, White-tailed Hawk, Firewood-gatherer and White-rumped Monjita.



Later where we were supposed to have lunch, but the with the restaurant closes, we saw a **Slatybreasted Wood-Rail** very well. We checked in at a lodge at the bottom end of Itatiaia National Park and before dusk we saw a number of **Duskylegged Guans.** 

Aug 21. All day in Itatiaia National Park. In the morning we saw Black-goggled Tanager and we heard Collared Forest-Falcon close to our hotel. In the forest, along the road and along the Tres Picos Trail, we found new species such as Short-tailed Hawk, Yellow-browed Woodpecker, Barred Forest-Falcon, Plain Antvireo, Cryptic

Anthrush, Black-billed Scythebill, Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner, Pallid Spinetail, Yellow,



Grey-capped and Planalto Tyrannulet, Fork-tailed and Drab- breasted Pygmy-Tyrant, Hangnest Tody-Tyrant, Yellow-olive and Euler's Flycatcher, Large-headed Flatbill, Pale-breasted Thrush, Uniform Finch as well as Buffy-fronted and Temminck's Seedeater. We also saw two primates - Tufted Capuchin and Black-fronted Titi-Monkey. At the deserted Hotel Simon there were two Bat Falcons hunting.

The most rewarding birding was around Hotel Ype, high up in the national park, where we also had lunch. Here are a few feeders which attracted many species. New for the trip were Scaly-throated and Planalto Hermit, Saffron Toucanet, Magpie, Olive-green and Burnished-buff Tanager as well as Double-collared and Dubois's Seedeater. In the

surroundings of the hotel we found species like **Dusky-legged Guan** (20+!), **Surucua Trogon**, **Red-breasted Toucan**, **Pileated Parrot**, **Velvety Black-Tyrant** and **Short-crested Flycatcher**.

Aug 22. We started birding along the road and along Tres Picos trail. New species for the trip were White-bearded Antshrike, Star-throated Antwren, and Ochre-rumped and White-bibbed Antbird, Plain-winged Woodcreeper, Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper, Grey Eleania, Pin-tailed Manakin and White-browed Warbler. Afterwards we continued to the place where we had thought to have lunch yesterday. Now it was open and we had lunch, while adding a hummer to the list - Sapphire-spangled Emerald. After lunch, birding along the road surrounded by gardens and weekend homes. In spite of the constructions there was rich birdlife with new species such as White-eyed Parakeet, Scaled Woodcreeper, Streaked Xenops,

Long-billed Wren, Rufous-browed Peppershrike and Gilt-edged Tanager. Along the road towards Itatiaia we added Dusky-throated Hermit, Curlcrested Jay, Masked Yellowthroat and White-bellied Seedeater.

Aug 23. This was the best birding day of the whole trip. In the morning we heard a Black-

throated Grosbeak outside our hotel. We set off towards Agulhas Negras Road in the upper part of Itatiaia National Park at 1500 -2000m above sea level. The bird fauna was different here. We made immediate roadside stops in the forested bits along the road, and the continued up to



more open areas. In the forest new species added were Rufous-tailed Antbird, Serra do Mar Tapaculo, Serra do Mar Tyrannulet, Black-and-gold-Cotinga (heard, very difficult to see), Black-capped Piprites, Black-faced, Diademed and Brassy-breasted Tanager, Buff-throated Warbling-Finch as well as Thick-billed Saltator. Higher up we easily found several the very local Itataia Spinetail. We also visited the well-known lek of Green-crowned (Black-breasted) Plovercrest, as Lasse got lucky and saw a Black-and-gold Cotinga flying overhead and landing in a tree top.

After a few hours' drive we reached Campos do Jordão, a small town at 1500 mask and with Tyrol style architecture! Apparently a mountain retreat for São Paolo-inhabitants. After lunch we were met by our local guide Thiago, who was to deliver most of the species on our hit list. During the afternoon with Thiago, we saw over 15 of the rare Vinaceousbreasted Parrot, as well as Rufouscapped Antshrike, Planalto

Woodcreeper, Sharpbilled Treehunter, the local Araucaria Tit-Spinetail, Rufouscrowned Greenlet and Tropical Parula. In the late afternoon as we walked along a road surrounded by the stylish Auracarias - a pine-like tree, I noticed a typical shape of a passerine with forked tail. It was our most wanted Swallowtailed Cotinga which we almost had given up hope to get. No less than three individuals, which now became the centre of intensive camera shutter clicks. As a bonus, two beautiful Aplomado Falcons flew by low over the tree-tops.

After dusk we concentrated on night birds. We started off with close encounters of a **Tropical Screech-Owl** in the light of our torches. Later, we drove a bit to a place where Thiago called up a **Rusty-barred Owl**, one of my main targets on my wish list. A bit further



ahead a **Long-trained Nightjar** flew in front of our vehicle with its extremely long tail, waving in the wind. Later, we saw it also on the ground.

Somewhat of an anti-climax, but we never saw the gigantic **Stygian Owl**, only a young begging a few times, but after a day like this, we were more than content as we

celebrated with for once, very tasty pizza and red wine in a nice restaurant Thiago knew about.

**Aug 24**. The early and mid-morning was spent in the area around Campos do Jordão. Thiago had a place where he regularly calls in **Rufous-tailed Ant-thrush**, but in spite that he put out some seeds, and set up a green sheet as a hide for us to stand behind, and played back the song on and off with two bluetooth speakers alternating the location of the source of the playback, the real bird answered teasingly, but never moved in to view.

In the end we gave up, birding our way to the car with a female Blue-naped Chlorphonia as a trip bird. We ended with a short hike along road with an overview of an extensive valley with excellent views over the tree tops and here we scored, as our guide knew where to look for Black-and-gold Cotinga - a singing male in a treetop. Other good species here included Glittering-bellied Emerald on a nest, Surucua Trogon (stunning views of a pair), Rufous-backed Antvireo, Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner, Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet, Blue-billed Black-Tyrant, Fawn-breasted



Tanager, Bay-chested Warbling-Finch and Golden-rumped Euphonia.



Before we checked out from our hotel in Campos do Jordão we managed to see **Buff-necked Ibis** and **Red-shouldered Macaw**. After this we had a long transfer to Capão Bonito close to Intervales State Park. During the nights we stayed here many of us enjoyed the tasty churrascos which was served at a restaurant near our hotel. It is a number of skewers

of meat or different kinds, especially beef, that was delivered straight from the kitchen and served the guests right at the table in big cuts. Very tasty.

Aug 25. The whole day was spent in the very nice Intervales State Park, but unfortunately, there was a lot of rain. We started admiring two Tropical Screech-Owls at a day perch just outside the park headquarters. In spite of the bad weather there were some good birds such as Black-fronted Piping-Guan, Spot-winged Wood-Quail, Black-throated Trogon, Saffron Toucanet, Red-breasted Toucan, White-browed Woodpecker, Pileated Parrot, Bertoni's Antbird, Variegated Antpitta, White-breasted Tapaculo,





Short-tailed Antthrush, Pale-browed Treehunter, Planalto Tyrannulet, Eared Pygmy-Tyrant, Brown-breasted Bamboo-Tyrant, Sibilant Sirystes, Three-striped Flycatcher, Hooded Berryeater, Brown Tanager and Red-crowned Ant-Tanager.

Our guide Luis had a feeding station for Red-and-white Crakes and Blackish Rail which were seen very well at the reed border near the headquarters; and along the road to Captao Bonito we saw a Common Pauraque.



Aug 26. Much better weather today which allowed for a number of new species. During quite long hikes we noted **Solitary** Tinamou, Striated Heron, Wattled Jacana, Ruddy Quail-Dove, Eared Dove, Spot-billed Toucanet, and Ochre-collared Piculet, Helmeted Woodpecker, Giant and Tufted Antshrike, Dusky-tailed Antbird, **Rufous-breasted** Leaftosser, Whitecollared and Whiteeyed Foliage-gleaner, Sepia-capped Flycatcher, Whitethroated Spadebill,



Serra do Mar Tyrant-Manakin, Wing-barred Piprites, Rufous-crowned Greenlet, White-necked Thrush, Riverbank Warbler as well as Green-chinned Euphonia.

**Aug 27.** Travel day in SE Brazil with lots of rain. First the van to Sao Paolo, flight to Cuiaba and a new minibus to Chapada do Guimarães, where stayed at one of the nicest hotels of the trip. Two more trip birds were added on the last stretch - **Guira Cuckoo** and **Yellow-chevroned Parakeet**. Half an hour before arriving already after dark, a young tapir crossed the road!

Aug 28. Our new driver Milsom, said he did not know the birds, but he knew all the places where we had to stop. This turned out not to be true, because in spite of not having binoculars, he was very good in finding birds for us.

The whole day was spent in the dry cerrado - savanna like habitat with some areas with gallery forest. While the temperature in the SE had been around 15-10°C (60s°F), here it was over 30°C (80s F). New habitat meant of course loads of new birds. The species of the day was of course the peculiar and rare hummingbird **Horned Sungem**, which three of us identified immediately as it appeared mobbing a larger bird. Unfortunately, it could not be found again in us ID spite of energetic intentions. Almost as good and charismatic, and additionally with much better view, were Greater **Rhea**, **Red-legged Seriema**, **Red-and-**



green Macaw as well as Helmeted and Fiery-capped Manakin. Other new species were Undulated and Red-winged Tinamou, Green Ibis, Swallow-tailed and Plumbeous Kite, Pale-vented and Scaled Pigeon, Blue Ground-Dove, Sick's Swift, White-vented Violetear, Blue-tufted Starthroat, White-eared Puffbird, Black-fronted Nunbird, Chestnut-eared Aracari, Toco Toucan, Laughing Falcon, American Kestrel, Blue-headed Parrot, Peach-fronted Parakeet, Barred Antshrike, Rusty-backed Antwren, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, Plain-crested and Lesser Elaenia, Grey Monjita, Variegated Flycatcher, Purplish Jay, Thrush-like and Moustached Wren, Flavescent and White-bellied Warbler, White-banded and Silver-beaked Tanager, Plumbeous Seed-eater, Red-crested Finch, Black-throated Saltator, Chopi Blackbird and Purple-throated Euphonia.

On a sandy dirt road we found fresh tracks of a Puma and on another dirt road, tracks of a Tapir.

Aug 29. Another day on the Cerrado. One highlight for the day was a flowering tree with many hummingbirds such as Dot-eared Coquette and Amethyst Woodstar. Another was the displaying Band-tailed Manakins. A third was a flock of the rare and extremely local Yellow-faced Parrot flying to roost and a forth was a pair of the localized Chapada Flycatcher.

The trip list was extended with King Vulture, Lesser Nighthawk, Little Nightjar, Amazonian Motmot, Amazon Kingfisher, Yellow-tufted, Checkered and Red-necked Woodpecker, Collared Crescentchest,

Buff-Throated Woodcreeper, Forest Eleania, Red-eyed Vireo, White-rumped Tanager, Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch and Grassland Sparrow.





It was also fun to view and photograph a White-vented Violetear which energetically and diligently apparently found something nutritional on a broken concrete pole. There must have been a mineral or something that attracted the hummingbird.



Aug 30. This day started with a walk in one of the nice gallery forests we had visited the previous day. New species were Cinnamon-throated Hermit (only seen by Biggan), Black-throated Mango, Boat-billed Flycatcher, Rufous-winged Antshrike, Southern Antpipit, Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Saffron-billed Sparrow and Giant Cowbird. Later, we made a



short trip into Chapada do Guimarães National Park to search for Blue Finch.

Unfortunately, it could not be found, so we had to content ourselves with a **Mouse-colored Tyrannulet**.

Afterwards we headed south through Cuiabá and set our bearings towards Transpantaneira Road which runs north to south through the Pantanal and our first lodging Pousada Piuval.

The further south we made it the more species and numbers of birds we were seeing. Before reaching our lodge the trip list had increased with Southern Screamer, Muscovy Duck, Brazilian Teal, Speckled Chachalaca, Blue-throated Piping-Guan, Rufescent Tiger-Heron, Barefaced and Plumbeous Ibis, Snail Kite, Black-collared Hawk, Savannah Hawk,



Sunbittern, Grey-necked Wood-Rail, Purple Gallinule, Limpkin, Striped Cuckoo, Green Kingfisher, Great Rufous Woodcreeper, Yellow-billed Cardinal and Baywinged Cowbird. And the first of our prime target among the birds - the Hyacinth Macaw.

Pousada Piuval was the nicest of all places we stayed during our trip and the location was excellent with views over a wetland with lots of birds. A new species here was Whiteheaded Marsh Tyrant.

Late in the afternoon we returned to the



Transpantaneira. Especially memorable was a stop at one of the many bridges. The river was somewhat wider here and it was rocking with *Caimans*. Many **Large-billed Terns** and

Black Skimmers foraged here. The surrounding wetlands were filled with herons and storks, mainly Snowy and Great Egrets, Jabiru and Wood Storks as well as Roseate Spoonbills. Many birds were flying into roost, a part from the mentioned species also several Whistling Ducks. In the disappearing light we could only ID Black-bellied Whistling-Duck for sure. Our only Comb Duck also flew past and at dusk many Nacunda Nighthawks and Black-crowned Night-Herons appeared.

At dinner Charlie Hesse who was leading a Japanese group there for Tropical Birding let us know that a **Great Horned Owl** was perched on

an antenna on top of the roof of the restaurant!



**Aug 31.** This day we made a number of excursions in the vicinity of Pousada Piuval. At dawn a **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** whistled outside the lodge. We went hiking north of the lodge to specifically get close views of **Hyacinth Macaw**.



One of the world's largest parrots and the largest in the Americas of which we had uncountable sightings and many pictures. Another funny thing about them is that they look happy! During the walk we also noted species like Anhinga, Turquoise-fronted and Orange-winged Parrot, Scaled Dove, Great Antshrike, Rufous Cachalote, Vermilion and Brown-crested Flycatcher, Greyish Saltator, Unicolored Blackbird, Epaulet Oriole and Orange-backed Troupial. Many Sunbitterns



showed at close range, and the question is whether this species, placed in its own family, occurs nowhere as frequently as in the Pantanal. Hard to miss here. During lunch a hunting



**Crane Hawk** could be studied over the wetlands across the lodge, while I took a refreshing bath in the swimming pool.

In the afternoon, we took a boat ride on the densely vegetated Lake Piuval (Water Hyacinths and Water Lilies. Before entering the boats we searched for three special antbirds for the region, Planalto Slaty-Antshrike, Large-Billed Antwren, and Mato Grosso Antbird and with luck paired with Gunnar's skills, we found all three and got good observations of all. As a bonus, a Pearlyvented Tody-tyrant was found. At the shore there was a pair of Pale-legged Horneros. The lake seemed quite dead at first, but on the other side things picked up with many nice species - Azure Gallinule, Black-capped Donacobius, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Lesser Kiskadee, Least Bittern and Unicolored



Blackbird. Well back at the boat dock there were two Bare-faced Curassows on the shore.

At night we got two **Common Potoos**.

Sep 1. An early outing to a bird tower gave us Black-necked Stilt and Greater Yellowlegs as new species for the trip list in a small pond and far away big roosts of white storks and Egrets. From the tower we also saw Bat Falcon and Lineated Woodpecker.

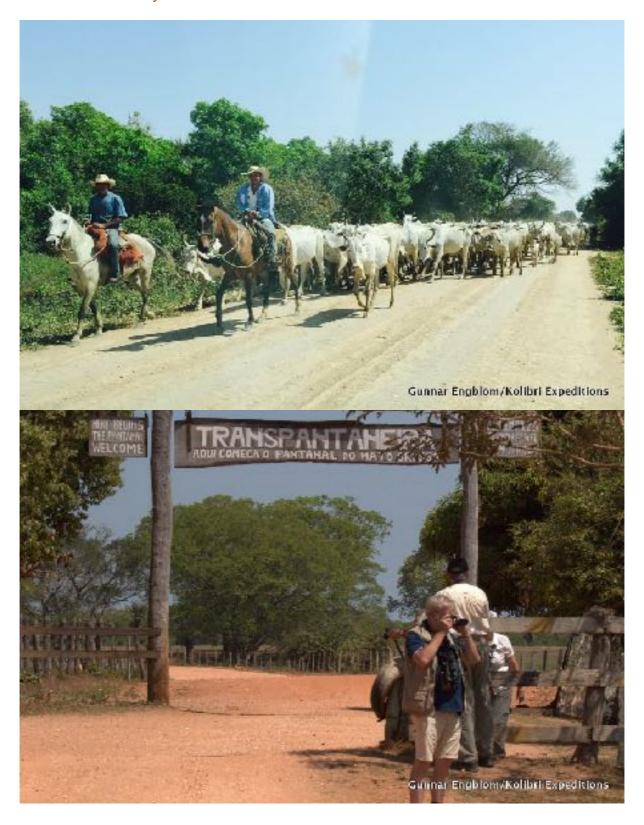
After breakfast a Tawny-bellied Seedeater showed in a tree next to the lodge, and after this we made a shorter walk in the heat of the day and found among birds Pale-crested Woodpecker as well as Monk and Blue-crowned Parakeet.

After lunch we went south on Transpantaneira towards Pto Jofre. At a roadside stop we found several new species



Maguari Stork, Capped Heron, American Pygmy Kingfisher, Greater Thornbird, Chotoy, Cinereous-breasted and White-lored Spinetail, Common Tody-Flycatcher, Black-backed water-Tyrant, Dull-capped (White-eyed) Attila, Brown-chested Martin, Masked

Gnatcatcher, Scarlet-headed Blackbird and Yellow-rumped Cacique. Also mammals like *Black Howler Monkey* and a *Marsh Deer*.



**Sep 2.** Finally time for what everyone hoped to be the absolute highlight of the trip -the river trip on Rio Cuiabá where we hoped to see a jaguar. The report from the previous day was not promising as those who had done the trip certainly had seen the big cat, but poorly. We did two trips, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. At the break of

dawn we begun with our own speed boat; in total there were perhaps a dozen boats leaving at the same time. We began traveling upriver intensely searching the exposed beaches where the cat often would sunning during clear days, like a day like today. We saw a number of birds like Osprey, Great Black Hawk, Boat-billed Heron, Pied Lapwing, Collared Plover, Spotted and



**Solitary Sandpiper** and **Yellow-billed Tern**. But the hours passed by and none of us nor any of the other boats spotted any jaguar. We did however find two groups of *Giant Otters* swimming close to our boat. They appeared quite fearsome with big sharp fangs emitting sharp cries. Somewhat later two tapirs swam across in front of us and walked up the other shore on the starboard side! A rare sight in plain daylight. *Capybaras*, the world's largest rodent, were also seen. Very late, and getting close to lunch, our boatman got calls in the



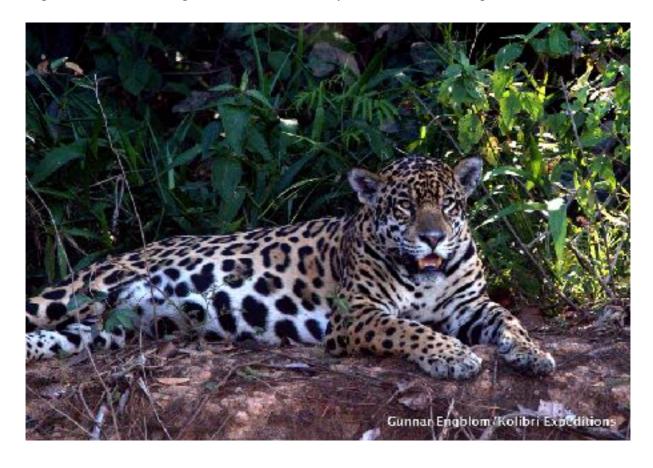
radio, after which he made a U-turn on the river and then full speed. After 15 min we reached a spot where a bunch of other boats had gathered and where people were watching the river edge. A jaguar had been seem just a little while ago. We joined up watching, but prospects looked rather hopeless, as there was a wall of dense vegetation. All of a sudden our boat driver pointed towards a small opening in the vegetation. With the naked eye we couldn't see anything, but with the help of binoculars and some concentration we could discern the head and a pair of paws of a Jaguar! People in the other boats could hardly have seem much as they lacked bins. Very satisfied having found our target we returned to Puerto Jofre for lunch.

In connection with lunch we saw some White Woodpeckers in the lodge-area. Afterwards, we returned to the river for another boat ride. Full speed ahead from the start and after half an hour we reached a spot where a large magnificent jaguar male laid on top of a bank. It is easy to understand why the





Jaguar is known as El Tigre in South American Spanish. It was seen a good while, before



getting up and slowly walking into the forest. We continued however looking for more animals and birds.

After an hour we entered a small creek to look for **Rusty-backed Spinetail** in scrub close to the river edge as well as **Fawn-breasted Wren**. Just as we stood there watching these birds the boatman whispered *Onça* (Jaguar in Portuguese). We turned around, and on the other side of the creek, just 20 meters away from us, there was a jaguar walking along the



beach to later get into the water and start to swim up creek. We could follow it at close range all by ourselves for half an hour before all the other boats showed up. Our boatman had to call in this jaguar to the others as payback for the jaguars that had been found by other boats. The jaguar was a male, but not particularly big. It moved in the water and on land continuing upstream. Eventually we realized that it missed an eye - perhaps fishing is easier that hunting for a one-eyed cat? Regardless, it looked well fed.

An hour or so later on the big river we saw yet another jaguar - a fast view but close by. Four jaguars! What a day! But we were lucky with a remarkably alert and sharp guide/boatman.

Sep 3. Our last day birding in Brazil. We started with the wetlands close to our lodge. New species included Lesser Yellowlegs, Grey-fronted Dove, Pheasant and Pavonine Cuckoo (both only heard), Black-crowned Tityra, Ashy-headed Greenlet and Buff-breasted Wren. On the Transpantaneira northbound we noted Picui Ground-Dove, Little Cuckoo, Forktailed Woodnymph, Gilded Hummingbird and Cinereous-breasted Spinetail. We got lodged at Pousada Rio Claro and made an afternoon and evening tour on the Rio Claro River, which had given the name to the lodge. New species included Band-tailed Nighthawk, Yellow-collared Macaw and Band-tailed Antbird. We did not see either Agami Heron or Zig- Zag Heron, the latter was seen here in March, so perhaps this was somewhat



an anti-climax. However, with such a magnificent day yesterday and a fantastic trip overall, we could hardly complain.

#### List of birds.

Taxonomy follows "A checklist to the Handbook of the Birds of the World" 2014.

**Sao Paolo-area**: All area with coastal rain forest, deforested land and coast from Itatiaia to Intervales in the south.

CG: Chapada dos Guimarães .

Blue bold style in the list below refers to photographed birds in the species list.

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Greater Rhea. Rhea Americana. 25+ CG, 30+ Pantanal.

Solitary Tinamou. Tinamus solitaries. 1 Intervales.

Brown Tinamou. Crypturellus obsoletus. 3 heard in São Paolo-area.

Undulated Tinamou. Crypturellus undulates. 4 heard CG, 10+ heard Pantanal.

Red-winged Tinamou. Rhynchotus rufescens. 1 seen as well as 20+ heard CG.

Dusky-legged Guan. Penelope obscura. Total 60+ São Paolo-area.

Chestnut-bellied Guan. Penelope and rogaster. 25+ Pantanal



Blue-throated Piping-guan. Pipile cumanensis. 40+ Pantanal

**Black-fronted Piping-guan**. *Pipile jacutinga*. 5+ Intervales

Chaco Chachalaca. *Ortalis canicollis*. Common Pantanal.

**Bare-faced Curassow**. *Crax fasciolata*. Total 11 Pantanal.

**Spot-winged Wood-quail.** *Odontophorus capoeira*.10+ as well as many heard Intervales.

**Southern Screamer**. *Chauna torquata*. 25+ Pantanal.



**Black-bellied Whistling-duck.** *Dendrocygna autumnalis*. Large numbers whistling ducks flew over the Transpantaneira the first evening in Pantanal. Those identified were all Black-bellied.

Muscovy Duck. Cairina moschata. 12+ Pantanal.

American Comb Duck. Sarkidiornis sylvicola. 1 Transpantaneira, Pantanal.

Brazilian Teal. Amazonetta brasiliensis. 15 Pantanal.

Sunbittern. Eurypyga helias. 10+ Pantanal.

Rock Dove. Columba livia. Recorded 7 days.

Scaled Pigeon. Patagioenas speciose. 3 CG.

Picazuro Pigeon. Patagioenas picazuro. Noted 17 days.

Pale-vented Pigeon. Patagioenas cayennensis. 5+ CG, 15+ Pantanal.

Plumbeous Pigeon. Patagioenas plumbea. Common São Paolo-area.

Ruddy Quail-dove. Geotrygon montana. 1 heard Intervales.

White-tipped Dove. Leptotila verreauxi. 2 heard São Paolo-area, Common CG and Pantanal.



Grey-fronted Dove. Leptotila rufaxilla. 2 Rio Claro, Pantanal.

Eared Dove. Zenaida auriculata. 3 Intervales.

Scaled Dove. Columbina squammata. 20+ Pantanal.

Ruddy Ground-dove. Columbina talpacoti. Seen/heard 10 days

Picui Dove. Columbina picui. 2 Pantanal.

Blue Ground-dove. Claravis pretensa. 1 heard CG.

Common Potoo. Nyctibius griseus. 2 Pousada Piuval, Pantanal.

Nacunda Nighthawk. Chordeiles nacunda. 20+ Pantanal.



**Lesser Nighthawk**. Chordeiles acutipennis. 3 CG.

Band-tailed Nighthawk. Nyctiprogne leucopyga. 10+ Rio Claro, Pantanal.

Pauraque. Nyctidromus albicollis. 2 Intervales, 20+ Pantanal.

**Little Nightjar**. *Setopagis parvula*. 1 CG.

Long-trained Nightjar. Macropsalis forcipata. 1 Campos do Jordão

White-collared Swift. Streptoprocne zonaris. 25+ São Paolo-area.

Grey-rumped Swift. Chaetura cinereiventris. 10+ Fazenda Angelim

**Southern Swift**. *Chaetura meridionalis*. 1 CG (another name is Sick's Swift)

Saw-billed Hermit. Ramphodon naevius. 5+ Folha Seca

Dusky-throated Hermit. Phaethornis squalidus. 1 Itatiaia

Cinnamon-throated Hermit. Phaethornis nattereri. 1 CG.

Reddish Hermit. Phaethornis ruber. 1 Fazenda Angelim, 1 Pereque.

Planalto Hermit. Phaethornis pretrei. 4 São Paolo-area.

**Scale-throated Hermit.** *Phaethornis eurynome*. 2 Itatiaia.

White-vented Violet-ear. Colibri serrirostris. 5+ CG.

Horned Sungem. Heliactin bilophus. 1 male CG.

Black-throated Mango. Anthracothorax nigricollis. 2 CG.

Dot-eared Coquette. Lophornis gouldii. 1 CG.

Festive Coquette. Lophornis chalybeus. Common at feeders Folha Seca.

Brazilian Ruby. Clytolaema rubricauda. 25+ São Paolo-area.



Glittering-bellied Emerald. *Chlorostilbon lucidus*. A pair on nest Campos do Jordão.

Green-crowned Plovercrest. *Stephanoxis lalandi*. 7, most at a lek (!) Agulhas Negras Rd.

Sombre Hummingbird. *Aphantochroa cirrochloris*. 1 Folha Seca, 1 Itatiaia.

Swallow-tailed Hummingbird. *Eupetomena macroura*. 2 Folha Seca, 2 Itatiaia, 10+ CG.

Fork-tailed Woodnymph. Thalurania furcate. 4 Pto Jofre, Pantanal.

Violet-capped Woodnymph. Thalurania glaucopis. Common São Paolo-area.

White-throated Hummingbird. Leucochloris albicollis. Total 9 São Paolo-area.



Versicolored Emerald. Amazilia versicolor. 3 Folha Seca.

**Glittering-throated Emerald**. *Amazilia fimbriata*. 5 + Folha Seca, 2 CG, 3 Pto Jofre, Pantanal.

Sapphire-spangled Emerald. Amazilia lacteal. 1 Itatiaia.

White-chinned Sapphire. Hylocharis cyanus. 5+ Folha Seca.

Gilded Hummingbird. Hylocharis chrysura. 5+ Pto Jofre, Pantanal.

Blue-tufted Starthroat. Heliomaster furcifer. 1 CG.

Amethyst Woodstar. Calliphlox amethystine. 1 CG.

Smooth-billed Ani. Crotophaga ani. 10 Biritiba Mirim, Common Pantanal.

Guira Cuckoo. Guira guira. Common CG and Pantanal.

Striped Cuckoo. Tapera naevia. 5 heard Pantanal.

Pheasant Cuckoo. Dromococcyx phasianellus. 1 heard Pto Jofre, Pantanal.

Pavonine Cuckoo. Dromococcyx pavoninus. 1 heard Pto Jofre, Pantanal.

Little Cuckoo. Coccycua minuta. 2 Transpantaneira, Pantanal.

Common Squirrel-cuckoo. Piaya cayana. Seen 7 days.

Red-and-white Crake. Laterallus leucopyrrhus. 2 fed by our guide Luiz in Intervales.

**Grey-necked Wood-rail**. *Aramides cajaneus*. 30+ Pantanal.

Slaty-breasted Wood-rail. Aramides saracura. Seen 8 days São Paolo-area.



**Blackish Rail.** *Pardirallus nigricans*. 1 fed by our guide Luiz in Intervales.

**Purple Gallinule**. *Porphyrio martinicus*. 2 Transpantaneira, Pantanal.

**Azure Gallinule**. *Porphyrio flavirostris*. 1 Lake Piuval, Pantanal

**Common Gallinule**. *Gallinula galeata*. 6 in a lake near Ubatuba.

Limpkin. Aramus guarauna. Common Pantanal.

Wood Stork. Mycteria Americana. Common Pantanal.

Maguari Stork. Ciconia maguari. 3 Pto Jofre, Pantanal.

Jabiru. Jabiru mycteria. Common Pantanal.

Roseate Spoonbill. Platalea ajaja. 15+ Pantanal.



Plumbeous Ibis, Theristicus caerulescens. Common Pantanal.

Buff-necked Ibis. Theristicus caudatus. Common Pantanal.

**Green Ibis.** *Mesembrinibis cayennensis.* 1 heard CG, 10+Pantanal.

**Bare-faced Ibis**. *Phimosus infuscatus*. Common Pantanal.

Rufescent Tiger-heron. Tigrisoma lineatum. 25+ Pantanal.

#### Boat-billed Heron.

Cochlearius cochlearius. 1 Rio Cuiaba, 1 Rio Claro, Pantanal.

Least Bittern. Ixobrychus exilis. 1 Lake Piuval, Pantanal.

Black-crowned Night-heron. *Nycticorax nycticorax*. Common Pantanal.

**Green-backed Heron**. *Butorides striata*. Common Pantanal.

**Cattle Egret**. *Bubulcus ibis*. Seen 5 days, mostly in Pantanal.

Cocoi Heron. Ardea cocoi. Common Pantanal.





Great White Egret. Ardea alba. Common Pantanal

Whistling Heron. Syrigma sibilatrix. Seen 5 days.

**Capped Heron.** *Pilherodius pileatus.* 6 Pantanal.

Little Blue Heron. Egretta caerulea. Seen 4 days.

Snowy Egret. Egretta thula. Common Pantanal

Magnificent Frigatebird. Fregata magnificens. Common at the coast.

**Brown Booby**. Sula leucogaster. At least 6 at the coast.

Neotropical Cormorant. Phalacrocorax brasilianus. 30+ Ubatuba, Common Pantanal.

Anhinga. Anhinga anhinga. Common Pantanal.

Black-winged Stilt. Himantopus himantopus. 2 near Pousada Piuval, Pantanal.

Collared Plover. Charadrius collaris. 3+ along Rio Cuiaba, Pantanal.

Pied Lapwing. Hoploxypterus cayanus. 7+ Pantanal, most along Rio Cuiaba,

**Southern Lapwing.** *Vanellus chilensis.* Seen 11 days, almost always in pairs.

Wattled Jacana. Jacana jacana. Common Pantanal.

Spotted Sandpiper. Actitis macularius. 1 Pantanal.

Solitary Sandpiper. Tringa solitaria. 1 Pantanal.

Lesser Yellowlegs. Tringa flavipes. 1 Pantanal.

Greater Yellowlegs. Tringa melanoleuca. 1 Pantanal.

Black Skimmer. Rynchops niger. Total 8 Pantanal.

**Kelp Gull**. *Larus dominicanus*. 10 + at the coast.

Yellow-billed Tern. Sternula superciliaris. 20+ Rio Cuiaba, Pantanal.

Large-billed Tern. Phaetusa simplex. 25+ Pantanal.

Sandwich Tern. Thalasseus sandvicensis. Common at the coast.

Royal Tern. Thalasseus maximus. 3+ at the coast.

**Ferruginous Pygmy-owl**. *Glaucidium brasilianum*. 1 heard Pousada Piuval, 1 Pousada Rio Claro, Pantanal.

Burrowing Owl. Athene cunicularia. 1 São Paolo-area, 20 + CG.

**Stygian Owl.** Asio stygius. 1 juv heard Campos do Jordão.

**Tropical Screech-owl**. *Megascops choliba*. 1 heard and seen Campos do Jordão, 2 on day roost Intervales.

Black-capped Screech-owl. Megascops atricapilla. 1 heard Folha Seca.

Tawny-browed Owl. Pulsatrix koeniswaldiana. 1 heard Folha Seca.

Rusty-barred Owl. Strix hylophila. 1 seen nicely with torches Campos do Jordão.

**Great Horned Owl**. *Bubo virginianus*. 1 seen well Pousada Piuval, Pantanal.

**Turkey Vulture**. *Cathartes aura*. Common everywhere.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture. Cathartes burrovianus. 2 near Itatiaia, 3 Pantanal.

American Black Vulture. *Coragyps atratus*. Very common everywhere

King Vulture. Sarcoramphus papa. 1 CG.

Osprey. Pandion haliaetus. 1 Rio Cuiaba, Pantanal.

Grey-headed Kite. Leptodon cayanensis. 2 near Biritiba Mirim.

Swallow-tailed Kite. Elanoides forficatus. 9 CG.

Black-collared Hawk. Busarellus nigricollis. Common Pantanal.

#### Crane Hawk.

Geranospiza caerulescens. 2 Pousada Piuval, Pantanal.

Plumbeous Kite. *Ictinia* plumbea. 2 CG.

**Snail Kite**. *Rostrhamus sociabilis*. Very common Pantanal.

Roadside Hawk. Rupornis magnirostris. Seen 9 days.

Savanna Hawk. Buteogallus meridionalis. Common Pantanal.

**Great Black Hawk**. *Buteogallus urubitinga*. 5 Rio Cuiaba, Pantanal.

White-tailed Hawk. Geranoaetus albicaudatus. 2 near Itatiaia.

Short-tailed Hawk. Buteo







brachyurus. Seen 3 days.

**Green-backed Trogon**. *Trogon viridis*. 2 Fazenda Angelim. (Another name is White-tailed T)

**Southern Surucua Trogon**. *Trogon surrucura*. 1 heard Itataia, 2 Seen Campos do Jordão.

**Black-throated Trogon**. *Trogon rufus*. A pair Intervales.

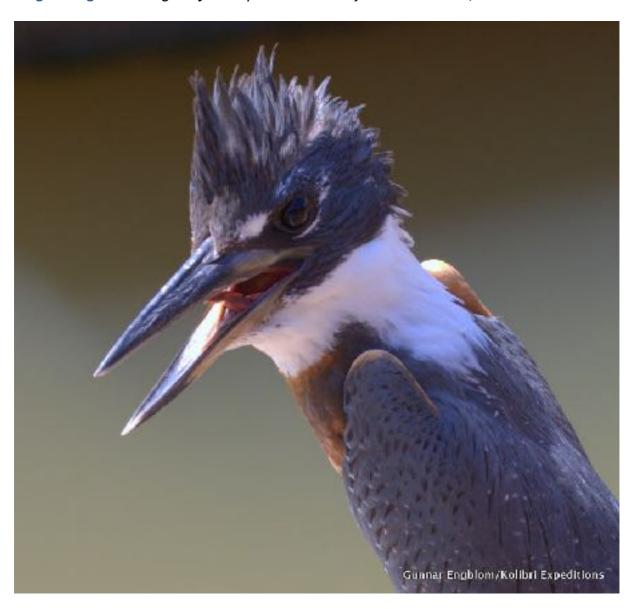
Amazonian Motmot. Momotus momota. 2 CG, 3 Pantanal

Rufous-capped Motmot.

Baryphthengus ruficapillus. 2 Folha
Seca, 1 heard Intervales.



Ringed Kingfisher. Megaceryle torquata. Seen 2 days São Paolo-area, Common Pantanal.



Amazon Kingfisher. Chloroceryle amazon. Common Pantanal.

American Pygmy-kingfisher. Chloroceryle aenea. 3 Pantanal.

**Green Kingfisher**. *Chloroceryle Americana*. 10+ Pantanal.

**Rufous-tailed Jacamar**. *Galbula ruficauda*. Seen 5 days.

White-eared Puffbird. Nystalus chacuru. 3 Seen + 3 heard CG.

Greater Crescent-chested Puffbird.

Malacoptila striata. A pair Peregue.

**Black-fronted Nunbird**. *Monasa nigrifrons*. 4 CG, 8 Pantanal.

**Toco Toucan**. *Ramphastos toco*. 14 CG, 14 Pantanal.

**Channel-billed Toucan**. *Ramphastos vitellinus*. 2 CG.

**Ariel Toucan**. *Ramphastos ariel*. 1 heard Fazenda Angelim

**Red-breasted Toucan**. *Ramphastos dicolorus*. 2+ Itataia, 4 Intervales.

**Spot-billed Toucanet**. *Selenidera maculirostris*. 1 seen + 1 heard Intervales.

**Saffron Toucanet**. *Pteroglossus bailloni*. 5 Itataia, 1 Intervales.

Chestnut-eared Araçari. Pteroglossus castanotis. 5 CG, 5 Pantanal.

White-barred Piculet. Picumnus cirratus. Total 5 São Paolo-area.

And re-collared Piculet. Picumnus temminckii. 1 heard Intervales.

Robust Woodpecker. Campephilus robustus. 1 Folha Seca, 1 heard Campos do Jordão, 1 Intervales.

Yellow-browed Woodpecker. *Piculus aurulentus*. 2 Itatiaia, 1 Intervales.

**Campo Flicker**. *Colaptes campestris*. Seen 7 days.

**Blond-crested Woodpecker**. *Celeus flavescens*. 3 Fazenda Angelim.



Pale-crested Woodpecker. Celeus lugubris. 1 Pousada Piuval, Pantanal.

Helmeted Woodpecker. Hylatomus galeatus. 1 Intervales.

Lineated Woodpecker. Hylatomus lineatus. Seen 3 days.

White Woodpecker. Melanerpes candidus. 4 Pto Jofre.

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker. Melanerpes cruentatus. 5+ CG, 1 heard Pantanal.

Yellow-fronted Woodpecker. Melanerpes flavifrons. 2 Fazenda Angelim.

Checkered Woodpecker. Veniliornis mixtus. 1 CG.

Red-legged Seriema. Cariama cristata. Sex + 4 heard CG, 7+ Pantanal.

**Laughing Falcon**. *Herpetotheres cachinnans*. 1 heard CG.

**Barred Forest-falcon**. *Micrastur ruficollis*. 1 heard Itatiaia.

**Collared Forest-falcon.** *Micrastur semitorquatus.* 1 heard near the hotel in Itataia.

**Southern Caracara**. *Caracara plancus*. Common everywhere.

**Chimango Caracara**. *Phalcoboenus chimango*. Some outside Sao Paolo.

**Yellow-headed Caracara**. *Milvago chimachima*. Seen 5 days São Paolo-area.

American Kestrel. Falco sparverius. Total 7 CG.

Bat Falcon. Falco rufigularis. 2 Itatiaia, 1 Pousada Piuval, Pantanal.

Aplomado Falcon. Falco femoralis. 2 Campos do Jordão.

Monk Parakeet. Myiopsitta monachus. 15+ Pantanal.

**Plain Parakeet**. *Brotogeris tirica*. Seen 4 days São Paolo-area.

Yellow-chevroned Parakeet. Brotogeris chiriri. Common CG and Pantanal.

**Pileated Parrot**. *Pionopsitta pileata*. 5 Itatiaia, 2 Intervales.

**Scaly-headed Parrot**. *Pionus maximiliani*. Seen 4 times São Paolo-area.

Blue-headed Parrot. Pionus menstruus. 20+ CG.

**Yellow-faced Amazon**. *Alipiopsitta xanthops*. 11 CG.

Vinaceous-breasted Amazon. Amazona vinacea. 15 Campos do Jordão.





Turquoise-fronted Amazon. Amazona aestiva. Seen 4 days Pantanal.



Orange-winged Amazon. Amazona amazonica. 5+ Pousada Piuval, Pantanal.

Blue-winged Parrotlet. Forpus xanthopterygius. 7 Biritiba Mirim, 4 Fazenda Angelim, 10+ Pousada Piuval, Pantanal.

Maroon-bellied Parakeet. Pyrrhura frontalis. Seen 8 days São Paoloarea.

**Hyacinth Macaw**. Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus. Total at least 45 Pantanal.

Peach-fronted Parakeet. Eupsittula aurea. 30+ CG.

Yellow-collared Macaw. *Primolius auricollis*. 8 Rio Claro, Pantanal.

Red-and-green Macaw. Ara chloropterus. Total 7 CG.



Northern Red-shouldered Macaw. Diopsittaca nobilis. 2 Campos do Jordão, 16 CG.

White-eyed Parakeet. Psittacara leucophthalmus. Seen 6 days.

Pale-legged Hornero. Furnarius leucopus. 15+ Pantanal.

Rufous Hornero. Furnarius rufus. Seen ten days.

Araucaria Tit-spinetail. Leptasthenura setaria. 2 Campos do Jordão.

Itatiaia Spinetail. Oreophylax moreirae. 4 Agulhas Negras Road

Chotoy Spinetail. Schoeniophylax phryganophilus. 1 Transpantaneira, Pantanal

Rufous-capped Spinetail. Synallaxis ruficapilla. Seen 6 days São Paolo-area.

Spix's Spinetail. Synallaxis spixi.1 heard Faciendea Angelim, 2 Seen Itatiaia.

Cinereous-breasted Spinetail. Synallaxis hypospodia. 4 Transpantaneira, Pantanal.

White-lored Spinetail. Synallaxis albilora. 4 Transpantaneira, Pantanal.

Rusty-backed Spinetail. Cranioleuca vulpine. 1 Pto Jofre, Pantanal.

Pallid Spinetail. Cranioleuca pallida. Seen 6 days São Paolo-area.

Yellow-chinned Spinetail. Certhiaxis cinnamomeus. Ten Pousade Piuval, Pantanal.

**Greater Thornbird.** *Phacellodomus ruber*. 4 as well as many nests Transpantaneira, Pantanal.

**Red-eyed Thornbird**. *Phacellodomus erythrophthalmus*. According to some sources split into Orange-eyed Thornbird nominatrewith the same scientific name - 1 at Pereque - as well as Orange-breasted Thornbird *Phacellodomus ferrugineigul* - 1 at Biritiba Mirim.

Firewood-gatherer. Anumbius annumbi. A pair near Itatiaia.

**Grey-crested Cachalote**. *Pseudoseisura unirufa*. 3 Pousade Piuval, Pantanal (another name is Rufous C).

Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner. Syndactyla rufosuperciliata. 1 Campos do Jordão.

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner. Philydor rufum. 2 Itatiaia, 2 Intervales.

White-collared Foliage-gleaner. Anabazenops fuscus. 1 Intervales.

Pale-browed Treehunter. Cichlocolaptes leucophrus. 1 heard Intervales.

White-eyed Foliage-gleaner. Automolus leucophthalmus. 2 heard Faciensa Angelim, 1 seen Intervales.

Rufous-breasted Leaftosser. Sclerurus scansor. 2 Intervales.

Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper. Land mias nematura. 1 Itatiaia.

Sharp-billed
Treehunter.
Heliobletus
contaminates. 2
Campos do Jordão, 2
Intervales.



**Streaked Xenops**. *Xenops rutilans*. 1 Itataia, 2 Intervales.

Plain-winged Woodcreeper.

Dendrocincla turdina. 1 Itataia.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper. Sittasomus griseicapillus. Seen 8 days São Paoloarea.

White-throated Woodcreeper. *Xiphocolaptes albicollis*. 1 Pereque.

**Great Rufous Woodcreeper**. *Xiphocolaptes major*. 1 Pousada Piuval, 1 Pto Jofre, Pantanal.

Planalto Woodcreeper. Dendrocolaptes platyrostris. 2 Campos do Jordão.

**Lesser Woodcreeper**. *Xiphorhynchus fuscus*. 1 Fazenda Angelim.

Buff-throated Woodcreeper. Xiphorhynchus guttatus. 2 heard CG.

Narrow-billed Woodcreeper. Lepidocolaptes angustirostris. 2 CG, 5 Pantanal.

Scaled Woodcreeper. Lepidocolaptes squamatus. 1 Itatiaia, 1 Campos do Jordão.

Scalloped Woodcreeper. Lepidocolaptes falcinellus. 2 Intervales.

Black-billed Scythebill. Campylorhamphus falcularius. 2 Itataia.

Spot-backed Antshrike. Hypoedaleus guttatus. 1 Fazenda Angelim.

Giant Antshrike. Batara cinerea. 3 Intervales.

Large-tailed Antshrike. *Mackenziaena leachii*. 1 Intervales.

Tufted Antshrike.

Mackenziaena severa. 1
Fazenda Angelim, 1
heard Itatiaia, 1 heard
Campos do Jordão.

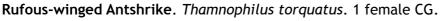
#### Great Antshrike.

Taraba major. 4 Pantanal.

White-bearded Antshrike. *Biatas nigropectus*. 1 Itatiaia.

Barred Antshrike. Thamnophilus doliatus. 7 CG, 1 Pantanal.





Rufous-capped Antshrike. Thamnophilus ruficapillus. 1 Campos do Jordão.

Planalto Slaty Antshrike. Thamnophilus pelzelni. 2 Pousada Piuval, Pantanal.

### Variable Antshrike.

Thamnophilus caerulescens. Seen/heard 5 days São Paoloarea.

Spot-breasted Antvireo.

Dysithamnus stictothorax. Noted
3 days São Paolo-area.

**Plain Antvireo**. *Dysithamnus mentalis*. 4 Itatiaia.

Rufous-backed Antvireo.

Dysithamnus xanthopterus. 1
heard Campos do Jordão.

**Star-throated Antwren**. *Myrmotherula gularis*. 1 Itatiaia.

### Large-billed Antwren.

Herpsilochmus longirostris. A pair Pousada Piuval, Pantanal.

Rufous-winged Antwren. Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus. Noted 3 days São Paolo-area.

Rusty-backed Antwren. Formicivora rufa. 6 CG.

**Black-hooded Antwren**. Formicivora erythronotos. 2 par Pereque. 1 very rare species with restricted range!

Marsh Antwren. Stymphalornis acutirostris. 2 Biritiba Mirim. Like the previous very rare with small range! (Another name is Sao Paolo Antwren)

**Ferruginous Antbird**. *Drymophila ferruginea*. 20+ São Paolo-area.



Bertoni's Antbird. Drymophila rubricollis. 5 Intervales.

Rufous-tailed Antbird. Drymophila genei. 2 Agulhas Negras Road.

Ochre-rumped Antbird. Drymophila ochropyga. 2 Itatiaia.

**Dusky-tailed Antbird.** *Drymophila malura.* 2 Intervales.

Scaled Antbird. Drymophila squamata. 1 Fazenda Angelim

Mato Grosso Antbird. Cercomacra melanaria. A pair Pousada Piuval, Pantanal.

White-shouldered Fire-eye. Pyriglena leucoptera. 2 Biritiba Mirim.

Band-tailed Antbird. Hypocnemoides maculicauda. 3 Transpantaneira, Pantanal

White-bibbed Antbird. Myrmeciza loricate. 1 Itatiaia.

Squamate Antbird. Myrmeciza squamosal. 1 Fazenda Angelim.

Rufous-capped Antthrush. Formicarius colma. 1 Fazenda Angelim, 1 Intervales.

Short-tailed Antthrush. Chamaeza campanisona. 2 heard Intervales.

Rufous-tailed Antthrush. Chamaeza ruficauda. 4 heard Campos do Jordão.

**Cryptic Antthrush**. *Chamaeza meruloides*. 2 heard Itatiaia.

Variegated Antpitta. Grallaria varia. 7 heard Intervales.

Black-cheeked Gnateater. Conopophaga melanops. 1 Folha Seca.



Rufous Gnateater. Conopophaga lineata. Noted 3 days São Paolo-area.

**Mouse-colored Tapaculo**. *Scytalopus speluncae*. 1 heard Agulhas Negras Road. (Another name is Serra do Mar Tapaculo)

White-breasted Tapaculo. Scytalopus indigoticus. 1 heard Intervales.

Slaty Bristlefront. Merulaxis ater. 1 Folha Seca.

Spotted Bamboowren. Psilorhamphus guttatus. 3 Fazenda Angelim.

Collared Crescentchest. Melanopareia torquata. 2 CG

Swallow-tailed Cotinga. Phibalura flavirostris. 3 Campos do Jordão.

**Hooded Berryeater**. *Carpornis cucullata*. 1 seen + 7 heard Intervales.

Buff-throated Purpletuft. Iodopleura pipra. A pair Fazenda Angelim. Rare species

**Black-and-gold Cotinga**. *Tijuca atra*. 1 seen + 2 heard Agulhas Negras Road, 1 seen very well Campos do Jordão. Rare species.

**Bare-throated Bellbird.** *Procnias nudicollis*. 1 seen as well as ten heard Sao Paolo-area. Band-tailed Manakin. *Pipra fasciicauda*. 3+ CG.



Helmeted Manakin. Antilophia galeata. A pair CG.

**Blue Manakin**. *Chiroxiphia caudate*. Seen 3 days São Paolo-area.

**Pin-tailed Manakin**. *Ilicura militaris*. 1 Itatiaia, 1 Intervales.

White-bearded Manakin. Manacus manacus. 10+Fazenda Angelim.

**Fiery-capped Manakin**. *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*. 1 male CG.

**Serra Tyrant-manakin**. *Neopelma chrysolophum*. 1 Intervales.

Wing-barred Piprites. Piprites chloris. 1 heard Intervales.

Black-capped Piprites. Piprites pileata. 2 Agulhas Negras Road, 1 heard Campos do Jordão.

Greenish Mourner. Schiffornis virescens. 1 Fazenda Angelim (another name is Greenish Schiffornis)



Planalto Tyrannulet. Phyllomyias fasciatus. 5 Itatiaia, 1 Intervales.

Grey-capped Tyrannulet. Phyllomyias griseocapilla. 4 Itatiaia, 1 Campos do Jordão.



Forest Elaenia. Myiopagis gaimardii. 1 CG.

Grey Elaenia. Myiopagis caniceps. 1 Itatiaia, 1 CG.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia. Elaenia flavogaster. Many CG.

Plain-crested Elaenia. Elaenia cristata. 3 CG.

Lesser Elaenia. Elaenia chiriquensis. 1 CG.

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet. Camptostoma obsoletum. Noted 4 days.

Chapada Flycatcher. Suiriri islerorum. 2 CG.

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet. Phaeomyias murina. 2 CG.

Yellow Tyrannulet. Capsiempis flaveola. 6 Itatiaia.

Southern Antpipit. Corythopis delalandi. 1 heard Itatiaia, 2 heard CG.

Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet. Phylloscartes ventralis. 1 Campos do Jordão.

**Serra do Mar Tyrannulet**. *Phylloscartes difficilis*. 1 Agulhas Negras Road, 1 Campos do Jordão.

Sepia-capped Flycatcher. Leptopogon amaurocephalus. 1 Intervales.

Eared Pygmy-tyrant. Myiornis auricularis. 2 Intervales.

Drab-breasted Pygmy-tyrant. Hemitriccus diops. 1 heard Itatiaia, 1 heard Intervales.

Brown-breasted Pygmy-tyrant. Hemitriccus obsoletus. 2 heard Intervales.

Hangnest Tody-tyrant. Hemitriccus nidipendulus. 1 heard Biritim Mirim, 1 seen Itatiaia.

**Pearly-vented Tody-tyrant.** Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer. 1 Pousada Piuval, Pantanal.

Fork-tailed Pygmy-tyrant. Hemitriccus furcatus. 1 Itatiaia.

Ochre-faced Tody-flycatcher. Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps. 2 Biritim Mirim.

**Grey-headed Tody-flycatcher**. *Todirostrum poliocephalum*. Noted 6 days São Paolo-area (another name is Yellow-lored T)

Common Tody-flycatcher. Todirostrum cinereum. 2 Transpataneiran, Pantanal.

**Yellow-olive Flycatcher**. *Tolmomyias sulphurescens*. 1 Itatiaia.

White-throated Spadebill. Platyrinchus mystaceus. 1 Intervales.

Russet-winged Spadebill. Platyrinchus leucoryphus. 1 heard Fazenda Angelim.

Whiskered Flycatcher. Myiobius barbatus. 1 Fazenda Angelim.

Cliff Flycatcher. Hirundinea ferruginea. Noted 4 days.

Euler's Flycatcher. Lathrotriccus euleri. 1 Itatiaia.

Tropical Pewee. Contopus cinereus. Noted 3 days São Paolo-area.

Vermilion Flycatcher. Pyrocephalus rubinus. Noted 2 days Pantanal.

Blue-billed Black-tyrant. Knipolegus cyanirostris. 4 Campos do Jordão.

**Velvety Black-tyrant**. *Knipolegus nigerrimus*. 1 Itatiaia, 1 Agulhas Negras Road.

Black-backed Water-tyrant. Fluvicola albiventer. 3 Pantanal.

Masked Water-tyrant. Fluvicola nengeta. 2 Ubatuba, 2 Itatiaia.

White-headed Marsh-tyrant. Arundinicola leucocephala. 1 Pousada Piuval, Pantanal.

Grey Monjita. Xolmis cinereus. 1 CG.

White-rumped Monjita. Xolmis velatus. A pair Itatiaia, 1 Campos do Jordão.

**Streamer-tailed Tyrant**. *Gubernetes yetapa*. A pair near Itatiaia.

Long-tailed Tyrant. Colonia colonus. Noted 5 days São Paolo-area.

**Cattle Tyrant**. *Machetornis rixosa*. Noted 7 days.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher. Myiozetetes cayanensis. 4 Pantanal.

**Social Flycatcher.** *Myiozetetes similis*. Noted 7 days.

Great Kiskadee. Pitangus sulphuratus. Noted 16 days.

Lesser Kiskadee. Philohydor lector. 3 Pantanal.

Three-striped Flycatcher. Conopias trivirgatus. 1 Intervales.

**Boat-billed Flycatcher**. *Megarynchus pitangua*. 1 CG.

Variegated Flycatcher. Empidonomus varius. 1 CG.

**Tropical Kingbird**. *Tyrannus melancholicus*. Noted 7 days.



Fork-tailed Flycatcher. Tyrannus savanna. 1 Pousada Piuval, 8 Pto Jofre, Pantanal.

Sirystes. Sirystes sibilator. Noted 3 days.

Short-crested Flycatcher. Myiarchus ferox. 4 Itatiaia.

Brown-crested Flycatcher. Myiarchus tyrannulus. 1 Pousada Piuval, Pantanal.

Large-headed Flatbill. Ramphotrigon megacephalum. 1 Itatiaia.

**Dull-capped Attila**. Attila bolivianus. Noted 3 days Pantanal.

Grey-hooded Attila. Attila rufus. 1 Folha Seca, 2 Pereque, 1 Itatiaia.

Black-crowned Tityra. Tityra inquisitor. 2 Pto Jofre, Pantanal.

Chestnut-crowned Becard. Pachyramphus castaneus. 2 Pereque, 2 Itatiaia.

White-winged Swallow. Tachycineta albiventer. Noted 4 days Pantanal.

**Grey-breasted Martin**. *Progne chalybea*. Noted 7 days.

Brown-chested Martin. Progne tapera. Many along Transpantaneira, Pantanal.

Blue-and-white Swallow. Notiochelidon cyanoleuca. Noted 12 days.

White-thighed Swallow. Neochelidon tibialis. 5+ Fazenda Angelim.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow. Stelgidopteryx ruficollis. Noted ten days.

Thrush-like Wren. Campylorhynchus turdinus. Noted 4 days Pantanal.

Moustached Wren. Thryothorus genibarbis. 2 CG, 2 Pto Jofre, Pantanal.

**Buff-breasted Wren**. *Thryothorus leucotis*. 1 Transpantaneira, Pantanal.

Fawn-breasted Wren. Thryothorus guarayanus. 4 Pto. Jofre.

Long-billed Wren. Thryothorus longirostris. 2 near Itataia.

Southern House Wren. Troglodytes musculus. Noted 7 days.

Black-capped Donacobius. Donacobius atricapilla. A pair Pousada Piuval as well as 12 Pto. Jofre, Pantanal.

Chalk-browed Mockingbird. Mimus saturninus. Noted 7 days.

White-throated Thrush. *Turdus albicollis*. 2 Intervales.

Pale-breasted Thrush. Turdus leucomelas. Noted 6 days.

**Yellow-legged Thrush**. *Turdus flavipes*. Noted 3 days São Paolo-area.

Rufous-bellied Thrush. Turdus rufiventris. Noted 16 days. (National bird of Brazil)

**Long-billed Gnatwren**. *Ramphocaenus melanurus*. 2 Fazenda Angelim.

Masked Gnatcatcher. *Polioptila dumicola*. 2 Transpantaneira, Pantanal.

Purplish Jay. Cyanocorax cyanomelas. 1 Itatiaia, seen 5 days Pantanal.





Curl-crested Jay. Cyanocorax cristatellus. Seen 5 days.



House Sparrow. Passer domesticus. Seen 7 days.

Rufous-browed Peppershrike. Cyclarhis gujanensis. Noted 5 days.

Red-eyed Vireo. Vireo olivaceus. 1 heard CG.

Rufous-crowned Greenlet. Hylophilus poicilotis. 10+ São Paolo-area.

Lemon-chested Greenlet. Hylophilus thoracicus. 5+ Fazenda Angelim, 1 Itatiaia.

Ashy-headed Greenlet. Hylophilus pectoralis. 1 Pto Jofre, Pantanal.



Tropical Parula. Parula pitiayumi. 1 Campos do Jordão.

Masked Yellowthroat. Geothlypis aequinoctialis. 1 Itatiaia.

Golden-crowned Warbler. Basileuterus culicivorus. 15+ São Paolo-area.



White-bellied Warbler. Basileuterus hypoleucus. 8+ CG

Flavescent Warbler. Basileuterus flaveolus. 4 CG.

White-browed Warbler. Basileuterus leucoblepharus. 20+ São Paolo-area.

Riverbank Warbler. Basileuterus rivularis. 2 Intervales.

Brown Tanager. Orchesticus abeillei. 1 Intervales.

**Black-faced Tanager**. *Schistochlamys melanopis*. 3 Agulhas Negras Road.

Magpie Tanager. Cissopis leverianus. 4 Itatiaia

White-banded Tanager. Neothraupis fasciata. 12+CG. (Another name is Shrike-like Tanager)

Olive-green Tanager. Orthogonys chloricterus. 2+ Itatiaia.

White-rumped Tanager. *Cypsnagra hirundinacea*. 10+ CG.

**Black-goggled Tanager.** *Trichothraupis melanops.* 10+ São Paolo-area.

Flame-crested Tanager. Tachyphonus cristatus. 5+



Folha Seca.

Ruby-crowned Tanager. Tachyphonus coronatus. Seen 6 days São Paolo-area.

Silver-beaked Tanager. Ramphocelus carbo. Seen 6 days Pantanal.

Brazilian Tanager. Ramphocelus bresilius. Seen 6 days São Paolo-area.

Sayaca Tanager. Thraupis sayaca. Seen ten days.

Azure-shouldered Tanager. Thraupis cyanoptera. 1 Folha Seca.

Golden-chevroned Tanager. Thraupis ornate. 15+ São Paolo-area.



Palm Tanager. Thraupis palmarum. Seen 6 days.

Diademed Tanager. Stephanophorus diadematus. 25 + Campos do Jordão and Intervales.

Fawn-breasted Tanager. Pipraeidea melanonota. 1 Campos do Jordão, 1 Intervales.

Green-headed Tanager. Tangara seledon. Seen 7 days São Paolo-area.

Red-necked Tanager. Tangara cyanocephala. 2+ Folha Seca.

Brassy-breasted Tanager. Tangara desmaresti. 15+ Campos do Jordão.

Gilt-edged Tanager. Tangara cyanoventris. 1 Itatiaia

Burnished-buff Tanager. Tangara cayana. Seen 5 days.

Swallow Tanager. Tersina viridis. Seen 9 days.

Blue Dacnis. Dacnis cayana. Seen ten days.

**Greeen Honeycreeper**. *Chlorophanes spiza*. 5+ Folha Seca.

Rufous-headed Tanager. Hemithraupis ruficapilla. Seen 4 days São Paolo-area.

Golden-rumped Euphonia. Euphonia cyanocephala. 1 Campos do Jordão.

Purple-throated Euphonia. Euphonia chlorotica. Seen 3 days Pantanal.

Violaceous Euphonia. Euphonia violacea. 5+ Folha Seca.

Green-chinned Euphonia. Euphonia chalybea. 5+ Intervales.

Chestnut-bellied Euphonia. Euphonia pectoralis. Seen 5 days São Paolo-area.



Blue-naped Chlorophonia. Chlorophonia cyanea. 1 female Campos do Jordão.

Red-crowned Ant-tanager. Habia rubica. 2 Intervales.

Bananaguit. Coereba flaveola. Seen 8 days.

**Rufous-collared Sparrow**. Zonotrichia capensis. Seen ten days São Paolo-area as well as 1 dag CG.

Grassland Sparrow. Ammodramus humeralis. 3 CG.

Half-collared Sparrow. Arremon semitorquatus. 1 Itatiaia (at our hotel),

Saffron-billed Sparrow. Arremon flavirostris. 2 CG.

Uniform Finch. Haplospiza unicolor. 5+ Itatiaia, 1 Campos do Jordão.

Bay-chested Warbling-finch. Poospiza thoracica. 3+ Campos do Jordão.

**Buff-throated Warbling-finch**. *Poospiza lateralis*. 5 Agulhas Negras Road, 8+ Campos do Jordão.

Saffron Finch. Sicalis flaveola. Seen 13 days.

Wedge-tailed Grass-finch. Emberizoides herbicola. 2 CG.

Red-crested Finch. Coryphospingus cucullatus. 8+ CG.

Yellow-billed Cardinal. Paroaria capitate. Seen 5 days Pantanal.



Blue-black Grassquit. Volatinia jacarina. Seen 6 days.

**Buffy-fronted Seedeater**. *Sporophila frontalis*. 10+ Itatiaia.

Temminck's Seedeater. Sporophila falcirostris. 1 male Itatiaia.

Plumbeous Seedeater. Sporophila plumbea. 10+ CG.

Rusty-collared Seedeater. Sporophila collaris. 1 female Pto Jofre, Pantanal.

Dubois's Seedeater. Sporophila ardesiaca. 2 Itatiaia.

**Double-collared Seedeater**. *Sporophila caerulescens*. Common Itatiaia, 4 CG.

White-bellied Seedeater. Sporophila leucoptera. 2 Itatiaia.

**Tawny-bellied Seedeater**. *Sporophila hypoxantha*. 1 Pousada Piuval, Pantanal.





Chestnut-bellied Seed-finch. Oryzoborus angolensis. 1 Biritiba Mirim.

Black-throated Grosbeak. Saltator fuliginosus. 1 heard Itatiaia (at our hotel)

Green-winged Saltator. Saltator similis. 2 Biritiba Mirim, 1 Itatiaia.

Greyish Saltator. Saltator coerulescens. 4 Pousada Piuval, Pantanal.

Thick-billed Saltator. Saltator maxillosus. 1 Agulhas Negras Road.

Black-throated Saltator. Saltator atricollis. 20+ CG.

Golden-winged Cacique. Cacicus chrysopterus. 5 Agulhas Negras Road, 2+ Intervales.

### Red-rumped Cacique. Cacicus haemorrhous. Seen 7 days São Paoloarea.

Yellow-rumped Cacique. Cacicus cela. Seen 3 days Pantanal.

# Solitary Cacique. Procacicus solitaries. Seen 4 days Pantanal.

Crested Oropendola.

Psarocolius decumanus.
Seen 7 days.

Orange-backed Troupial. *Icterus croconotus*. Seen 4 days Pantanal.



**Epaulet Oriole**. *Icterus cayanensis*. 2 Pousada Piuval. Pantanal.

Giant Cowbird. Molothrus oryzivorus. Seen 5 days CG and Pantanal.

Shiny Cowbird. Molothrus bonariensis. Seen 8 days.

**Scarlet-headed Blackbird**. *Amblyramphus holosericeus*. 3 females Transpantaneira, Pantanal.

Chopi Blackbird. Gnorimopsar chopi. 20+ CG.

Unicolored Blackbird. Agelasticus cyanopus. Seen 3 days Pantanal.

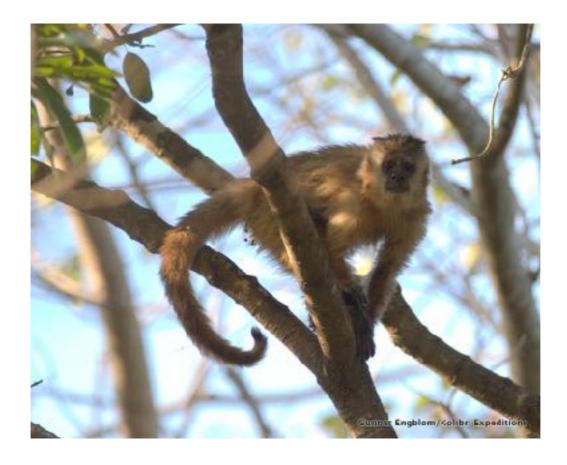
Greyish Baywing. Agelaioides badius. Seen 4 days Pantanal.

Mammals

Black Capuchin Monkey Sapajus nigritus Itatiaia



Black-striped Capuchin Monkey Sapajus libidinosus Piuval, Pantanal.



Black-fronted Titi-Monkey Callicebus nigrifrons Itatiaiai
Black Howler Monkey Alouatta caray Pantanal



Brazilian Squirrel Sciurus aestuans Itatiaia



Marsh Deer Blastocerus dichotomous Pantanal - largest deer of South America.



Pampas Deer Ozotoceros bezoarticus Chapada dos Guamaraes



## Azara's Agouti Dasyprocta azarae



Capybara Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris several Pantanal



## **Crab-eating Fox** *Cerdocyon thous*



Jaguar Panthera onca 4 seen in the Pantanal

Giant Otter Pteronura brasiliensis 7 seen in the Pantanal. Pantanal

Brazilian Tapir Tapirus terrestris 2 Pantanal and 1 Chapada

## Various reptiles and amphibians.

**Spectacled Caiman** Caiman crocodilus



Argentine Giant Tegu Lizard Salvator merianae Pantanal

Cane toad Rhinella marina Intervales



## Tree Frog Intervales.



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